



Bridgeport Alumni Association 2024 Newsletter

2023 Hall / Wall of Fame Ceremony and game

The 2023 Hall / Wall of Fame ceremony and dinner was held on Friday September 1, prior to the football game against East Palestine. Each inductee was introduced and officially inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame or Wall of Fame.

Inducted into the Hall of Fame were the following: **Cassie Grandstaff Garrison '10**. Cassie was inducted as a result of her outstanding accomplishments in Track & Field. Cassie was a 7 time medalist at the Ohio State track meet, along with medaling 9 times in districts & 8 times at the regional level. **Ken Horvath '76**. Ken earned his professional golf management degree in 1981 from Ferris State & his PGA card in 1983. He enjoyed a 36 year career at Michigan State University. During his time at Michigan State he served as Men's golf coach and took the team to 3 NCAA tournaments.

Inducted into the Wall Of fame are the following: **Reggie Foston '84**. Reggie was inducted for his outstanding wrestling career. He was OVAC runner-up in both 1983 & 1984, & placed third in the State wrestling tournament in 1984. **John Kouski '40**. John is known as one of the finest all-around athletes in Bridgeport history. He was a 4-year letterman in both football & basketball. He earned a scholarship to the Ohio State University. **Harry Sommer '62**. Harry only began wrestling as a junior, but went on to place 3rd, in the State wrestling tournament. He was a teammate of Olympic Gold Medalist Bobby Douglas. **1982-83 Boys Basketball team**. The team compiled a 22-4 record while averaging 71.8 points per game and allowing only 60.2. They were OVAC, Sectional, & District champions, and fell 1 game short of the state final four. **1991 Girls Softball team**. The team were OVAC Champions in just their fourth season, & were coached by Fred Ottoson.

Pictures - From left 1982 - 83 Boys Basketball team. 1991 Girls Softball team.



Famous Bulldog popcorn - a Bridgeport Tradition!



Bruiser visits the popcorn stand for a bag of Bill, Harry, & Ted's famous Bulldog popcorn. He said its the best popcorn he has ever had!



Sean Caruth '88, Bob Weaver '62, & Carol Campbell '63 prepare to hand out free bags of popcorn to all in attendance at the annual Bulldog Pride Night.

Inaugural Bobby Douglas Invitational wrestling tournament held

The inaugural Bobby Douglas Invitational wrestling tournament was held at Bridgeport High School on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at John Havlicek Gymnasium. 11 teams from Ohio and West Virginia participated. Wrestling began at 9 a.m.

Bridgeport had 2 individual champions at 132 & 138, and placed fourth overall. The team would like to thank the many volunteers that helped make the event a success.

"Overall, I thought we had a pretty good tournament. I thought we hosted it well and I can say that the Bobby Douglas Invitational is here to stay for years to come," Bridgeport head coach and organizer Matt McFarland said. "We honored him and the tradition of wrestling here at Bridgeport High School."

Boys Basketball holds meet the team night and Alumni game

Bridgeport boys basketball held a meet the team night and a scrimmage game against Alumni players on Friday November 17. Grades 5 - 8 and the junior varsity played inter squad scrimmage games with the varsity team playing a group of returning Alumni players. Around 12 former players came back to take on this years current team. The game was close with the current players pulling away at the end for the victory. There was a great crowd on hand to cheer on both teams. The event was a huge success and plans are to hold this in future seasons.



School, Alumni room & Perkins Field tour to be held on Alumni Saturday morning

A tour of Bridgeport School, Alumni room & Perkins Field will be held on Saturday June 29.

The tour will begin at the school at 9:30 am. The tour will move to the Alumni room in the Administration building. The Alumni room was recently cleaned & organized. There is Bulldog memorabilia displayed and well as a collection of year-books on display. The tour will finish at Perkins Field, where guests can view the new grandstands & field house.

A sign up sheet will be at the Friday Night social for anyone interested in the tour to sign up. Tour will be led by members of the Alumni Committee.

BHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2024

Annual Banquet and Membership

Annual Dues

_____ Dues @ \$10.00 \$ _____

Donations

_____ BHS Scholarship Fund \$ _____

_____ BHS Alumni Fund \$ _____

Reservations

_____ Banquet Reservations @ \$30.00 Each \$ _____

_____ Banquet Reservations - Class Of 1974 \$ _____

_____ Banquet Reservations - Class Of 2024 \$ _____

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Class Year _____

_____ 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 14th

PO BOX 132

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

BRIDGEPORT, OHIO 43912

2024 Alumni Weekend Plans & Class reunions information

The Bridgeport Alumni Association proudly announces its Alumni Weekend 2024 Plans, which will be held Friday and Saturday June 28 and 29. The events kick off Friday evening with the Alumni Social. The social will be held at the St. Clairsville Recreation Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event is open to all Bridgeport Alumni with pizza, pop, water & light snacks being served. A donation of \$5.00 is asked to help offset the evenings costs. All who donate will be eligible for door prizes. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, and a Chinese Auction. The event is **BYOB**. DJ Bill Talik will be on hand for your musical entertainment.

The weekend concludes at the 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 **2024 Hall of Fame** are: **Fred Koss Sr. '34, and Bill Coulson '80.** 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 2024 and the Golden Anniversary class of 1974, **if dues are paid.** 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 14.** Walk-ins or reservations received after the due date are subject to a \$5 surcharge. We will have a golf cart available at the banquet to take our guests from the parking lot to the front entrance at Undo's West. Golf cart will be available starting at approximately 5 p.m., and be on hand till all guests are back to their vehicles at the end of the banquet. Please support the Alumni Association with your membership renewal. Membership dues are **\$10.00** per year. We ask that you pay your dues as these funds allow continued operation of your Alumni Association. **Thank You.**

1969 - The class of 69 is in the early planning stages of a reunion to coincide with Alumni weekend .Watch your mail for more details. Mark your calendar!

1974 - Class of 1974 is celebrating their 50 year reunion Friday, June 28, from 4:30 –7 PM, at the Moran Family Center,(former Lansing Elementary School), 68583 Scott St., Bridgeport, OH 43912. Check our class Facebook page - "Bridgeport Ohio High School Class of 1974." Or email Michele Molnar Cox at bhs.classreunion.74@gmail.com for more details.

1979 - The class will celebrate their 45 year reunion by attending the Friday night social. Please check out the classes Facebook page for details.

1994 - The class will celebrate their 30 year reunion by attending the banquet and going out afterwards to continue the party. Watch the class Facebook page - Bridgeport High School - class of 1994 for details.

2009 - Class will be having a reunion tentatively on June 29 place TBD. They can reach out to Caitlyn Leonard at 440-413-3494 for any additional details as they become available.

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Alumni King & Queen



New at the 2023 Alumni Social was the crowning of an Alumni King & Queen. From Left Queen Sandy Grimm '60 & King Richard Kurner '80. We will continue this new tradition at Alumni Socials going forward. Only requirement is to be a graduate of Bridgeport High.

Alumni Scholarships



Karrie Mellott Puskas '94, Alumni Scholarship Recipient Emma Pitner '23, Patrick McConaughy '87, Alumni Scholarship Recipient Jayden Ray '23.

Bridgeport Elementary School named Apple Distinguished School

Bridgeport Elementary School has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2023 through 2026. Bridgeport Elementary School called their 300 students together Tuesday October 17, 2023 to make the surprise announcement.

The recognition is based on a commitment for continuous innovation and using Apple products in all their learning practices. This accomplishment is recognized worldwide. This is a great accomplishment for our school and to help give our future Alumni the best education, and the inspiration to continue to learn with some of the best technology available.

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