

Tiger Foundation backs schools

Formation of the Strasburg Tiger Foundation in 2006 provided some of the backbone for donations toward the Locally Funded Initiatives for the new buildings. Local funds must be raised toward certain items the Ohio School Facilities Commission will not pay for that are in the district's plan.

To increase the size and seating of the new high school gym, donations were collected and fundraisers were held, and the foundation gave \$160,000 toward the gym. They also plan to construct an auditorium in the future and possible additional classroom space if needed. Currently, there is a stage in the new entrance of the buildings that will be used for the music program and other school related activities.

The LFI's being considered would cost about \$1.8 million if all were completed. Other items the OSFC will not provide are superintendent's office, tech education facilities, weight room, and anything more than the 104,097-square-foot project. The square footage is formulated on the number of students in the district.

The foundation also supports the educational activities of the school district and has provided at least three \$1,000 scholarships annually to Strasburg High graduates.

One fundraiser under way is the sale of replicas of the high school gym floor made from the original floor.

- The large replica, 12 by 14 inches (\$80).

- The small replica, 5 by 6 inches (\$45).

Orders can be picked up, or mailed at a cost of \$10 extra. Forms can be downloaded from the foundation's website at www.strasburgtigerfoundation.com

Foundation officers are Richard Fox, president, Bill Hensel, vice president, Marsha Clark, Michelle Hostetler, Denny Trimmer, Diana Flickinger, Chris Hensel, Steve Smith, Debbie Bell, Gene Feucht and Ed Yackey, directors.

Contributions can be sent to Strasburg Tiger Foundation, Box 192, Strasburg, 44680.

- Barb Limbacher

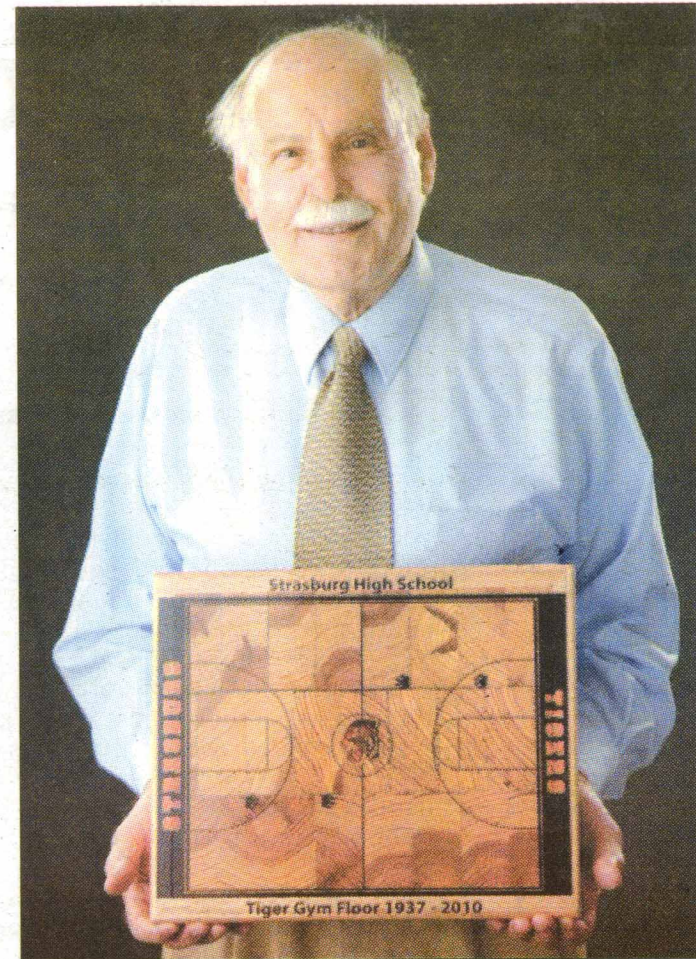


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Emmett Riley, a former Strasburg High basketball coach, shows a replica of the old gym floor at Strasburg High. The Tiger Foundation is selling the replicas as a fundraiser.