

# The RED & BLACK

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND DON'T MISS IT!! — SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2018



**C**ALLING ALL BIG REDS! Join us this year for our Homecoming weekend festivities to be held September 21st and 22nd. We have a couple changes to announce. Due to a scheduling conflict, the Sons of Italy was not available for our events this year.

We were able to keep the social gathering Friday night in Bellaire at a place well known to all:

Gulla's Lunch/Gulla's Next Door. On Saturday the reverse raffle will be held at The Market at Ebbert Farms. This new venue, located in St. Clairsville, was previously known as Ebbert Farm Market. This new reception hall was built to comfortably seat 300 people and will give our reverse raffle an opportunity to grow. Board Member Erica (Booth) Barricklow, class of '02 and her husband

operate the facility.

Tickets are on sale now for the reverse raffle. They can be purchased from any board member or by calling Kathy Wallace at 740-676-9150. Cost of \$25.00 includes dinner and drawing or \$15.00 for drawing only/no admission to the event. BYOB- both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

### HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday, September 21

- Noon: The BHS Marching Band and Homecoming Court will parade downtown and visit businesses
- 2:00pm: Pep Assembly - BHS Auditorium
- 7:00pm: Alumni Social Gathering at Gullas

#### Saturday, September 22

- 9:00am: Archives Rooms Tours at Bellaire High School
- 10:30am: Parade Line-up on Alumni Way
- 11:00am: Homecoming Parade down Belmont Street
- 12:30pm: Big Reds football vs. Buckeye Local at Nelson Field
- 7:00pm: Reverse Raffle at The Market at Ebbert Farms (Tickets WILL NOT be available at the door. Please contact any Alumni Trustee to purchase a ticket.)

# Message from the President

It is hard to believe we are approaching another school year and kicking off another busy season of BHS Alumni Association activities.

It seems like just a few short weeks ago we held our annual spring banquet which provided a memorable event for attendees, especially BHS newest Alumni. Bellaire Local Schools Superintendent Darrin Jenkins provided a detailed overview of the state of the district. From academics to athletics, fiscal condition along with building and grounds, the district is in a

very positive place and something we all should be proud of.

The banquet (as required by the BHS Alumni Association Constitution and By-Laws) also provided for the election of officers and board of trustees. Elected was President Ed Good '77, 1st Vice President Toni (Brunori) Sechrest '68, 2nd Vice President Erica (Booth) Barricklow '02, Treasure Kathy Wallace '70 and Secretary Brooke McVey '07.

The Association truly appreciates everyone's attendance and thanks you for your continued support!!

I would be remiss if I did not give a special shout out to BHS Alumni Association Past President Arleen (Brunori) Sabatino '76. Her leadership, dedication and demonstrated commitment to the association and BHS is

second to none. Thankfully, she has paved the way for a smooth transition of recently elected officers and board members.

The Association continues to work on a number of events promoting our mission, vision and goals. Upcoming activities include but are not limited to the Homecoming Weekend September 21st & 22nd and the annual Euchre Tournament October 6th at the Neffs Rod & Gun Club. Please consider attending or supporting these events. It is not only a good time, but it is also a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and raise funds for our schools and students.

Aside from these planned events, we will also be focusing on updating our membership list. As with any organization we rely heavily on our membership. Our plan is to reach out to past class officers and/or reunion coordinators to assist with identifying the status of graduates. If persons are aware of a status change we would appreciate a quick note reflecting the same. Email Shauna Walker at [mamawalker1@comcast.net](mailto:mamawalker1@comcast.net) or Erica Barricklow at [ericabooth2@yahoo.com](mailto:ericabooth2@yahoo.com) with changes. It is imperative we maintain an accurate list to best serve our members. We want to emphasize that our list will not be shared and the sole purpose is to only communicate alumni activities.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the association please feel free to drop us a note or contact any board member. The Association meets every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. at the Board of Education office located at 340 34th Street in Bellaire.

Please keep in mind, you can pay your dues or stay in touch online. Visit our web-page at [www.bellairebigredsalumni.com](http://www.bellairebigredsalumni.com) and also like or follow us on Facebook.

We hope to see and or hear from you soon!!!



Your President,  
*Ed Good* Class of 1977

## Honoring America's Wartime Veterans

Students from Bellaire High School placed American flags on the graves of two cemeteries in Bellaire in preparation for Memorial Day. The students included members of the football and wrestling teams and members of the band.

Come Home Big Reds and Celebrate  
**HOME COMING**

# 2018



# NEW PRINCIPALS BUT NOT NEW FACES



**D**ERRICK MCAFEE will be moving from Bellaire Middle School principal to Bellaire High School principal for the 2018-2019 school year. I have served as a 7th grade social studies teacher in Bluffton, SC for two years, 8th grade social studies teacher in Bellaire for three years, and Bellaire Middle School principal for eight years.

Bellaire High School is the center of our community. I'm truly honored to be entrusted with the Pride, Spirit, and Tradition that has made Bellaire the envy of the Ohio Valley. Starting immediately, we will

be working to build a curriculum that has big school options while maintaining our small school culture. The staff and students of Bellaire High School are committed to honoring the past accomplishments of our wonderful alumni who continue to support and love their schools. I can't wait to get the 18-19 school year started and the future is bright for our beautiful Bellaire High School! Go Big Reds!

**I**S WITH GREAT HONOR and excitement that I introduce myself, Derek Ault, as the new Principal at BMS. Over the past 16 years I have worked as a teacher and principal at Bellaire Elementary School. In each of my roles, I have strived to ensure success of each student and the school by providing the most up to date, research based instructional practices and opportunities for our students and staff. Similarly, it is now my number one priority at BMS to strive towards those same goals to ensure that we are providing every student with the most well-rounded educational experience possible.

These are truly exciting times in our school district! Through the support of the community, we have been very fortunate over the past year to have been able to reinstate the arts back into our curriculum and upgrade technology across the entire district. Last year

we added Music and Art. This year we have also added PE back into our K - 8 curriculum. The instructional practices of our teachers continues to evolve as we all share the same vision of what a future Bellaire graduate should look like. A well-rounded education means outstanding instruction from top-notch teachers, as well as extracurricular opportunities and supports that will enable students to develop character, a passion for learning and the desire to explore the world outside of the classroom.

As a former graduate of BHS and parent of two Bellaire students, it is my honor to serve our community and to help shape the future of our student body. As the enthusiasm and pride for our school community continues to grow we will strive to ensure a successful future for all stakeholders. Go Big Reds!



**B**ELLAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has introduced a new principal for the 2018-2019 school year. Ben Doyle, a 2002 graduate of Bellaire High School, comes to the elementary school after serving two years as the Supervisor of STEM Academy and 21st Century Learning in the district.

Before returning to Bellaire, Doyle's career in education spanned from The Allen-Stevenson School in New York City to the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and Chief of Staff at Jesuit Commons: Higher Education at the Margins. He has enjoyed much experience in educating students around the globe but is excited to make an impact in his home community.

"I am thrilled and honored to join the team at Bellaire Elementary. It is a great facility with an impressive faculty and staff. We hope to help guide students to their passions as they begin their journey as lifelong learners," said Doyle. "Elementary school provides a great environment to tap into the natural creativity, innovation, and curiosity present in children."

Doyle recently earned his Master's of Educational Leadership from Wheeling Jesuit University and resides in Bellaire with his wife Mandy, and children Henry (5) and Evelyn (2). He also serves as the varsity boys basketball head coach in the district.

*Class*  
**REUNION**  
B o o k l e t s

Class reunion committees are reminded to submit their class reunion books/ mailing list to the alumni association so we can keep our mailing list up-to-date!

Send to: Shauna Walker  
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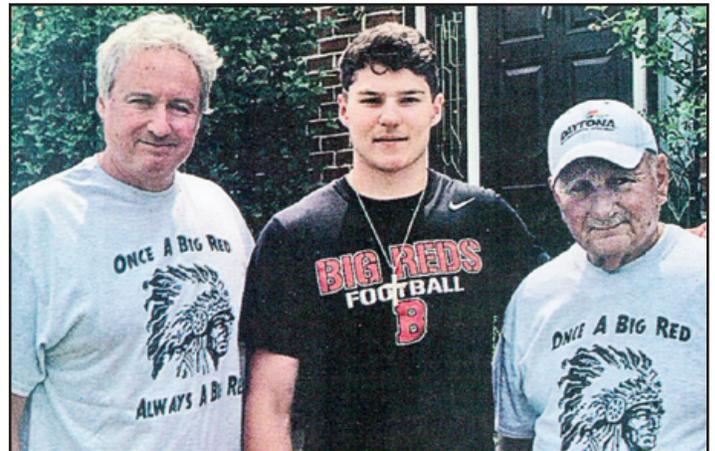
## The Class of 1949 Fund:

Nancy Carrollo Kasarda  
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Robert Hill

## It's a Family Affair

The name Duffy has been around Bellaire football for many years. Thor Duffy graduated this past spring from BHS. He enjoyed a solid senior football season last fall, earning him a spot playing in the OVAC All-Star Game this summer.

Thor became the third member of the Duffy family to play this football classic. Wendell Duffy, Thor's grandfather played in the 1958 All-Star game. Trey Duffy, Wendell's son and Thor's uncle, starred in the 1981 game. All three prevailed as Ohio winners by beating West Virginia.



Cole LaRoche



Colton Sechrest

## 2018 STATE TRACK WINNERS

BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL Junior, Cole LaRoche won the State Track Title this past spring throwing the shot put 55'11" and Bellaire Middle School 8th grader, Colton Sechrest broke the Junior High State record in the discus with a throw of 168'.

Give Back to BHS... **SUPPORT YOUR ALMA MATER**

All donations to the BHS Association are tax deductible.

# SPRING BANQUET 2018



Achievement winners L-R, Shelbie Redman Smith, Government; Cathy & Steve Chirpas, Business; Kevin Blacker, Medical; Amy Busic, Law; and Lou Mokros, Civic



Endowment Scholarship winners pictured with endowment board member, Kathy Wallace



Outstanding Alumnus, Carolyn Presutti Davison along with alumni board members, Arleen Sabatino and Cheryl Wallace



Enjoying the banquet are Wanda Good Craig, Esther Jackson Kalinowski and Barbara Morris Russell



Dan Frizzi announces the winner of the Local History Award that is awarded by he and his wife Penny. Helping Dan is his brother, Dick Frizzi.



Senior Service winners, Mason Ramsay and Liliana Yocum with alumni board members, Toni Sechrest and Erica Barricklow



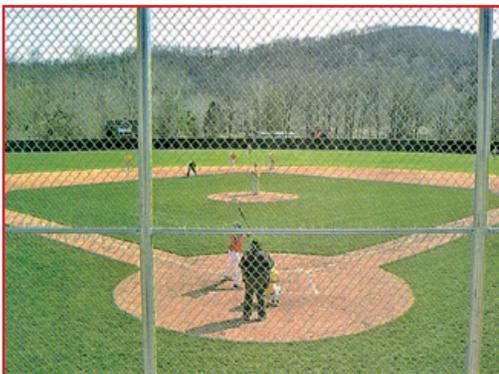
A few members from the class of 1968 enjoying some time together. they will be celebrating their 50 year class reunion this fall. Seated are Linda Zacchini Marinacci and Terriann Presutti Bonfini, standing L-R, are Toni Brunori Sechrest, Lucinda Decker Moore, Lynn Drummond Majzun, Connie Crozier Bobo and Bob Wallace



Giving his achievement award acceptance speech is Lou Mokros



Reminiscing good times at BHS are Doug Allen, Susan Badia West and Joanne Cochran Sullivan



## NEW BASEBALL FIELD

**T**HE BIG REDS BASEBALL TEAM finally has a field that they can call "home." A state-of-the-art, newly constructed baseball field sits along Ohio 149 as you enter into Neffs. They call it *The John Blacker Field*.

The need for their own field came about several years ago when the Ohio Valley suffered through a wet spring. The baseball team was unable to play on Chase Field at the Bellaire Jr. Sports Complex due to conditions of that field. That was not an acceptable situation for our student athletes. It was Superintendent Darin Jenkins and the school board who got the ball rolling to establish a field for Bellaire students.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT -- Mike Dunfee



Mike Dunfee, Class of 1993 led his Georgia team to a state baseball title this year. Baseball has been a major part of Mike's life. He is the head baseball coach at Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga, GA. Last spring his team was the state runner-up. The community reminds Mike of Bellaire. It has a family feeling, where great fans follow the team. Unlike the valley, Georgia prep baseball season has a much longer lifespan. The kids in Georgia play baseball all year round. After graduation, Mike played collegiately at Carson-Newman in Tennessee. He launched his prep coaching career in the Volunteer State as an assistant for five years. He then

became the head coach at LaFayette High in Georgia. His success there led him to Gordon Lee. This marked Dunfee's seventh season as the head coach at Gordon Lee, a school of some 450 students.

He credits his coaching prowess from his solidly rooted days at Bellaire where he played for Gene Ammirante, John Magistro and Mark Bonar. "Those are three solid dudes. They were great coaches and teachers," stated Dunfee. He went on to say, "They pushed us hard but they made us better, I would run through a wall for them."

Mike and his wife Stacey are parents of two children, Abbey, a freshman, and Nate, a seventh grader. Mike is currently a math teacher and is planning to go into school administration.



# NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

*The Alumni Association is seeking nominees for its Outstanding Alumnus Award*

We are searching for graduates of Bellaire High School who are distinguished in a chosen field of work along with service to Bellaire High School and the community. Recognizing outstanding alumni is the way the Alumni Association shows its commitment to making Bellaire High School strong. Our Outstanding Alumnus represents just a few of the thousands of alumni who contribute in countless ways to their fellow alumni, BHS, to their communities, to their profession and to mankind.

If you know a graduate that should be recognized please send the Alumni Association a letter of recommendation for this graduate, along

with a current detailed resume outlining their work history and service to BHS and their community.

Nominations must be received by January 2, 2019 to be considered for the 2019 Outstanding Alumnus Award.

If you would like to nominate a graduate for this prestigious award, please send the required biographical information to:

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