



The Buzzin' Hive

2026 Newsletter

Special Notes

GENERAL MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Open to ALL alumni
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
 B.G.H.S. Hornet Training Center
 Use the Churchman Entrance
 Directions are on our web site
 bghsalumni.org

DON CHALLIS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026
Tee Time 8:00 a.m.
 Reservation Form on page 8
 Sarah Shank Golf Course
 2901 South Keystone Avenue
 Indianapolis, IN 46203

50th ALL ALUMNI REUNION CELEBRATION DINNER

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
5:00 p.m. – Social Hour
6:00 p.m. – Dinner
7:00 p.m. – Program
 Reservation Form on Page 9
 Primo Banquet Hall
 2615 National Ave.
 Indianapolis, IN 46227

THANKS to our "Heroes Behind the Scene"

Thanks to Donna Baxter Roller and Tom Moriarty for their dedication to keeping our membership list updated.
 Thanks to Rosebud Flower Shop Owner and Designer, Susie McMillan for donating the beautiful Floral Centerpieces each year for our All Alumni Dinner.
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President's message

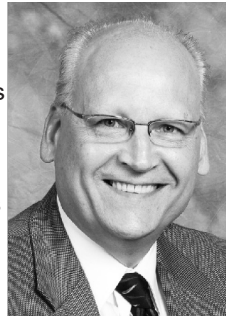
Dear Friends,

As graduates of Beech Grove High School, we share a bond that continues to knit us together across generations. We often call that bond being Hornet Proud, and this past year has given us many reasons to celebrate. Beech Grove Schools have experienced a season of blessing, and your Beech Grove High School Alumni Association has played a meaningful role in many of these "Hornet Moments."

Before offering a recap of 2025, I want to look ahead.

Our 2026 Annual Banquet, coming this June, will mark our 50th annual gathering. We would love to welcome a record number of Beech Grove graduates and guests. It promises to be a memorable evening of fun, fellowship, and great food.

Your Alumni Association also needs you. And truthfully, our leadership needs to "grow younger." Many of our current board members have served faithfully for years—some for decades. Their service has been a labor of love, but it is time to invite the next generation of Hornets to step forward. If you have interest in becoming more involved, please reach out through our association email or directly to me at davidwrightst62535@gmail.com. As Uncle Sam used to say, "We Want You!"



2025 RECAP

- Participated in the 2025 Graduation Commencement
- Awarded college or vocational training scholarships to nine graduating seniors
- Hosted and welcomed 150 graduates and guests at the 2025 Annual Banquet
- Celebrated a sold out Don Challis Memorial Golf Outing for the third consecutive year, raising thousands of dollars for BGHS scholarships
- Hosted alumni exhibits at the Beech Grove

Fall Festival, Music on Main, and BGHS Football Homecoming

- Kicked off the 2025 Hornet Varsity Basketball Season by hosting the 5th Annual "Matt English, We Before Me" traveling trophy game versus Greenfield Central

- Honored O.L. Van Horn with a permanent memorial marker dedicated on October 7, 2025, in partnership with Mayor Jim Coffman and Superintendent Dr. Laura Hammack

The marker—located at 13th and Main—commemorates Mr. Van Horn's remarkable impact as a teacher, coach, and principal. In 1931, after leading his varsity basketball team to the Marion County Championship, the school board changed our mascot from "Yellow Jackets" to "Hornets." This long overdue tribute was made possible through the generous contributions of dozens of graduates who believed Mr. Van Horn deserved to be honored in this way. Most people are not aware that the athletic field at 13th and Main served the citizens of Beech Grove as a World War II Victory Garden. At the war's conclusion, Mr. Van Horn and his friend and fellow high school teacher, Mr. Hubert Nichols, transformed that Victory Garden into a football field for the Beech Grove Schools. It now serves as a community athletic field for the city.

Remembering John Sharkey

We also pause to honor John Sharkey; a longtime board member whose passion and persistence made the Van Horn memorial possible. John began advocating for this recognition five years ago, and he lived to see it completed on October 7. He passed away just days later, on October 20, 2025. He is missed but his legacy continues.

Every family, community, and organization needs men and women with the kind of heart and dedication John demonstrated. His impact on Beech Grove will endure for generations.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your association president. It is an honor and a privilege—one I do not take lightly.

David Wright
 President, Beech Grove High School
 Alumni Association

Board Members 2025/2026

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| President | 2025 - 2026 | David Wright | Class of 1969 |
| First Vice President | 2025 - 2026 | Sharon Miller Oelgoetz | Class of 1961 |
| Second Vice President | 2025 - 2026 | Marcia Wright Payne | Class of 1963 |
| Treasurer – Scholarship | 2024 - 2027 | Kathy Thomas Hensley | Class of 1967 |
| Treasurer – Operating Funds | 2025 - 2028 | Marleah Lawson Hollander | Class of 1962 |
| Recording Secretary | 2024 - 2027 | Amy McMorrow Jennings | Class of 1987 |
| Asst. Recording Secretary | 2025 - 2028 | Arilla Duffer Gullans | Class of 1971 |
| Membership Secretary | 2023 - 2026 | Donna Baxter Roller | Class of 1970 |
| Asst. Membership Secretary | 2025 - 2028 | Tom Moriarty | Class of 1958 |
| Scholarship Director | 2024 - 2027 | Kay Little Denning | Class of 1962 |
| Historian | 2025 - 2028 | Cathy Dunlap Chappell | Class of 1969 |
| Public Relations | 2023 - 2026 | Barbara O'Neill Simmerman | Class of 1962 |
| Webmaster | 2024 - 2027 | Jarrett Hill | Class of 1998 |

Decade Chairpersons 2025/2026

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Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's 2026 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Cory Wynn, Director of Bands

"I have been a southside kid all my life," is a comment from Cory Wynn about his childhood. He attended South Grove Elementary, Beech Grove Middle School, and is a 1997 BGHS graduate. He was active in band and choir and played varsity basketball and tennis.

Following graduation from High School, Cory attended The University of Indianapolis, graduating in 2001. He first taught in Shelby County at Southwestern Junior/Senior High for three years. The next 22 years of his teaching career have been at Beech Grove. With a total of 25 years teaching, Cory attributes his inspiration to teach music from the influence he received from two of his music educators, Jim Williams and Scott Bradford.

Cory shared his personal philosophy regarding the power of music and how a music teacher may lead a student to learn lifetime benefits from participating in music programs. He said, as music educators, we don't use good kids to create great music, we use good music to create great kids. As I have continued to grow as an educator, I've learned that teaching kids to become great musicians is not my main educational focus. I have learned to use music as a tool to teach young people how to become successful adults. Music helps me teach students about grit and tenacity. We will work tirelessly on a small section of music until it is nearly perfect. Teaching them to strive for greatness and not give up is a skill they can use for the rest of their lives. Music also encourages teamwork. It is the ultimate team activity and requires everyone to do their part for the success of the group.

Being part of a music ensemble teaches kids how important each and every member is. They learn to help each other as it ultimately makes everyone achieve a higher quality performance. As a model and leader, I stress the importance of being on time, being prepared and the advantages of organization. Our students learn communication skills and how to lead a group of their peers with words of encouragement, not tearing others down with negativity. These are the true skills learned by being part of any team performance-based ensemble. Helping students learn leadership skills that will benefit them throughout the rest of their lives is perhaps the best way I can help prepare them to be successful adults.

Cory is pleased to report there are nine former BG students who are attending college for music education and music performance; and there are three former students who are now teaching as BG music educators.

Numerous awards have been received by Cory, both personal and by the BGHS Music Department. They are: Beech Grove Teacher of the Year, 2024; Beech Grove Citizens of the Year, 2017; Indiana Arts in Education Honoree; BGHS Honored Educator; BGHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame; 10 time ISSMA State Finalist; ISSMA Class C State Runner-up; Bands of America – Class A – 3rd place; ISSMA All-Music and All-Department awards; Consistent Gold Ratings in Group 1 organizational contests; Multiple State solo and ensemble performances; Qualified for state finals with indoor percussion and winter guard programs.

Cory and his wife Mary met while attending U Indy. They have been married 22 years. Mary teaches music to elementary students in the Warren Township School District. They have four sons (Cooper, Grayson, Beckett and Birley) who attend Beech Grove Schools; two are in the BG Marching Band. Cory enjoys coaching basketball for his younger sons, and he still enjoys playing in a basketball league on the weekends. The family loves to travel and spend time together, including their beloved dog, Oliver.



Decade Chairpersons 2025/2026

| Name | Class | Decade | Term |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Marleah Lawson Hollander | Class of 1962 | 1930/40s Decade | 2024 - 2027 |
| Janice Fletcher Woempner | Class of 1957 | 1950s Decade | 2025 - 2028 |
| Sharon Miller Oelgoetz | Class of 1961 | 1960s Decade | 2024 - 2027 |
| Donna Baxter Roller | Class of 1970 | 1970s Decade | 2025 - 2028 |
| Amy McMorrow Jennings | Class of 1987 | 1980s Decade | 2024 - 2027 |
| Crissy Spurgeon Kuhn | Class of 1991 | 1990s Decade | 2025 - 2028 |
| Kelly Weller Habig | Class of 2004 | 2000s Decade | 2024 - 2027 |
| Jasmine Thomas | Class of 2010 | 2010s Decade | 2025 - 2028 |
| Vacant | | 2020s Decade | 2023 - 2026 |

Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's 2026 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Dennis B. Buckley – Class of 1973

A lifelong resident of Beech Grove, Dennis was born at St. Francis Hospital on September 6, 1955, to Robert W. and Kathryn Buckley. He attended Mrs. Cassidy's Kindergarten, Central Elementary, Beech Grove Middle School and Beech Grove High School.

Dennis was active in extracurricular activities in elementary school where he participated in music and played basketball; in Middle School he participated in band, football, cross country, and track; and in High School he participated in band, baseball, and was the manager of the basketball team.

When asked what teachers he might recall touching his life in a significant way, he named many, but tells of a vivid memory he has of his third-grade teacher, Mrs. Francis. To this day, he states, he has never forgotten when Mr. Rund announced that President Kennedy had been shot, how she showed significant grief. As she told the class the sad news of President Kennedy's death, she wept openly. He was touched by the sensitivity she demonstrated and allowed her third-grade students to witness.

Following graduation from high school, Dennis attended Ivy Tech pursuing training in Emergency Medical Services. He majored in Fire Prevention and Building Construction at IUPUI. After completing his studies at IUPUI, he was hired by the Beech Grove Fire Department in February of 1980. He was assigned to the Fire Prevention Division in 1983, was promoted to Deputy Chief in 1988, and in 1992 he became the Assistant Chief. He was named Fire Chief in 1998 by then Mayor Warner Wiley, a position he held until his retirement from the Fire Department in 2009.

After a short respite, in 2011, Dennis sought and was elected as Mayor of Beech Grove. He served three terms and chose not to run for a fourth. He retired on January 1, 2024. He was Marion County's longest serving mayor. An article in the Indianapolis Business Journal, Mayor Buckley was quoted, stating "It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of Beech Grove. I am proud that our team has improved every facet of city government in Beech Grove, and that our work has transformed our community in a meaningful way." Among those documented accomplishments include budget stability, having a balanced budget every year; larger investments in public safety, trails and parks; a stronger infrastructure; economic growth was experienced by attracting new businesses; tax management was achieved by maintaining a stable property tax rate for residents; Police and Fire Departments had upgrades by increasing base pay, hiring more personnel, upgrading equipment and building an updated police station.

During his tenure, a \$5 million grant was secured to develop the city's first trail system. The City of Beech Grove received Clean Community Status by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Dennis Buckley received many awards throughout his career both in the Fire Department and as Mayor of Beech Grove. Among them include: American Legion District 11 Fireman of the Year, 1987; American Legion State Fireman of the Year Finalist, 1987; Kiwanis Club Recognition Award, 2002; U.S. Congress Flag Recognition Award, 2012; Initial Centennial Award (1st person recognized), January 2017; Daughters of the American Revolution National Award, 2023; BGHS FFA Recognition Award, 2022; Letter of Recognition by Lt. Governor Crouch, 2023; Sisters of Saint Benedict Proclamation, 2023; Class of 1973 Achievement Award, (50th Class Reunion), 2023; Indiana General Assembly Recognition, 2023; Indiana General Assembly Award (Resolution 34), 2023. Additionally, he has received numerous awards and recognition by the Beech Grove City Schools for his faithful involvement in academics, arts, sports, and safety.

On December 31, 2023, on his final day of work as Mayor of Beech Grove, Mayor Buckley received the coveted Sagamore of the Wabash award signed by then Governor Eric Holcomb. This is the highest honor the Governor of Indiana can bestow, recognizing individuals who have rendered distinguished service, demonstrated exceptional leadership, and contributed significantly to Hoosier heritage.

Dennis Buckley is married to Patsy Lewis Buckley (BGHS Class of 1976) since January 19, 1977. They have two children: Christopher M. Buckley (BGHS Class of 1995) and Lyndsay Buckley LeMaster (BGHS Class of 2000). Dennis and Patsy have four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He has four siblings: Steven M. Buckley (BGHS Class of 1970); Sharon Buckley Armstrong (BGHS Class of 1975); Barbara Buckley Ford (BGHS Class of 1976 – deceased); and Jeffrey A. Buckley (BGHS Class of 1982).

On behalf of the Beech Grove Alumni Association, we thank you, Dennis, for your dedication to the City of Beech Grove, and to the Beech Grove City Schools.



2027 Teacher and Alumnus of the Year Awards Committee

Nominations for Alumnus and Teacher of the Year may be submitted in writing at the 2026 Alumni Dinner or mailed to Barbara O'Neill Simmerman, 8439 Chateaugay Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46217. If you have questions please call her at 317-850-5804. **NOMINATIONS CLOSE November 1, 2026.**

2025 BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS

Little & Sons Funeral Home *** Holwager & Holwager, P.C.*******

Donation tiers *\$50-\$99 **\$100-\$199 ***\$200-\$299 ****\$300-\$999 *****\$1000 and above

2025 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

NAME

Daniel Leffler ***
 Rosemary Herzog Douglas '61 *
 Rich Kidwell '73 *
 Roger Smith '58 **
 Wilma Green '44
 Dave Hall '59 & LaDonna Lawson Hall '60 *
 Richard Pflanzler '58 *
 Lou '69, Dave '70, Rick '72
 & Randy Abbott '78 *****
 Linda Harshman Leffler '59 *
 Bob Buccieri '89 **
 John Bailey '63 **
 Chris Winkler '89 *****
 Barbara J. O'Neill Simmerman '62 *
 Jim Little '56 & Vicki Cain Little '76 *
 Foster McMasters '66 *****
 Pam Smith Starks '64 **
 Gregg Summerville '65 *****
 Judy Mandabach Hensley '64 **
 Class of 1959 **
 Walter & Barbara Fallowfield '56 **
 Don & Liz Moll Smith '65 **
 Karel VanHorn Seldner '63 ***
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 Mike Amos '68 **
 Karen Dible Nelson & Carl Nelson '63 ***
 Roseann Marschke Gary '58 *
 Dewey Spence '61 *
 David Weiger '61 ****
 Beverly Mackey Everling '64 *
 Class of 1962 *
 Faith Smith *
 Bob Thomas '69 & Jill Burton Thomas '70 **
 Donna Hirt **
 Pat Keller *
 Leslie Proksa
 Steve Coffman ***
 Ellen & Bob Johnson,
 Tom & Julia Probasco & Ron Luther **
 Mark Westra, Gary & Gregg Jackson '68 **
 Class of 1963 *
 Class of 1962 *
 Class of 1963 *
 The Slone Family **
 Michael V. Morgan '73 *

NAME

Ruth Ann Hensley Jones '58 *
 Marcia Wright Payne '63 *
 Kay Little Denning '62 *****
 Rich Kidwell '73 *
 Susan McConnell Leonard '67 *
 Steve Yeager '67 *****
 Barbara J. O'Neill Simmerman '62 *
 Don & Liz Moll Smith '65 **
 Class of 1965 **
 Class of 1975 **

IN MEMORY OF

Robert Leffler '59
 Faye Graves Meguiar '61
 Dan Rieman '73
 Steve Smith '56
 Classmates 1944
 Darlene Lawson '57
 Raymond & Alice Pflanzler
 Margaret Abbott (Mom)

Robert Leffler '59
 Lynn Bucieri Wilson '79 & Greg Williams '80
 Shirley Worrell Bailey '63
 Glenn McManama
 Nick O'Neill '58
 Vernon & Alma Little
 Julia McMasters Holdorf '52
 Gary Starks '62 & Lucille Starks Dennis '38
 Bill Bowers '65 & Steve Pershing/Smith
 Jim Hensley '63
 Gary Spivey '59
 Janice Emmert Fallowfield '55
 Ron Smith '66
 Ann, Olin and Dave VanHorn '59
 Deceased Classmates 1963
 George Bultman, John Lyzott & Bob Leffler '59
 Tommy Thompson
 Deceased Classmates 1963
 Carl Marschke '60
 Sally Spence McBride '59
 Nell & Gene Weiger
 Chuck Everling '64
 Walter Paul Murphy '62
 Donna Patrick Joyce '63
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Larry Cruse '68
 Donna Patrick Joyce '63
 Shirley Turner West '62
 John Sharkey '63
 Donna Patrick Joyce '63
 Larry Meguiar '55 & Barbara Woodall Meguiar '57
 (Grandparents) Terri Meguiar Morgan '78 (Mother)
 Betty Collins '40

IN HONOR OF

Donna Nicole Duncan 2025
 David Wright '69 & Lloyd Wright '71
 Our Teachers
 Bill & Becky Bane
 Class of 1967
 D.B. Smith/Steve Pershing '67
 Tom Moriarty & Richard Pflanzler '58
 Class of 1965
 Class of 1965
 Class of 1975



Marsha Hougland Dorsey and Dave Weiger with her 1963 powder blue Chevrolet convertible. It was her high school graduation present which she named the Blue Angel and it was driven in every Promoters Club Fall Festival parade from 1963 on. We were deeply saddened with the passing of Marsha this year.



John Sharkey worked diligently for several years to have a plaque to honor the achievements of O. L. Van Horn. John was always proud to be a Hornet, he is greatly missed.

2025 OPERATING FUNDS DONATIONS

NAME

Lou '69, Dave '70, Rick '72 & Randy Abbott '78 *****
 Wilma Green '44
 Marcia Wright Payne '63 *
 Greg Bates '67 *****
 Rosemary Herzog Douglas '61
 Kay Little Denning '62 *
 Jack Charnley '59 ****
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 Donna Baxter Roller '70 **
 Jim Little '56 & Vicki Cain Little '76 *
 Pam Smith Starks '64 **
 Sally Taylor Todd '56 *
 Barbara O'Neill Simmerman '62
 John Bailey '63 *
 Michael V. Morgan '73 *
 Class of 1959 *
 Walter & Barbara Fallowfield '56 **
 Michael Cahill '74 **
 Mary K Craig Croisant '66 **
 Judy Byrum Pieper '61
 Mary Etta McMasters Boren '55
 Clayton (Kit) & Ann Collins '63 **
 David Weiger '61 **
 Alberta VanHatala Fallowfield '61
 & John Fallowfield '59 **

IN MEMORY OF

Margaret Abbott (Mom)
 Classmates 1944
 John Max Wright '61 & Charles K. Larkins '63
 Valerie Whiteside Bates '67
 John Lyzott '59
 Deceased Teachers
 Geraldine Charnley McLaughlin '53
 Bob Leffler, George Bultman & Dave VanHorn '59
 Coach Tommy Thompson (Wrestling)
 Deceased Classmates 1970
 Bill & Doris Cain
 Deceased Classmates 1964
 Harlan Finley '56
 Jeanie Weaver Wright '60
 Shirley Worrell Bailey '63
 Susan Klingensmith & John Klingensmith
 Classmates of 1959
 Sally Byland '61 & Deceased Classmates 1956
 Delbert Dennis, Scott Dillow, Nick Egan & Greg Morris '74
 Linda Albertson & Bill Gregson '66
 Fred & Teech Byrum; Freddie Byrum
 Deceased Classmates 1955
 Betty Collins '40
 Sharron Weiger Roessler '55
 Bill Emmert '60 & Janice Emmert Fallowfield '55

CONTRIBUTORS

Roger Smith '58 **
 Sandra Farrington Phelan '61
 Merritt Webb '79 *
 Karen Foley Bosley '60 *
 Wayne Lashbrook '61 **
 Christopher Winkler '89 ***
 Pat Morgan Cantrell '73
 Ann Amos '69 **
 Arilla Duffer Gullans '71 **
 Beverly Mackey Everling '64
 Karen Foley Bosley '60 *
 Rich Kidwell '73 *
 Dennis & Tammy Herzog '75 ***
 Shirley Shaffer Smitha '58
 Bill Dudley '70 ****
 Gary & Linda Heller '63 *
 Tom Moriarty '58 *
 Roseann Marschke Gary '58
 Donna Rambo Wehmeier '58 *
 Charles E. Anderson '61

NAME

Jordan Park ****
 Susan McConnell Leonard '67 *

IN HONOR OF

Bill Dudley
 Class of 1967



Beech Grove Mayor James Coffman; Dr. Laura Hammack, BGCS Superintendent; and BGHS Alumni President, David Wright

Buzzings from the Hive

2026/27 Meeting and Event Dates

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|-------------------|--|
| April 21, 2026 | Decade Chairpersons and Class Representatives Recognition |
| May 19, 2026 | Election of Officers |
| June 12, 2026 | Don Challis Memorial Alumni Golf Tournament |
| June 13, 2026 | 50th Annual Celebration Reunion Dinner |
| June 16, 2026 | Board Meeting (Incoming & Outgoing Officers) |
| July 21, 2026 | All Alumni Annual Meeting |
| July 18, 2026 | B.G.H.S. All Class Bash* |
| August 18, 2026 | General Meeting |
| Sept, 12, 2026 | Fall Festival Parade* |
| Sept. 15, 2026 | General Meeting |
| Sept. TBA | 35th Alumni Homecoming Tailgate |
| October 3, 2026 | Music on Main Street* |
| October 20, 2026 | General Meeting |
| Nov. 17, 2026 | General Meeting |
| December 2026 | No Meeting |
| January 19, 2027 | General Meeting |
| February 16, 2027 | General Meeting |
| March 16, 2027 | General Meeting |

* Not an Alumni Association sponsored event.

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the
**B.G.H.S. Hornet Training Center Use
the Churchman Avenue Entrance**

"Let's Keep in Touch"

For current information check our web site; bghsalumni.org
or Facebook page; BGHS Alumni Association, Inc.

Scholarship News

We had another good year for investing in our very deserving seniors. We were able to award nine scholarships in 2025. All the recipients were very deserving of our money to use for their higher education.

Your donation has lightened their financial burden and allowed them to focus on their studies.

Hopefully, our commitment to our students will potentially help them to pay it forward when they reach their goal in life.

Thanks to you, we will continue to acknowledge their efforts.

Many Blessings,

Kay Little Denning

Scholarship Chairman



Congratulations to our 2025 Scholarship Recipients

Safiullah Akrami
Shawna Combs
Jailen Davis
Da'Nyla Fox

Brent Jackson
Griffin Matraccia
Emily Montgomery
Annaka Salazar
Faith VanHook

**To date we have awarded \$430,600
to 312 scholarship recipients.**

Thank you for your continued generous donations!



2026 CLASS MESSAGES



Class of 1958 - Class of 1958- Greetings to all... another year has flown by... Several of us locals still get together for lunch every couple of months. If you out of towners are going to be in town, please let me know.... we can plan a lunch when you are here... we would love to see you...Please stay in touch.... Tom Moriarty- 317-882-2628, tmoe58@gmail.com

Class of 1959 - As I reminisce about our Beech Grove Elementary School on 10th Street in Beech Grove, Indiana. In 1946, I remember Valentine's Day when I printed my name on every card in first grade and it seemed like it took forever. The first-grade teachers were Miss Ashley and Mrs. Hancock, and their classrooms were at the top of the stairs, on the first floor, first two doors. I also remember our first stop light in Beech Grove at 6th and Main Streets. We would walk down to Main Street from 8th Avenue and Buffalo. There were no houses, sidewalks or stop signs. It was not scary, just fun. Can you imagine our "Grands" and "Great Grands" being able to do that now on an evening in Beech Grove? Looking forward to the Annual All Alumni Reunion Dinner in June. Jack Charney (Class President) who still lives in California is planning to attend. See information in this newsletter. Hope to see you in June! Marlene (Taylor/Emmert) Bultman, 12131 Briarway North Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46259, Cell: 317-604-8291 or Email: justmemb@gmail.com

Class of 1960 - It was great to see many classmates at our last gathering!! We had lunch together on June 13 at Happy Days Pancake House (the old Edwards Drive-In). We enjoyed catching up with those we had not seen for a while. It is likely that we will meet there again this year. The date is June 12 at 12:30 but please check your email and FB or give me a call for updated information. It would be helpful to have your current address and email. We remember with fondness the classmates who passed away this year: Jane Webster Mecom, Ellen Lewis Jacob, Carol Larkins Clager, and Joe Kirsch. I have recently learned that Linda Wilcoxon Duncan and Roy Eugene Gift passed away in 2024. Your class representative, LaDonna Hall, dlhall1020@sbcglobal.net. Call or text 812-371-1468

Class of 1961 - Hello classmates. Our annual all class reunion dinner is Saturday, June 13, 2026. This year is special for the Class of '61 as we celebrate our 65th reunion. We have decided to celebrate this occasion at the All Alumni Dinner on the 13th of June, so Mark your calendar! Please plan to attend so we can get as many of our classmates together as possible. More details later, I am pleased to report that we did not lose any of our classmates in 2025. We continue to have our regular class luncheon on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30. Right now we are meeting at Whiskey Business Located on Southport Road across from Meijers. E-mails are sent out each month as a reminder. Please continue to send me any changes to your phone number, address, or email etc. so we can keep our records up to date. Hope to see you all on Saturday, June 13th. Sharon Oelgoetz, Class of '61 Representative and 1960's Decade Chairperson.

Class of 1962 - We continue to meet almost every month for a class brunch. We would love to have you join us. Sadly, we lost three classmates this year: Walter Paul Murphy, Shirley Turner West, and Gary Harris. If you would like to see a list of all classmates gone before us, check out this website: bghsalumni.org/60s-decade-deceased-alumni-html There is a lot of other alumni information available on the alumni web site at: bghsalumni.org. Looking forward to seeing you at this year's 50th Alumni Dinner on Saturday, June 13th. Be looking for information regarding some type of celebration for our 65th Class Reunion next year in 2027. Your Class Representatives: Marleah Lawson Hollander; marleah6433@gmail.com and Kay Little Denning; kldbg62@gmail.com

Class of 1963 - The Class of 1963 continues to offer an opportunity for monthly visits. We meet on the last Thursday of each month at the Eagles Lodge on Main Street in Beech Grove. We have found it to be comfortable, spacious, affordable, and the staff there have become our friends. Please come join us. We usually have between 12 and 20. Our class continues to support Hornet Park Elementary at the beginning of each school year with needed supplies. The school administration and teachers are grateful for our donation. In addition, we continue to support the mission of Servant's Heart Ministries. The Class of 1963 was the initiator of the O.L. Van Horn Memorial project. We were pleased to see it come to fruition. On October 7, 2025, we had the dedication and a beautiful historical marker was unveiled on the field Mr. Van Horn created at 13th and Main. John Sharkey was instrumental

in seeing this project to completion. We are so grateful he was able to attend and celebrate with us just two weeks before he passed away. Our hearts were saddened by the loss of three 1963 graduates during the past year. Donna Patrick Joyce, July 15, 2025; John C. Sharkey, October 20, 2025; and Marsha Houglan Dorsey, January 19, 2026. We also learned of the deaths of Sharon Vaughn Golden, May 30, 2021, and Sharon Bowling Davis, November 30, 2024. In addition, Brenda Schoenbachler, wife of classmate Charles, passed away on November 20, 2025. Most of us joined a new designation in 2025. We are now in the decade of octogenarians. We wish each of you well as we continue this journey in life. Blessings in 2026. Your Class Representative, Marcia Wright Payne

Class of 1965 - We were so happy to see many of our classmates at our 60th Reunion Anniversary last year. This year will mark the 50th All Alumni Reunion Dinner which will be celebrated on Saturday, June 13th at Primo's Banquet Hall. It would be wonderful to visit with all of you again so please mark your calendars and join us for a fun filled evening. We have continued to meet for some time, once a month on the third Thursday at Shallo's Antique Restaurant at the Shoppes at County Line at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome! To help keep our class records accurate, please notify me of any new addresses, telephone numbers, or emails. I may be reached at (317)509-4521 or lsmith5807@indy.rr.com Your Class Representative, Liz Moll Smith

Class of 1969 - Our "annual class reunion" plans are currently being put together for a South side location which will be determined soon. The date will be Friday, June 26th at 4:30 P.M. so check our Facebook page for further details. We will also be sending out emails to those who have given us their email addresses. If any of your contact information has changed in the past year, please contact Steve Bogard, your class representative, at (317) 750-1179.

Class of 1970 - HELLO CLASSMATES OF THE "70's"!!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!! This year we want everyone to know that it is our 50th Anniversary for our alumni dinner in June. Let's show all the other decades that the classes of the 1970's know how to show up and celebrate by attending this year's alumni dinner!!! You will find the reservation form in this bulletin. All you have to do is fill it out and mail with your check to the alumni association. Let's all plan to get together and make this the best dinner ever!! There will be a wonderful dinner, great guest speakers, including our teacher of the year and alumnus of the year, a winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing, and a great celebration of classmates getting together again! As you know, our alumni association survives with donations from past classmates, local businesses and the continued work of our alumni volunteers asking for donations. So please fill out your reservation form for dinner and donate to our operating fund or our scholarship fund and keep the alumni association active in helping our Beech Grove schools and students with cap and gown rentals, band instrument rentals, summer lunch programs, etc. SAVE THE DATE!!!!!! CLASS OF 1970.....AUGUST 21,2026.....REUNION.....7PM TO 10PM.....O'GARA'S.....BEECH GROVE. Thank you for your continued support! Your BGHS Alumni Decade chair and 1970 Class Representative. Donna Baxter Roller

Class of 1976 - This is the BIG 50th for our class. Hope to see you all at the Alumni Dinner, June 13th and watch for emails about other gatherings our class may be planning.

Class of 2001 - Wow, can you believe this is our 25th Class Reunion! Hope to see you at the All Alumni Reunion Dinner in June. Watch Facebook for other dates that we may gather to celebrate all year long.

Class of 2005 - Thanks to those of you who came out for the 20 Year Class Reunion! Many of our classmates are in other states and countries; it is always great when we all can get together. I hope that many of you stay in contact with your high school friends whether that be through social media or in person. Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2026! Best Regards, Nicole Bridgens, your Class Representative



17th ANNUAL BG BASH

Watch Facebook for Location, TBA
6:00 PM to Midnight, Saturday, July 18th
All Alumni Welcome! No Cover Charge.





2026 BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

"Don Challis Memorial Golf Tournament"

Friday, June 12, 2026 - Tee Time 8:00 a.m.

Sarah Shank Golf Course • 2901 South Keystone Ave 46203 • 317 784-0631

Please arrive EARLY!

This year's tournament will be a Florida Scramble format open to ALL alumni, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, that's right we welcome EVERYONE!

Team and individual entries are welcome.

Entry fee \$70 per golfer includes green fees, cart, lunch, soft drink and prizes.

Note: If you wish to donate a prize or Sponsor a Hole for this event:

See below for hole sponsor information

PLEASE contact Bob Thomas 317-752-8970

2025 Winning Team



The 2025 Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's Don Challis Memorial Golf Tournament winning team consisted of Dan Baker '89 Bobby Beckham '90 Morgan Jones '89 Scott Bryan '89

GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Player (1) _____
Team captain E-mail _____
Phone _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

Player (2) _____
Player (3) _____
Player (4) _____

Make checks payable to Bob Thomas or BGHS Alumni Association, Inc.



Questions:
Contact Bob Thomas
317-752-8970
b.thomas73pu@yahoo.com

DEADLINE is Friday, May 29, 2026 for TEAM ENTRIES or HOLE SPONSORSHIPS

Hole Sponsorships Available: (\$100) - INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY or BUSINESS

Make your tax deductible check out to BGHSAA

Sponsor's Name: _____

Exact Wording for Sign: _____

Company Logo if available: Email to b.thomas73pu@yahoo.com

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail with your entry form and payment to: Bob Thomas at 4652 Fox Moor Place Greenwood, In. 46143



BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.



50th REUNION CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
PRIMO BANQUET HALL

2615 National Ave., Indpls., IN 46227
5:00 PM Social Hour • 6:00 PM Dinner • 7:00 PM Program

2026: SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

Individual Contribution: _____ Class _____ \$ _____
In Memory of: _____ Class Year _____
In Honor of: _____ Class Year _____
Donation in memory of Officer Brian Elliott, class of 2011 _____ \$ _____
Business Sponsor: _____ \$ _____
For Alumni Association use only: _____

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OPERATING FUND DONATION

Individual Contribution: _____ Class _____ \$ _____
In Memory of: _____ Class Year _____
In Honor of: _____ Class Year _____

Please note that our Operating Fund covers the cost of our newsletter, printing, postage, website and insurance. Your donation will also allow us to help support school projects such as the Graduation Flowers and Key Fobs, the Hornet Nutrition Club, the Renaissance Program, plus various other projects during the year.

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DINNER RESERVATION: Please have reservations in by Friday, May 22, 2026.

Name _____ Class Year _____
Number of Dinner Reservations Requested: ____ @ \$40.00 each = \$ _____
BGHS Military Veterans dinner ticket: ____ @ \$30.00 each = \$ _____
No confirmation will be mailed to you. Check in at the door will be required.
Dinner Tickets will be available at the door for \$45.00 each

FOOD ALLERGIES?
Please note:

DO NOT CUT

NAME _____ (MAIDEN) _____ Class Year _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Summary table with columns for donation type and amount. Rows include: SCHOLARSHIP DONATION, OPERATING FUND DONATION, DINNER RESERVATION (with PEOPLE column), VETERANS RESERVATION (with PEOPLE column), and TOTAL ENCLOSED.

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P.O. Box 731
Beech Grove, IN 46107-0731

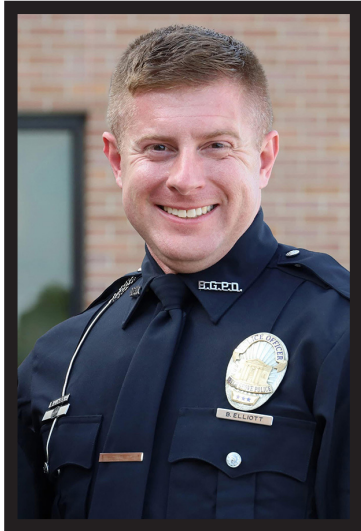
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- 2026 Teacher of the Year**
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- 2025 Scholarship Winners**
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Our Mission...

It is the mission of the Beech Grove High School Alumni Association to recognize the common bond that unites all alumni, stimulate loyalty and interest in the Beech Grove School System and provide a channel of communication whereby school friendships can be perpetuated.