

# Alumni News

for Alumni, Parents and Friends of Welsh Hills School



## Welsh Hills Friends Forever!



Betsy & Shelli in 5th Grade

### About Shelli

Shelli (Schafer) Shepherd headed to Granville schools after leaving Welsh Hills. She graduated from Granville in 1993. She became a Licensed Massage Therapist in 1997 after passing her State Medical Board of Ohio, and continues to be self employed with clients all over central Ohio.

She married Shawn Shepherd shortly after becoming licensed in 1997. They reside in Granville, next door to Shelli's parents, Bob and Marsha Schafer. Marsha is still an employee of Owens Corning as an Administrative Assistant, and Bob retired in January from Owens Corning and is an avid golfer.

Shelli sells Longaberger products, and has been a Branch Leader since 2007. She also works part time at Varo Engineers in Granville as a Project Specialist. Shawn is a Human Resources Manager for Lowe's Home Improvement Centers in Dublin, Ohio. Shawn is an avid golfer, and both love to travel as often as possible. Shawn and Shelli have no children, but hope to start a family soon.

Shelli's favorite memories are signing with Jane, being Oliver in Oliver, and all the other plays Welsh Hills put on. And Alana Marietta using Alana Banana to remind us of the correct pronunciation of her name.

### About Betsy

Margaret (Betsy) Kurtz attended Welsh Hills school for 5th and 6th grade and graduated from Granville schools in 1992. She furthered her education by receiving her Associates in Architectural Design, Bachelors in Business, and is currently working for her Paralegal Certification at Capital University Law School.



Shelli & Betsy now!

Betsy resides in Granville and has worked, for various contract companies, at the Owens Corning in Granville since 1995, and has worked directly for Owens Corning since 2006 as a paralegal in the Intellectual Property Law Department.

In her spare time, Betsy enjoys outdoor activities, reading and social events. **Betsy also sits on the Board of Trustees for Welsh Hills School.**

Betsy's favorite memories from Welsh Hills School are singing, concerts, plays and the camaraderie of her fellow students.

# Alumni Focus: Stephen Stein,

## WHS class of 2008



After spending nine years at Welsh Hills School, Stephen Stein knew it was time to move forward and take on new challenges when he graduated from Welsh Hills in June 2008.

“I wasn’t sure what to expect at a new school, with all new friends”.

Well, not quite all new friends. His good friend Spencer Ruess, who graduated from WHS with him, is also with Stephen as a freshman at Newark Catholic High School.

Stephen started his freshman year in August by making the varsity golf team at Newark Catholic, where he joined his brother Andrew (a 2006 WHS graduate) on the team. This proved to be a good way to meet new friends and get involved at his new school right from the start, with a sport that Stephen is growing to really enjoy. He hopes to work hard at improving his game and meet his coach’s challenge of becoming state champions by his senior season.

Stephen has found that Welsh Hills has prepared him well to succeed at the high school level. So far his favorite classes are Algebra and Science, although he is off to a good start in all of his classes. Spanish has been rather easy so far, given the background he received at WHS. In Theology, he and Spencer recently finished a project where they had to write and illustrate a children’s book, and they both earned an A for their efforts together.



Stephen looks back at his time at Welsh Hills with many fond memories, including his close friendships with kids in his class as well as the family-like environment at Welsh Hills, where he got to know a lot of kids of different ages. He also mentions that it was nice to get to know the teachers at Welsh Hills and become friends with them, something that is different than at a larger school. “So far I like being at Newark Catholic, but I feel lucky to have been at Welsh Hills for all my school up until high school. I’m glad to be in high school now, but I do miss Welsh Hills sometimes.” 4

## Alumni Updates

Matthew Brown reports, “I started off at American University and then transferred to The Ohio State University. I’ll graduate in June 2009 with a degree in political science. I am working at the Attorney General’s office, as well as writing for The Lantern and the Newark Advocate, the latter as a local sports writer.

Charlotte (Russell) Solomon went to the University of Toledo. She tells us that “no degree was earned but a ton of classes were taken.” She was also involved in Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority for 4 years. Right now she is a stay at home mom. She adds, “I was married July 19, 2008 to the love of my life, Dan Solomon. I have known him for 10 years and we are so happy. He is the manager of Key Bank in Chesterland Ohio and is looking to move up within the company. Together we have a 26 month old, Hailey and just learned we have another on the way!!! I treasure the memories I have of my schooling from Welsh Hills School and often think about my classmates and what they are doing now.”

Brian Morrice is currently at Bennington College in Bennington, VT, majoring in political science and was also working for Barack Obama’s campaign.

After graduating from The Wellington School, Amy Wickliff-Slone (Wickliff) went off to Ohio Dominican University and Ohio State University majoring in Special Education. Currently she working full time at Wickliff Books in Clintonville, Ohio. She is married to Greg Slone and has a daughter Lauren who is 12 in the 6th grade. She reports that she, “still loves my animals; I have a Golden Retriever - Claire, 2 cats, 2 mini lop rabbits and 2 goldfish.” Amy loves working in the yard and reading a good book. “I joined Facebook (WHS) to rekindle friendships from the past!! What I remember most was the compassion and love of Katie Naul. Because of her I found my true self. She taught me to be confident in my work and be strong in my feelings. I know she is still looking out for me, my angel Katie. I made so many close friends while there but unfortunately time has drifted us apart. Maybe someday we will reconnect.”

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*We love to get notes and articles that tell us about how Welsh Hills (and the people here) impacted your life and what you have taken with you. We know classmates like to hear about friends and what they’re doing. Log on to [www.welsh-hills.org](http://www.welsh-hills.org) and look at our alumni section where you can share information and catch up with what others are doing. We would like to re-connect all of you as well.*

***We want to keep in touch!***