

# UPPER ST. CLAIR TODAY

## Hands in Time

When USC Township residents Diane Hardy Troy, Pat McShane, and Dan Wilhelm established the USC Class of 1975 website this past year, it was to help connect their classmates and to generate interest in a 35-year class reunion. They never expected one response the website would get.

In fall 2011, a message to the site was sent from a man in Battleground, Indiana, a small town west of the college town of West Lafayette, home of Purdue University. He was an antiques collector who frequented estate sales and flea markets in and around that area. Recently, he had purchased an “all in” box at an auction. At the bottom of the box was a watch. Inscribed on the watch were the words: U.S.C. W.P.I.A.L. Champions 1975.

Not knowing what to make of it, he googled the words and eventually found himself on the USC Class of 1975 website and made the following inquiry: *Would you know anything about this watch and would you want to buy it?*

Reviewing the website inquiry, the three classmates huddled up. Pat and Dan had played on the WPIAL championship team back then and Diane had been a majorette in the marching band. Pat remembered that the year his team won they didn't get watches... just a pat on the back.

Members of the graduating class of 1975 were indeed WPIAL football champions, but their season games were played in 1974. The following year, the Panthers repeated as WPIAL champions and, apparently, were awarded watches for the 1975 WPIAL win.

The three classmates decided to “pay it forward” and purchase the watch from the man in Battleground. He turned out to be the president of West Lafayette Glass Company and had the watch restored. Without knowing to whom the watch belonged, they decided to turn the watch over to the high school for safe keeping and asked that it be placed in the high school's athletic wing trophy case donated by Rich Serdy. Serdy, a USC resident, was a standout member of that 1975 championship team. Someday that “winning” watch may find its rightful owner, but for now, it is showcased for all to enjoy.

With USC boasting exceptional student-athletes in many sports, we extend good wishes to members of all USC sports teams as they aspire to receiving school, team, and personal recognition.

Time marches on, and so do the Upper St. Clair Panthers. ■

*If you or someone you know is the owner of the 1975 WPIAL championship watch, contact the USCHS Class of '75 at [administrator@usc1975.org](mailto:administrator@usc1975.org).*



Captain Kasak and Coach Moore plot Panther attack. — C. Kasak, Coach Moore

USC		OPP
24	Chartiers Valley	0
14	Canon-McMillan	13
14	Montour	0
22	Mt. Lebanon	6
40	Trinity	0
42	Bethel Park	7
16	Uniontown	12
12	Baldwin	6
46	Keystone Oaks	19

### Panther football claws its way to numerous victories



The 1975 USCHS WPIAL championship team. One of these players is the rightful owner of the watch found in Battleground, Indiana.

1975 USCHS Varsity Football Team members are, front row: E. Ayoub, J. Wangler, M. Mahon, S. Parks, M. Kramer, M. Rhetorik, D. Vanchina, C. Kasak, D. Rosser, P. McGarvey, B. Schipani, J. McCullough, G. Hunter, J. Shanahan; middle row: M. Hayes, D. Cherup, J. Goodwin, S. Kramer, B. Stoessel, D. Weiss, J. Strothers, C. Lofquist, B. Coleman, D. Connelly, J. Thorson, K. Brechbill, G. Bressanelli, R. Sutton, A. Jones; back row: G. Beyer, T. Runco, E. Dodson, W. Knight, E. Borkowski, G. Bove, M. Seiden, F. Scott, L. Delaney, K. Reid, J. Keith, D. Reed, R. Serdy, T. O'Connor, B. Shields, R. Coleman, H. Kasak, J. Englert, T. Oldani, M. Palmieri, J. McAdams