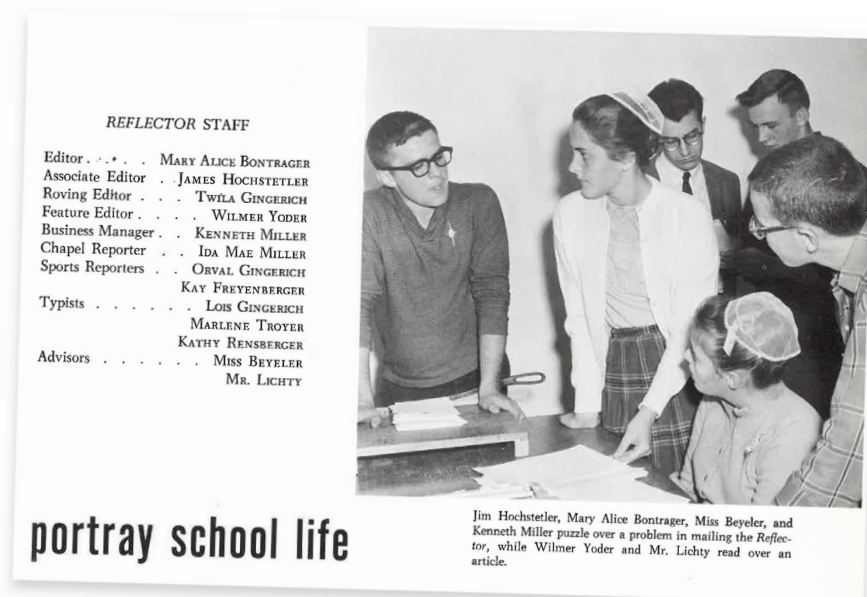


REFLECTOR

We are in the process of scanning and digitizing every issue of the *Reflector*, our school newspaper, so that we have a more permanent, digital archive. The long, tedious process got us thinking about how much information and history is recorded in all those pages. When we are finished, we will communicate how people will be able to access the archived issues. We really think you will enjoy reading through the old Reflectors and are confident that it will bring back good memories.

From the very beginning, students have voiced their opinions on a variety of topics in the school newspaper. In the first year (1945), a mimeographed sheet, called the *I-O-Way* was published several times. But it was in the second year, on December 16, 1946, that the *Reflector* became a permanent bi-weekly publication.

Over the years, the paper took on many different forms. The title heading was always some sort of hand drawn design up until 1962 when then editor, **Mary Alice Bontrager '64** took over. The look of the paper made a noticeable change, but so did the content as Bontrager's editorial mentions, *"When something new and completely different comes out, most of us are skeptical about it at first. It may be better than before, or it may be worse. We editors hope that you find this new Reflector the kind of newspaper you like. Most of all, we want this newspaper to be one you enjoy."*



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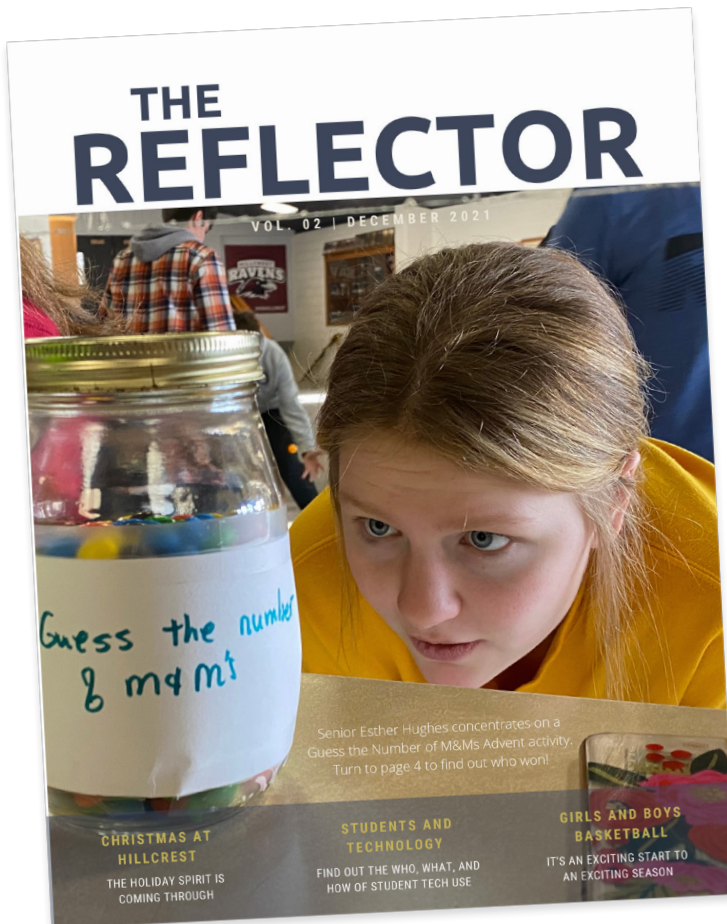
Jim Hochstetler, Mary Alice Bontrager, Miss Beyeler, and Kenneth Miller puzzle over a problem in mailing the Reflector, while Wilmer Yoder and Mr. Lighty read over an article.

The paper was a major part of school life for almost forty years, but was discontinued and the last regular issue was printed in 1982. The *Reflector* was later revived in 1996 by the Computer Applications class taught by **Jane Miller F '87-09**. The first semester class decided to try to resurrect the paper in place of a final exam. Miller mentioned that, *"The use of modern computers makes the layout much easier, no longer are the days of typing the copy at least twice in order to get justified margins."*

Over the years following, the *Reflector* was printed off and on but with no regularity and in the spring of 2016, through the action of **Gretta Rempel '19**, the paper was most recently revived. The paper has taken on many different looks over the years. Today's staff composed of students from all grades publishes everything from local news, sports updates, reviews, comics, top-ten lists, and advice in the monthly periodical.

Here is the cover of the latest issue from December featuring senior, **Esther Hughes**, participating in one of the Advent activities the week before Christmas break. Unfortunately for her, closely analyzing the jar to make an accurate guess did not make her the winner.

ABOUT THE COVER | Under the direction of editor **Robert Bontrager '59**, from 1957-59, for the first and only time, the *Reflector* featured a full-front page design. These issues also noted that the paper would be published monthly by students and the subscription price was \$0.75 or \$1.00 if mailed.



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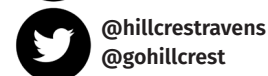
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DWIGHT GINGERICH 700 WINS

On November 3rd, 1981, our boys basketball team beat Shellsburg 45-31. That was also the first career win for first-year head coach Dwight Gingerich '76. He was just getting started. Fast forward to his 40th season when coach Gingerich won his 700th game on December 11, 2021 beating Rivermont Collegiate 63-26. On that November day back in 1981, little did the young, enthusiastic coach know about the role he would play in the lives of so many student athletes not just at our school, but in the community. It wasn't just the white socks or the preseason haircuts; the impact that Gingerich had on his players was something that soaked into their soul just like sweat into their tucked in practice jerseys.

But it wasn't just basketball. Gingerich's coaching success wasn't only in a sport with two baskets; it also included a sport with a net strung across the hardwood. Gingerich coached girls varsity volleyball from 1995-2007 and again for one year in 2010. As a volleyball coach, Gingerich had the opportunity to directly impact even more lives. During those years, more than 80 players, 7 different assistant coaches, and a handful of managers were a part of his teams. Overall, in both sports Gingerich coached a combined 43 All-State athletes, 30 in basketball and 13 in volleyball.



Dwight Gingerich with Helen & Wilbur Yoder '62 after the game on Alumni Night (photo: Paul Bowker/The News)

Following the Alumni Night game on December 21, 2021, to celebrate this incredible accomplishment, everyone kept their seats in Hillcrest Union as a video played featuring almost 60 former players, managers, and assistant coaches who were a part of Gingerich's success (which can be viewed at hillcrestravens.org/700wins). Following the video presentation, everyone was invited to congratulate Gingerich in the main lobby at a cookie reception of sugar cookies in the shape of the number 700.

"I'd simply like to express my thanks to Jeremy Ours and others involved in this recognition. I have been blessed with the opportunity to coach so many wonderful student-athletes during my time at IMS/Hillcrest, and work with so many quality coaches, as obviously 700 doesn't happen without all of them. I'm grateful to my wife Mo, who has supported me, and it was a tremendous joy to have our three children be part of this journey as well, Michaela '15 as our filmer, and Eli '16 and Caleb '19 as players! A special thank you to my long-time coaching mate Ron Swartzenruber for the shared experience, it's been truly incredible! Hearing the testimonials of the former players was an amazing gift. As I listened, it felt like I'm part of a big basketball family, many of whom do not know each other, but have shared a kind of common experience that is special. A big thank you to supportive administrators and parents, and to all youth coaches and support staff through the years! And thanks to all for the expressions of support and affirmation during this time, so much appreciated! Go Ravens and God bless!" -Dwight Gingerich

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IMOGEN MAE to COURTNEY & DIRK MILLER '05 | FEBRUARY 10, 2021
LEO PAUL to HANNAH & TRUMAN SHETLER '10 | JULY 5, 2021
GRAYSON DUANE to BREANNA & ZACH HILL '14 | JULY 13, 2021
KEEGAN JAMES to AMBER (SLAUBAUGH) '07 & CARSON MILLER '07 | AUGUST 4, 2021
RENLY BELLE to KERI & DREW HOCHSTETLER '05 | AUGUST 8, 2021
RHETT MATTHEW to LIBBY & MATT STUTZMAN '05 | AUGUST 9, 2021
KENZIE NICOLE to KALLY & BRIAN MILLER '10 | SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
HAZEL RYAN to HALEY (SLAUBAUGH) '09 & RYAN BONTRAGER '08 | SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
EMBER JADE to ELAINE (ROPP) '14 & LEVI SCHROCK '12 | SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
LEAH KATHERINE to MARY & TONY HOSTETLER '06 | SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
EMERY JEAN to MARISSA S '19- & MARCUS UNRUH '07 | OCTOBER 16, 2021
PHOEBE DAWN to RAMONA (BEACHY) '03 & BRYLEE MILLER '03 | OCTOBER 28, 2021
JORDAN OLIVIA to ELANA (GINGERICH) '11 & SPENCER CRAIG | NOVEMBER 18, 2021
IVORY ALISABETH to SUMMER (SCHROCK) '15 & LEVON ROPP | NOVEMBER 23, 2021
MOLLY GRACE to MARIA (YODER) '07 & MATTHEW SWARTZENTRUBER | NOVEMBER 30, 2021
ARCHER ALAN to HANNAH (YODER) '10 & KEITH DE JONG | JANUARY 6, 2022

WEDDING BELLS

MERIDYTH BATES '11 & NATE ARAGON | AUGUST 28, 2020
AMANDA POLING & MITCHELL YODER '09 | JUNE 19, 2021
JARDELY MARTINEZ & MICHAEL DARBY '10 | JULY 24, 2021
TESSA HEITKAMP & BILL SPENCER '11 | AUGUST 28, 2021
JESSICA BENDER '16 & BILL KNEBEL | NOVEMBER 14, 2021
KENDALL SWEAT & LANE SCHROCK '14 | JANUARY 15, 2022

IN MEMORIAM

WANDA YODER '55 | JUNE 15, 2021
LORETTA KAUFFMAN '58 | OCTOBER 15, 2021
FRED YODER '64 | OCTOBER 21, 2021
KEN RESCHLY '63 | DECEMBER 5, 2021
FRANK BRENNEMAN '68 | DECEMBER 17, 2021

Reflector, Volume 30 from December of 1974 talked about "Inflation Affects Students." The article mentioned that people around the world are becoming very familiar with this word, inflation, and what it does to their pocketbooks. "IMS students are feeling the pinch also. Within the last year pop and candy have gone up 5 cents. Linford Yoder '77 (pictured here buying a soda) thinks this is outrageous. Clothes conscious girls keeping up with the latest fashion have noticed a considerable rise in prices. One shopper stated, 'Dresses have gone up like crazy. They used to be \$15 and I thought that was bad, but now they are \$25.' Inflation also affected the boys. Guys who enjoy the company of a date realize money can really go fast. One junior said that with gas and all expenses, he might spend \$8 to \$10 in one evening!"

CLASS REUNIONS

1971 | The Class of '71 met to celebrate their 50th class reunion the weekend of September 10-12, 2021. Twenty-seven of our 47 graduating members were able to attend the event, despite the uncertain times, and we enjoyed the interesting and delightful venue and hospitality provided by the Hotel Millwright in Amana as we caught up with the happenings in our lives and reconnected with classmates. For some, spending the entire weekend in Amana provided more time for stories and reminiscing after many years apart. It was fun to remember some of the silliness and seriousness that was high school and rekindle special friendships. We have gone in many directions since those days, but reunions always seem to bring us back together to pick up exactly where we left off. Submitted by RuthAnne Bender



Front left: RuthAnne Bender, Judy (Miller) Bontrager, Mary (Roth) Stutzman, Kristen Brenneman, Linda (Beachy) Marner, Ella Mae Gingerich, Mary Lou (Swartzendruber) Farmer, Mary (Yoder) Holsopple, Karla (Miller) Knief Sill, Lucinda (Yoder) Hoskins, Rosanna Marner, Linda (Schlabach) Tones, Karen (Marner) Gugel, Rosella (Marner) Myers Back Row: Loren Hochstedler, Jean (Slaubaugh) Schneider, Maribeth (Erb) Troyer, Harold Stutzman, Mike Brenneman, Fred Swartzendruber, Phil Miller, George Yoder, Duane Gugel, Dan Bender, Joey Hochstetler, Dean Miller (not pictured, Jerry Kauffman)

1981 | The Class of '81 gathered on Homecoming Weekend (October 2, 2021). Fifteen members of the class attended with then principal, Wilbur Yoder, joining the group. Several classmates participated in the Joetown Classic and took a campus tour preceding the noon meal at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. Email updates from 21 of the 44 class members and 4 faculty were also collected and can be requested from Barb Thumma (barbthumma@gmail.com). Submitted by Barb Thumma



Front left: Phyllis (Hochstedler) Miller, Carolyn (Bachmann) Yoder, Sher (Schlabach) Miller, Holly Blosser Yoder, Brenda (Yoder) Brenneman Back left: Deb Yoder, Beth (Litwiller) Swantz, Carmen (Troyer) Fish, Marty Gingerich, Julie (Kelso) Marshall, Don Schwabbauer, Karla (Swantz) Coblentz, Barb (King) Thumma, Sheila (Yoder) Raim (in attendance but not pictured, Lowell Yoder)

LET US HELP

We love when our alumni get together (either many years after graduation or only a few) to reminisce and remember the time they had in high school together. Just let us know how we can help. Email or call the Office of Advancement at jours@hillcrestravens.org or 319-656-2073 x13. **This year the classes scheduled to have a reunion are the classes with graduation years ending in 2 and 7.**

2001 | The Class of '01 started the evening around a campfire at Jason Schweitzer's cabin, between Wellman and Kalona. We ate dinner and shared about our families, jobs, and current hobbies. The rest of the evening was spent talking and catching up. For most of us, it had been 10 years or more since we had seen each other although many of this group still live in the Kalona/Wellman/Iowa City area. Jerry Etheridge and his family traveled the farthest, driving from Arkansas with their 18 month old and 3 week old baby! Submitted by Carmen Fernau



Front left: Jason Schweitzer, Kayla (Meyers) Halverson, Bryanna (Garrett) Hemsath, Amy Widmer, Carmen (Schrock) Fernau, Natalie (Marner) Miller, Nicki (Slaubaugh) Miller, Renee (Gingerich) Brokaw, Erika (Yoder) Rodriguez, Lindsay (Peltz) Murphy, Justin Brokaw Back left: Mark Crawford, Clint Miller, Zachary Gingerich, Craig Miller, Jesse Schlabach, and Jerry Etheridge

2016 | The Class of '16 met up for their 5 year reunion at the Hard Luck in Kalona, Iowa on Saturday July 10, 2021. Nine of the 17 classmates were able to attend and lots of laughs and great conversations were had by all. Submitted by Jenna Oyer

Left: Grace (Belin) Schlesselman, Michael Martens, Jacob Schmieder, Jenna (Boller) Oyer, Olivia Marshall, Sydney Moreland, Madeline Leichty, Tobyn Bender, Justin Litwiller



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