



# Bridgport Alumni Association 2022 Newsletter

## Bulldogs Return Home To Perkins Field

Saturday, August 28, 2021 was a day that all Bridgeport Alumni, residents, students, band, cheerleaders, and football team had been looking forward to for 4 years - The Return to Perkins Field! "The Bite is Back" was the theme as the Bulldogs played their first game at Perkins Field since the end of the 2017 season. As part of the festivities, the Brookside Park Board sponsored a celebration immediately prior to the first football game between Bridgeport and Monroe Central.

The Event was held from 2 PM - 6 PM along National Road in Brookside. There were food trucks, a DJ, face painting, and various organizations had tables set up. There was a dunk tank and Brookside Mayor Rich Kurner took his turn in the tank. After the game the Church Of God in Brookside held a family friendly, fun 5th quarter event from 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM.

The game began at 7 PM with a large turnout in attendance. The stadium featured new grandstands, field house, fencing, paving, and sound system, along with other improvements. Those in attendance clapped and cheered along as the marching band entered the stadium playing the school fight song, and welcomed the team back with loud cheers as they entered the field. Cheerleaders and football team were sporting new uniforms purchased by the Perkins Field Committee. A special commemorative program was sold during the game.

Prior to the start of the game, those who made the return to Perkins Field possible were recognized. They include a representative from Kliengers group whose flood study made it possible to return to Perkins Field, Superintendent Brent Ripley, and The Bridgeport School Board, Lansing Sportsman's Club, Bridgeport Alumni Association, Perkins Field Committee, led by Co - Chairs Michael Picetti & Chad Roskovich, whose fundraising efforts went far beyond expectations, and finally the many individual Alumni, classes & groups whose generous donations helped make this dream a reality!

Perkins Field Committee members from lower left, Patrick McConaughy '87, Ryan Kreiter '08, Paula Cash Scherich '85, Bob Weaver '62, Rick Goodrich '80, Kathy Marty '69, Chad Roskovich '97, Karrie Mellot Puskas '94.

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Bob Weaver '62

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## 2021 Alumni Scholarship Recipients



Cooper Dulesky '21, Alumni Committee Member Sean Caruth '88, Zoe Long '21

## 2022 will be 100<sup>th</sup> season of football at Perkins Field

The 2022 High School football season will be a milestone season at Perkins Field. This will be season 100 of football being played at the historic venue.

Come support the Bulldog football team, band, bridgettes and cheerleaders! Stop by the new concession trailer to grab your favorite game time snacks.

Check out the Alumni Facebook page as the season gets closer for updates on any celebrations to mark the historic season!

See full football schedule below. We have 6 home games this season!

## 2022 Football schedule

Aug 18 Frontier (H)  
Aug 26 Monroe Central (A)  
Sep 2 Trinity Christian (H)  
Sep 9 Weirton Madonna (A)  
Sep 16 Conotton Valley (A)  
Sep 23 River (H)  
Sep 30 Beallsville (A)  
Oct 7 Catholic Central (H)  
Oct 14 Shadyside (H)  
Oct 21 Paden City (H)

## 2022 Alumni Weekend to feature new venues for Friday Night Social and Banquet

With the closing of the Skyliner as an event center, the Bridgeport Alumni Association was faced with the task of finding new locations to host our weekend events. The Alumni Committee worked hard to find venues that would suit all of our alumni. We looked at quite a few locations based on capacity, parking, air conditioning and availability. The Committee would like to announce the following locations for our Alumni events.

Our Friday Night Social Event will be held at the St. Clairsville Recreation Center, which is located next to Red Devil Football stadium, at the old Belmont County Fairgrounds. The Recreation center is all one level, air conditioned, handicapped accessible, and features ample parking. Address for the Recreation Center is 102 Fair Avenue, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

The Annual Alumni Banquet will be held in the banquet hall at Undo's West in St. Clairsville, Ohio. The Alumni Committee expects a smooth transition to hosting our events at these new venues. The proud tradition of our Alumni returning "home" to celebrate and reminisce about their days at "Dear Ole' Bridgeport High" will continue! Address for Undo's West is 51130 National Road E, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

The Alumni Association would like to say **THANK YOU** to the Rhodes family for several years at the Skyliner. Our alumni weekend event grew along with their venue over the years and they've always been so accommodating to our requests and needs. We wish them well on their future endeavors.

## Wingate by Windam hotel to offer discounted rate for Alumni

Alumni traveling in for Alumni weekend will be able to take advantage of a special discounted rate at the Wingate by Windam hotel located next to Undo's West in St. Clairsville. The special rate will be available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 23, 24, & 25. Please call 740-695-3961 to make reservations. Mention Bridgeport Alumni to take advantage of the discount. Deadline to book a room will be May 30. This will allow hotel staff to ensure enough rooms are available. Thank You.

## Class of 1963 Bereavement Donations

The Class of 1963 has made memorial donations to the Alumni Scholarship Fund, in memory of the following beloved classmates, who passed in 2021:

Sandra Swaton Andes, Charles August Helt, Dorothy Evans Booker, Fred Gardini, Bob Mroczkowski, and James Offord.

# BHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2022

## Annual Banquet and Membership

### Annual Dues

# \_\_\_ Dues @ \$7.00

\$ \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations

\_\_\_ BHS Scholarship Fund

\$ \_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ BHS Alumni Fund

\$ \_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

### Reservations

# \_\_\_ Banquet Reservations @ \$30.00 Each \$ \_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ Banquet Reservations - Class Of 1972 \$ \_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ Banquet Reservations - Class Of 2022 \$ \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check here if change of address.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Even if your dinner is free....you must still make a reservation.

BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Reservation Deadline is June 17th

PO BOX 132

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_

BRIDGEPORT, OHIO 43912

## 2022 Alumni Weekend Plans

The Bridgeport Alumni Association proudly announces its Alumni Weekend 2022 Plans, which will be held Friday and Saturday June 24th and 25th. The events kick off Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with the Annual Alumni Social which will be held at the St. Clairsville Recreation Center, located next to Red Devil Football Stadium. As always, the event is open to all Bridgeport Alumni with pizza, pop, water & light snacks being served. The event will be BYOB. A donation of \$5.00 is asked to help offset the evenings costs. All who donate will be eligible for a door prize. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, and a Chinese Auction. DJ Bill Talik will be on hand for your musical entertainment.

The weekend concludes at the Annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, at Undo's West in St. Clairsville, Ohio. The class photos begin **promptly at 5:30 p.m.** Cost of photo's is \$10 each. To insure everyone goes home with their photo, we are asking for pre-payment. The dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Inductees into the BHS Alumni **2022** Hall of Fame will be Albert Mazoch '35, Harold Rehm '42, David Giffin '62, and Sergeant Major Terry Bennington '72. Please note that in order to insure a proper number for seating and dinner, reservations are required. The cost for the banquet is \$30.00 per person. There is **no charge** for the Class of 2022 and the Golden Anniversary Classes of 1972. However, you must send in the reservation form to insure seating needs are met. If any Alumni have a specific seating request, (i.e. sit with a different class or a family member), please include a note with your return correspondence. The reservations deadline is **June 17th**. It is also time to support the Bridgeport High School Alumni Association with your membership renewal. Membership dues are \$7.00 per year. We ask that you pay your dues as these funds allow continued operation of your BHS Alumni Association.

## Class Reunion Information

**Class of 1957** is planning a Sunday afternoon gathering after the Saturday Alumni Banquet. Please email, text or call Darlene West Craver with your contact info so we can keep you in the loop. Dcraver@woh.rr.com or 937-726-2127.

**Class of 1962** - will celebrate their 60 year reunion on Thursday June 23, site to be determined and attend all Alumni weekend events.

**Class of 1972** will be having a get together on Fri. June 24, at the St. Clairsville Eagles from 6 - 10 PM. The class will be attending the alumni dinner on Sat. June 25. A Sunday brunch is being planned, as well. Contact Debbie Givens Ruffner for further information at 740-391-4453.

**Class of 1982** will celebrate their 40 year reunion on Saturday, June 25 from 12 - 4 PM, at the Barn on Crescent Road in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Cost is \$20 per person. Food and water will be provided. BYOB. Please RSVP by May 6 to Bulldogsclassof82@gmail.com.

**RECIPIENT NAME**  
**STREET ADDRESS**  
**ADDRESS 2**  
**CITY, ST ZIP CODE**

## Under the Lights at Perkins Field



For over a decade, those attending football games at Perkins Field would stop by the popcorn stand and see Bill Pahl, Harry Grimm '60, & Ted Ehni '51 for a bag or two of the "Best Popcorn in the Valley".

With the return to Perkins Field, the opportunity to run the popcorn stand became available. The Alumni Association stepped up and decided to honor these 3 gentlemen, and continue to offer Bill, Harry, and Ted's "Famous Bulldog Popcorn" to hungry fans attending home football games. The Alumni Association plans to continue selling popcorn at home games for many years to come. Go Dogs!



The Bridgeport Alumni Band made their annual appearance during the 2021 Hall Of Fame game. Twenty - three members returned, and marched into the field prior to the start of the game. They joined the high school band for pre-game and halftime performances.

The band always has a blast reminiscing about their days at Dear Ole' Bridgeport High. They invite any former band members back for their 2022 appearance, once a date is chosen. Check out the band's Facebook page for more information.



The Hall / Wall of Fame Banquet and game were held Saturday, September 11, 2021. Kurt Frasnely '87, Nicole Smolenak '14, Coach Mike Rose, and the 1996 football team, which was the first team to qualify for the playoffs were honored for their accomplishments with induction into the Wall of Fame. Dan Delande '65 was enshrined into the Hall of Fame. A ceremony and dinner were held at the school prior to the game. Honorees were recognized during halftime.