

1999 Inductees

Oliver (Junior) King

Mr. Junior King holds the distinct honor of serving as a member of the Hopewell-Loudon Board of Education longer than anyone in school history. Mr. King was a board member from 1959 to 1979. Junior resides on his farm in the Hopewell-Loudon school district. As well as being seen at various other Hopewell-Loudon events, Mr. King returns each May for the Hopewell-Loudon graduation ceremony.

Alice Kretsinger

Mrs. Kretsinger began her career in a one-room schoolhouse teaching grades one through eight, as well as trying to keep the building clean and the heat running. She faced many restrictions as a female teacher in the 1930s. Among her rules to follow: she couldn't wear a red dress, be seen entering or leaving a place which sold alcohol, and she couldn't marry or even have a suitor.

After moving to the newly constructed Hopewell-Loudon School in 1939, Mrs. Kretsinger taught grade six, and also served as the first principal of the elementary school, devoting a total of 43 years teaching in Hopewell Township.

Floyd Porter

As the second superintendent to serve the Hopewell-Loudon Local School District, Mr. Porter was dedicated to education. Under his tenure, the farmland across the road from the school was purchased for future use. Currently, several athletic fields and a parking lot occupy the area.

Mr. Porter left Hopewell-Loudon in 1967 to serve as the Seneca County Superintendent.

Duane Warns

Mr. Warns history at Hopewell-Loudon started when he was 3 years old, as a mascot for the basketball team. As a student, he participated in baseball, track and basketball at Hopewell-Loudon. Overall he earned 11 varsity letters, making him the first student in school history to earn 11 letters. While in high school, Warns received all-league and all-district honors, while racking up 1,220 career points.

After graduation from high school in 1957, and then from Heidelberg College, Mr. Warns returned to

Hopewell-Loudon to serve as a teacher and coach from 1961 – 1963.

Duane's connection to Hopewell-Loudon didn't end there. He retired in 2007 after serving for 17 years as an Assistant Commissioner with the Ohio High School Athletic Association. He was present to honor quite a few Hopewell-Loudon athletic teams who have advanced to State tournament level in recent history.

Evelyn Weller

Mrs. Weller is a member of the first class to graduate from the Hopewell-Loudon School in 1940.

A dedicated employee for 30 years, Evelyn retired as the cafeteria manager in 1990.

Following her retirement from the cafeteria, Mrs. Weller worked for another 18 years at Hopewell-Loudon, taking tickets for athletic events, as well as making food for athletic tournaments.

Evelyn resides on her family farm in Hopewell Township with her husband Harris.