



# Broncho

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## OKTOBERFEST

The annual Alumni Oktoberfest Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023 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 100 alumni signed in at the 2022 picnic. This total does not include spouses or friends that also came. That total would be close to 150. 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 1955 - 1 (Colorado), Class of 1961 - 1 (Texas), Class of 1966 - 1 (Utah) and Class 1971 - 1 (Illinois). Here is the breakdown on the total alumni by class attended:

1951 - 1; 1952 - 1; 1953 - 1; 1954 - 2; 1955 - 1; 1956 - 4; 1957 - 3; 1958 - 2; 1959 - 8; 1960 - 4; 1961 - 4; 1962 - 4; 1963 - 3; 1964 - 3; 1965 - 5; 1966 - 2; 1967 - 1; 1968 - 14; 1969 - 4; 1970 - 8; 1971 - 11; 1972 - 2; 1973 - 3; 1974 - 3; 1975 - 2; 1977 - 1; 1982 - 2; 1986 - 1 and Teachers - 2.

The Class of 1968 had the most in attendance with 14, followed by



*Joani (Nabe) Madden (1968) & Ruthann (Ochs) DeNoyer (1960) standing Sally & Karen (Kohout) Benne (1959)*

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

**Sunday, October 8, 2023\***

**at Crestwood Elks**

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

the Class of 1971 with 11. The Classes of 1959 and 1970 tied with 8.

The 50/50 first place winner was Nancy (Wolf) Eichholz (Class of 1953) \$100, second place winner was Bill Graef (Class of 1968) \$60 and third place winner was Marcia (Spieckerman) Markus (Class of 1970) \$21.

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



**50/50 Winners: Bill Graef, 2nd place winner, Nancy (Wolf) Eichholz, 1st place winner and Marcia (Spieckerman) Markus, 3rd place winner**

David Haag presented our seventh year Athletic Hall of fame awards for 2021 and 2022 to Frank Balzer, posthumously, Class of 1947, and James Schaffer, Class of 1975, for the 2021 year. George Major, Class of 1977, and Joan (Diller) Thorn, Class of 1964, for the 2022 year.

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 8, 2023, 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 p.m. in the high school library. Please email me at [swear@bayless.k12.mo.us](mailto: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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The Bayless Alumni Association is a not-for-profit organization. Membership dues of \$25 annually and other contributions such as; memorial tributes, scholarship funds, news, photos and articles of interest may be sent to Sally Wear, Alumni Office at 4532 Weber Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63123.

Addition alumni information is available on the Bayless School District website [baylessk12.org](http://baylessk12.org) under the high school page.

*We had groups from many decades and several states at the Oktoberfest Picnic in 2022. On the right we have our out-of-state attendees, and below are photos from the decades.*



Shirley (Hite) Sieli (1955) Colorado  
Steve Saputo (1971) Illinois,  
Donald Blank (1961) Texas and  
Greg Mayer (1966) Utah.

## 1950s



## 1960s



## 1970s



## 1980s



# CONGRATULATIONS TO:



**Bayless School District** has been named one of St Louis Post-Dispatch 2023 Top Workplaces, Mid-size Category, to receive this award. This is the 12th year the St Louis Post-Dispatch has partnered with Energage, an employee survey company based in Pennsylvania, to celebrate exceptional workplaces. Based on employee survey feedback, 179 have earned recognition as Top Workplaces in the small, midsize and large categories. We have received this award several times in the past.

**Eric Lawrence** as the next principal of Bayless High School for the 2023-2024 school year. He has been at Bayless for four years serving as athletic director/assistant principal.

**Kristen dejong and Melissa Duke**, Bayless Elementary School teachers, were recognized as Emerson's 2022 Excellence in Teaching Award Honorees. These are educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area who have been selected by their school's administrators for their accomplishments and dedication to their students and the teaching profession. Great job Kristen and Melissa!

**Tiffany (Alexander) Maloney**, Class of 1999, a sixth through 12th grade English Language Learner teacher & ELL Newcomer Specialist at Bayless, won Office Essentials Makeover My Classroom Contest in December 2022. Her submission was selected as the winner out of 50+ entries across the state of Missouri. Her classroom was redesigned by her, assistant superintendent Mike Hawkins and a group of professional designers provided by Office Essentials. She is being given \$50,000 to spend on Hon Company furniture to help the makeover. When the classroom was finally revealed after returning from spring break, Fox 2 Now's Tim Ezell showcased everything live on the 9 a.m. newscast.

**Jett Bono**, Class of 2023, who has successfully auditioned into the Missouri All-State Band is the first student from Bayless to be selected into this elite ensemble since it was formed. Over 1,400 high school band students were individually heard in blind auditions by judges in Columbia. Jett was selected for a callback audition along with 25 other students before being named in the top Horn section in the state of Missouri. Way to go, Jett!

**The South Side Optimist Club** showed their appreciation to educators and teachers by serving lunch to the staff of Bayless High School on December 13, 2022.

**Bayless students** scored higher than any other district in the region on student growth in English for sub-groups including Black, Hispanic, low-income, disabled and non-English speaking students. Bayless was also the only district in the county that has grown enrollment by more than 1%.

**Ella Follen**, Class of 2023, was selected as Bayless' St Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete for 2023.

**Sahar Hussaini**, Class of 2022, attends St Louis University's Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business where she is majoring in marketing and when she isn't studying she is helping business owners and new immigrants as a board member of the Afghan Chamber of Commerce and Afghan Community Center in St Louis. The Center is sponsored by the International Institute of St Louis. It hosts courses in English, entrepreneurship skills and financial literacy for Afghans in the region wishing to explore business opportunities.

**Henry Albert Jubel**, Class of 1936 & deceased 7/8/1999, for having the new Destination Discovery at the St Louis Zoo, "The Henry A. Jubel Foundation Destination Discovery, "Animal Adventures At Every Turn" on 2.8 acres named after his Foundation. It is slated for a public opening in 2026 with construction beginning in 2024. Mr. Jubel's Foundation donated a generous lead gift of \$15 million dollars.



## Class of 1982 Celebrates 40 Years

On July 30, 2022, members of the BHS Class of '82 gathered at Highway 61 Roadhouse in Webster to celebrate 40 years since graduating. Around 40 classmates attended along with spouses, significant others and other alumni from other classes. Entertainment was provided by 5 Star Roscoe, a band that includes BHS band alumni Steve Staicoff (1979) and Eric Knost (1983).

It was a great evening reminiscing and catching up. Several lucky classmates are already enjoying retirement. Barb Brown from Florida, Chris Thompson (and his wife) from Connecticut and Dave Jostes from Minnesota traveled the farthest to be there.

Since the Class of '82 lost a few classmates since its last reunion, a portion of each ticket was set aside to honor these classmates with a donation to Bayless. Anyone who wants to contribute to this special honor fund should make a check payable to Bayless Alumni Association, attention Class of '82 Special Fund. Mail your check to Sally Wear, 4532 Weber Road, St. Louis, MO, 63123. The Class of '82 is already looking forward to a 45-year reunion in 2027.



## Did you know?

**The street, Wayne Drive, in Wilbur Park** was named after alumni, Wayne Kull, Class of 1951.

**The first four footed security system at night in the Bayless Elementary School** was a German Shepherd name Gretchen. She belonged to Superintendent, Hugo E. Beck. Gretchen roamed the halls in the building. In the morning, before he went to his 5th grade class in the Intermediate Building, Chris Petty (Class of 1968) would come in to cleanup. Gretchen was taken in by the Petty family when the Becks moved. Gretchen passed away and was buried in their backyard.

**Students** who lived across Gravois Road went to Little Bayless on Heege Road until 5th grade when they transferred to the two story school on Weber Road, building now demolished.

**The school colors** in the elementary, grades K-8, were blue & gold and senior high, grades 9-12, were green & gold.

**Smoking** was permitted behind the high school building which is now the junior high.

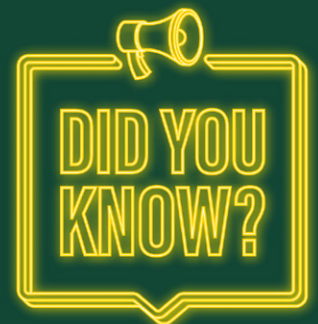
**Another** name for the Dramatics Club was The Footlighters.

**The GAA, Girls Athletic Association,** was called the WAA, Women's Athletic Association.

**The pretzel man** who sold pretzels during lunch time in front of the two story elementary building which was demolished.

**Graduation,** weather permitting, was held in back of the high school, now the junior high school.

**The south** side of the street was the Gardenville Fire Department and the north side of the street was the Affton Fire Department, now all Affton Fire Department.



# 2023 Senior Awards

The 2023 Senior Awards Night was held Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the Raymond M. Keller Auditorium.

The **32nd Annual Alumni Scholarships** recipients were: Irmin Beganoic, Ahmed Bektic, Thanh Lung and Leo Schrader.

Other recipients of various alumni scholarships were as follows:

**AM A&T Scholarship** recipients were: Tina Nguyen, Mark Patton and Akangchhaya "AK" Rai by Aida Miskic (2011).

**Classes of 1960-1969** recipients were: Elma Ademovic, Fatima Al-Abudy, Emina Badic. Selma Becarevic, Emir Bosnic, Sara Brooks, Ella Follen, Kyle Maus, Ajdin Muratovic, Suzan Mustafa, Farahnaz Nazary and Eldina Smajic.

**Marilyn (Massman) Chryst Scholarship** recipients were: Pierre Bilima, Jett Bono, Madison Grabian and Tyler Schuetz.

**Class of 1976 Alumni** recipient was Thanh Lung.

**Eirich Brothers Scholarship** recipient was Suhaylla Nazary by Henry Eirich (1969) and Scott Eirich (1978).

**Alma Goggin Medical Scholarship** recipient was Mackenzie Martinez by the Goggin Family.

**Kerley Scholarship** recipient was Cole Schniedermeyer by John Kerley (1982).

**Key Scholarship** recipient was Shapool Adel by the Key Family.

**Lillian/James Newsom Memorial Scholarship** recipient was Thao Nguyen by Jim Newsom (1960).

**Nicholas Rousseau Scholarship** recipient was Noe Oliva by Nicholas Rousseau (2009).

**Uthoff Scholarship** recipient was Amina Bajramovic by Bill Uthoff (1972) and Anne (Kaiser) Uthoff (1976).

**Anna Wear Scholarship** recipient was Mariyam Rahimi by Sally (Wohlschlaeger) Wear (1958).

**Frieda Wohlschlaeger Scholarship** recipient was Almedina Hozdic by Sally (Wohlschlaeger) Wear (1958).

**Sally Wear Award/Scholarship** recipient was Razia Azizi by Sally (Wohlschlaeger) Wear (1958).

## A BIG THANK YOU TO...

- **Gary Mueller, Class of 1969, (deceased),** family for donating his yearbooks, leather jacket, letter sweater and school jacket.
- **Michael Schneider, Class of 1954, (deceased),** family for donating his yearbooks and reunion pictures.
- **Larry Dreppard, Class of 1956 (deceased),** wife made an alumni scholarship donation.
- **Arthur Spellmeyer, Class of 1969, (deceased),** family donating his yearbooks, letter sweater, letter jacket, buttons and letter B.
- **Danny Craden, Class of 2005,** for donating his Marching Band Uniform.
- **Class of 1962** for their cash donation from their Class Reunion.
- **Jerry Chenot, Class of 1966,** donating his letter jacket with a green and blue letter B with a lyre.
- **Rod Thorn, Class of 1959,** donating his framed Second Grade Report Card.
- **Tom Buschmann, Class of 1974,** for donating a Bayless Intramurals Basketball (1968-1969) medal that he bought at a garage sale.
- **Fred Rottnek, Class of 1952,** for donating 2 shares of the Capital Stock of the Bayless Echo (High School Newspaper) at ten percent interest on October 3rd & 6th, 1948.
- **Class of 1972** for their cash donation from their 50th class reunion.
- **Dolores (Jecmen) Brewington, Class of 1950, (deceased)** family donating her yearbooks, school pins and school newspapers.

# Honoring Staff & Volunteers

**The 15th Annual Bayless School Recognition awards were held on April 21, 2023 in Bayless's Keller Auditorium.**

**The honorees were as follows:**

**Building Teachers of the 2022-2023 school year finalists:**

Katie McIlwain-BES, Jeff Martini-BJH and Sarah Olson-BHS.

**The 2023-23 District Teacher of the Year** was Sarah Olson, BHS Math Teacher, Curriculum Chair and Tutoring Director.

**The Rising Star nominees were:** Samantha Hoegemann, Rachel Cundy and Hannah Mueller. The winner was Sam Hoegemann, SSD Teacher and Special Olympics Coach at Bayless Elementary.

**The Broncho Award** recognizes members of the staff or community for outstanding achievement and/or service to the Bayless School District. The winner was Kristen Hargett, President of the Bayless Educational Support Team.

**Staff Person of the Year** nominees were: Christina Ernst, Stephanie Averbeck and Cantrece Novak. The winner was Christina Ernst, eveningtime custodian.

**The Volunteer Award** is given to a community member who has demonstrated outstanding service to Bayless. The winner was Laurie Maus, President of the Bayless Music Boosters.

**Retirees** were recognized for their years of service: Marjy Schnieder, Gina McCullough, Julie Norton, Deane Hawkins, Christine Prosser, Nancy Kickham.

**Service awards** for years at Bayless were given to: 1 with 25 years, 3 with 20 years, 6 with 15 years, 6 with 10 years and 18 with 5 years.



# Love and Marriage Bayless Style

## Part XVII - By Carolyn (Runge) Decker - Class of 1960

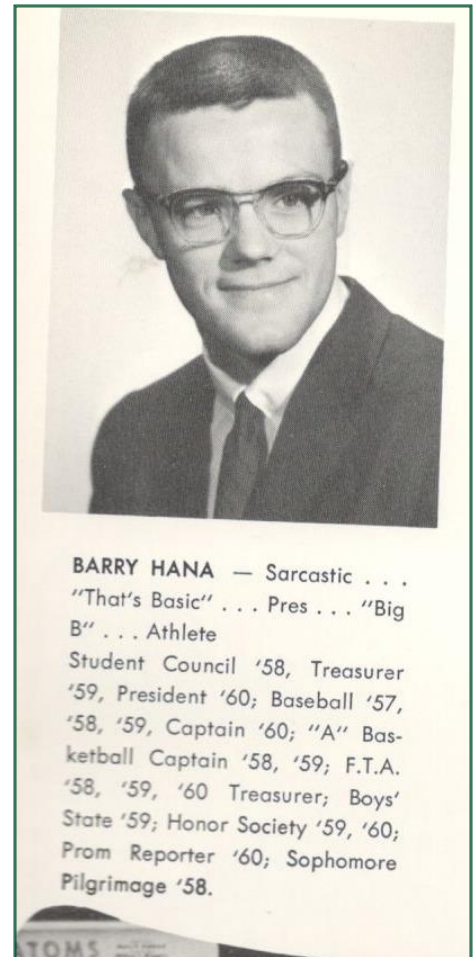
Barry Hana (1960) and Beverly “Bonnie” (Klund) Hana (1962) dated two years in high school and two more years at the University of Missouri in Columbia and were married June 6, 1964, in St Louis 59 years ago. Two children and three grandchildren came out of this wonderful marriage.

Both of them had siblings that graduated from Bayless – Jim Klund (1959), Phyllis (Hana) Bates (1964) deceased 4/14/2021 and Stephanie (Hana) Rockel (1973).

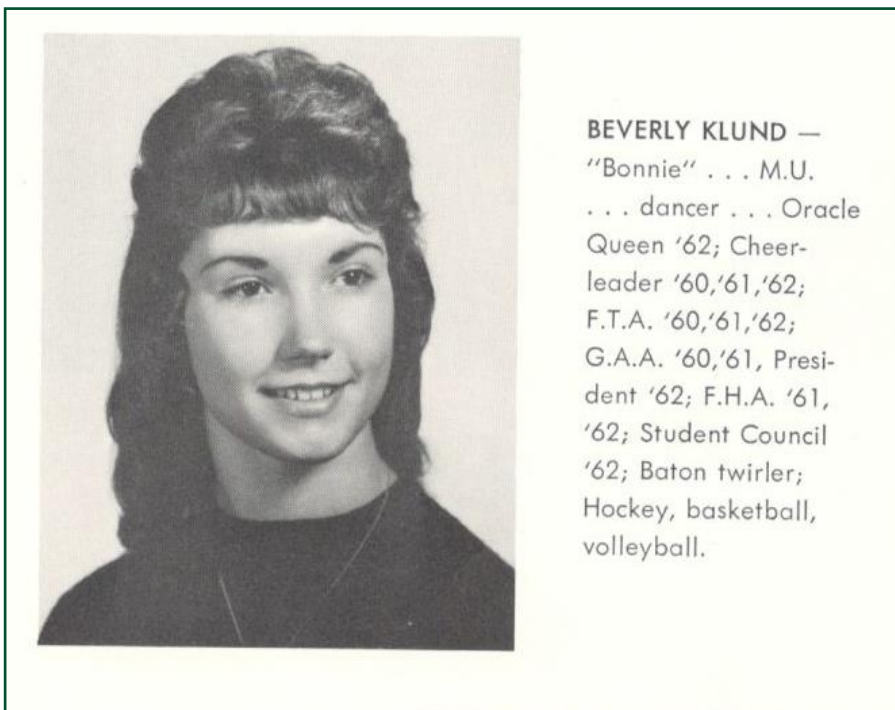
Barry and Bonnie both were very active in their careers of going to school and after graduating. Barry was the instrumental figure with the help of former teacher, Merle Busch, and other alumni including Sally Wear (Class of 1958), in organizing the Bayless Alumni Association in 1989. Numerous donations by generous alumni for scholarships have been given out at the Senior Awards Night to graduating seniors. Barry retired from Maritz Inc. in Fenton, MO and during their lifetime traveled extensively.

Bonnie taught school for a while and then became an outstanding “corporate wife”, hosting many employee and client events in their homes over the years.

The Hana’s live in Minneapolis, MN enjoying retirement and their family.



**BARRY HANA** — Sarcastic . . . “That’s Basic” . . . Pres . . . “Big B” . . . Athlete  
Student Council ‘58, Treasurer ‘59, President ‘60; Baseball ‘57, ‘58, ‘59, Captain ‘60; “A” Basketball Captain ‘58, ‘59; F.T.A. ‘58, ‘59, ‘60 Treasurer; Boys’ State ‘59; Honor Society ‘59, ‘60; Prom Reporter ‘60; Sophomore Pilgrimage ‘58.



**BEVERLY KLUND** — “Bonnie” . . . M.U. . . . dancer . . . Oracle Queen ‘62; Cheerleader ‘60, ‘61, ‘62; F.T.A. ‘60, ‘61, ‘62; G.A.A. ‘60, ‘61, President ‘62; F.H.A. ‘61, ‘62; Student Council ‘62; Baton twirler; Hockey, basketball, volleyball.

### Upcoming Reunion: CLASS OF 1958

The Class of 1958, celebrating 65 years, will have their reunion along with the Oktoberfest Picnic on Sunday, October 8, 2023. Contact Sally (Wohlschlaeger) Wear for more information (314-256-8600, Ext 8617).



# Building a Better Bayless

The flooding on Mother’s Day (May 14) hit Bayless High School particularly hard. The high school cafeteria, gymnasium, and several rooms were flooded and required remediation. Much of the flooring needed replacement as a result.

Bayless Field was damaged significantly. The force and quantity of water flooding onto the field stretched the turf seams and shifted the rock base under the field. This created significant unevenness and unsafe conditions for sports.

Crews began work in July to replace the turf. This replacement, as well as the flooring, is being paid for by Bayless’s insurance provider. The first photo on the right is the field during the flooding, the second is the finished project in August.



## The 60th reunion of the Bayless Class of 1962

By Jackie Stricker Jones

The Bayless High School graduating class of 1962 held their 60th class reunion on October 8, 2022, at Pietro’s Restaurant on Watson Road. Twenty-seven alumni attended the evening dinner. There were three honored guests, Alumni Association President Sally Wear, the new Bayless Superintendent Amy Ruzicka and her husband, Greg. With 17 additional guests, the total of attendees was 47. The reunion committee consisted of Gloria Masek Wind, Bonnie Nistler Robinson, Diane Staub Fendler, Jackie Stricker Jones, and Bob Comotto.



1962 Picture from 60th Class Reunion

1st row left to right: Sharon Connors Sandeberg, Diane Staub Fendler, LeEtta Dowell Robinson, Linda Schaefer Losito & Sandy Loerch Luzynski

2nd row left to right: Bev Yuchs Petry, Bob Comotto, John Grofe, Paul Adler, Edna Wilburn Leonard, Jackie Stricker Jones, Bonnie Nistler Robinson, Gloria Masek Wind, Lucita Secrist Lange & Jan Bux

3rd row left to right: Pete Kraus, Jim Petry, George Kudlinski, Don Thorn, Tom Meier, Dennis Trost, Breandon Isom, Bill Ebeler, Tom Fles, Ken Ellebrecht & Rich Barnes

Jackie Jones welcomed everyone, and Tom Meier spoke about the scholarships that the classes of the 60’s decade have been giving every year for about the last 10 years. Sally Wear told the group about the work of the Bayless Alumni Association, emphasizing the scholarships given to deserving seniors at graduation time. Mrs. Ruzicka also talked to the alumni. She imparted information about the state of the school district, its academic endeavors and awards, its building projects, and its future projections of enrollment, classes, and sports.

The dinner at Pietro’s was enjoyed by all, but the evening proved to be too short for the attendees. Much reminiscing and renewing of friendships and catching up on lives occurred. All too soon, it was time to say goodbye to old friends with the hope of getting together again in the future.



**DUES - SUNG TO THE TUNE OF THE BAYLESS FIGHT SONG.**  
**COME ON NOW BAYLESS ALUMS LET'S PAY OUR DUES.**  
**WE'RE GOING TO MAIL IT IN AND BE ON TIME.**  
**WE'RE GOING TO BRING OUR TREASURY UP-TO-DATE,**  
**UP-TO-DATE RAH! RAH! RAH!**  
**Soooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo**  
**GIVE ME A D**  
**GIVE ME A U**  
**GIVE ME AN E**  
**GIVE ME AN S**  
**WHAT DOES IT SPELL? DUES, DUES, DUES - \$25.00**  
**YEAH!**



Dues of \$25.00 per year can be sent in anytime. You may select what date you want to pay. Some pay in January and others pay at the Alumni Oktoberfest Picnic. Dues go towards the following items in order to keep the Alumni Association active:

- 2 Alumni Scholarships @ \$1,000
- 1 Newspaper printing & postage approximately \$3,500
- Project Graduation (Drug/Alcohol Free Party after Graduation) - \$100
- Alumni ad in yearbook - \$50
- Office supplies & postage
- Plaques & Engraving
- Constant Contact (emails)
- Oktoberfest Picnic (Crestwood Elks Hall & supplies)
- Annual Registration with State of Missouri

**Upcoming Reunion: CLASS OF 1973**

The Class of 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Wild Sun Winery & Brewery in Hillsboro, MO at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10.00. For more information contact: Lisa (Macke) Thien, [lisamthien4@gmail.com](mailto:lisamthien4@gmail.com).

**ALUMNI MEETING DATES**

**2023-2024**



- Monday - Sept. 11, 2023
- Monday - Nov. 13, 2023
- Monday - Jan. 8, 2024
- Monday - March 11, 2024
- Monday - May 13, 2024

*All meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the high school library. If you would like to attend you are more than welcome. Always check with the high school office to confirm dates in case school is closed for whatever reason.*

# BHS Alumni Milestones/Heavenly Promotions

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|---|---|---|---|
| Alonzo, Janet M. (Antonich)<br>(1951) - 2/20/2022   | Buneta, Paul J.<br>(1946) - 11/12/2022  | Luppens, Gary M.<br>(1965) - 12/14/2022<br>North Carolina                         | Thoele, Marjorie L. (Hardin)<br>(1961) - 1/5/2022   |
| Altnether, Lorraine "Lori"<br>(Stephan)<br>(1973) - 4/13/2023                                 | Clarke, Robert "Bob" J. Sr.<br>(1955) - 12/8/2022                                   | Meyer, Gary K.<br>(1968) - 11/2/2022  | Thompson, Joan M.<br>(Schmidt)<br>(1957) - 4/30/2023  |
| Anastasoff, Faye M.<br>5/12/2022<br>Elem. 1st Grade Teacher in<br>late 1950's<br>Santa Fe, NM | Daniels, Diana J. (Schuttner)<br>(1964) - 11/30/2022                                | Meyer, Joyce M. (Walton)<br>(1953) - 2/9/2021<br>Rancho Cordova, CA               | Wagstaff, Dennis E.<br>(1964) - 4/28/2023   |
| Anderson, Eugene W.<br>(1949) - 10/27/2022  | *Diehl, Sharon S. (Smith)<br>(1967) - 7/14/2023                                     | Miley, Madeline (Kandel)<br>M.S. Teacher - 4/10/2023                              | Watkins Witt, Rose Marie<br>(Ging)<br>(1958) - 11/24/2022<br>Pasadena, CA   |
| Avena, Jacqueline D. (Brinkman)<br>(1949) - no date available<br>Springfield, MO              | Doerr, James C.<br>(1950) - 1/16/2023   | Oppy, Devin L.<br>(1976) - 2/8/2022<br>Florida                                    | Weber, Allen J.<br>(1947) - 2/9/2022  |
| Baker, Richard<br>(1954) - 2/21/2022  | Esparza, Zachary G. Chief<br>Warrant Officer 2<br>(2005) - 3/29/2023<br>Jackson, MO | Palasky, Ronald<br>(1977 Attendee) 1980 SC<br>Tech - 2/22/2023                    | Weber, Denis J.<br>(1952) - 10/3/2022   |
| Barnes, Richard F.<br>(1962) - 2/18/2023<br>Steelville, MO                                    | Flake, Barbara (Hoesch)<br>(1957) - 2/12/2023<br>Huntsville, AL                     | Pfiffner, Harry J. III<br>(1972) - 10/23/2022                                     | Weber, Myron<br>(1941) - 7/11/2022 - 100<br>years old<br>Apopka, FL   |
| Bernard, Betty E. (Schneider)<br>(1945) - 1/4/2023 - 94 years<br>old                          | Gilleran, Kathleen M.<br>Staff - 1/9/2023 - 91 years<br>old                         | Pinkerton, Robert L. "Pink"<br>(1942) - 1/9/2022<br>Pensacola, FL                 | Whalen, Sandra J. (Vogt)<br>(1963) - 11/2/2022<br>Davenport, IA   |
| Bisel, Diane (Harlan)<br>(1971) - no date available   | Glenn, Nancy B. (Henkenis)<br>(1958) - 4/19/2023                                    | Placht, Richard A. "Rick"<br>(1973) - 8/16/2022                                   | Wickey, Donald A.<br>(1958) - 2/23/2023<br>Fenton, MO   |
| Bishop, Margie R. (McDaniel)<br>(1956) - 10/19/2022   | Guyot, James A.<br>(1983) - 3/20/2023<br>Hillsboro, MO                              | Rector, Shirley M. (Paul)<br>(1949) - 11/17/2022 - 91<br>years old                | *Just Notified  |
| Blalock, Shirley A. (Gray)<br>(1962) - 9/14/2022<br>Sachse, TX                                | Hanley, William M. "Mike"<br>(1971) - 2/23/2023                                     | Reise, Rhonda K. (Losh)<br>(1970) - 12/22/2022<br>Hillsboro, MO                   | <b><u>Anniversaries</u></b><br>Carl Paul, Class of 1955, &<br>Odilia (Donnelly) Paul, Class<br>of 1958, were married 64<br>years on 12/29/2022. |
| *Breedlove, Dolores J.<br>"DeeDee" (Carron)<br>(1939) - 9/20/2002<br>Carriere, MS             | *Horne, Jane C. (Irvine)<br>(1964) - 12/9/2021<br>Louisville, KY                    | Rieger, Eleanore E. "Ellie"<br>(Zimmerer)<br>(1949) - 3/20/2023 - 91<br>years old | Barbara (Mizerany) Haaser,<br>Class of 1969 & Larry Haaser,<br>Class of 1968 were married<br>50 years on 9/1/2023.                              |
| Brewington, Dolores (Jecmen)<br>(1950) - 2/21/2023  | Jerashen, William A. "Bill"<br>(1955) - 12/28/2022                                  | Ruess, Keith L.<br>(1982) - 9/21/2022   | Barry Hana, Class of 1960,<br>and Bonnie (Klund) Hana,<br>Class of 1962, were married<br>59 years on 6/6/2023.                                  |
| Bridges, Janice E. (McDonald)<br>(1973) - 8/23/2022   | Jorcke, Gary<br>(1968 Attendee) -<br>12/31/2022                                     | *Schneider, Edith C.<br>(1937) - 2017<br>Cassville, MO                            |   |
| Brinkman, Evelyn F. (Brosius)<br>(1943) - 12/22/2022 - 98<br>years old                        | Jostes, Gerald C.<br>(1944) - 6/10/2023 - 96<br>years old<br>Granite City, IL       | Schroeder, Karen "GiGi"<br>(Hardy)<br>(1965) - 12/16/2022                         | <b><u>Marriages:</u></b><br>Jennifer (Pantano) Kuykendall,<br>Class of 2012, & Luke<br>Kuykendall, Class of 2008,<br>were married on 6/11/2022. |
| Buneta, Matthew J. Jr.<br>(1949) - 6/12/2022  | Kornfeld, Vera M. (Cordes)<br>(1947) - 3/17/2023 - 93<br>years old                  | Stewart, Gloria J.<br>Elem. & Inter. Teacher 8/68-<br>6/94<br>7/2/2022            |   |
|   | LeBaube, Robert "Bob"<br>(1952) - 11/21/2022<br>Greensboro, NC                      | *Stolte, Joan (Warycha)<br>(1971) - 2006  |   |

# The 50th reunion of the Bayless Class of 1972

By Betty (LaTurno) Huffman and Scott Kirchner

Fifty years after graduation, classmates from the Class of 1972 were reunited on Saturday evening, November 26, 2022 to share Bayless memories and wonder how 50 years could have passed so quickly. More than 50 classmates and their guests gathered at the Affton Elks Lodge and enjoyed an informal evening of fellowship and fun, with plenty of good food and drinks. The room was decorated with various photo displays, including Bayless Elementary School classroom pictures and photos from previous reunions. A memorial table honoring the 33 classmates who left us too soon helped to keep their memory alive. As the evening came to an end, many were hopeful that this would not be the last gathering of the Class of 1972, with ideas thrown out for mini-reunions in the future. The 50-year milestone was commemorated with a donation the Alumni Association.

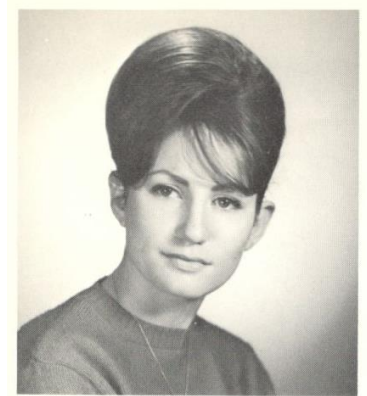


## Athletic Hall of Fame 2021 & 2022 “Golden Horseshoe” Award Recipients

At the Alumni Oktoberfest Picnic on Sunday, October 9, 2022 four recipients were recognized for their athletic contributions to the Bayless School District. This was our seventh year to honor athletes into the annual Hall of Fame.

2021 recipients were: Frank Balzer, Class of 1947, posthumously for excelling in baseball and “A” & “B” basketball all four years. Stevan Doll presented James Schaefer, Class of 1975, his soccer coach, for excelling in soccer, cross country and “A” & “B” baseball . James came in from Pleasant Hill, MO.

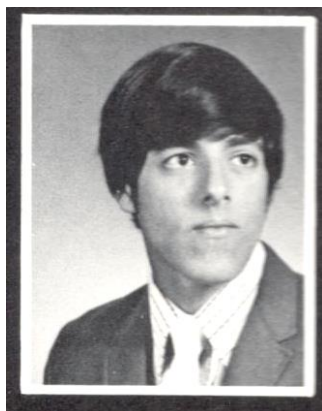
2022 recipients were: George Major, Class of 1977, award was presented by Stevan Doll, his soccer coach, for excelling in track and soccer. Joan (Diller) Thorn, Class of 1964, received her award for excelling in field hockey, “A” & “B” basketball and “A” & “B” volleyball.



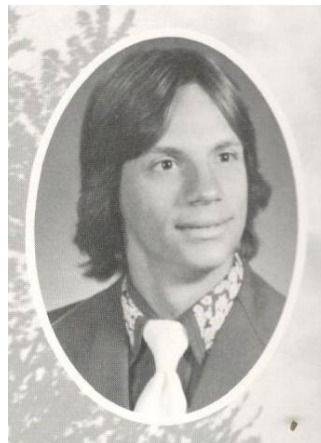
Joan (Diller) Thorn



Frank Balzer



James Schaefer



George Major

## Upcoming Reunion: CLASS OF 1963

The Class of 1963 will hold its 60th reunion on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at Helen Fitzgerald's from noon until 4 p.m. For more information contact Sandy (Leopold) Dostal at [gdstal@juno.com](mailto:gdstal@juno.com)



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### BOARD MEMBERS

Jack Bender - 1957  
Karen (Kohout) Benne - 1959  
Carol (Egendoerfer) Blasberg - 1961  
Lauren (Mann) Champion - 2007  
Carolyn (Runge) Decker - 1960

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  
Dennis Nickell - 1971  
Deborah (Gregory) Schaefer - 1971

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## Come see the new space!



The addition to the Junior High School (formerly the High School) is going to be open for tours during the Bayless Homecoming Festival on October 7. The building includes an all-new library, new classrooms, a storm shelter and a terrace overlooking Bayless Field.