

# The RED & BLACK

DON'T MISS ALUMNI HOMECOMING — SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2017  
**CHEERLEADERS RECOGNIZED**



**T**HE BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association is pleased to announce that this year's Alumni Homecoming activities will include a reunion and social for all past and present BHS Alumni Cheerleaders. The association is inviting all who have cheered for Bellaire High School to attend. All other BHS alumni are welcome as well. It will be held on Friday September 29th at 7:00 PM at the Sons of Italy in Bellaire.

If you used to cheer for the red and black or know someone who has, this is a great event to attend. Admission is free, light snacks provided.

Stop by and join in on the SPIRIT, PRIDE & TRADITION as we cheer on the Big Reds for Homecoming weekend. Dust off your poms and keep that Big Reds spirit up as we continue to keep old memories going along with making new ones.

**BACK ROW:** Abbie Gianangeli, Niesa Rice, Tearyannyie Willis, Zoe Bizzari, Aleyna Zwack, Maci Crozier, Lexus Monogioudis, Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Speece

**FRONT ROW:** Alex Street, Dawnell Ticarich, Hannah D'Aquila, Liliana Yocum, Emily Doty, Alexis Bell

# Message from the President



Your President,

*Arleen (Brunori) Sabatino*  
Class of 1976

I do not know about any of you but the summer sure did fly by for me. Hard to believe it's September already, the kids are back in school, football season is in full swing and soon the leaves will be falling off the trees.

Bellaire Local School District has many good things happening!

This past spring the community was asked to vote for a 2.5 mill emergency operating levy. Residents went out and voted to put an end to the school's fiscal emergency status. "Bellaire is back in the black" thanks to everyone who voted Yes! The passage of the levy means the

money generated will be used to restore programs that were cut while in fiscal emergency. Elementary art, music, and physical education will again be part of the student's daily schedule. This was great news for the district and students. The administration and teachers are dedicated and will continue to keep our schools A GREAT PLACE to learn.

Last Fall, ground was broken and construction began on a new Physical Education Building at Nelson Field. The next time you drive by or come to Nelson Field for an event, the old home of the Big Reds that most of us as kids and teenagers remember is GONE! We now have a beautiful state of the art facility that will accommodate both boys and girls.

Ben Doyle, a 2002 graduate of Bellaire High School, was hired as the new head coach of the boy's basketball team and Ms. Lara Cline was hired as the new band director.

It's that time of the year when the alumni is busy making plans for Homecoming Weekend on September 29th & 30th. As always, the weekend begins with a Friday night social at the Sons of Italy at 7 pm.

Free admission, light snacks provided and a cash bar is available. Gather up some old classmates and come enjoy the evening with us. On Saturday the day begins at the high school where tours of the building and archives room are available from 9 am to 11 am. The parade begins at 11:15 down to Nelson Field where the Big Reds host Beaver Local at 12:30. The day ends with our annual Reverse Raffle.

The Alumni Board of Trustees continue their efforts to help raise money to help our schools. We have four fundraising events scheduled and we hope that you can and will support one of them. First up, the Reverse Raffle on September 30th at the Sons of Italy. Tickets are \$25 for admission, dinner your name in the raffle, or \$15 for only your name in the raffle. For tickets, call Kathy Wallace at 740-676-9150. On October 21st, a Euchre Tournament, raffles, and other games will be held at the Neffs Rod & Gun Club. Tickets are \$25 to participate in the euchre tournament and \$10 for general admission. For tickets email Ed Good at edgood1@comcast.net. In January we will sell a \$5 lottery ticket based on the 3 digit nightly drawing for the month of February. For tickets call Toni Sechrest at 740-676-2332. Our last fundraiser will be a Night at the Races in March. Details to follow. All monies raised from these fundraising events will go the Education Assistance Fund and the Special Gift Fund.

If you know of someone deserving to be an Outstanding Alumnus, send us their name and their resume to Bellaire Alumni Association c/o Outstanding Alumnus P.O. Box 307. Deadline is December 31st .

On a sad note, this past spring we lost one of our board members, Mr. Dennie Bland, a 1964 graduate of BHS. He was on the alumni board for 9 years. Dennie held the office of President of the alumni also for 2 years. He was instrumental in getting the Bell Tower clock chimes ringing again. Dennie was certainly a faithful and true hearted Big Red!

Don't forget! You can pay your membership dues online. Your membership dues are what keeps the Alumni Association strong!!! Visit us at [www.bellairebigredsalumni.com](http://www.bellairebigredsalumni.com). Also like us and follow us on Facebook.

Have a fantastic Fall season, wonderful Winter holidays and I'll see you in the Spring!! GO BIG REDS!!!



**B**ELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL has named Ben Doyle, a 2002 graduate, as the new Head Boys Basketball Coach.

The 33-year-old spent five years as a coach within the program. He is excited about the chance to make an impact. "It is an honor and a privilege to

## Bellaire Graduate Named Bellaire Boys' Basketball Coach

be the coach of Bellaire Basketball. Bellaire is a place that means a lot to me and my family, and I hope to lead a program that makes the community proud."

Ben's career in education began in New York City at The Allen-Stevenson School and led him back to the area where he managed a team designing online college programs for the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. Along with holding a number of leadership positions, he has spent many years as a fitness trainer and consultant.

Currently, Ben is the Supervisor for STEM Academy and 21st Century Learning at Bellaire

Schools. He is married to 2003 BHS graduate Mandy(Baker), owner of Turn it Out Dance Academy in Bellaire, and has two children. Henry is four and Evelyn is two. They live in Bellaire.

*Come Home Big Reds and Celebrate*

**HOMECOMING**

**2017**





NEWLY COMPLETED

# Bellaire Physical Education Facility

**O**N YOUR NEXT TRIP through Bellaire, you will notice that Nelson Field looks a little different. The one-story fieldhouse, which was the gateway to the football field for thousands of Bellaire Big Reds since 1964, is gone. The building was demolished on August 24, 2017. Situated directly behind the visitor's stands sits the newly completed Bellaire Physical Education Facility. Building began on the facility in late fall of 2016 and construction was completed recently, with an open house held on September 1, 2017.

The new facility, which cost approximately \$1.8 million dollars, was funded through Qualified Zone Academy Bonds. The funds could not be used for general school operations. The new facility stands at over 10,000 square feet, more than four times larger than the former fieldhouse.

Not only will the building serve as a locker room for the Bellaire Big Reds Football Team, but, come track season, the large visitor's locker room will serve as the Girls' Track Team's new locker room facility. The visitor's locker room is larger than

the home locker room of the former fieldhouse. During winter months and wrestling season, the Big Reds Wrestling Team will utilize the same facility for their wrestling room and practice area.

In addition to the new, larger locker rooms, the facility houses a coach's office, a state-of-the-art weight room, storage and a training room. All Big Reds athletes will have access to and be able to utilize the new facility.

The former fieldhouse was riddled with structural concerns of late. Cracks in the floor were found throughout the building. Structural damage was also sustained when a vehicle crashed into the building a few years ago. In addition to being structurally sound, the new facility will meet all Title IX requirements.

There will be an additional change to the area around our beloved Nelson Field. The practice field which was adjacent to the old fieldhouse is being replaced with a turf field. It will be an all-weather surface, which will reduce maintenance costs. The turf field will be the width of a regular

football field, but no longer than 80 yards and will run parallel to the new facility. Nelson Field's playing field will remain grass.

The Administration and Board of Education has worked diligently to finish this project to meet the needs of all Bellaire student-athletes. "It's something we're really proud of," stated John LaRoche, who serves as a member of the Bellaire Board of Education. LaRoche, who is also a member of the Class of '89 and a former tight end for the Big Reds, added, "The facility will be utilized by all of our student-athletes. Bellaire Local Schools continues to look toward the future and how best to serve all of our students."

Although Nelson Field looks a little different, some things have not changed. Football games continue to be played on early Saturday afternoons in Bellaire. The Valley's best band continues to march through town before and after the big game. And, of course, Bellaire Big Reds remain faithful and true-hearted!

*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  
BHS Alumni Association  
PO Box 307  
Bellaire, OH 43906



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# GIFT DONORS

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Beth Heil  
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## The Bell Tower Fund:

Terri Heil '74  
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Wayne Travnicek  
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Cathy Hadley-In Memory of Ralph Hadley  
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## Senior Service Award:

Catherine Boccabella Tuttle-In



# SPRING BANQUET 2017



Achievement winner, Cindy Johnson Maupin. Presenting her award are board members, Amy Busic and Penny Frizzi



Michael Johnson, son of 2017 Outstanding Alumus Colonel Carl C. Johnson and board member Cheryl Wallace



Senior Class Members



Senior Service winners, Sarah McAninch and Jordan Mehlman



Achievement winner Dave Liberati



Achievement winner, Tammy McCabe Crozier



# SPRING BANQUET 2017 *(continued)*



Achievement winner, Dr. Ronald Presutti



Endowment Scholarship winner, Rylie Hoepfner.



Senior Service Nominees, Sloane Porter, Megan McCarthy, Abbie Cusick, Sarah McAninch, Jordan Mehlman, Tyson Camsky and Todd Morris



Mr & Mrs. Daniel Frizzi presenting the History award to senior Trent Gibson



Endowment Scholarship winner, Sloane Porter



Endowment Scholarship winner, Abbie Cusick

# COMMEMORATIVE BRICK SALE

Since the half-price brick sale was such a success, we have decided to keep the sale going for a while longer. If you have not purchased a brick for yourself or for a family member, now is a great time to do so. Personalize it with a name, date, in honor of or in memory of or whatever you wish it to say. The bricks also make a great gift for that hard to buy for person. The 4" x 8" brick is \$50, the 8" x 8" brick is \$125. If you ever get a chance, stop by the school and check out this beautiful project on Alumni Way.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$50<sup>00</sup> (3 lines, 15 characters each)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" x 8" Brick @ \$125<sup>00</sup> (6 lines, 15 characters each)

Please call for pricing on 16 x 16 and 32 x 32 granite pavers.

*Please print clearly in the boxes below. 4" x 8" bricks can have up to 3 lines of type. 8" x 8" bricks can have up to 6 lines. Each line can have up to 15 characters, including spaces and punctuation. If ordering more than one brick, please make copies of this form.*


*All purchase are tax deductible. Make check payable to the Bellaire High School Alumni Association and mail to: Commemorative Brick Project, P.O. Box 307, Bellaire OH 43906.*

TO PURCHASE BRICKS, USE THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT  
**WWW.BELLAIREBIGREDSALUMNI.COM**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND MAIL TO P.O. BOX 307, BELLAIRE, OH 43906**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT **BOB KOTELES AT (740) 676-5490**



## NEW BAND DIRECTOR

Lara Cline is the new Director of Bands for Bellaire Local Schools and comes to us from the Rochester Academy Charter School in New York. A native of Claysville, PA, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and a Bachelor of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from West Liberty University. In her time as an educator, she has been responsible for the creation of instruments and choral programs in Rochester, New York, as well as participated in many instrumental ensembles in New York, and in the Ohio Valley. She is excited to be a Big Red and make music with the students of Bellaire.

## Do you have BHS memorabilia?

Do you have BHS memorabilia, like a game ball or band uniform? Or perhaps you have come across your high school graduation program? Don't throw it away! The Alumni Association maintains the Archives Room and displays BHS memorabilia on the third floor of the High School. Please contact Bob Koteles at 740-676-5490, if you have items you wish to donate.

Also, if you are having a Class Reunion and would like to tour the Archives Room and high school, please contact Bob in advance to make arrangements. The Alumni Association wants to keep you connected to BHS.

# HOMECOMING 2017

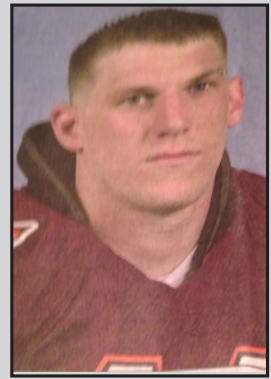


**Friday, September 29th**  
Alumni Social Sons of Italy Lodge

**Saturday, September 30th**  
Parade, Football Game, Reverse Raffle



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT -- Ben Taylor



Ben Taylor, a 1997 graduate will be inducted to the Virginia Tech Hall of Fame on September 22.

Whether it was at Bellaire High School where he helped lead the Big Reds to a back to back appearance in the Division IV State championship games in 1995 and 1996, at Virginia Tech where he became an all American linebacker or in the National Football League where he played for five seasons Ben was always focused on team success rather than his own individual accolades.

Much of what he learned at all his football stops has played a role in formulating the type of coach he is now at Shenandoah University. He also credited what he learned from Coach John Magistro, Coach Gene Ammirante, Coach Beamer and Coach Foster and just growing up in the Ohio Valley has been invaluable throughout his life and career.

Ben lives in Winchester, VA with his wife, April, and their three sons, Benjamin III, Noah, Elijah and they are expecting a fourth son in November.

## WHAT ABOUT ALUMNI DUES?

By **BOB WALLACE** Class of 1968 *Lifetime Member and Guest Columnist*

**W**hat about alumni dues? What do we do with the money? Why should I pay my dues? Is it all that important?

Most of you already know the answers but let me go over them again. Each May we have our Alumni Banquet where we welcome the new graduating class to our ranks, and honor past classes, especially those of the 50 year class. This provides an opportunity to meet old classmates and renew friendships and plan for other gatherings. We honor the recipients of the Senior Service Awards. We try to reach out and recognize contributions our graduates have made to our community and our country through recognition of Outstanding Alumnus and Achievement Award winners, and we have had great ones, especially this past spring.

We actively support Bellaire High School and recently amended by-laws to include

all schools in the district, and established the Education Assistance Fund for that purpose. In the past year, \$4,200 has gone for Senior Service Awards and nominees, yearbook ads, Nelson Field advertising, Relays trophy, Honor Banquet and a variety of other contributions for our school.

The Alumni Association helps maintain our rich history through the Archives Room on the 3rd floor of the high school. Our activities are chronicled in our website, [www.bigredsalumni.com](http://www.bigredsalumni.com) and you follow us on Twitter @Bellaire\_HSalum, or like us on Facebook thru Bellaire High Alumni. We support all facets of the Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students.

Of the many thousands of our fellow graduates, only about 1,500 have committed to lifetime membership over our 111 year history, and those funds

are not permitted for current expenses. That leaves us with only our current fundraising events, and those who pay annual dues. This year, less than 50 classmates have chosen to actually pay dues...less than \$500 for our many projects. If you have missed some years, or perhaps never joined, please make 2016 a time to renew your connection with the Spirit, Pride and Tradition that is a hallmark of Bellaire Schools.

Of course, some of our grads have acted to enhance our mission, provide scholarship funds or other special projects through special donations, memorials or even bequests. Whether through your annual dues, or other ways, we appreciate your support in helping this and future generations to remain "Faithful and Truehearted".

<b>Annual Membership Dues:</b>	\$10.00
<b>Lifetime Membership Dues:</b>	
1 - 10 years since graduation:	\$200.00
11 – 30 years since graduation:	\$175.00
31 – 51 years since graduation:	\$150.00
51 + years since graduation:	\$100.00

Your annual membership dues can be paid on our website, [www.bellairebigredsalumni.com](http://www.bellairebigredsalumni.com), or by sending a check or money order to The Bellaire High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 307, Bellaire, Ohio 43906. When paying by mail, please include your name, contact information and graduation year.





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## EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Neffs Rod & Gun Club  
53991 Pike Street  
Neffs, Ohio

Happy Hour: 5:30pm  
Tournament: 7:00pm

**\$25 to play**  
**\$10 for non-players**

1<sup>st</sup> place- \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$75  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place- \$50  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> place- \$25

- Games and raffles throughout the night
- Snacks provided
- \$1 donation for drinks; \$2 after 7:00pm

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

-All proceeds benefit BHS Alumni Association-

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