

Former Library Finds New Life as “The Archive”

LHS Class of 1960 had 55th Reunion Dinner

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Calvin (Buzz) Duff, Joe (Steve) Carroll, Glenda (Sheets) Centers, Brent Bundy, John Nelson, Debra (Montgomery) Toman, Judy (Otterbach) Klosinski, Bonnie (Craig) Grewe, Judy (Harold) Edwards, Beverly Railsback, Linda (Waskom) Scott, Mary (Fox) Gordon, Karin (Scott) Heflin, Mary Alice (Doll) Cummings, Donna (Bickel) Nicholson, Carolyn (Sue Myers) Kerley, Larry Stanley, Steve Fisher, Charley Carlson, Charlie Eldridge, Ruth (Thom) Webb. Roberta (Noel) Pfeiffer had left when this photo was taken.

Rick and Beth Leisure purchased the former Cambridge City library building at 33 West Main Street, with the intent to lease the building, but never really found the right fit for Cambridge City.

Sylvia Bowman of Roses and Rainbows suggested they turn it into an event center, but it was only just this summer that the Leisure's decided to act on the idea when the Wayne County Dollars for Scholars needed a location for their annual fundraising dinner on November 12.

Rick and Beth promptly began remodeling the building with less than 8 weeks to go before the scheduled dinner; Beth

said the time crunch gave them an incentive to get the work done faster. Their first event went off without a hitch, with 125 guests attending the WCDFS dinner.

The Archive includes a catering kitchen (where the office used to be in the former library). The rest of the remodeling work is actually more of a refresher for the 78 year old building.

The Reunion Planning Committee met at the Lakeview Restaurant and then visited The Archive to make the final decision on the venue. As is obvious, The Archive was selected and worked out great for us.

The front room (I seem to remember that the grade school books were in this area) was set up for drinks (yes, we even had adult beverages) and appetizers. The middle area where the desk was located was used for handing out name tags and the food line. The main room for the majority of the books was set up with tables for dining. This was also where a screen and LCD projector was provided for our use.



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The Archive, owned by Rick and Beth Leisure, is located at 33 West Main, next to the National Road Antique Mall.



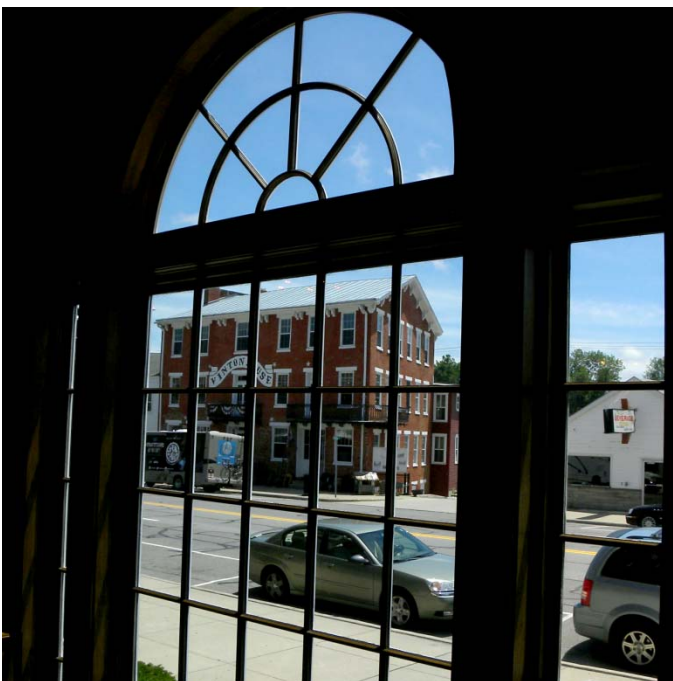
The LHS Class of 1960 had their 55th Reunion in The Archive on 9/12/2015



Mary (Fox) Gordon and John & Elaine Nelson picking up name tags and being greeted by Bonnie (Craig) Grewe



We have just started going through the food line. Lakeview did a great job of catering food for our reunion!



The Vinton House from the front window

The Leisure's have kept everything as original as possible; refinishing the wooden floors and hiring an Amish contractor to repair the old trim and make sure any new woodwork matched. Beth scrubbed the original chandeliers and spray painted them silver to give the old light fixtures a whole new elegance. The walls are painted in wonderful shades of gray, with a beautiful white patterned ceiling reminiscent of antique tin ceiling tiles in the largest room. With the rows and rows of tall bookshelves gone, the floor plan is open and expansive.

The Archive can be rented for special events, gatherings, dinners, receptions, meetings and even weddings and family reunions. The Leisure's also plan to hold community events there, including art shows, concerts, wine and canvas nights, dances and whatever else people might be interested in. There are lots of electric outlets for business meetings and Wi-Fi will soon be available.



This picture hardly does justice to the openness of The Archive floor plan with its wide doorways.

The Chamber of Commerce has already held a meeting there and several organizations held special activities inside The Archive during Cambridge City's Winter Wonderland. Track lighting in the main room is specially designed to highlight artwork, but can also be brightened or dimmed as necessary, to create just the right atmosphere.

Beth can easily picture a wedding in the gazebo at the Bicentennial Mini Park with the reception following

at The Archive. The rooms are much like a blank canvas, she added, ready to be decorated for any occasion.

To schedule your next event at The Archive, call Beth Leisure at (765) 914-0633 or <mailto:cambridgecityarchive@gmail.com>.

Bookings must be made 30 days in advance. The website, www.cambridgecityarchive.com should be up and running soon. (Their website is up and running now.)



The kitchen is bright white with all the amenities and a black and white checkered floor pattern

Following are pictures of the 55th reunion in The Archive



Mary Alice and Phil Pence



Donna, Karin and Carolyn (Sue)



Mary, Glenda and Linda Darby



Karin is telling Beverly, "It's over there."



Roberta (Noel) and Carl Pfeiffer



Linda and Denny



Karin



Judy and Keith



Mary Alice, Bob and Carl



Larry still has it 🍷



Linda Darby, Glenda, Steve and Debbie



Mary Alice and Phil



Debbie and Chuck's stand-in Renee VanWinkle (their daughter and better looking than Chuck 😊)



Beverly



Roberta and Carl



Donna and Joe



Calvin (Buzz) and Donna



I wonder what Charley is telling Mary Alice?



Charlie is trying to get the slide show running



Sue, Bill and Karin



Debbie, Steve and Glenda



Mary, Glenda, Steve and Debbie



Old friends Steve, Larry and Charley



Bob, Ruth and Steve



It is time for dinner



John and Elaine



Lakeview did a great job! The food was wonderful.



Brent and Joan



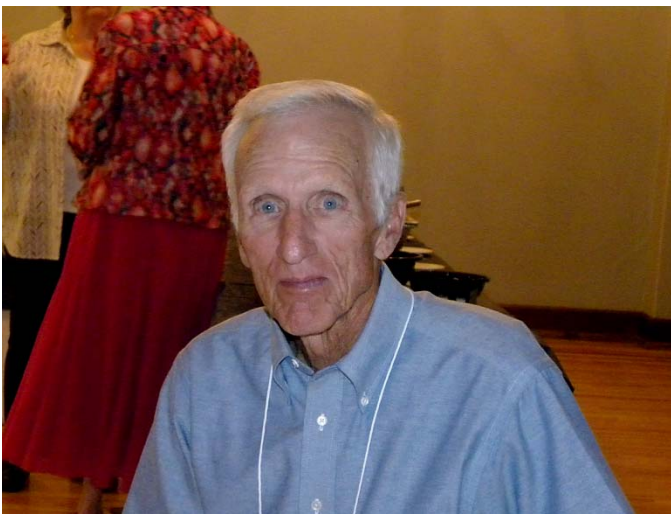
Steve



Mary



Judy and Bob



Charley



Glenda, Renee and Debbie



Charley is telling us about teaching new umpires
(Can you believe he is still running and teaching at our
ages?)



Steve is entertaining us and he is good

Pictures taken at the Goley Center Reunion Breakfast



Bonnie and Katie



Jim Eckart and Karen (Close) Curle



Steve and Donna



Frank Schwegman
Thanks Frank, for the loan of Sylvan's scrapbooks!



Ray (Sonny) Mohler



Nancy Longnecker and Shirley (Graham) Longnecker



What are Katie and Evelyn are looking at down there?



Leah (Harter) Huddleston



There are a lot of old friends at the reunion breakfast.



Brent, Steve and Charlie



Jim Clark, Bonnie and Jan (Bryant) Cheek



Steve and Katie. Look at the old people behind them.