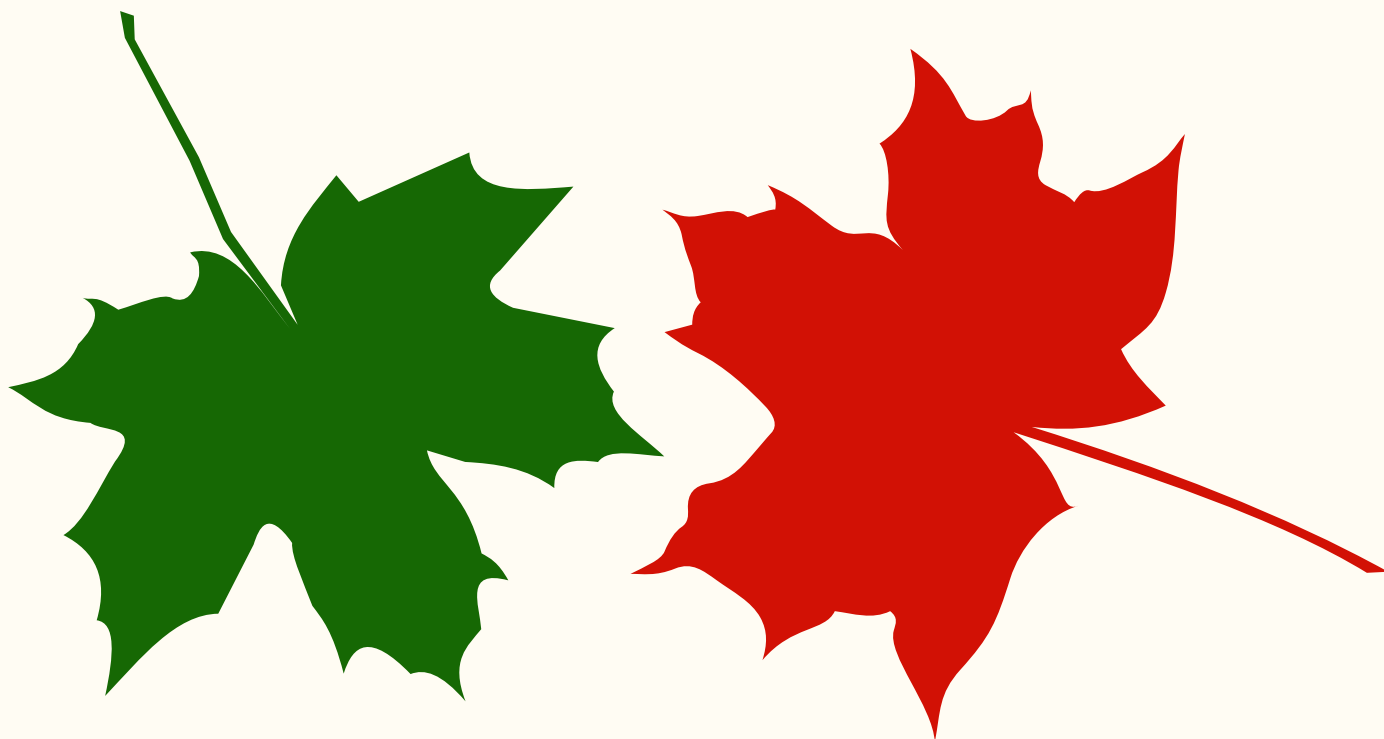


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*A Message From NAFC Education Foundation
Executive Director, Tyler Bliss*

We begin this issue with a bit of a housekeeping update. At this time of year, we would typically ask you to consider renewing or beginning your annual Legacy NAFC membership. We will indeed be asking for your continued consideration of support; however, we are currently working on an exciting new way for you to engage in giving - the Legacy NAFC Royal Court.

Stay tuned for more information about our alumni Royal Court candidates and the culmination of the campaign at the New Albany High School and Floyd Central High School boys basketball game on December 9th. We'll be back in touch at the beginning of November with instructions on how to renew your Legacy NAFC membership and support our Legacy NAFC Royal Court. We appreciate your support!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Rule of Law. Is there anything more quintessentially American? Maybe not. It hard to imagine a world without Rule of Law and those that take the oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Departing from the customary presentation of Alumni Spotlight, we are featuring SIX grads - - splitting the contents across two issues of the newsletter: three Bulldogs for this month, and then three Highlanders in October.

There may be several hundred NA or FC alumni with careers in law. We begin with three NAHS grads whose careers took them into the judiciary. Next month will follow with three from FCHS whose career has been serving the public in local government. Broadly speaking, their stories are much more varied than issues as simple (or not so simple) as “somebody broke the law”.

Hear ye, hear ye... these are stories that make up the fabric of this great American life.

Contributed by Rex Bickers, FCHS '70



SHERMAN MINTON, SR., NAHS 1910 (1890-1965)

Assertion: Sherman Minton deserves to be called the first, the original “most famous” graduate in Bulldog history. He was inducted into the first class of Hall of Famers in 2007. He completed his final two years at NAHS, finishing #1 in his class. He attended IU in Bloomington, 1911-1913, doing three years’ worth of course work in two, then earned a law degree there in 1915.

His career began with practicing in New Albany, serving in World War I, marrying, starting a family, and gravitating towards politics. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1934, then lost to Wendell Willkie in 1940. By May (1941), he was nominated by FDR to the (Seventh Circuit) U.S. Court of Appeals.

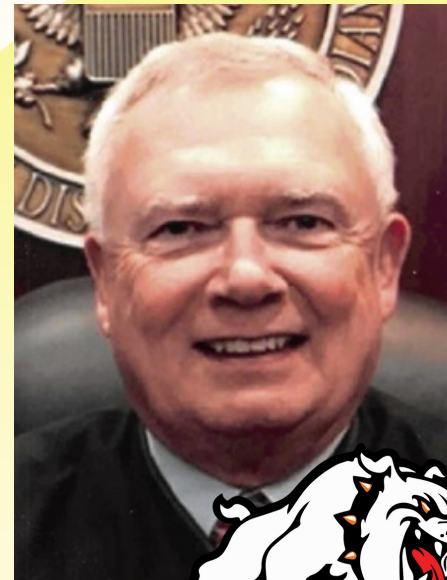
His 1949 Supreme Court nomination faced substantial opposition, including leading Indiana Republicans.

Justice Minton and his wife Gertrude had three children: Sherman Jr., John and Mary. Many physicians in Indiana are familiar with Dr. Sherman Minton, Jr., a member of the IU School of Medicine faculty, 1958-1984.

On a personal note: I would like to express my thanks to April Minton Kieser (of Georgetown), daughter of Sherman Minton, Jr., and her son Ben Minton (of New Albany) for sharing with me their reflections on life in the Minton family.

BASIL LORCH III, NAHS 1967

"Buz" Lorch belongs to a multi-generation law family, comprised of seven attorneys (to date). In the seventh grade, he was a part of the very first class who attended the newly opened Scribner Junior High School in 1960-61. Growing up in Silver Hills meant that he can recall a few encounters, with the aging Justice Minton, strolling the neighborhood. He had surely seen the name before. The law practice of his father (and his father's two uncles) was adjacent to the offices of Minton and Cody in the Elsby building.



Thoroughly Hoosier raised and educated (IU Bloomington, AB '70 and the IU Maurer School of Law JD '74), his law practice career began in the firm founded by Chester Lorch and Frank Lorch Jr., almost a century ago. Early on, he focused on bankruptcy and he was a Chapter 7 panel trustee 1978-1991. Lorch was appointed in 1992 to a 14-year term as a bankruptcy judge for the New Albany division of Southern Indiana District. He was recognized as a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and reappointed to a second term in 2006.

In addition to his service on the bench, he also returned to IU Maurer for several years as an adjunct professor, teaching both basic and advanced bankruptcy classes. He retired from the court in 2017. Judge Lorch and his wife Vivian have two sons, Matthew (also an attorney) and Adam.



JIM HANCOCK, NAHS 1970

Based on his father's career, a person might suppose that Jim Hancock was born predestined to his profession. His father was a prosecuting attorney and then later served as judge for the New Albany City Court (which no longer exists).

But Jim was pointed in a LOT of other directions, and they began in his years at NAHS. In 1968, he began doing excavating and demolition with equipment that he financed himself. He added to that in 1969 by becoming a licensed (thoroughbred)

horse trainer. By the time he went off to Purdue, it looked clearer and clearer: his pursuits were adding up to quite the overload. He credits his father for helping him realize that doing too much could lead to no successes at all. He re-focused and applied himself, managing to earn his undergraduate degree in 1973. He went on to obtain his law degree in 1978 at the John Marshall College of Law in Chicago, with admission to the bar in Indiana and to Federal Court in 1979. Joining his father in the firm that became Hancock & Hancock, they worked together through the final twelve years of his dad's life. Over the coming decades, he served as an attorney to Floyd County Planning & Zoning, and to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

In 2015, after fifteen years as Superior Court Public Defender, Hancock closed the firm once he was elected Judge to Superior Court 2. He was re-elected in 2021. Married to Belinda Eve (NAHS '72), the Hancocks have three children, all FCHS grads: Ben '04, Charlie '05 and Clarissa '06.



Hot Off the Press...

New Albany Floyd County
Education Foundation

Annual Report 2022



On behalf of the board and staff of the New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation, we are pleased to present this Annual Report to the community for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. As the only not-for-profit focused solely on strengthening public education in Floyd County, we could not do it without your support!

45 NAFC Educators Awarded Great Classroom Project Grants in September

Congratulations to the 45 NAFC educators who received funding for their classrooms through our Great Classroom Project grant opportunity in September. This brings the total funded this school year to over \$71,000!



This Great Classroom Project was awarded to purchase alternative seating, sensory bins, and a huge variety of new speech and language activities!



Mrs. Stoner's third grade class at Mt. Tabor Elementary received a grant to purchase additional supplies for creating an excitement and love of learning!

Welcome our New Staff Member



Join us in welcoming the new Alumni Coordinator, Sherri McKeen. Sherri is joining our staff part-time and will be responsible for coordinating our alumni outreach to continue connecting former Bulldogs and Highlanders with the needs of our students and teachers. She recently returned “home” with her family after spending twenty years in the Indianapolis area working with nonprofit organizations, including the management of alumni programs. Sherri’s daughter attends Highland Hills Middle School, and she is eager to connect the amazing members of our community and to support the work of the NAFC Education Foundation.



The New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that works in conjunction with NAFC Schools to provide privately funded supplemental resources and programs to students, teachers, and schools. NAFC Alumni Nation is an alumni program of the NAFC Education Foundation. Legacy NAFC is the official support group of NAFCs, NAFC Alumni Nation, and the NAFC Education Foundation.



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