



Beech Grove High School Alumni Association, Inc.'s The Buzzin' Hive

2025 Newsletter

Special Notes

GENERAL MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Open to ALL alumni
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025, 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 13, 2025
Tee Time 8:00 a.m.
 Reservation Form on page 8
 Sarah Shank Golf Course
 2901 South Keystone Avenue
 Indianapolis, IN 46203

49th ALL ALUMNI REUNION CELEBRATION DINNER

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025
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 "Heros Behind the Scene"

Thanks to Marcia Wright Payne for her wonderful journalistic talents and proof reading.

Thanks to Arilla Duffer Gullans for volunteering to be part of our Silent Auction Team.

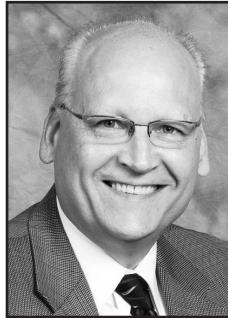
Special Thanks to Kelly Collins Sawyers for her many hours that she volunteers each year to put our newsletter together.

Barbara "Cookie" O'Neill Simmerman
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President's message

Dear Beech Grove High School Alumni Family,

On behalf of the entire BGHS Alumni Association Board of Directors, it is once again a pleasure to provide you with an overview of the association highlights and to peek at what we are looking forward to in 2025. My role as president has been a labor of love. My colleague board members and other active alumni certainly add so much to make our activities and events possible and the success they have become.



David Wright

Here are some highlights:

- 2024 Annual Alumni Don Challis Memorial Golf Outing – Chairman Bob Thomas (69) and his committee of Jim Johnson (69), Tim Leffler (69), and Lloyd Wright (71) have created a template of success resulting in a sold-out field of alumni and guest golfers that raise thousands of dollars annually that support the BGHSAA's Scholarship Fund. One hundred forty-four golfers participated in our 2024 golf outing.

- 2024 Annual All Class Banquet – This year's annual presentation of the Alumnus of the Year went to Larry Williams, the Teacher of the Year was Beth Wolfe, and there were academic scholarships to eight graduating Beech Grove High School Seniors. The banquet brought graduates from at least five decades together to reflect and celebrate our school and community.

- Music on Main – This midsummer event is for the entire community, and you will find your BGHSAA right in the middle of the fun. Our tent and members welcome all to take part in a fun-filled afternoon on Main Street.

- Fall Festival Parade – Your BGHSAA is one of the featured participants in this annual community event. Thousands line up along Main Street to say hello and enjoy the Hoosier tradition of celebrating what is good about small towns.

- Homecoming 2024 – We celebrated the 70th Anniversary of one the greatest football teams in

Beech Grove High School's history; the 1954 undefeated Beech Grove Hornet Varsity Football team! Players present from that team were Jim Little and current BGHSAA board member Tom Moriarty. They were the Capital District and Marion County Champions! Join us in 2025 as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1985 (9-1) Hornets!

- The Annual Matt English Traveling Trophy Basketball Game – This was the third annual season opening meeting of the Beech Grove Hornets and the Greenfield Cougars. The brainchild of Richard Compton (63), your BGHSAA, in cooperation with the BGHS Athletic Department, created this annual event to honor the "We Before Me" culture that the late Matt English developed while leading the Hornets basketball program. Though a terminal illness took Matt from The Grove and his family and friends in Greenfield (his alma mater), this annual event celebrates all that is great about healthy athletic competition.

- Welcome Coach David Sanders (2008) – Not only did the Beech Grove High School welcome coach David Sanders as its new head basketball coach, your BGHSAA welcomed him as our event photographer. What a blessing he was at our banquet, golf outing, and homecoming. He also joins dozens of alumni in the preparation of the annual newsletter mailing! Welcome Coach Sanders!

- Beech Grove Connect Program – Your alumni association has become a participating member of Beech Grove City Schools Superintendent Dr. Laura Hammack's Beech Grove Connect Program. Through quarterly gatherings at various Beech Grove School locations, this inspirational and educational effort strives to create Hornet Champions for the school systems. At least four BG alumni are participating. They are Marcia Payne (63), Jannis King (71), Bob Thomas (69) and David Wright (69). It is amazing to see the innovative educational initiatives that are taking place and that will take place in our schools!

- O. I. Van Horn - Read in this newsletter, Honoring O. L. Van Horn, to learn about the wonderful plans that are being worked on to honor this fine educator.

I, and the other members of the Beech Grove High School Alumni Association Board, are grateful for the privilege to serve you and our community. I hope you will join us at our upcoming events. You are also always welcome at our meetings each third Tuesday of the month.

David Wright (69)
 President

Board Members 2024/2025

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Decade Chairpersons 2024/2025

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Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's 2025 Teacher of the Year Steven V. Morgan Class of 1984

The BGHS Alumni Association is pleased to name Steven V. Morgan as the 2025 Teacher of the Year. Steve is the son of Ann and Troy Morgan. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on December 16, 1965. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to the Indianapolis area settling in the community of Brightwood. Steve credits his Aunt Sue Klingensmith with convincing his parents that Beech Grove was a near perfect community to raise a family. Soon after, in 1967, his family moved to 65 South 2nd Street in Beech Grove, and it remained their family home until the late 90's.

Steve is extremely proud of his Beech Grove heritage, noting three generations of his family have attended Beech Grove Schools. He has a brother, Mike and three sisters, Patty, Cathy and Debbie, all of whom are Beech Grove High School graduates. He also mentions his four cousins, Gary, Greg (nicknamed Buff), Johnny, and Susie Klingensmith who attended Beech Grove Schools at the same time he and his siblings did.

Steve attended Central Elementary, Beech Grove Middle School, and Beech Grove High School. His favorite subject in high school was Social Studies. While in high school, he was involved in wrestling and was a two-time IHSAA State Finalist under the direction of Coach Pete McNamara. He also played football under Coach Fritz Feigert. Steve states these two coaches impacted his life in a significant way, always pointing him in the right direction. He continues to be associated with them on a regular basis attending The Annual NCAA College Wrestling Championship.

After graduating high school, Steve was a member of the National Guard for six years. He attended Indiana University Bloomington, and graduated from IUPUI in 1995. He received a Master's in Education from Oakland City University, Oakland City, IN in 2004.

Continuing his love for Social Studies, Steve was hired by Mr. Jim Flanders for his first teaching job at the Beech Grove Middle School in 1999. He also served as Beech Grove High School Assistant wrestling coach from 1987 to 1990, and Beech Grove Middle School wrestling coach in 1995. Additionally, he was the Beech Grove Middle School football coach 2004 to 2005.

He established the Steven V. Morgan Academic Wrestling Scholarship, and served on the Beech Grove Endowment Board. Steve currently teaches 7th grade geography, including social studies and civics; and 8th grade U.S. History.

Steve and his wife Angela were married in 1992. They have three children:

Sidney – A graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School, she earned her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

Brock – A graduate of Apple Valley High School, Apple Valley, Minnesota (attended there to participate in their highly regarded wrestling program) and has a Political Science degree from Columbia University.

Kennedy – A graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School and Indiana University.

After 26 years with Beech Grove Schools, Steve plans to retire at the end of the 2025 school year. He and Angela have traveled quite extensively and hope to continue to travel more during their retirement. He plans to continue to teach Drivers Education and to pursue his love for restoring old toys, signs, and other antiques.

Steve's final comment about his teaching career is the hope that he has impacted his students in a similar way that he was impacted by Mr. McNamara's concept: Make of yourself – Give of yourself, a simple way to find fulfillment.



Decade Chairpersons 2024/2025

1920's/30's/40's Decade Chair	Marleah Lawson Hollander, '62	three-year term	2024-2027
1950's Decade Chairperson	Janice Fletcher Woempner, '57	three-year term	2022-2025
1960's Decade Chairperson	Sharon Miller Oelgoetz, '61	three-year term	2024-2027
1970's Decade Chairperson	Donna Baxter Roller, '70	three-year term	2022-2025
1980's Decade Chairperson	Amy McMorro Jennings, '87	three-year term	2024-2027
1990's Decade Chairperson	Crissy Spurgeon Kuhn, '91	three-year term	2022-2025
2000's Decade Chairperson	Kelly Weller Habig, '04	three-year term	2024-2027
2010's Decade Chairperson	Jasmine Thomas, '10	three-year term	2022-2025
2020's Decade Chairperson	VACANT	three-year term	2023-2026

Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's 2025 Alumnus of the Year Dr. Trent Morgan

The BGHS Alumni Association is pleased to name Lt. Col. Trent Morgan, M.D., as the 2025 Alumnus of the Year. Trent is the son of Michael and Terri Morgan. He was born at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove on August 18, 1982. His family lived in Indianapolis until moving to Beech Grove when he was 4-years old. He has one brother, Michael Morgan, II. Trent comes from a long line of Beech Grove graduates, including his parents, grandparents (Larry and Barbara Meguiar), and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Having attended Indianapolis Baptist Temple during elementary and middle school, Trent's first year to attend Beech Grove Schools was when he started high school where his grandfather, Larry Meguiar, was the head custodian. Trent lettered in four sports: wrestling, track, cross-country, and soccer. He was a team captain for cross-country and track, and was Academic All-State in wrestling in 1999-2000. He was Vice-President of his class his sophomore year and was actively involved in Student Council. He participated in choir, Science Olympiad, Spell Bowl, English Academic Team, Spanish Club, and was Salutatorian of his class. Trent was among the BG Alumni Association scholarship winners his senior year. Among the teachers who influenced him to set and attain high goals were Allyson Brown (Chemistry/Science) and his wrestling coach, Fritz Feigert. Trent states, "Wrestling was a large determining factor in developing my work ethic. If you can make it through a Beech Grove wrestling practice, then you can make it through anything."

Following high school graduation, Trent enrolled at Indiana University, and in the same year, enlisted in the Indiana Air National Guard as a Refueling Unit Operator where he drove a fuel truck and refueled F16s. He graduated from I.U. with distinction in 2004, obtaining a B.A. in Biochemistry. At Indiana University, he was an active member of the Judo Club, participating in intercollegiate tournaments.

From 2004 to 2006, Trent was a research assistant in the laboratory of Dr. D. Wade Clapp at Indiana University, where the team performed research on Neuro-fibromatosis Type I. During this time, he was also a coach for the Beech Grove Wrestling Club. In 2006, he was accepted into Indiana University School of Medicine. He transitioned from the Indiana National Guard (rank Staff Sergeant) to the regular Air Force, having been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant under the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP). While completing medical school, he was placed in inactive Reserve being promoted to Captain. After graduating medical school in 2010, he completed a residency at San Antonio Military Medical Center in Emergency Medicine in 2013 in the Air Force.

Trent was stationed at Osan Air Base, South Korea from 2013 to 2014, serving as the medical director for the Emergency Department. In 2014, he was stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio serving as an Emergency Physician and Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine with Wright State University School of Medicine's Emergency Medicine Residency Program. During his time at Wright-Patterson, he was deployed twice to undisclosed locations in Southwest Asia: once as the officer-in-charge of an Expeditionary Medical Support Team, and once as an Emergency Physician in a Mobile Field Surgical Team in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Trent left Active Duty in 2017, and moved back to Indiana working at Franciscan Lafayette and Crawfordsville as an Emergency Physician where his wife was attending Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. He rejoined the Indiana Air National Guard as an Emergency Physician in the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP). This unit is tasked with search, extraction, and medical care for large scale incidents in the State of Indiana and beyond.

From 2022-2023, Trent served as the Chief of Medicine for Franciscan Health Crawfordsville. At the present time, he works at Putnam County Hospital in Greencastle, IN. He is a Lieutenant Colonel continuing his work in the CERFP at Hulman Field in Terre Haute. He will soon transfer to the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne as a Flight Surgeon.

Trent holds membership in the following Professional Organizations:

- The American College of Emergency Physicians
- The National Guard Association of the United States
- The National Guard Association of Indiana

He has had numerous manuscripts published in medical and scientific journals.

Trent married Sara Rohrabough in 2011. Sara is a veterinarian in Putnam County. They live in Cloverdale, Indiana, and Trent says any spare time he has is enjoyed working out, reading, and spending time with family.



2026 Teacher and Alumnus of the Year Awards Committee

Nominations for Alumnus and Teacher of the Year may be submitted in writing at the 2025 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 or 317-881-1537.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE November 1, 2025.

2024 BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS

Little & Sons Funeral Home *** Holwager & Holwager, P.C.*****
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2024 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Scholarship News

We have had another great year to show our young graduates that we care about what they have achieved at BGHS. We were able to award eight scholarships in 2024. All of these young people are very deserving of your generosity.

I have talked to all of them and they are all going back for their second semester of learning. Their grades were exceptional, and they all seemed to be very happy. All of them thanked the Alumni for recognizing their efforts to earn a scholarship and giving them their money.

Thanks again to Bob Thomas, his helpers and all the golfers for their generous donation to the Scholarship Fund. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our Alumni Dinner, where you can meet our young winners.

This is all made possible with your generous donations. Thank you so much for being there for our young scholars.

Best regards and Many Blessings,
Kay Little Denning
Scholarship Chairperson

Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship Recipients

- Jaxon Gates
- Lilliana Jansen
- Jaden Jones
- Eric King
- Amira Mills
- Malone Moore
- Isaiah Wade
- Zoe Warren



Scholarship Chairperson Kay Little Denning with the 2024 Scholarship Recipients at the 2024 Reunion Celebration Dinner.

NAME

- Larry Hardesty '61 **
- Merritt Webb '79
- Jim Little '56 & Vicki Cain Little '76 *
- Jim Day '60 **
- Roger Smith '58 **
- Pam Smith Starks '64 ***
- Rich Kidwell '73 *
- Richard Pflanzler '58 *
- Christopher Winkler '89 *****
- John Bailey '63 **
- Linda Harshman Leffler '59 *
- Class of 1963 *
- Bill & Jackie Day Brown '59
- Beverly Mackey Everling '64 **
- Kay Little Denning '62 ****
- Jack Charnley '59 ****
- Judy Mandabach Hensley '64 **
- Rosemary Herzog Douglas '61 *
- Sharon Terry '64
- Foster McMasters '64 *****
- Marlene Taylor Bultman '59 **
- Walter Fallowfield '56 **
- Barbara O'Neill Simmerman '62 **
- Pam Bourff Cathcart '64 *
- Sally Taylor Todd '56 *
- Judy Byrum Pieper '61
- Karel VanHorn Seldner '63 ***
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- Don & Liz Moll Smith '65 **
- Dewey Spence '61
- Steve Akers '67 **
- Dave Weiger '61 *****
- Roseann Marschke Gary '58 *
- Sue Terrell Kiefner '67
- Louis Weidman '80 ***
- Daniel Leffler ***

NAME

- Larry Hardesty '61
- Karen Foley Bosley '60 **
- Rich Kidwell '73
- Marcia Wright Payne '63 *
- Clayton (Kit) Collins '63 & Ann Collins **
- H. Keith Morgan '60 **
- Barbara O'Neill Simmerman '62 **
- Jack Charnley '59 ***
- Don Smith '67 & Liz Moll Smith '65 **

CONTRIBUTORS

- Wilma Worrell Green '44
- Prince A. Herzog '53 ****
- Tom Moriarty '58 *
- Hammer Family ****

IN MEMORY OF

- Deceased Classmates 1961
- Judy Jennings Webb '59
- Vernon & Alma Little
- Bill Emmert '60
- Steve Smith '56
- Gary Starks '62 & Lucille Starks Dennis '38
- Dan Rieman '73 *
- Raymond & Alice Pflanzler
- Glenn McManama
- Shirley Worrell Bailey '63
- Bob Leffler '59
- Marilyn Teater Smith '63
- Joanne Day Wright '62
- Chuck Everling '64
- Our Teachers
- Gerry Charnley '53
- Jim Hensley '63 & Kathy Mandabach Deckard '61
- Faye Graves Meguiar '61
- Charlie Larkins '63
- Julia McMasters Holdorf '52
- Melvin Smith & Larry D. Brune '59
- Janice Emmert Fallowfield '55
- Nick O'Neill '58
- Don Cathcart '61
- George Bultman '59
- Fred & Teech Bryrum '35 & Little Freddie
- Donna Gilliland Sluder '45
- Ann & Olin VanHorn
- Deceased Classmates 1963
- Ron Smith '66
- Sally Spence '59
- Deceased Classmates 1967
- Nell & Gene Weiger
- Carl Marschke '60
- Donald Spurlock '67
- Steve Nontell '73
- Bob Leffler '59

IN HONOR OF

- Fellow Classmates 1961
- Kathryn Foley Ruley '62
- Bill & Becky Bane
- David Wright '69 & Lloyd Wright '71
- Betty Collins
- Mr. Ranklin (Science Teacher)
- Richard Pflanzler & Tom Moriarty '58
- George Bultman, Bob Leffler & David VanHorn '59
- Class of 1965

CONTRIBUTORS

- Susan McConnell Leonard '67 *
- Dave Abbott '70 ***
- Brent Summers '58 & Beverly Carpenter Summers '65 *
- Class of 1974 ****

2024 OPERATING FUND DONATIONS

NAME

Jim Little '56 & Vicki Cain Little '76 *
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 Marsha & John Dorsey, Tori Dorsey & Frank Green *
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 Dave Weiger '61 ***
 George Fallowfield '55 & Family **
 Mary McMasters Boren '55 *
 Sue Terrell Kiefner '67

IN MEMORY OF

Bill & Doris Cain
 Deceased Classmates 1960
 Deceased Classmates 1964
 Delbert Dennis, Scott Dillow, Nick Egan & Greg Morris '74
 Janet Fields Guzier '68
 Lynn Buccieri Wilson '79 & Craig Williams '80
 Charles Larkins '63 & John Max Wright '61
 Shirley Worrell Bailey '63
 Betty Collins
 Bob Collins '59 & Janice Emmert Fallowfield '55
 Valerie Whiteside Bates '67
 Linda Albertson '66 & Bill Gregson '66
 George Bultman '59
 Sally Byland '61 & Deceased Classmates '56
 John Lyzott '59
 Deceased Teachers
 Deceased Classmates 1970
 Carolyn Chandler Huffman '59
 Marilyn Teater Smith '63
 Peggy Bourff '69, David Bourff '67 & Mike Bourff '63
 Dave VanHorn & John Lyzott '59
 Sally Spence '59
 Sharon Weiger Roessler '55
 Janice Emmert Fallowfield '55
 Julia McMasters Holdorf '52
 Linda Adkins Hubele '67

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 Marilyn Wilkins Rogers '58
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 Susan McConnell Leonard '67 *
 Rich Kidwell '73 *
 Dennis & Tammy Herzog '75 ****
 Wayne Lashbrook '61 **
 Dave Abbott '70 ****
 Patricia Chandler VanSickle '57
 Barbara O'Neill Simmerman '62
 Jody Hommel Willits '58
 Roseann Marschke '58

NAME

Linda Miller Moeller '64 *
 Richard Pflanzner '58 *
 Donna Rambo Wehmeier '58 *

IN HONOR OF

Class of 1964
 Barbara O'Neill Simmerman '62
 Class of 1958
 Henri (Gift Shop) McLaughlin & Coach Tommy Thompson

Jack Charnley '59 ***

2024 AWARD WINNERS



President David Wright presenting the 2024 Teacher of the Year Award to Beth Wolfe.



Larry Williams, 2024 Alumnus of the Year, speaks to the dinner crowd.

UNDEFEATED 1954 FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED AT HOMECOMING

We celebrated the 70th Anniversary of one of the greatest football teams in Beech Grove High School's history; the 1954 undefeated Beech Grove Hornet Varsity Football team. Players present from that team were Jim Little (right) and current BGHSAA board member Tom Moriarty (not pictured). They were the Capital District and Marion County Champions.



2024 NEWSLETTER MAILING CREW



Honoring O.L. Van Horn



Mr. O. L. Van Horn
Teacher, Coach, Principal,
Assistant Superintendent, 1929 - 1968

For the last few years your BGHSAA, (inspired by the class of 1963), has been seeking a way to honor the educational work and memory of Mr. O.L Van Horn. Before we share the plan with you, we need to mention that the Beech Grove athletic teams would not have been called the Hornets if it were not for a young basketball coach winning the 1931 Marion County Championship. That coach was O.L. Van Horn who led the Beech Grove Yellowjackets (Yes, that's correct!) to the school's first Marion County

Varsity Basketball Championship. The Beech Grove School Board determined that they would honor their coach by naming a new mascot after Coach Van Horn! And the Beech Grove Hornets came to be (is that bee?!). Mr. Van Horn went on to great academic leadership within the school system. He was the longtime high school principal and was the assistant superintendent when he retired in 1968 after a 39-year career with Beech Grove Schools.

Mr. Van Horn was also instrumental in transforming a World War II Victory Garden, located in the valley at Main Street and 13th Avenue, into a football field that would serve the Beech Grove City Schools, and the entire community for generations. Its use continues today as an open community sports field for football, soccer, and track.

Your Beech Grove Alumni Association, in cooperation with Dr. Laura Hammack, Beech Grove City Schools Superintendent, and Beech Grove Mayor, Mr. James Coffman, are in the process of planning the unveiling of a Beech Grove City historical marker on Main Street. This will tell of the generational leadership that a young teacher from Windfall, Indiana had, and continues to have, on the city of Beech Grove. Below is a list of individuals who have contributed funds to help pay for the marker. If you wish to contribute you will find a line on our Reservation Page named O. L. Van Horn Historical Marker Fund.

O. L. Van Horn Memorial Donations

TOTALLING \$2,240.00
from the Class of 1963

- John & Peg Sharkey
- Karen Dible Nelson (Carl)
- Tim & Vonda K. Schroeder
- Clayton & Margaret Collins
- Ronald & Joyce Baker
- Myra Hinshaw Lehmann
- Gary E. Cummings
- LaVonne Kuntz Coffey
- Richard Compton
- John Horton
- Janet Jackson Agal
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- Billy and Alice Case
- Donna Patrick and Lynn Joyce
- Janet Stutler Musick
- Connie Mitchell Eichelberger
- Marcia Wright Payne
- John Bailey
- Sandra Hire Couch
- Carol McClain Valdez
- Judy Wiltsee Williams
- Linda Weaver Stamper
- Sue Helmer Griffith
- Charles & Brenda Schoenbachler
- Marsha Houglund Dorsey
- Virginia Craft Ott

Buzzings from the Hive

2025/26 Meeting and Event Dates

April 15, 2025	Decade Chairpersons and Class Representatives Recognition
May 20, 2025	Election of Officers
June 13, 2025	Alumni Golf Tournament
June 14, 2025	49th Annual Celebration
June 17, 2025	Reunion Dinner
June 17, 2025	Board Meeting (Incoming & Outgoing Officers)
July 15, 2025	All Alumni Annual Meeting
July 19, 2025	B.G.H.S. All Class Bash*
August 19, 2025	General Meeting
September 13, 2025	Fall Festival Parade*
September 16, 2025	General Meeting
September TBA	34th Alumni Homecoming Tailgate
October 4, 2025	Music on Main Street*
October 21, 2025	General Meeting
November 19, 2025	General Meeting
December 2025	No Meeting
January 20, 2026	General Meeting
February 17, 2026	General Meeting
March 17, 2026	Newsletter Mailing Party

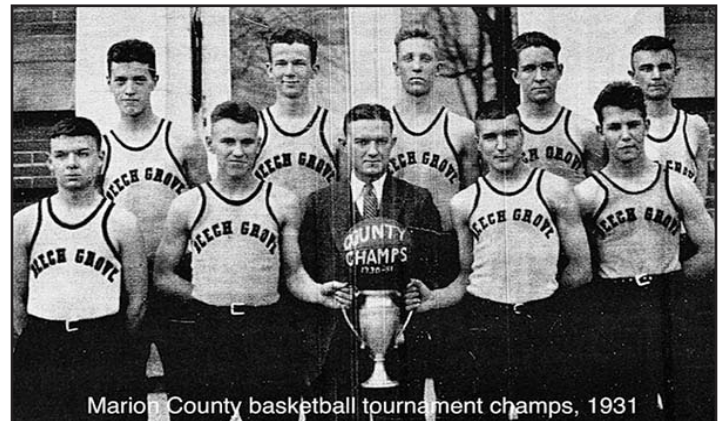
* Not an Alumni Association sponsored event.

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the

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"Let's Keep in Touch"

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



Marion County basketball tournament champs, 1931

To date we have awarded

\$400,600 to 303 scholarship recipients.

Thank you for your continued generous donations!



2025 CLASS MESSAGES



Class of 1958 - Another year has "zoomed" by... as they say, "time flies when you're having fun." Hopefully at our age, we can still have some fun. A few of us locals are still having lunch every 6 weeks or so.... If any of you out-of-towners are planning a trip home, let me know and we can plan our luncheon at that time. Sadly, we lost a classmate and one of my dear friends, Rich Ridpath, passed away January 15th. Hopefully, I will see you at the All Class Reunion in June. Your Class Rep, Tom Moriarty

Class of 1959 - Hello 1959er Classmates, hope you are all keeping warm and well! There are no special plans this year, but I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Alumni Dinner on June 14th at Primo Banquet Hall. Some of you golfers might want to take part in the Golf Outing on Friday. Maybe you will have good luck and get a hole in one, even though it is Friday the 13th! Reservation forms for the dinner and the golf outing are in the back of this newsletter. Please remember to send me any new contact information so we can keep our records updated. Your Class Secretary - STILL! Marlene (Taylor-Emmert) Bultman, justmeonkb@aol.com, 317-604-8291, 12131 Briarway, N. Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46259"

Class of 1960 - Sixty-five years ago, "Psycho" and "Exodus" were playing in theaters, "Alley-Oop" and "It's Now or Never" were blasting from our radios; but more importantly, the Class of 1960 was preparing to walk across the stage to receive our well-earned diplomas. From time to time, we have gathered to reminisce and reconnect, and our plan is to do that again this year. Watch your mail and email for plans to meet for lunch/dinner during the official BG Alumni Weekend which will be June 13-14. I have learned that two of our classmates passed away this year - Jim Hughes and Patty Gilliland Abbott. Please let me know if there are any changes in your contact info. Your Class Rep, LaDonna Hall 812-371-1468

Class of 1961 - At our 50th Class Reunion, we decided to meet for a class luncheon on the first Tuesday of each month. I am proud to report that the luncheons are still going on with much success. A reminder is sent out each month. We like to see new faces so if you haven't come before, please put it on your bucket list. Later this year, we will start planning our 65th Class Reunion in 2026. Watch for details later. In 2024, unfortunately, we lost three of our classmates; Marva Mitchell Coleman, Don Cathcart, and Myron Bodenhamer. Mark your calendars for June 14, 2025, to attend our Alumni Dinner at Primos. To help keep our records up to date, please email me any changes to your address, phone number and email address. My email address is sharon.oelgoetz@att.net Look forward to seeing you June 14th. Your Class Representative, Sharon Miller Oelgoetz

Class of 1962 - The class of 1962 continues to gather for brunch almost every month thanks to the faithful planning of Barb and Peg. We usually have a good group but there is always a seat for you. If you have an address change or a health concern you would like for us to be aware of please e-mail me at marleah6433@gmail.com or text 317-258-3087. Hope to see some of you at the Annual Alumni Banquet in June. Your Class Representative, Marleah Lawson Hollander

Class of 1963 - The Class of 1963 remained active throughout 2024. We continue to meet on the last Thursday of each month (except November/December) at Eagles Lodge at 11:30 a.m. We would love to have you join us there. Our lunch group continues to actively support the excellent work of Servant's Heart. We were well represented at the Annual Alumni Banquet in June. In July we filled a table at Beef and Boards to see the musical rendition of Legally Blond. In August, once again, we generously collected school supplies for Hornet Park Elementary School. Ten from our class attended a fund raiser sponsored by O'Charley's with the funds from the event going to Servant's Heart. September events included the Fall Festival parade and Music on Main. Our Alumni Association hosted their 33rd Homecoming Tailgate Party and several from the Class of '63 attended the event. Our class was represented at the Beech Grove vs Greenfield Central basketball game. The traveling trophy event was created to honor the late Matt English who was the BGHS basketball coach from 2008 to 2018 and was a Greenfield Central Cougar during his high school career. Our final gathering for 2024 was held on December 6th, when eighteen of us gathered for our annual Christmas lunch. An ongoing project by the Alumni Association has been to determine a way to honor the memory of Mr. O.L. Van Horn for his long service to the Beech Grove City Schools. The Class of 1963 has led this project by raising over \$2,000 as a start-up fund. We sadly report the death of our classmate,

Marilyn Teater Smith on April 18, 2024. Several classmates attended her funeral. As we look forward to upcoming alumni events, we hope our class will be well represented at the BGHS Alumni Association's Dinner at Primos on June 14th. The reservation form for the dinner is in this newsletter. Look forward to seeing everyone. Blessings in 2025. Your Class Representative, Marcia Wright Payne

Class of 1965 - This year marks the 60th Anniversary of our graduation! To celebrate, plans have been made for a dinner at Napoli Villa Italian Restaurant on Friday, June 13th, at 5:00 p.m. Here we may visit and get caught up on the past few years. More information regarding the reunion will be sent later. The following evening will be the BGHS Alumni Association's dinner at Primo's Banquet Hall on June 14th. Details regarding this are included in this newsletter. It would be great to see you at both events. We have hopes of giving a record high donation to the Scholarship Fund that evening. We hope you will dig deep and give generously! 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 - BGHS Class of 1969 "annual reunion", 4:30PM to 9PM Friday June 20, 2025, At Mucky Duck Banquet Room near Southport Rd and Gray Rd. \$30/Person Includes: Room Rental, Italian Buffet, All Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Taxes and Gratuities. Reminder it is a CASH BAR! Payment: Kathy Dible Bogard agreed to be treasurer for the event. We no longer have a class checking account, so make checks out to her: "Kathryn L. Bogard".

Mail to: Kathryn L. Bogard
c/o Allusions Salon
520 N. Madison Ave. Suite C
Greenwood, IN 46142

We hope to have forty classmates. I need all your help in spreading the word! We already have twelve people paid. (FYI. Final headcount is needed by June 4th for the restaurant), I will provide background "60s" music on a small PA system like last year. If you know you cannot make it to the class reunion party, I would love to get your regrets via e-mail so I can mention you at the reunion (and it also lets me know you are still active on this e-mail list!) Best regards, stay warm, stay healthy! Steve Bogard BGHS Class of 1969, 317-750-1179

Class of 1970 - Hello Classmates of the 70's!!! For those of you still in Indiana, it sure is cold here! Plus, we have a foot of snow on the ground! I just want to remind everyone that our yearly alumni dinner in June is a wonderful way to recognize our 2025 scholarship winners, our teacher of the year and our alumnus of the year. Plus, we recognize the 25th class and the 50th class. So please plan to attend. We also would like to say that any donation that you make helps us to help the kids still in school. When asked, we make every effort to help with caps and gowns, renting instruments, donating to lunch programs, etc. So please help us help our kids!!! The form to make your reservation is in this bulletin. Fill it out and send your check. Thank you! Donna Baxter Roller. Class of 1970 rep & Decade Chair for the 70's

Class of 1975 - This is the BIG 50th for our class. Hope to see you all at the Alumni Dinner, June 14th and watch for emails about other gatherings our class may be planning.

Class of 2000 - Wow, can you believe this is our 25th Class Reunion. Our class will be honored at the Alumni Dinner in June when one of our own, Dr. Trent Morgan, will be recognized as the 2025 Alumnus of the Year.

Class of 2005 - Our 20 Year Class Reunion is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 524 Main Street, Beech Grove. More information about the cost and what food and drink will be available will be posted on the Beech Grove High School Alumni Facebook page closer to the event date. If you are not on Facebook, please contact another classmate that is on Facebook, so they can provide you with updated information. Thanks, and hope to see you there! I also encourage you to attend the yearly Alumni Dinner in June 14th at Primo's Banquet Hall for a chance to see classmates from many graduating classes including our class of 2005. Best Regards, Nicole Bridgens



16th ANNUAL BG BASH

Mucky Ducks at Southport Crossing
6:00 PM to Midnight, Saturday, July 19th
All Alumni Welcome! No Cover Charge.





2024 BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

"Don Challis Memorial Golf Tournament"

Friday, June 13, 2025 - 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 \$60 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

2024 Winning Team



The 2024 Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's Don Challis Memorial Golf Tournament winning team consisted of Charlie Holder (Class of 1969), Terry Flynn, Charlie Hall, and Mike McGuire.

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 23, 2025 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: _____

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.



49th REUNION CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025
PRIMO BANQUET HALL

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

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Contribution to the O. L. Van Horn Historical Marker Fund: _____ \$ _____

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 23, 2025.

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?
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