

# 15 Day Public Comment Period

11/26/22 through 2/10/22

*Posting and Closing time 4:00 PM*

## Richwood High School Memorial Walking Trail

*In accordance with Stipulation I.C.2 of the Memorandum of Agreement Among the Federal Emergency Management Agency, West Virginia Historic Preservation Officer, the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management [now West Virginia Emergency Management Division], School Building Authority of West Virginia, and the Nicholas County Board of Education Regarding the Demolition of Richwood High School, Richwood, Nicholas County, West Virginia (MOA), a walking trail with memorial signage and benches has been designed for a portion of the former Richwood High School and Middle School property, located at 1 Valley Avenue, Richwood.*

The signatories of the MOA are requesting public comment on the design of the walking trail. The public is welcome to provide feedback to the following inbox within 15 days of the posting of this notice: [FEMA-R3-EHP-PublicComment@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R3-EHP-PublicComment@fema.dhs.gov). Please note that suggestions for alternate treatment measures will not be considered at this time as public comments on the resolution of adverse effects were adjudicated in 2017 and have been solidified in the execution of the MOA.

# WELCOME TO THE RICHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL WALKING TRAIL



*Welcome to the Richwood High School Memorial Walking Trail. Along this trail you will learn some of the rich history of this location and the school that occupied these grounds on the banks of the Cherry River.*

The Richwood High School Memorial Walking Trail was built to honor the former Richwood High School building which was significantly damaged by a devastating flood on June 23, 2016. The building was later demolished.

The citizens of Richwood wished to commemorate their alma mater that stood proud for over 50 years, by building a walking trail on the former school grounds.

This trail features four different informational signs along the path that pay tribute to various aspects of the former Richwood High School building.

The locally sourced wooden bases of each sign pay respect to the City of Richwood's storied history in the lumber industry, and the beginnings of the Richwood school system in buildings furnished by the Cherry River Boom & Lumber Company.



## KIOSK MAP

1. History of  
Richwood High  
School

2. The Lumberjack  
Mascot

3. The Wagon  
Wheel Football  
Game

4. The Lumberjack  
Express



# THE HISTORY OF RICHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Richwood High School's roots extend to the beginning of the 1900's and are deeply connected to the lumber industry. The building for the first school in Richwood was donated in 1901 by the Cherry River Boom & Lumber Company. In 1903, a series of buildings on Walnut Street, became known as the Hillside Academy (shown on the right).

The original Richwood High School (middle photo) was constructed in 1917 and could accommodate up to 500 students. It served as the nucleus of learning in Richwood for nearly 50 years. However, by 1959, RHS's enrollment had ballooned to approximately 1,000 students. Voters approved a special levy to fund construction of a new high school in 1960. By 1961, the science wing was completed, providing ten new classrooms to be used for Physics, Biology, Chemistry, English, Science, Civics, and Spanish.

The second wing of the building was completed in January of 1965. This wing contained sixteen classrooms that were used for English, Mathematics, History, and Shorthand. It also housed the Home Economics Department, the Commercial Department, and two faculty lounges. Another addition was completed in January, 1968. After two years of traveling between buildings for classes, the school was united under one roof.



Hillside Academy



The original Richwood High School, constructed in 1917



Aerial plan of Richwood High School additions

## FAST FACTS

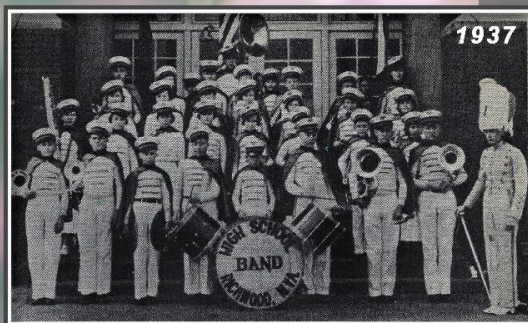
- Cherry River Boom & Lumber Company donated the building for Richwood's first school in 1901.
- The West Virginia Legislature created the Richwood Independent School District in 1903.
- Richwood High School was first constructed in 1917.
- A new building, designed by Emory Mick, was constructed in 1981.
- Over the years, four additions were added to the 'new' Richwood High School



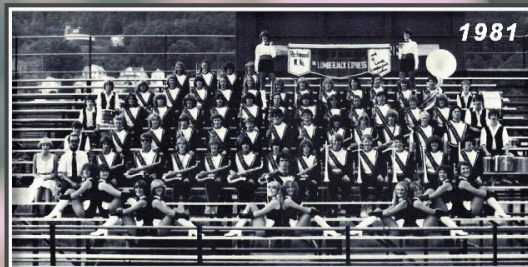
The "new" Richwood High School



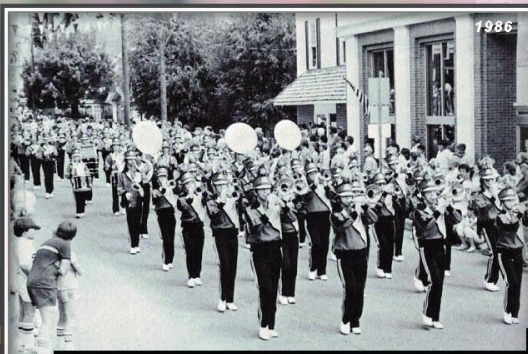
# THE LUMBERJACK EXPRESS



1937



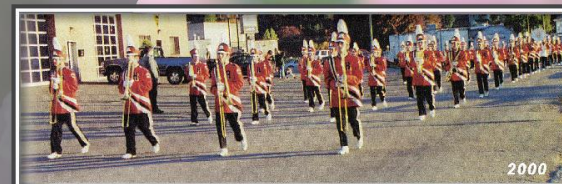
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## HISTORY OF THE MARCHING BAND

Richwood High School is also home to the Lumberjack Express Band. The band has made many appearances in parades, festivals, and events throughout the United States and Canada. The members have performed at Walt Disney World, Niagara Falls, Ontario, the Kentucky Derby, the Coca-Cola 600, the Indianapolis 500, and the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, Virginia, to name a few. The band has been featured on regional and national television during these events, where they have also won numerous awards. Also, the Richwood band has performed in many large stadiums, presenting pre-game shows for the Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, Washington Nationals, and Pittsburgh Pirates. The band has also received Superior ratings for its marching and concert performances at the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission's regional band festival.



2000



2014



2016



# THE WAGON WHEEL RIVALRY



## WAGON WHEEL AT STAKE TONIGHT

RICHWOOD, Oct. 1 - The Richwood Lumberjacks play the Cowen Bulldogs on the RHS athletic field, this Friday at 8 p.m., in the first home game of the season.

A large crowd is expected to see if the Lumberjacks can make it four in a row and regain the coveted Wagon Wheel lost to Cowen in 1952, 14-13. The Richwood High school band will present a half-time program, after its return from the Forest Festival at Elkins.

For the years from 1948 through 1951 the Lumberjacks retained the trophy. Oct. 26 Richwood defeated Cowen 38-6. Oct. 27, 1950, 25-0. Nov. 11, 1949, 26-7. and Nov. 12, 1948, 45-0. Cowen defeated Richwood in 1946, 13-6, and 1947, 21-0.

The Wagon Wheel contest was begun in the 1930's. It was promoted as an intertown rivalry by John "Bugs" Teets, then editor of the Nicholas Republican. He also originated the Spud and Splinter Festival.

In 1938 the game was played on Thanksgiving, in eight inches of snow. The late Frank Montrose was one of the stars that day, with the game ending in a scoreless tie.

Scores of other games are as follows:

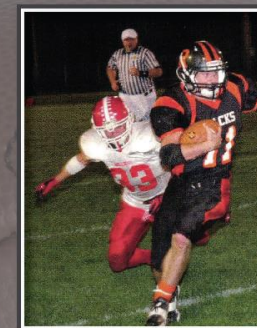
1927: Richwood 63, Cowen 0  
1928: Richwood 18, Cowen 0  
1930: Cowen 6, Richwood 0  
1939: Cowen 20, Richwood 0  
1944: Richwood 33, Cowen 18

*Article retyped from a clipping found in the Nicholas Chronicle archives.*



## HISTORY OF THE TROPHY

The Wagon Wheel Tradition was started in 1937 by John "Bugs" Teets, Editor of the Nicholas Republican Newspaper. It was a football tradition between Richwood High School and Cowen High School. The winner of the "Wheel" displayed it at the winning school. The winner kept the wheel until the next football game between the two teams.



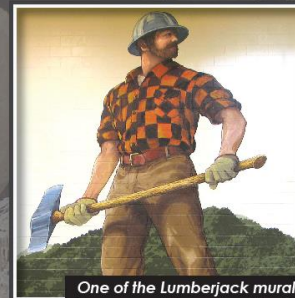


# THE LUMBERJACK MASCOT



## HISTORY OF THE LUMBERJACK MASCOT

The lumberjack, "Big Luke," is a tribute to the company that supported the very first school in Richwood, the Cherry River Boom & Lumber Company. In 1901, the company donated a box car to serve as the first school, adding a porch and flag pole to make it a more permanent fixture. It even supplied fuel for the potbellied stove that warmed the building. Due to its overwhelming support for the students of Richwood, the RHS mascot will always be a lumberjack.



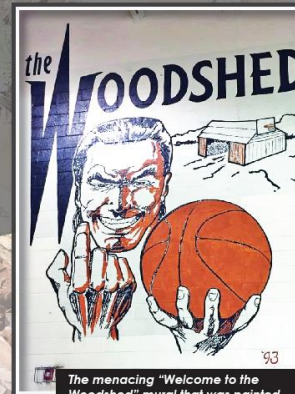
One of the Lumberjack murals that has graced the walls of the RHS gymnasium



The Lumberjack perched atop the RHS football field scoreboard



The RHS sign, designed by Rocco Milanese and constructed by Nicholas County Career and Technical Center



The menacing "Welcome to the Woodshed" mural that was painted by students in 1993 in the RHS gymnasium

"Big Luke" has faithfully stood watch over Richwood football games for more than 40 years. He was originally produced in the mid 1960's as a mascot for the Lombard Chainsaw Company. During Homecoming of 1977, one of the fourteen-foot statues was purchased and placed at Richwood High School's Dean Memorial Field.

In February of 2019, a wind storm blew Big Luke from his perch, causing extensive structural damage. Several members of the Overbaugh family received permission from the Nicholas County Board of Education to make the necessary repairs with materials purchased by the Board. The project was completed in secrecy, and Big Luke was unveiled as a surprise to the community. **THE MIGHTY LUMBERJACK** was returned to his home at Dean Memorial Field during Homecoming 2019.

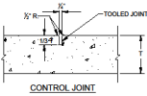
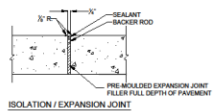
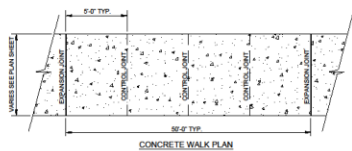
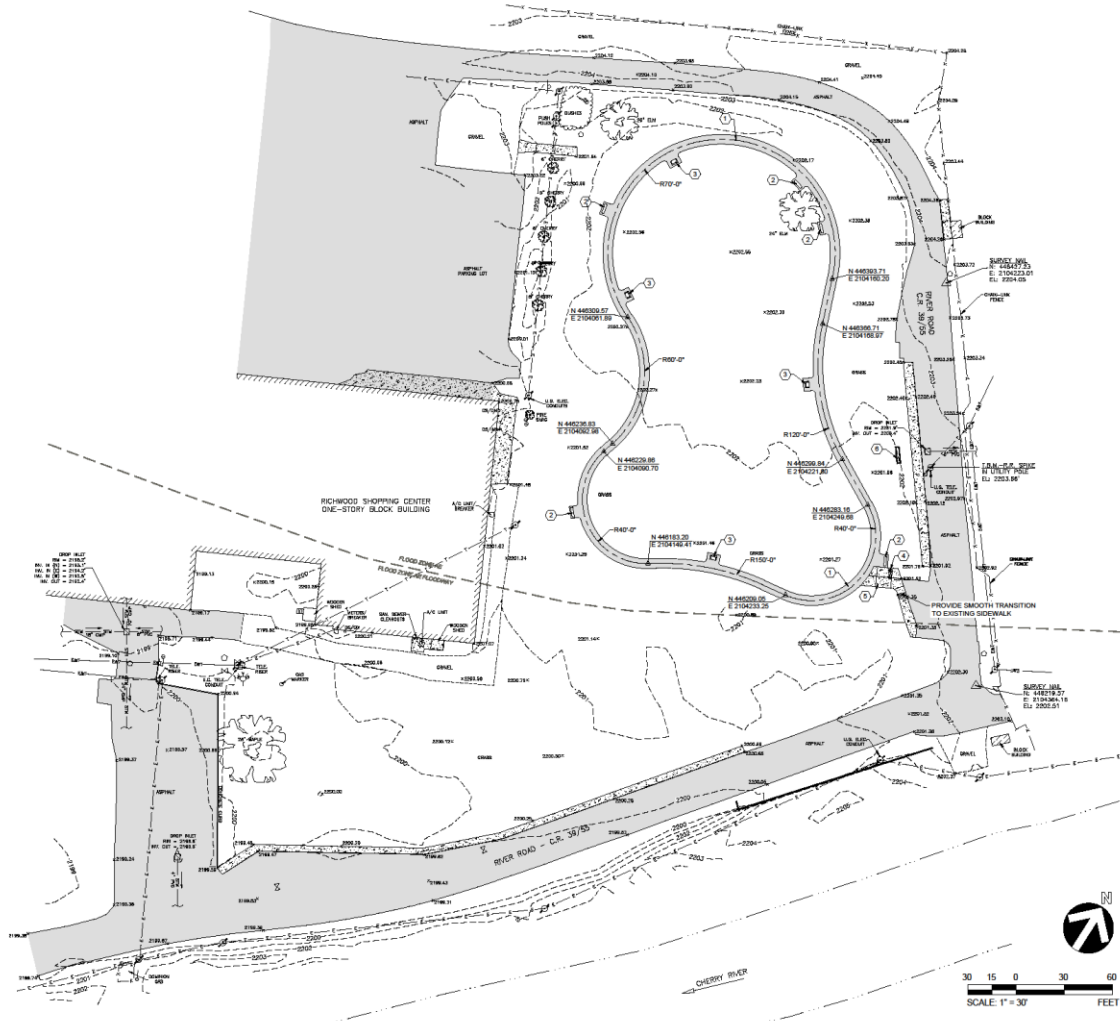
Only seventeen of the fourteen-foot versions of Big Luke are known to exist in the United States.

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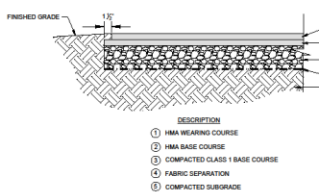
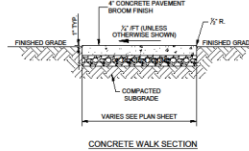
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1 TYPICAL CONCRETE WALK DETAIL  
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2 ASPHALT WALKING TRAIL DETAIL  
SCALE: N.T.S.

### KEY NOTES

- 1 ASPHALT WALKING TRAIL - SEE DETAIL 2 THIS SHEET
- 2 SEAT - SEE SHEET A-1
- 3 KIOSK - SEE SHEET A-1
- 4 SIGN - SEE SHEET A-1
- 5 CONCRETE SIDEWALK - SEE DETAIL 1 THIS SHEET
- 6 RELOCATED EXISTING RICHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SIGN. CONTRACTOR TO FIELD VERIFY EXISTING SIGN. PROVIDE NEW FOUNDATION WITH MASONRY BASE. EXACT SIGN LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED WITH ARCHITECT. SEE SHEET A-1 FOR DETAIL.

### GENERAL NOTES

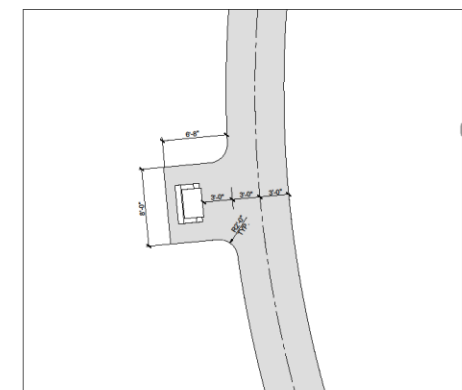
- 1. LOCATE AND COORDINATE WITH BELOW AND ABOVE GROUND UTILITIES.
- 2. LAWN AREAS DISTURBED DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE REGRADED, SEEDED, AND MULCHED TO ORIGINAL CONDITION, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
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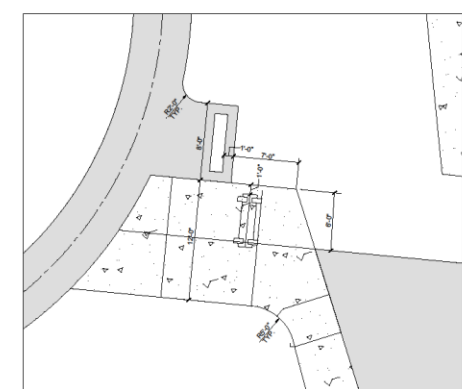
- SUBMITTED PROPERTY LINE
- STREAM / DITCH
- EXISTING FENCE LINE
- EXISTING STORM DRAIN
- OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
- OVERHEAD TELEPHONE
- EXISTING BUILDING
- SURVEY POINT WITH CAP SET
- FOUND MONUMENTATION
- CALCULATED POINT
- EXISTING TREE
- EXISTING WATER OR GAS METER
- EXISTING WATER OR GAS VALVE
- TELEPHONE OR ELECTRIC METER
- UTILITY POLE
- OUT WIRE
- CONCRETE AREA
- DOWNCUT - ADJACENT GROUND
- EXISTING TREE

### SURVEYOR'S NOTES

- 1. FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION: THIS SITE IS LOCATED WITHIN THE FEMA 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN AND FLOODWAY. SHOWN WITH A FLOOD ELEVATION BETWEEN 200' AND 205' M.S.L., AS SHOWN ON F.I.M. NUMBER 2000000000, EFFECTIVE DATE 08/14/2011.
- 2. CONTOURS AND SPOT ELEVATIONS SHOWN ARE REFERENCES TO VERTICAL DATUM MASHGAL DATUM AND ESTABLISHED ON SITE BY GPS OBSERVATIONS AT THE TIME OF THIS SURVEY.



TYPICAL KIOSK LAYOUT  
SCALE: 1" = 8'-0"



TYPICAL BENCH & SIGN LAYOUT  
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### SITE LAYOUT PLAN

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