

Chiefs Win Close Game

Okemos Tops Stockbridge To Stay in Running for County Title

By PLUMMER MIFFLIN

The warm-up game turned out to be a red-hot affair. Okemos faced with what could be the deciding game in the Ingham county league Friday, was taken right to the wire in basketball last night by Stockbridge, before the Chiefs could win their "must" game, 50-50.

Okemos had to win the game last night to keep up with Haslett, which led the league going into last night's game by one full game. The Chiefs found their hands full with the Panthers.

Stockbridge put its top scorer, Denny Collier, on Harold Greer of Okemos, who is the league's leading point maker, and Collier did a masterful job. He held Greer to 14 points, well below Greer's normal output, and managed to tally 30 points himself.

Okemos led until the third period, when Stockbridge went into a one-point lead. From there on it was a real dogfight, with the score being tied on several occasions.

Both teams tried to freeze the ball as the lead changed hands in the last few minutes of play, but neither team could do it with any great success.

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The Panther's Collier was top point producer for the night with 30, and Harold Greer led the winners with 14.

The Stockbridge reserves won in the same manner as their varsity lost, taking a 46-44 verdict from the Chiefs' reserves. Jack Cochran led the winners with 17 points, while Jim Kreider and Jerry Hunter led the little Chiefs with 12 each.

OKEMOS		STOCKBRIDGE	
	fg ft tp		fg ft tp
Richey, f	1 2 4	Hutson, f	2 0 4
Greer, f	6 2 14	Bailey, f	1 1 2
Nash, c	4 1 9	Collier, c	1 1 2
Sweeney, g	1 4 6	Ward, g	1 1 2
Kreider, g	6 1 13	Fredenburg	1 1 2
Substitutes		Substi	
Redman, f	3 0 6	Bumpus, f	1 1 2
		Craft, f	1 1 2

Totals21 10 52 Totals
Okemos17 11 12
Stockbridge12 13 13 12-50
Personal fouls: Okemos—Richey 3, Redman 5, Greer 2, Nash 3, Gretenberger 2, Sweeney 4, Kreider 2 (21); Stockbridge—Hutson 3, Bailey 2, Bumpus 4, Collier, Ward 2, Fredenburg 2, Craft (15). Free throws missed: Okemos—Richey 4, Greer 2, Gretenberger, Sweeney 3, Kreider (11); Stockbridge—Hutson, Bailey 3, Bumpus, Collier 8, Ward 3, Craft 2 (18). Referee—Cass Shaft (Lansing); umpire—Lyle Sherman (Lansing).

Jon Charles Kreider, son of Michael (1910-1993) and Alice (Beers) (1910-1994) Kreider, was born 12 December 1936, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Jon made a significant impact on sports and academics during his four years at Okemos High School.

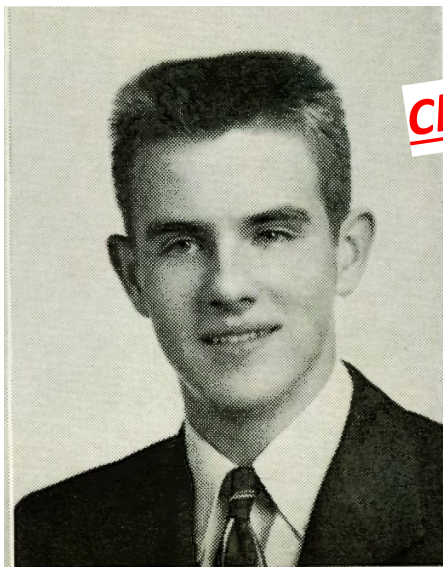
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1954 Okemos Tomahawk, Student Government

John Swanberg, Mr. Kiley, Joyce Tomlinson, Mr. Arasim, Mary Elg, Jon Kreider



JON KREIDER—At third base for the batsmen, at guard for the cagemen, and at defensive linebacker in football was 165 pound 5-11 Jon Kreider. Jon felt on top of the world when he sank 21 points in a second team basketball game in 1951.



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JON C. KREIDER

Chase' me, girls, I'm a butterfly.

Football 3, 4

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4

Junior and Senior Class Plays

Boys' State

S.R.A. President

Varsity Club Treasurer

He graduated in 1954 and went on to attend college, serve honorably in the US Army as a paratrooper and finally to again attend college and graduated with a Bachelor and Masters Degrees. In 1969, Jon returned to the Okemos School system where he had a lasting impact on students for the next 30 years as a teacher and counselor.

1991 Okemos Tomahawk

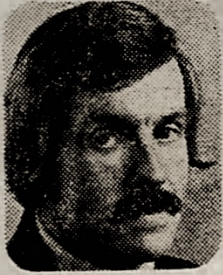


1976 Okemos Tomahawk



Jon Kreider — Counselor

Jon married [OHS 1966 graduate Nancy Jo Marmon](#) on 14 April 1973, East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. Jon and Nancy raised 3 children during their 37 years of marriage.



POINT OF VIEW

Believing in ourselves

Jon Kreider is a student counselor at Okemos High School.

Is it possible that the greatest tragedy of our lives is that too much of the time we don't appreciate and love ourselves. I am very aware from my experiences counseling high school youth that each student works diligently in his/her own way to like and appreciate his/her own worthwhileness.

Sometimes high school youth actually believe that their parents, school personnel, even their religious experiences block their human needs, personal desires, and potential and they end up feeling a tremendous fear of being and experiencing their real human selves in relationship to others.

THEY ACT as if they believe that being who they really are is not enough. As an educator, parent and adult, I recognize the key mental health concept that a person who does not love himself is unable to love others.

I wonder what would happen in our powerful, dynamic and potentially great civilization if each of us would begin to employ our full energies to the task of loving ourselves. My theory is that we would make significant breakthroughs with our families, at our jobs, in our neighborhoods and in our lives.

What does it take for us to become aware of and believe that all human beings at their core or center desire to be selfful and not selfish? My life experiences have convinced me that every human being is important, valuable and special. Think about it for a second — we are God's greatest creation (human beings), with bodies, minds and spirits so limitless that at times we are almost too mysterious to comprehend.

MY EDUCATIONAL experiences in physical education and science have helped me to appreciate my heart, circulatory and respiratory system and brain with electrical energy that enables me to move, speak, breathe and control my muscles to run or stop at will. Only recently as an adult have I learned to accept complete responsibility for my entire human system.

My emotions gave me the biggest headache. It was very difficult for me to trust the accuracy of my feelings and still monitor the feeling experience with my human reasoning ability.

I hope parents and school boards encourage us to

teach teenagers "how to understand our own human emotions." What a delightful, mind opening experience for teenagers to be able to express his/her own guilt, jealousy, fear, sadness and anger and be able to express and understand the feelings safely at the core of the person. Every person I have met in this world has helped me to understand myself. When I am willing to listen and process I do understand.

COURAGE AND trust are more important than chronological age in by being able to grow. When I am patient and listen, I gain much awareness of my 10 year-old daughter and thirteen-year-old son.

There are many talented helping persons in this state. A helping person could even be your best friend, a husband, wife, son, daughter or mother-in-law. Trust yourself, let your tensions go and continue your search in books, church, workshops, and in high school, college and community education classrooms in your community.

We are spectacular creatures but certainly capable of all the range of human experiences from the most awesome to the most awful. I'm discovering and strongly believe that those persons who think less of themselves are the ones who commit the awful human deeds we see and read about in the news reports daily.

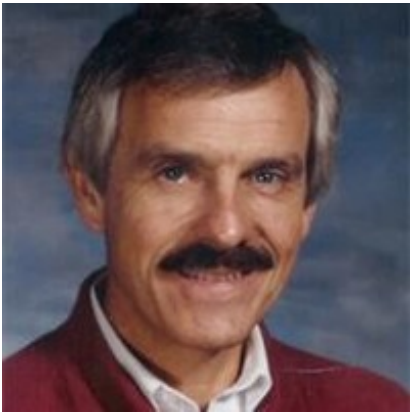
I BELIEVE it is possible for us as humans beings to listen and to understand and to assist one another in this world as parents, learners and friends to breathe more deeply, to feel more intensely, to understand more fully and become more whole and more complete in relationship with each other, the universe and ourselves. But to do this I must begin with me.

Loving myself at all times is not a simple experience and just maybe loving ourselves at all times is the most difficult task in the world for each of us. I believe at my very center that loving myself at all times does enable me to become the creative responsible person I am capable of being with you, who also inhabit this world of ours.

Human beings really do need human beings. Don't you wish everybody did?

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Jon died 26 January 2011, Lansing, Ingham County.



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**Jon Charles Kreider
DeWitt, Michigan**

Jon Charles Kreider, DeWitt, was born December 12, 1936 in Columbus, OH to Michael and Alice (Beers) Kreider. He died on January 26, 2011. Jon graduated from Okemos High School in 1954, attended Central Michigan University for 2 years before he joined the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper from 1956-58. He graduated from Earlham College in 1960 and earned a Masters from Michigan State University in 1961. Jon spent 4 years in Idaho, Oregon, and California as a counselor for the U.S. Job Corps. He returned to Okemos in 1969 where he spent over 30 years as a teacher and counselor. Jon is survived by his wife Nancy; sons Shawn of Traverse City, MI and Jason (Jaclynn) of Howell, MI; daughter Nicola (Mark) Bailey of St. Johns, MI; and sisters, Jeanette Kreider (Gary Wattles) of Boise, ID and Janice Kreider (Steve St. Louis) of Williamston, MI; grandchildren Forrest, Nick, and Shaemus Kreider, Caeden, Lane, and Morgan Bailey, and Madelynn, Mylee and Mckynzee Kreider; and many nieces and nephews. Jon was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Jim. Jon enjoyed life, loved music and church, and was beloved and appreciated by many friends, students, colleagues, and especially by his family. Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Road, DeWitt with Pastor Rodney Kalajainen officiating.