



Broncho

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OKTOBERFEST

The annual Alumni Oktoberfest Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022, from noon until 5:00 p.m. at the Crestwood Elks, (lower Level) 10261 Bauer Road, approximately four blocks south of I-270, passing Mercy Hospital South (formerly St Anthony's Hospital) on the right. Alumni CANNOT bring LIQUOR of any kind on the premises as it will be sold there at very reasonable prices. No outside coolers or beverages of any kind will be allowed on the premises either. You may still bring in food. Show your BRONCHO spirit and wear green and gold with your green and gold beads and, as we always say..., "JUST SHOW UP." Bring a new/old alumni friend or several to join us this year.

Approximately 97 alumni signed in at the 2021 picnic. This total does not include spouses or friends that also came. That total would be close to 150! Attendance was down last year because of COVID-19 and travel restrictions. Hopefully, the numbers will be up this year!

Here is a breakdown on the numbers from each class that came from out of state: Class of 1962 – 1 (Illinois), Class of 70 – 1 (California), Class of 1971 – 1 (Connecticut). Here is the breakdown on the total alumni by class attended:

1950 - 1; 1951 - 1;
1952 - 1; 1953 - 1; 1954 - 1; 1955 - 1; 1956 - 3; 1957 - 2;
1958 - 1; 1959 - 5; 1960 - 4; 1961 - 2; 1962 - 2; 1963 - 6;
1964 - 2; 1965 - 3; 1966 - 1; 1967 - 1; 1968 - 10; 1969 - 3;
1970 - 13; 1971 - 13; 1972 - 2; 1973 - 1; 1974 - 2; 1975 - 3;
1977 - 1; 1978 - 2; 1979 - 1; 1980 - 1; 1981 - 1; 1982 - 2;
1988 - 1; 2003 - 2; 2013 - 1.

The Classes of 1970 and 1971 were tied with the most in attendance with 13, followed by the Class of 1968 with 10.

The 50/50 first place winner was Harold Koirtyohann (Class of 1956) \$75, which he donated back; second place winner was Sharon (Leopold) Cluck (Class of 1966) \$50; third place was Dennis Nickell (Class of 1971) \$23, which he donated back and the Bayless chair winner was Gary



The Kantouth Family

Mark Your Calendar For This Year's Alumni
OKTOBERFEST PICNIC 2022

Sunday, October 9, 2022* at Crestwood Elks

*Note the date is the 2nd Sunday in Oct., not the first

Burr, Class of 1968.

Entertaining the alumni were current Bayless High School students singing under the direction of Choir Director, Tamarra Simmons.



The Athletic Hall of Fame Golden Horse-shoe Award for 2021 and 2022 will be given out Sunday, at the Oktoberfest.



Green and gold balloons were released in memory of those who had a Heavenly Promotion this past year.

Alumni President, Sally Wear, would like to thank all the Alumni Officers and Board Members for their help, plus all the extra volunteers who helped with checking in, dues and the souvenir table. Thanks to all who purchased souvenirs, donated to the scholarship fund, the 50/50 workers and all those who helped with set-up and clean-up. THANKS TO ALL AND ANYONE THAT I MISSED!



A Message from the Alumni President

We need everyone's email address, if you have one. It is an easier way to reach certain groups. Also, just because we have your email address please keep us up-to-date on your home address/phone etc. Some of you have moved but never let us know thinking that just your email address was enough for us to get in touch with you. Some of the Constant Contact group emails that we have sent have landed in SPAM or TRASH so from time to time you might want to check these folders.

If you can't open the newsletter sent through email, please let me know so that I can send you one through the regular mail. If you are receiving more than one newsletter in the mail, please let me know.

We hope you like the Oktoberfest picnic at the Crestwood Elks. Plenty of room and handicapped accessible. Make plans now for the Oktoberfest picnic on Sunday, October 9, 2022, Noon to 5 p.m.

We are always looking for alumni to join the Alumni Board. We meet the second Monday of every other month at 7 pm in the high school library. Please email me at swear@bayless.k12.mo.us or call me at 314-256-8600, Ext. 8617 for more information.

Please let us know when an alumni passes away. If you call and leave a message be sure to pronounce the person's name clearly, spell it, give us the date he/she passed away, give us the year he/she graduated, and leave a phone number in case we need to call you for more information. Also, any changes in your personal information would be appreciated. It is very important to keep our database records up-to-date.

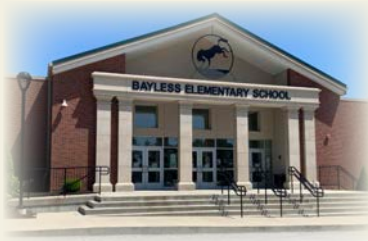
We are also always looking for any Bayless memorabilia.

Sally (Wohlschlaeger) Wear (1958)
Alumni President
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(Thursdays or leave a message)

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Additional alumni information is available on the Bayless School District website (baylessk12.org) under the high school page.



The 50th reunion of the Bayless Class of 1971

By Betty (LaTurno) Huffman and Scott Kirchner

It all started on the warm Friday night of September 13, 2019. Several members of the Bayless Class of 1971 attended their very first Bayless High School football game. You see, back in 1971 Bayless did not have a football team.

Most of us attending the game had "found" each other on social media. Mike Hanley had set up a group Facebook page called "1971 Bayless Reunion" in March of 2019. Through the group page we connected with more classmates, responded to posts and comments, shared the idea of going to the football game, and encouraged one another to attend. It had been 48 years since graduation, June 4, 1971, and most of us hadn't seen each other since that night. Unfortunately, the Bronchos did not win that game. However, the 1971 alumni had a blast reconnecting and talking our way down memory lane!



At the football game, Mike Hanley brought up the fact that our 50th class reunion was coming up in a couple of years. Several of us discussed it and wondered if anyone had started doing anything about it. It was a pretty vague conversation, but it planted the idea of the reunion in the minds of several of us. A few weeks later a committee of eight people met at IHOP in Fenton and had their first meeting.

We met several times in the next few months. The first meeting was just a fun time getting reacquainted. In the following meetings we talked about venues, contacting fellow classmates, searching for friends for whom we didn't have information, ideas for decorations, activities, and so much more. After considerable discussion, several phone calls inquiring about venues, and debating venue prices and menus, the committee decided on Orlando's for our reunion. Looking back now, it was VERY fortunate that this decision was made and acted upon that early. We had no idea that COVID-19 would invade our country, and the committee wouldn't be able to meet for almost a year.



Throughout COVID-19 the committee stayed in touch and shared ideas through Facebook Messenger, texts and phone calls. FINALLY the committee was able to meet again. We made plans for final registrations and payments, welcoming remarks, lanyard name tags, and a fun photo booth complete with numerous Bayless props and costumes as well as a green screen and various virtual backgrounds to insert. We also made decisions regarding a dinner menu, a playlist of music from our high school days,

a Zoom setup to connect with a classmate, Jay Wisecarver, (our student council president) who has lived in Thailand for more than thirty years, and plans for a memorial table to honor and remember classmates who are no longer with us.

At long last the restrictions from COVID-19 were relaxed and the committee could once again meet. Everyone got busy with their various jobs and the real work began. More



searching for classmates happened and many phone calls were made. Computer spreadsheets were updated as classmates were found. Lanyards, photo frames, and some decorations were purchased. Copies of senior photos were made to insert in the ID on the lanyard. Costumes, school memorabilia, and table decorations were borrowed from the Alumni Association.

Frames were bought and tea light candles were borrowed for the memorial table. A souvenir bookmark was prepared and laminated for each classmate with memories from 1971. Copies were made of several pages of the latest Bayless Alumni Association's newsletter to place on the tables the night of the reunion. These pages had information regarding alumni dues and the Alumni Picnic the day after our reunion. During these last few months, our excitement was building as we wondered what we might be forgetting. Next on the committee's agenda was early arrival and setup for the reunion!

October 2, 2021 - Finally the big day came and far exceeded all our expectations. We had some opening words of welcome and honored our main man and organizer Dennis Nickell. Then a sing along to "This Land is Your Land" was followed by dinner and an all too short time dedicated to visiting, reminiscing, and renewing old friendships. The consensus was that the evening ended far too soon and those in attendance expressed a nearly unanimous desire for more gatherings in the near future. So, in closing, may God continue to bless the Bayless High School class of 1971 and "Go Bronchos!"



DOUBLE TROUBLE (TWINS) AT BAYLESS

*Corrections &
Additions to
2021 Article*

- John Jurkovich, Class of 1965 (deceased) & Agnes (Jurkovich) Lakey, Class of 1965, are not twins as stated in the 2021 Article. They are brother and sister.
- Hentschel, Timothy and Terry, Class of 1966
- Kudlinski, Stanley (deceased) & George, Class of 1962
- Champion, Timothy and Thomas, Class of 1972
- Williams, Latara & Tara, Class of 1999

ALUMNI MEETING DATES 2022-2023

**SAVE!
THE DATE!**

Monday - Sept. 12, 2022
Monday - Nov. 14, 2022
Monday - Jan. 19, 2023
Monday - March 13, 2023
Monday - May 8, 2023

*All meetings begin at 7 p.m.
Confirm dates with alumni office.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Eric Knost, Class of 1983, on being hired by MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries Inc., to oversee its four adult high schools. He took on the role of superintendent of MERS/Missouri Goodwill Excel Centers, the nonprofit's four accredited, tuition-free high schools for adults in August this year. The Excel Centers are located in St. Louis, Springfield, Poplar Bluff and Columbia, Missouri.

Ronald Paul, Class of 1954, on traveling to Washington, DC with the Space Coast Honor Flight Team in November, 2021. Retired Admiral Jim Hart was his team leader. Twenty-six veterans, 26 escorts/guardians and 10 volunteers received a tremendous heartwarming welcome when they arrived at the BWI terminal in Baltimore. His son, Randy, was his guardian.

Stephanie True, former Bayless teacher and educator, and a member of Seven Holy Founders Parishioner Council on being honored for her dedicated service to Holy Cross Academy at their annual Holy Cross Academy Gala and Awards on November 20, 2021. Her work with their council and her extensive background in education led her to a year of service as Principal of the Our Lady of Providence Campus of HCA. She still serves as an advisory and resource person for HCA.

Ronald Tucker, our retiring superintendent, and Amy Ruzicka, our new superintendent.

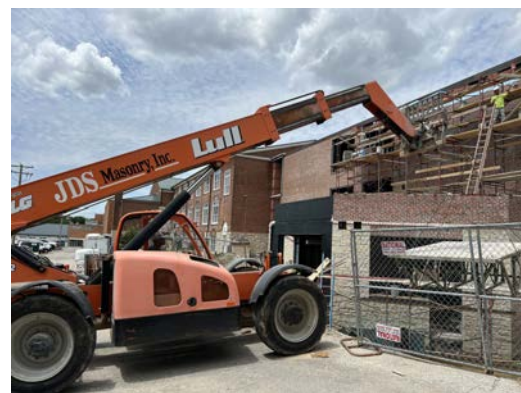


Building a Better Bayless

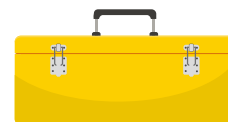
Progress continues on the Junior High School addition and many other projects across the campus this summer. While a lot of work is visible on the outside exterior, significant progress has been made on the inside. Framing is complete for the first two levels and the third level will be completed shortly. Masonry crews have started laying brick to complete walls of the exterior. The general contractor expects to complete work in early 2023 but exact dates are not available due to continuing weather, labor and supply chain issues. The new addition is three levels and will contain over 18 educational spaces. There will be a large bay at the back which will be a new library media center space and the bay roof will serve as an outdoor classroom and activity space.

The high school and auditorium HVAC and roof renovations took place as well as new seating in the auditorium being installed in the summer.

Many windows on the elementary building were replaced this summer to help keep up the building.



Masons working on the brick exterior of the BJH Addition.





Writing a Book

By Diane Key-Biggs, Class of 1986 (Class of '86 Kicks)



What do you do when you are stuck at home during an illness then a pandemic? You write that book you always had in the back of your mind. "Charlie Hoessle: A Friend to All," a children's book that I wrote in honor of Saint Louis Zoo Emeritus Director Charlie Hoessle. The book is based on his life growing up in the city of Saint Louis with German immigrant parents then rising through the ranks at the Saint Louis Zoo to become one of the best loved civic leaders in our area. It's an inspirational story how one person who did not come from wealth, or an ivy league education, nor live in Africa made a huge impact on education and conservation worldwide.

I was fortunate to grow up off Morganford and attend Bayless Consolidated School District. The education I received gave me the base to venture out and want to learn more about wildlife and history. I still remember the epic semester in Mr. Doll's world history class when we debated The Court Case Ancient Times versus the Modern World. We were each assigned a historical figure. I always loved reading, so

I was able to combine researching and note taking to complete my interpretation of Gloria Steinman. My mom even had some groovy clothes to wear, and I borrowed a wig from the drama department. Mrs. Headrick, the librarian, was so kind to guide me in my quest. She even recommended books to read for fun for me on the weekends. Of course, Mr. Hayes, the English teacher, enabled me to write concisely and clearly for the research paper.

I often think how amazing our teachers knew us as individuals instead of just as classes. My husband graduated with over



Diane during her time as a Bayless Student.

five hundred classmates from Ritenour when I only graduated with 85. We all knew each other from kindergarten too. Bayless gave us lots of opportunities that a larger school would not have been able to. I played basketball, ran cross-country and track. I even participated in student council, class vice president, started Students Against Drunk Driving, and, of course was a library assistant. I was able to try out for many activities and took a variety of classes. Bayless gave me a chance without judgement to be an athlete even though I was a tolerable one and to become a good student.

Mrs. Miller, the biology teacher, was patient and informative to her students. A few of us had let go of the fruit flies during an experiment. She laughed it off though the classroom had quite a few flies for the next several days. Mr. Hayes was generous with his time sponsoring a student council trip to Columbia to hosting dances and many meetings.

Bayless gave me a great start in my life that eventually led me to working at the Saint Louis Zoo and the National Park Service. It enabled me to complete a master's in education from Webster University, a graduate certificate in Science from Washington University, and a certification national Association in Interpretation. I often reflect that Bayless is such a special school district though small, mighty in instilling a community.

If you are looking for a book and wondered who that guy with the snake around his neck at the Herpetarium is, purchase my book at the Saint Louis Zoo Gift shop. Or even better, write that book you have been meaning to do!



Diane's book, "Charlie Hoessle: A Friend to All"

Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame Announces 2022 Induction Class

The Board of Directors of the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame announced its induction Class of 2022 on April 14, 2022 at the Sheraton Chalet Hotel at Westport. Eighteen new members were inducted which included thirteen players (including nine with professional experience), three managers/coaches and two contributors. The first step toward organizing the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame took place in July, 1973 and after many discussions a target date of March, 1974 was set for the first awards banquet.

Among the 2022 inductees, was John Herzing, Bayless High School Class of 1964, for Outstanding LH pitcher for Washington University St. Louis and STL County League. John and his wife, Martha "Marty" (Martin) Herzing, Class of 1964, made the trip from San Jose, CA to attend the ceremony. John was also the recipient of Bayless' Athletic Hall of Fame 2019, "Golden Horseshoe" Award for his excellence in sports at Bayless.

Some other past recipients are: Robert Horneyer, Class of 1943 & deceased 12/15/2000 and he also received Bayless' Athletic Hall of Fame 2015, "Golden Horseshoe" Award in 2015, Frank Ortmann, Class of 1943, and deceased 10/7/2005, Ron Paul, Class of 1954, he also received Bayless' Alumni of the Year in 1992 and Bayless'

Athletic Hall of Fame 2014, "Golden Horseshoe" Award in 2014, Russell Zingrich, Class of 1944 and deceased 12/24/1993, Jim Doerr, Class of 1950, he also received Bayless' Alumni of the Year in 1996 and Thom Tusinski, retired Bayless health/physical education/coach in 2019. Jack Bender, Class of 1957, in 2002 received the Contributor Award.

Ed Chard, Class of 1961, received the 2022 Bob Broeg Award for coaching and is also a 1999 Greater STL Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame inductee. The Bob Broeg Award sponsored by Bob Hardcastle and Money Talk on 550KTRS is presented to the high school baseball coach for his commitment to coaching excellence and lifetime of service to high school baseball in the greater St. Louis area. Ed is a long time Head Baseball Coach at Mehlville High School. He was also the recipient of Bayless' Alumni of the Year in 1998



2022 Senior Awards

The 2022 Senior Awards Night was held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the Raymond M. Keller Auditorium. The 31st annual alumni scholarships were presented to Erna Bakrach and Mason Shaver. Other recipients of various alumni scholarships were as follows:

Classes of 1960-1969 recipients were: Marianne Abrigo, Ahmed Al Awad, Natalie Delatejera-Tehandon, Muharem Hadzalic, Sahar Hussaini, Jahsiri Jackson, Eldina Jakubovic, Dzenisa Pandzic, Abullah Thamer, Gregory Washington, Kor'Mya White and Lancelot Williams.

Marilyn (Massman) Chryst Scholarship presented to Muhamed Bobaj, Sebastion Chavez-Medlin, Muharem Hadzalic and Alaa Qusay. Marilyn taught Math from 1965 through 1978 at Bayless.

Class of 1976 alumni presented to Sebastion Chavez-Medlin.

Eirich Brothers Scholarship presented to Omar Zaman by Henry Eirich (1969) and Scott Eirich (1978).

Alma Goggin Medical Scholarship presented to Emily Willers by the Goggin family.

Mary (Adkins) Halbrook Scholarship presented to Anel Malagic and Laney Wohlschlaeger by Mary (Adkins) Halbrook. Mary taught English and Speech at Bayless for 26 years.

Kerley Family Scholarship presented to Gannon Van Zale by the Kerley Family.

Lillian/James Newsom Memorial Scholarship presented to Ilma Memic by Jim Newsom (1960).

Uthoff Scholarship presented to Ajdin Omerovic by Bill Uthoff (1972) and Anne (Kaiser) Uthoff (1976).

Anna Wear Scholarship presented to Alaa Qusay by Sally Wear (1958), Michael Wear (1972) and Vanessa Wear (2002).

Frieda Wohlschlaeger Scholarship presented to Muhamed Bobaj by Sally Wear (1958) and Nancy (Wohlschlaeger) Bruckner (1956).

Sally Wear Award/Scholarship to Nabila Safi by Sally Wear (1958).

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

- Patricia (Schad) Looby, Class of 1970, for donating some Bayless Bronchos newspapers from 1970.
- Ronald Zingrich, Class of 1965, for donating some Prom entertainment memorabilia.
- Jerry Scheske, Class of 1958, for donating a box of paper for the printer.
- Robert Comotto, Class of 1962, for donating some Junior Hi Times and BA-HI Broadcaster school newspapers from 1957 – 1962, intramural track meet ribbons, a "B" letter and a Bayless button.
- Ronald Paul, Class of 1954, for donating some Bayless High School ECHO school newspapers from 1953.
- Jo Ann J. (Kramer) Ballard, Class of 1963, deceased, for donating her yearbooks, BHS pin, and a class reunion booklet.
- The Classes of 1960-1969 for their donations to give 12 graduating seniors \$1,000.00 each at the 2022 Senior Awards Night.
- Mary (Adkins) Halbrook, retired Bayless English teacher, for donating 2 scholarships at the Senior Awards Night.
- Marilyn (Massman) Chryst, former Bayless math teacher, for donating 4 scholarships at the Senior Awards Night.
- David Schmitt, Class of 1976, for donating a scholarship at the Senior Awards Night.
- Other alumni scholarship contributors: Goggin Family, Kerley Family, James Newsom, Class of 1960, Wm & Anne (Kaiser) Uthoff, Class of 1972 & 1976, Eirich Brothers & Sally (Wohlschlaeger) Wear, Class of 1958.
- Patricia (Ellerbeck) Lee, Class of 1972, for donating money to the Alumni Association in memory of her dear friend, Carol Elchinger, Class of 1972.

Honoring Staff & Volunteers

The 14th Annual Bayless School Recognition awards were held on April 18, 2022 in the Bayless' Keller Auditorium. The honorees were as follows:

Building Teachers of the 2021-2022 school year finalists:

Kristen deJong-BES, Debbie Brandenburgh-BJH and Tamara Simmons-BHS.

The 2021-22 District Teacher of the Year was Kristen deJong Bayless Elementary second grade teacher and a K-2 English Language Arts Curriculum Chair.

The Rising Star nominees were: Renee Owens, Andre Redden and Rosie Paasch. The winner was Rosie Paasch, 5th Grade teacher.

The Broncho Award recognizes members of the staff or community for outstanding achievement and/or service to the Bayless School District. The winners were Bill Godwin, substitute teacher, and John Kohler, Junior High Girls Softball Program and Music Boosters.

Staff Person of the Year nominees were: Christina Ernst, Mary Frenz and Sanela Jugovic. The winner was Mary Frenz, School Nurse.

Retirees were recognized for their years of service: Martha Beta (High School Science teacher), Kenton Boyer (4 TH Grade teacher), Kathy Lohse (SSD Speech Pathologist), Patrick McDowell (High School Foreign Language teacher) and Ronald Tucker (Superintendent).

Service awards for years at Bayless were given to: 2 with 25 years, 3 with 20 years, 4 with 15 years, 8 with 10 years and 16 with 5 years.

Class of 1970 reunited at last!

After a pandemic-induced postponement in 2020, the Bayless Class of 1970 gathered on October 1, 2021 for its 50th (plus 1) reunion. Sixty-nine classmates and guests attended the reunion held at the Aviator Hotel on S. Lindbergh Blvd. Attendees enjoyed an evening of eating, drinking, dancing and most of all, reconnecting with lifelong friends.

Karen Rosemann Hetzer welcomed the attendees by reminiscing about memories of life at BHS 50 years ago. She relayed some humorous stories that classmates recalled of encounters with teachers and urged teachers in the audience to note that students can remember certain incidents for more than half a century. Karen concluded her remarks by reading the following meme, "Friends, one day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations. One day our children will see our photos and ask who the people are. We will smile, with invisible tears, telling them the best time of my life was spent with them."

Classmates Bob Neff, Howard Oldham and Steve Schaab prepared a video of Bayless *Then and Now*, which included photos and drone footage of the facilities and *The Class of '70—a Look Back* including photos and video of key events during the Class of '70's time at Bayless. An exhibit of elementary school photos of the class as well as the 1969 and 1970 editions of the Broncho newsletter were also available. A memorial to the 32 classmates who have passed away was on display during the evening.

The reunion committee was chaired by Kathy Dean Cady, and the following also participated in the three year planning process and implementation of the event:

Marilyn Riley Bell, Taffy Wiethop Burr, Roseanna Ferguson Gieselmann, Karen Rosemann Hetzer, Pat Schad Looby, Marcia Spieckerman Marcus, Cindy Nash Netemeyer, Terry Royer Schimmer, Debby Schirmer Torretti, and Joyce Urbeck.



Married couples from the Class of 1970 Pictured left to right - front row/back row:

Cindy (Carroll) Rogers/John Rogers, Karen (Rosemann) Hertzner/Jim Hertzner, Terry (Royer) Schimmer/Michael Schimmer, Patricia (Schad) Looby/Tom Looby, Stephanie "Taffy" (Wiethop) Burr/Gary Burr (1968), Debbie (Baker) Donnelly/Kevin Donnelly and Sue (Rieger) Tranchill/Steve Tranchilla (1969).



Love and Marriage Bayless Style Part XVI- By Carolyn (Runge) Decker - Class of 1960

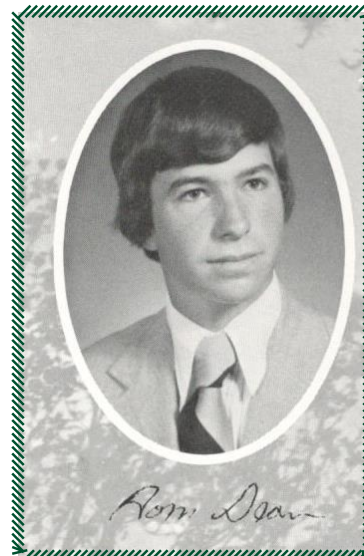
Tom (1977) and Laura (Finkenbuerger) (1978) Dean attended Bayless K-12. Both of them had siblings that graduated before them from Bayless – Kathy Cady (Dean) (1970), George Dean (1972), Wayne Finkenbuerger (1969) and Sue Gerwitz (Finkenbuerger) (1970).

Tom and Laura started dating in the Spring of 1976 when Tom was a Junior and Laura a sophomore. Tom played Basketball and Baseball while at Bayless. The two of them shared many friends while at Bayless and still do so today.

They married in October of 1982 and will be celebrating their 40-year anniversary this year. This couple have 5 grown children all living in St. Louis and have 7 grandchildren (5 boys and 2 girls). Living very close, they are at the house when Laura is babysitting the younger ones 4 days a week or pool time in the summer. This couple also enjoys going to watch the older ones play sports.

Tom has had a long and successful career in the insurance business and Laura is a homemaker that has been the foundation of raising their incredible family. Currently Laura babysits the two youngest grandchildren 4 days a week.

Tom is an avid golfer who plays as much as he can and Laura, in addition to babysitting, loves doing projects around the house. They love to travel and have been to Europe on several occasions, South Africa and Zambia, Hawaii and the Caribbean. Their favorite Family Getaway is to Sanibel Island, Florida.



Bayless and the Vietnam War - Continued from 2021 Newsletter

By Richard Reinheimer (Class of 1963)

After my first attempt to discover all the Bayless graduates or attendees who served in Vietnam, Sally heard from several more who were not listed the first time. Listed below is a continuation of those that were missed.

I would like to not only dedicate this to those who served, but to those who served and died as a result of Agent Orange. Over 300,000 Vietnam Veterans died as a result of their exposure. That is five times as many who lost their lives in the war itself. One of my best friends in the military died of it. In addition, his daughter also passed away from cancer at a very early age. It has been known to be passed on to children. Listed below are several from Bayless who passed away from the exposure and many others who have health related issues to this day.

Class of 1960

Arthur Muhs served in the Navy in construction, as an electrician with the Seabees. He was in Vietnam from 1968-69 and was an E-5. He was in the Mobile Construction Battalion 3 and CBMU 302. They supported the 3rd Marine Division. Later he was transferred to the CBMU 302 at Nha Trang and covered the Delta.

Kenneth Marsh served with the Seabees with the MCB7 in Vietnam in 1966. He passed away July 18, 2021.

Paul "Dennis" Knopf served in the Army in the 9th Infantry Division. He served in Vietnam in 1967 with a rank of Specialist 5. He passed January 25, 2001.

Class of 1961

Kenneth Becker served and retired from the Army. He was in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Division.

Class of 1962

Lester Flamm served in the Army in Vietnam and had a rank of Specialist 4. He served in a Transportation Unit hauling fuel tankers for the first six months. Because of his safety record, Lester was transferred to become the driver for the Colonel. He was in Vietnam from 1966-1967. Lester passed away due to his exposure to Agent Orange on December 3, 2015.

Class of 1963

Terry Youngman served in the Marines from 1964-68 with two tours in Vietnam in 1964 to 1966. He served in 1st Battalion of the 9th

Marines and also with the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines and then with 1st Battalion 7th Marines. He was a squad leader as a Corporal with a 106 Recoilless Rifle Unit.

Kim Wunderlich served in the Army in Vietnam. He was a Specialist 5. He passed away in November 1979. His death was probably linked to Agent Orange exposure.

Alan Walters served in the Army as an Artillery Officer with the 101st Airborne according to Art Muhs (not verified and unable to contact him).

Class of 1964

Tom Harrington served in the US Air Force in Vietnam from 1968-69. He was a Transportation Officer and Chief of Aircraft Loading, Planning and Movement Control. He served the 14th Aerial Port Squadron at Cam Ranh Bay. He was in charge of two detachments in II Corps. He retired from the Air Force in 1987.

Don Brandt would have graduated with the class of 1964 but left school early to serve as a Marine in the Vietnam War according to Diane Jordan. He passed away in 2018.

Michael Yakimo was in the Army as Artillery Officer and in Vietnam 1968-69. He was a 1st Lt. in the Central Highlands (Artillery Reconnaissance) with the 8/26 Artillery 1st Field Force. In 1969 he was wounded, recovered and then discharged in September.

Class of 1965

Dennis Knezevich served in the Army in Vietnam. Additional information was unobtainable. He passed away on December 21, 2021.

Joel Hommelson served in the Army in Vietnam from 1967-68. He earned the rank of Sergeant in the Mechanized Infantry Unit with the 25th Infantry Division. Joel received a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and his Combat Infantry Badge. Joel is married to Karen (King) of the class of 1965.

Class of 1966

Michael Beishir served in the Army in Vietnam in Company D, 3rd Battalion 2nd Brigade. He was involved in construction and

port construction. He also served as jeep driver for the Commanding Officer. His station was Cam Ranh Bay from 1970-71. He passed away on April 14, 2016 as a result of Agent Orange. He was married to Judy (Nabe) class of 1966.

Michael Turek served in the Army as a Medic. He was in Vietnam in 1969 and served in 22 Surgical MASH Unit in Phu Bai and also in Da Nang in the 92 Evacuation Hospital. He had a rank of Sergeant.

Class of 1967

Roy Holst served in Vietnam and was a Specialist 4. He passed away on October 19, 2020.

Ernst Neidel served in the U.S. Air Force from 1967-1971 and was an Aircraft Mechanic for C-130s. Ernst spent two temporary duty time in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970. While in Vietnam he served out of Cam Ranh Bay and Tan Son Nhut Air Bases. He was assigned to the 314 TAC Alft Wing, PACAF.

Class of 1968

Bill Graef served in the Army. He was a combat medic with the 101st Airborne serving from 1969-70. His specific unit was Company A 2/502. Bill was a Specialist 4.

Robert Koon served two tours in Vietnam.

Richard Scharlott served in the Army as a Specialist 4. He passed away on May 30, 2017.

Scott Zlatic served in the Marine Corps as a LCPL. He passed away on June 2, 2009.

Class of 1970

Gary Jostes served in the Army in the infantry with the rank of Specialist 4. He served in 1971 in a variety of combat roles. He was a door gunner on a Huey. His unit was D troop, 229 Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry. Gary was shot down, went to Hokaido, Japan and then back to St. Louis.



From graduation to retirement

By DeAnne (Parham) Thorn, Class of 1960

Thanks to the teachers who were on staff when I was a student at Bayless High School. Their incredible teaching skills gave me a well-rounded education experience. Through all the grumbling and protesting about the plethora of term paper assignments, I valued and appreciated those lessons as a college student. Miss Fuerth (Mrs. Kruse) was my favorite Art teacher. She was supportive for all my interests in art and let me explore many creative ideas. She allowed me to use some art time to participate in artistic efforts for Mr. Keller's Drama Dept. i.e. working on sets, brochures, etc. (Early Cross Curriculum). It was her supportive encouragement to continue my art education and dream of a commercial art career.



DE ANNE PARHAM — "Shob"
... artist ... letters to Central ... cute personality
F.H.A. '58, '59, '60; G.A.A. '59, '60; Pep Club '58; Science Club Treasurer '57; Band '57, '58, '59, '60; Concert Choir '58; Basketball '57, '58, '59, '60.

As an art student in the School of Fine Arts, Washington University, it felt more like a job with classes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays. And, of course, one Summer School for a class repeat, haha. Illustration was my major and drawing was my focus; academic classes not so much. One of my favorite classes was anatomy for artists and drawing a skeleton and bones. A memorable highlight was a field trip to W.U. School of Medicine to view many anatomical wonders and a cadaver. Our art instructors were practicing artists, some who were well known in St. Louis, like Sigfried Reinhart, one of my favorites. I graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. I went on to explore commercial art working in advertising, the greeting card industry, and an industrial film animation department, which I had to have government security clearance. Our animation department did many military films including work for the Moon exploration. After several years I decided that I wasn't a good fit for commercial art as meeting creative deadlines was a challenge. I'm more of an artist that likes to turn on my creative mode when the mood strikes which doesn't work very well in a busy setting.

Once again I went to school, to earn a teaching certificate for Art K-12. Going to school continued, as going to school was what I did for the rest of my career, as an Art teacher and as a student. Eventually I earned a Masters in Art Education with emphasis on Communications in Aesthetic Education and continued taking more graduate courses. Teachers just keep going to school and educational workshops (especially those at the St. Louis Art Museum). I even had classes where my art teacher, Miss Fuerth, was also a student. That was fun seeing her again and sharing art ideas with her.

My first teaching job was at Affton Jr. High. I loved it. In between teaching jobs, I was an assistant teacher for Special Education working with children with special needs, often given the chance to offer art projects. Next I taught Art K-6 in the Mehlville School District. After years of pushing an art cart I moved to High School, where I pushed an art cart my first year there. My favorite class to teach was an Independent Study course for Senior art students. This also was a learning experience for me. Students have a way of inspiring their teachers. In retirement I have used some of that inspiration in my own art work.

During retirement I taught drawing to adults in community classes. I have volunteered creative projects for Church and community events. I'm a member in art associations and participate in local exhibits where I have won several awards for my entries. The best part of retirement is living in Birmingham, Alabama where my daughter, Cris, and her family live. I enjoy spending time with them, even when I am running the Grannie Shuttle for my two teenage granddaughters, Reese and Ryleigh Kate. My cat, Desi, keeps an eye on me as I make art and recycle stuff; chairs, etc., into something useful and decorative.

I guess what I'm saying is I'm enjoying "Retirement".



This is DeAnne's current pencil drawing of her daughter's dog, Arlo, a goldendoodle, that she gave her daughter for her birthday. DeAnne will draw or paint anything that has eyes or a nose.

BHS Alumni Milestones/Heavenly Promotions

Abendschein, Anne B. (Barisic)
(1949) – 6/5/2022 – 89 years old
Arthur, Pamela J. (Whitesell)
(1975) – 2/10/2022
Pittsburgh, PA
Ballard, Jo Ann J. (Kramer)
(1963) – 3/31/2022
Illinois
*Bell, Frank W.
(1937) – 8/6/2010 – 91 years old
*Beshara, Laura E. (Schaefer)
(1938) – 4/16/2014 – 93 years old
Tulsa, OK
*Boston, Ora W.
(1960) – 11/30/2017
Brannan, Harrell E.
(1954) – 12/2/2021
Fenton, MO
Breuer, Dianne M. (Falter)
(1964) – 1/3/2022
Burke, Joseph T.
(2011) – 1/14/2022
*Childers, Robert R.
(1960) – 7/30/2019
Pentwater, MI
Cole, John A. Jr.
(1966) – 1/1/2022
St. Petersburg, FL
Connors-Cleavelin, Mary "Carol"
(Friedman)
(1958) – 6/13/2022
*Crames, Louise (Schwartz)
(1937) – 1/11/2020 – 100 years old
Danneman, Cherdawn "Dawn"
(Watters)
(1971) – 12/4/2021
David, Richard "Rick" A.
(1965) – 8/30/2021
DeClue, Ashli J. (Durham)
(2006) – 6/30/2022
*DelPiano, Bernice "Bee" (Dallmer)
(1960) – 4/6/2021
Mooresville, NC
*Douma, Carole M. (Piening)
(1954) – 8/27/2021 – 85 years old
Farmington, MO
Dreppard, Larry J.
(1956) – 7/17/2022 – 84 years old
Lampe, MO
*Farrington, Lawrence M.
(1969) – 9/17/2021
Temecula, CA
Galovich, Dana M. (Streicher)
(1980) – 4/27/2022
Gerwitz, Susan C. (Finkenbuerger)
(1972) – 2/11/2022
Fenton, MO
Goggin, Thomas D.
(1979) – 2/9/2022
Graeff, Edith "Kay" (Jung)
(1963) – 1/29/2022
Gray, Patricia A. (Lewis)
(1964) – 12/23/2021

Potosi, MO
Greene, Patricia "Pat" I.
Middle School Teacher 1969-1996
7/3/2022
Grosse, Robert S. "Bob"
(1971) – 1/27/2022
Herr, Cecilia "CeCe" (Shy)
(1971) – 2/26/2022
Hill, Reverend Willis
(1964) – 1/1/2022
Imperial, MO
Holden, Tracey "Peggy" (Harig)
(1968) – 2/18/2022
*Holst, Roy C.
(1967) – 10/19/2020
Camdenton, MO
Horton, Margurite E. (Roeder)
(1968) – 10/10/2021
West Plains, MO
Ingram, Eugene "Gene" D.
(1958) – 12/20/2021
Bonne Terre, MO
Jean, Mary Ann (Lemand)
(1957) – 5/1/2022
Savage, MN
Kennamann, Floyd G.
(1950's Attendee) – 4/29/2022
*Kleinecke, Catherine B. (Plovani-
ich)
(1938) – 11/17/2009
Knezevich, Dennis C.
(1965) – 12/21/2021
North Fort Myers, FL
Kohnert, Barbara A. (Briscoe)
(1967) – 3/30/2022
Porter, TX
Kudlinski, Stanley J.
(1962) – 4/4/2022
*Kuhn, Leroy B.
(1937) – 9/14/2009 - 91 years old
Sarasota, FL
Kwitzky, Albert J. "Bud" "Burt"
(1954) – 7/16/2022 – 86 years old
Ocean Springs, MS
*Lauer, Barbara A. (Friedman)
(Attendee) – 5/1/2016
Lee, John B. Sr.
(1979) – 10/20/2021
Loeffelman, Joseph W.
(1958) – 11/1/2021
Bellbrook, OH
Markus, Julie
(1948) – 12/20/2021
McKenzie, Carl E.
(Ind. Arts Teacher 1980-1982)
12/7/2021
McShane, Deacon Daniel T.
(1971) – 4/1/2022
San Antonio, TX
Menges, Linda L. (Durawski)
(1969) – 2/6/2022
Merideth, Lorraine C. (Remisze-
wski)

(Grade 6 Teacher 1966-1996)
1/24/2022
Maryville, IL
Millen, Wanda J. (Skelton)
(Bayless cafeteria aide/OASIS
tutor)
6/16/2022
*Mudrovich, Emily M. (Tomich)
(1939) – 8/17/2013 - 92 years old
Hacienda, CA
Mueller, Gary D.
(1969) – 5/1/2022
Naumann, Vickie G. (Kratzer)
(1975) – 9/22/2021
Novatny, Gary T.
(1956) – 10/1/2021
Fort Myers, FL
Parks, Donald N.
(Elem., Jr. High, Sen. High Teacher
1956-1989
Social Studies, Varsity Baseball
Coach)
10/24/2021
Pinkerton, Robert L. "Pink"
(1942) – 1/9/2022 – 96 years old
Pensacola, FL
Pledger, Pamela J. (Vie)
(1965) – 7/6/2021
Jacksonville, FL
Rader, Bertie Lou (Hake)
(Grade 9-1943) – 2/15/2022
Reinholtz, Edward K.
(1984) – 1/18/2021
Reynolds, Helen "Jane" (Ficklin)
Nurse
10/22/2021
Peoria, IL
Schader, Kenneth J.
(1957) – 2/25/2022
Parker, CO
Schaller, Jennifer R.
(1998) – 5/10/2022
Marissa, IL
*Scherer, Elmer H.
(1935) – 3/20/2016 – 99 years old
Schneider, Michael P.
(1954) – 7/12/2022
Schoen, Donald F.
(1951) – 6/24/2022
*Schultheis, Everett P.
(1935) – 12/26/2005
Shelton, Gloria M. (Frank)
(1970) – 10/26/2021
Smalley, Sally Joy
Elementary School Teacher 8/72-
6/96
Pensacola, FL
Staley, Donna (Whitesell)
(1973) – No date
Stelman, Colette C. (Rueschhoff)
(1953) – 5/4/2021
Rockledge, FL
Stockberger, Norman "Keith"

(1950) – 6/23/22 – 88 years old
Sullentrup, Sister Estelle, CPPS
(1941) – 4/26/2022 – 98 years old
Tiesing, Wendy L. (Holaus) Bebee
(1987) – 10/24/2021
Tinkham, Jeanette L. (Thompson)
(1945) – 7/5/2021
Valley Park, MO
Van de Riet, John J. III
(1975 Attendee) – 12/18/2021
*Vogt, Georgia A. (Schulte)
(Grade 9 only-1954) – 10/16/2021
Wallick, Donna (Nesselhauf)
Elementary/Immediate Teacher –
3/14/2022
Walther, Karin E. (Kvaternik)
(1988) – 10/10/2021
Staunton, IL
Ward, Terry G.
(1966 Attendee) – 9/15/2021
Watts, Jean L.
(1945) – 2/17/2021
Wherle, Richard C.
(1952) – 6/16/2022
Wiegert, Russell M. Jr.
(1963) – 11/17/2021
*Wilde, Wayne R.
(1956) – 12/1/2021
Columbia, MO
*Wilfinger, Theresa K. (DeWald)
(1938) – 8/9/2013
Winter, Woodie G.
(1955) – 1/10/2022
Mooresville, IN
Wolff, John L.
(1962) – 8/20/2021
Zinselmeier, Richard H.
(1956 Attendee) – 3/6/2022

*Just Notified

Anniversary

Steve Walker, Class of 1986,
and wife Kristine were married
31 years on 4/27/2022.
Jeffrey Kinsler, Class of 1980,
And wife Janet were married 25
years on 1/25/2022.
Greg Hunter, former Ind. Arts
teacher, and wife Joann were
married 35 years on 6/20/2022.
Deborah (Gregory) Schaefer,
Class of 1971, and husband
Jerry were married 50 years on
8/18/2022.
Wayne Kull, Class of 1951, and
wife Jackie will be married 70
years on 11/22/2022.
Tom Dean, Class of 1977, and
Laura (Finkenbuerger) Dean,
Class of 1978, will be married 40
years in 10/2022.
Ronald Paul, Class of 1954,
and Judie (Kleb) Paul, Class of
1958 will be married 61 years on
10/21/2022.

Life After Graduation



By Charles Lavazzi, Class of 1966

On the surface it looks like a straightforward proposition: let all your former classmates know what you've been up to since you graduated from Bayless. Mention any teachers that had a big influence on you. It sounds easy until you sit down at the keyboard.

But, what the heck; I've been a writer (among other things) for over five decades now, so let's give it a shot.

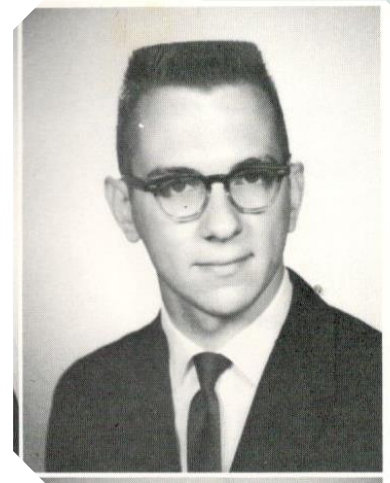
Education first: I got a BA in Psychology from Rice University in Houston, then an MA in Experimental Psychology from Indiana State. Came back to St. Louis and worked, in order, as an Engineering Psychologist at McDonnell-Douglas, a Research Associate in the Washington University Medical School Psychiatry Department, a Social Services Supervisor at the Missouri Division of Family Services and, finally, an IT Manager at SBC/ATT. I retired from my for-profit career in 2012.



Meanwhile, I had this whole non-profit (and mostly non-paid) career as an actor, radio broadcaster (88.1 KDHX, baby!), singer, and music/theatre critic. I got to do some dream roles on stage locally, including Alfred P. Doolittle in a concert version of "My Fair Lady," Niels Bohr in "Copenhagen," and Oberon in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." I host a monthly singers open mic night at The Blue Strawberry for The Cabaret Project, where I'm also a board member. I'm a member of the St. Louis Theater Circle (the local theatre critics organization) and the Music Critics Association of North America (classical music critics).

I also recently started a video blog on YouTube titled "Chuck's Culture Channel." It's all about interviews with performing artists, local and otherwise. I have chats there with everyone from St. Louis Symphony Music Director Stéphane Denève to comic Paula Poundstone.

I'm beginning to wonder how I ever found time for a full-time job!



Along the way I got married (bad idea), divorced (much better idea) and, married again—an excellent idea, since my second wife Sherry and I have been together now for 26 years. We live in a vintage 1880s home in Soulard and love it. We have watched members of our extended family group grow up and grow old(er). Shared sorrows, joys, and lots of travel, especially to Paris. This year: our long-postponed Rhine cruise along with trips to Switzerland and Iceland.

Oh, yeah: influential Bayless teachers. In my case, it's Ray Keller. His Political Science class was a real mind-opener.

And so it goes. If anyone wants to connect on that new-fangled Internet thing, I'm on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. And then there are these fine links: KDHX articles: <https://kdhx.org/component/tags/tag/chuck-lavazzi>

Stage Left Blog (delivering fine articles on the fine arts since

2006!): <http://stageleft-stlouis.blogspot.com>

Chuck's Culture Channel on

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6b6O6X-M-nlbnCijzfvw6lA2d-2Sp2e>

And so, as Jimmy Durante used to say: Goodnight, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are.

CLASS OF 1976

Your classmate, David Schmitt, is challenging you to donate money to establish a scholarship specifically from your class for next year to be given to a graduating senior at the Senior Awards Night in May. Other BHS alumni classes and individuals have established scholarships. If you would like to contribute, make your check payable to BHS Alumni Association and in the notation space on your check mark it for the 1976 class scholarship.

Mail to: BHS Alumni Association, Sally Wear, President, 4532 Weber Road, St Louis, MO 63123.



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Jack Bender - 1957

Karen (Kohout) Benne - 1959

Carol (Egendoerfer) Blasberg - 1961

Henry Eirich - 1969

David Haag - 1965

Barbara (Mizerany) Haaser - 1969

Lisa (Puettmann) Hunt - 1982

Jackie (Stricker) Jones - 1962

Kathryn (Schramm) LaBarge - 1982

Loretta Lange - 1975

Joani (Nabe) Madden - 1968

Dianne (Casanover) Nichols - 1971

Deborah (Gregory) Schaefer - 1971

Broncho

News and information for Bayless High School Alumni

Upcoming Reunion: CLASS OF 1962

The class of 1962 reunion will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Pietro's Restaurant. For more information call Jackie (Stricker) Jones at 636-212-1676 or email her at jjones5556@att.net.

Homecoming 2021

The Homecoming 2021 football game was Friday, October 8, 2021 and the Homecoming Parade was Saturday, October 9th at 9:30 am. The alumni float was decorated by several alumni before the parade and Loretta Lange, Class of 1975, provided snacks and took pictures along with Sherry Mellinger, Class of 1959.

Scott Eirich, Class of 1978, drove his truck and pulled a trailer for alumni to ride in and Henry Eirich, Class of 1969, was his co-pilot. Other alumni riding on the truck were: Mike Schneider, deceased, Class of 1954, Nancy (Wohlschlaeger) Bruckner, Class of 1956, Sally (Wohlschlaeger) Wear, Class of 1958, Loretta Lange, Class of 1975, Debbie (Gregory) Schaefer, Class of 1971,

Kay (Edmonds) Erb, Class of 1959, Norman Hinkamp, Class of 1956, Linda (Fleddermann) Webb, Class of 1966 and Sherry Mellinger, Class of 1959.

A great ride was had by all!

