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WILDCATS

SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER?

Mayfield continued the tradition it put in place last year, naming a Homecoming King in addition to the Queen this fall. This year's event --- "**A Night in Twilight Gardens**" --- brought in a huge crowd of Mayfield students, ticket sales being at an all-time high. **Kirsten Favazzo** was crowned Homecoming Queen, while **Chris Arihilam** was named the school's second Homecoming King. Favazzo, President of the Senior Class, as well as captain of the girls' soccer team, and National Honor Society attendance secretary, said, "I was so honored that I was chosen because I felt like I was looked up to by my class and could be even more of a role model to the school and the community." Arihilam, Vice President of Student Council, leader of mock trial, and a varsity soccer and track athlete, was shocked to be named Homecoming King. He said, "It felt like an honor because Kirsten and I were representing the Mayfield student body. Also, it was very exciting because I have never been recognized for anything similar to being chosen as homecoming king before."

This year was a historic year for the Wildcat Football Team, being the first team to have twelve wins in a season, as well as having an impressive playoff run, making it to the Final Four in Ohio. **Coach Larry Pinto**, who was named News Herald's Coach of the Year, said, "I told the kids, we need to play good defense to win championships," and they did just that. The Wildcats had many senior leaders, including **Alex LoPiccolo**, **Michael Budda**, **Richie Kristosik**, **Jordan Bobo**, **Phoenix Hardy**, and **Joey Casey**. However, when asked about key players, Coach Pinto pointed out two seniors, **Brian Hunter** and **Andy Isabella**, for their efforts on the field. The team made it all the way to week 13, ending their season in the semi-final game against Nordonia. The team is optimistic for next year. Junior quarterback **Mario Monastero** said, "I believe that we are going to take it to the next step this upcoming season and make it to the state championship."

Also this year, the high school put on their fall play which was *12 Angry Jurors* (originally *12 Angry Men*), directed by **Maryann Elder**. There was a thirteen person cast with the leads being junior **Derek Amato** and sophomore **Lou Denardo**. One of the cast members, junior **Taylor Dews**, said, "I enjoyed doing the play, it taught me a lot about hard work and teamwork. We all really had a good time and if I do say so myself, the play was awesome." Many of the audience members told the cast how this play was the favorite they had seen in the past few years at the high school, which also included one of the assistant principals at Mayfield High School, **Mr. Frei**. Currently, the rehearsals for this year's musical, *Grease*, which is being directed by **Larry Braun**, are beginning and the play will be performed in March.

In the beginning of the year, there was an assembly inducting Mayfield alumni into the Alumni Hall of Fame. This included **Nancy West**, **Walter Podgurski**, **Cathy Sila**, and **Benjamin Grasso**. Students seemed to be very inspired about what the inductees had to say. Junior **Melissa LaGore** said, "I thought it was inspirational and each person had a lot of good comments and tips on how to pursue not only your future but your happiness." Everything that they achieved and spoke about was very interesting and empowering. You can read more details about the inductees on pages six and seven of this newsletter.

We had the pleasure of writing our first student article for the Alumni Association's *Alumni Voice* newsletter. As we are both juniors, you will see more details from us on what is happening at Mayfield High School in the future.

Megan Valenti, '16 and Megan Vannice, '16

Go Cats!

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“Build It and They Will Come”

Building an Alumni Pavilion at Wildcat Park has become the Association's major project emphasis over the past three years. The reality of an Alumni Pavilion will provide countless benefits to the student body, school organizations and the Mayfield community in general. We are proud to announce that we are at the doorstep. The **Grand Opening of the Alumni Pavilion will be held on Friday, August 28th** when the Wildcats take on the Nordonia Knights. Contact the Alumni Association if you are interested in using the Alumni Pavilion for your class reunion or any other activity.

There are many people to thank for the progress we have made. Most notably our own **Nancy West** and the **Ross and Michael DeJohn Family**. The Association's fundraisers, **Game Night** and the **Cleveland Brown's Squares** under the direction of **Bob Zajec**, have been extremely helpful. **Mayfield Heights Best Buy** and the incomparable **Glidden House Hotel** have made significant donations. Many others have also contributed. There is still time to make a donation to this worthy cause. Contact the Alumni Association for information at mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net. Your contribution will benefit many, many students and adults now and in the future.

A **Game Night flyer** is included in this newsletter, providing many details about this year's event. Grand Prizes valued between \$500 and \$1,300 will be made available to attendees on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Side Boards, Chinese Auction, and Silent Auction prizes will also be available. The Casino atmosphere was exciting last year and promises to be even better this year.

What we need now is your help.

- Donations are very much needed. Please contact the Association if you or your company are able to help. Last year's winners went away very happy!! Donations large and small are appreciated.
- We also want to exceed the 329 people who attended last year. Get your tickets now and enjoy a quality evening while contributing to the student experience at Mayfield High School.
- If you are unable to attend, you can still help out by purchasing a \$10 advanced sale side board. The winner need not be present. You will know your number(s) and all winning numbers will be put in our next issue of **The Alumni Voice**. Contact us now at mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net for tickets.

Mayfield Alumni Association and Mayfield Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 27, 2015 at StoneWater Golf Club

It is our pleasure to inform you of this wonderful event. We all know that there are an overabundance of Golf Outing's that are held throughout the year. However, this one may become your favorite outing for 2015! Not only is the Golf Outing in our own community, but this outing also invites non-golfers to participate in the excitement throughout the evening hours. Last year 29 spouses and friends attended the dinner portion of the outing and a **Great Wildcat Party** continued throughout the night!

The **Mayfield Alumni Association** and the **Mayfield Wildcat Football Program** will be hosting their third **Golf Outing/Dinner/Party at StoneWater Golf Club**. You will have the opportunity to play on a Championship caliber private course! If you have never had an opportunity to golf at StoneWater, you will be amazed at the challenging layout and the quality of the entire facility. StoneWater Golf Club recently hosted the **2013 Senior Games** and has held three **Nationwide Tour** events. You will be playing the same course that several of today's biggest PGA stars have played - stars such as; **Ben Curtis, Jason Day, Jason Dufner, Matt Kuchar and Brandt Snedeker**.

This event will be like no other: We will Tee-Off in the afternoon on **Saturday, June 27, 2015. Approximate Tee time...2:00 PM**. The event will be followed by a delicious buffet dinner served by the staff of StoneWater Golf Club. **Dinner will be served at approximately 7:00 PM**. The dinner portion will be open to the Mayfield Wildcat community as well as the player's spouses, guests, and any non-golfer that would love to join in the festivities. (Price of *Dinner Only* will be listed on the Registration form.)

The event will continue to be a Four-man shotgun scram-

ble and will include the standard golf outing competitions; pin shots, long drives, skins game, etc... We will also continue our exciting putting contest!

Following dinner there will be a brief awards ceremony, after which the back patio and the gorgeous Club House will be ours for the remainder of the night. **Party Time!** We will celebrate the successes of the Mayfield Alumni Association and our outstanding Mayfield Wildcat Football program that made the Final Four in 2014.

A special **Golf Outing/Dinner Registration** form will be emailed in April. If you are unsure if your email address is on file with either organization listed above, please request one from mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net. The Registration form will be emailed to you upon request.

Just a reminder: If you cannot participate in the golf portion of this event please join us for dinner and the festivities that follow. Also, there will be plenty of sponsorship opportunities that will allow you to advertise your company, organization or just yourself! These items will be included in the Registration form.

Last year we had a tremendous turnout of **34 foursomes**. We certainly don't want to exclude anyone, so when the registration form becomes available you will want to complete and return it as quickly as possible. Thank you for allowing us to spread the word about this exciting event and also for your continued support for the Mayfield Wildcat Community!

Committee: Larry & JoAnn Pinto, Wayne & Anna Farnacci, Mike Sloe, Frank Brown, Denise Valentino, and Annette DiCillo.



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Saturday, March 14, 2015

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Please feel free to forward this flyer to other friends or groups via e-mail - all are welcome!

2014 Mayfield High School



Nancy West, '55



Walter Podgurski, '65

Nancy West represented her Class of 1955 as the Homecoming Queen, which was the first step in her Hall of Fame journey as one of Mayfield's finest alums. Not surprisingly she was also voted "girl with the best personality" by her classmates. Leadership and personality are certainly two of the attributes leading to Mrs. West's success in both business and civic involvement.

At a time when working women received shudders and even scorn from business executives, Mrs. West was a trailblazing woman who assisted two CEO's in her career with The Austin Company. She was so valuable to the company that she was invited by the Chairman of the Board of The Austin Company to run the office headquarters in Dallas, Texas. Notably, Mrs. West was involved with Executive Women International, a business networking organization that incorporates community involvement from its members. Serving as President of the Cleveland chapter of Executive Women International and the Dallas chapter, Mrs. West set the stage for her 26-year position on the Executive Board of the MHS Alumni. She has been integral in establishing programs and scholarships for Mayfield graduates, as well as maintaining an Alumni Museum. Mrs. West also initiated and financed her own named scholarship bestowed on a qualified college-bound senior each year. As a board member for the Alumni Association, Mrs. West donated and raised money for an "Alumni Pavilion" adjacent to Wildcat Park, which will provide a gathering place for all school support group events as well as community get-togethers. At home in Mayfield, Mrs. West has organized numerous class reunions for her beloved Class of 1955. It is without question that Nancy West earned her recognition as a Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame inductee for years of active service to her profession, her community and her beloved Mayfield Schools.

Many students know the name **Walter Podgurski** as his picture hangs in the hallowed halls of Mayfield High as the 1965 Ohio state wrestling champion. They may not know, however, that he is joining the Alumni Hall of Fame not solely as an athlete, but as an entrepreneur of the insurance industry. Mr. Podgurski certainly excelled at athletics in football and wrestling as a member of the Class of 1965. He credits the quality coaching he received from Mayfield esteemed coaches Ed Ferris and Paul Sabatino for helping him earn a wrestling scholarship to Miami University where he was a four-time MAC wrestling champion, and even attained All American wrestling honors. These accolades are impressive, yet the lifelong impact he has made on the insurance industry has led Mr. Podgurski to multi-national recognition as the foremost authority on worksite marketing as he authored *From Worksite Marketing to Website Marketing*. Also, in July of 1997, Mr. Podgurski formed Insurance Broadcasting, a next generation media organization facilitating the information exchange among insurance professionals and organizations. His media organization includes an industry networking site and daily newscasts to nearly half a million insurance professionals in over 40 countries. Walter Podgurski credits Mayfield High School as a pivotal point in his life's direction not only through the quality of the education, but also by the leadership demonstrated by the faculty and administration. He noted specifically Miss Jean Zasio, who underscored the importance of grammar and writing as lifelong skills, ones he uses daily in his endeavors. Mr. Podgurski writes, "It is more than fair to say that the Mayfield City School District provided the complete environment one needed to prepare themselves for what comes after high school, both academically and socially."

Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Dr. Cathy Sila, '73



Benjamin Grasso, '98

Dr. Cathy Sila stood out as a Hall of Famer even as a high school student at Mayfield. Ranked fourth in her class of nearly 500 students, and receiving a National Merit Scholar Commendation, were a few of the accolades leading to Dr. Sila's recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in 1973. She did not disappoint as an undergraduate at Miami University graduating *summa cum laude* while participating in several grant-funded studies for The American Heart Association and The Cleveland Clinic Research Institute. Not surprisingly, Dr. Sila went on to continue her research as a medical student at Case Western Reserve University achieving a neurology residency at none other than the Mayo Clinic. Today, Dr. Sila is a renowned Professor of Neurology at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. She is the George M. Humphrey II Endowed Chair in Neurology, Vice Chair of Clinical Activities and Quality for neurology for University Hospitals of Cleveland and its affiliates, and, moreover, she is the Director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at University Hospitals. As well as leading several other neurological and vascular laboratories, Dr. Sila's strengths obviously lie in expertise in her field and the leadership to attain the highest level of nationally recognized excellence in medicine. Early at Millridge Elementary, Cathy Sila credits fifth grade teacher Mrs. Susan Bielski's challenging classroom as the genesis of her aspiration to pursue medical careers. She calls her classmates at Mayfield her first "team, both competitive and supportive" to which she attributes to her success in healthcare and life. Dr. Sila considers her finest accomplishment to be making a significant impact in advancing the quality of stroke care, while valuing family and home. For her contributions and leadership in academic medicine, Dr. Sila is inarguably deserving of this induction.

Benjamin D. Grasso credits Mayfield faculty with encouraging him to apply to art competitions and to take his work seriously. In doing so, Mr. Grasso earned a scholarship to the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Art. Moving from winning a prize at a scholastic art show in high school, in pursuit of his undergraduate degree, he was honored with recognition and scholarships for his painting. Ben went on to earn a Master of Fine Art degree from CUNY in painting, his preeminent mode of artistic expression. Mayfield teachers encouraged a young Mr. Grasso to pursue art as a way of living and a way of making a living. Currently, Mr. Grasso is a full time artist and an occasional sculptor. In fact, Ben has won two of three competitions on the Food Network's "Iron Chef" for ice sculpting. Most recently, Mr. Grasso teaches painting and drawing at the university level as a guest lecturer, artist in residence, and part-time faculty. Additionally, he earns his living selling his work which has been exhibited both nationally in New York, Miami, Washington D.C. and Los Angeles, and internationally in Italy, Switzerland, France and Scotland. He has been interviewed and reviewed in nearly 40 different publications. Supporting arts organizations and donating his work are preeminent in Mr. Grasso's community involvement. One can view his work at Spaces Gallery in Cleveland, White Columns Gallery in New York, and to The Design Trust for Public Space in New York City. Ultimately, Mr. Grasso would like to see his work in more museums. He says, being an artist "requires one to wake up every day and continue to make that commitment." So, in a way, Ben Grasso is truly living his dream committing to create every day.

Keeping Up With The Faculty

“**Faculty Tales**” is a standard column in *The Alumni Voice*. If you are retired from Mayfield and would like to submit a brief bio. to Barb, please contact her at the e-mail address below. This will save her much time in trying to track down all the retirees. If you would like to read an update for a specific member of the Mayfield faculty or have a comment about this column, please contact:

Barb Masley Yurka at
MayfieldFaculty@gmail.com

Geraldine (Gerry) Beach taught Business Education for 31 years and retired in 1987. She taught at the middle school, the new high school, the new 11-12 building, and was amazed to see how the MHS building has changed. Over the years, she has traveled to Hawaii, California, Las Vegas, Florida, and Alaska, has taken classes in the Retirement Program at Marietta College, and spends time watching the Indians, Cavaliers, Browns, and Buckeyes. She returned to Lowell, Ohio where she keeps busy with family, church work, and keeping in touch with former co-workers and students. She is only 10 miles from I- 77 and loves company.

Mike Niland graduated from Mayfield in 1963 with his high school sweetheart, and future wife, Cheryl, then graduated from Miami University in 1966. He started teaching at Mayfield in 1967, where he was fortunate to have many outstanding students in geometry, algebra II, elementary functions, pre-calculus, and AP calculus. After retiring in 1997, Mike and Cheryl taught social ballroom dancing, and are currently teaching and performing Argentine tango. They spend as much time as possible with their son, Mike, and daughter, Julianne, and their three grandsons, Liam, Stephen, and Victor. Mike is always looking for a good game of ping pong.

Bob Sheridan retired in 1995 from teaching English, but continued to work the athletic department, served as ticket manager, then ushered and was a ball park tour guide for the Indians. He then taught part-time at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, encountering former MHS people like Jim Harris, Terry Hurley, and Frank Platzar. Between 2000 and 2003, he and his wife, Paula, took five trips to Germany to visit their son, daughter-in-law, and their first two granddaughters who were born there. Now fully retired, they enjoy their grandchildren, their Tribe ticket package, and season tickets for the Lake Erie Monsters hockey team.

Bill Hunt retired after 30 years of teaching mathematics. His first year, he remembers moving books to the new high school, when the opening was postponed a week for final constructions details. In 1993, he and his wife traveled to Hawaii to teach summer school at the Mid-Pacific Institute in a room facing Diamond Head. Bill has also worked for the Ohio Department of Education evaluating summer mathematics and science workshops, and at John Carroll University training former military personnel to teach mathematics and science. The Hunts have spent the last 15 years living in The Villages, (central Florida) where they enjoy living in an adult Disney World.

If you wish to contact these or any other former faculty or staff, please email MayfieldFaculty@gmail.com and let me know. I will do my best to get you back in touch.

Over the past few years I have received many emails asking about the production videos that were shot during the dress rehearsals of musicals and other play productions under the direction of John Szuhay. At one time Mr. Szuhay, Mr. Treu, and the school each had a copy. If anyone knows what happened to these tapes, especially those from the 60's or 70's, would you please contact me? I would greatly appreciate your help in locating them. MayfieldFaculty@gmail.com

Members can contact the Mayfield Alumni Association with newsletter information, ideas, suggestions, class reunion inquiries, or to obtain answers to your questions.

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Mayfield Alumni Association Staff “Thank You Notes” Program

Purpose: The “**Thank You Notes**” program is designed to enable alums to express their heartfelt appreciation to any past or present Mayfield Schools’ employees for any acts of kindness bestowed upon the former student by the employee. Employee designations include, but are not limited to, teacher, administrator, counselor, secretary, clerk, aide, librarian, custodian, food service, etc. The roles the employee assumed include, but are not limited to, teacher, coach, guidance, advisor, club leader, activity organizer, helper, friend, etc.

Guidelines:

1. The **Thank You Notes** program is designed to enable Mayfield alums to send a handwritten “**Thank You Note**” to any living or deceased employee of the Mayfield Schools.
2. All **Thank You Notes** will be mailed to the Mayfield Alumni Association for possible delivery, publication, and/or filing.
3. The Alumni Association will make copies and create a library of **Thank You Notes**.
4. **Thank You Notes** written to living staff members will be delivered by the Alumni Association if the staff member can be located. A reasonable attempt will be made to locate the employee by the Association.
5. **Thank You Notes** written to deceased staff members will be kept on file in the Mayfield Alumni Museum as a tribute to the staff member’s influence on the students of the Mayfield City Schools. All **Thank You Notes** for a single staff member will be kept in a personal folder.
6. Copies of all **Thank You Notes** will be reviewed by the Alumni Association and must be approved by the sender and employee before being made public.
7. All **Thank You Notes** will become the property of the Mayfield Alumni Association.
8. This program will be made available to members of the Mayfield Alumni Association through our annual newsletters and via email.
9. **Thank You Note Forms** will be made available to members upon request. The purpose of the **Thank You Note** program will be included with the form. Email your request to the Association. Alums will have the option to purchase their own commercial thank you notes.
10. Alums can send in an unlimited number of **Thank You Notes** to the Association.
11. **All Thank You Notes** must include:

Teacher First Name _____ Teacher Last Name _____
 School Building _____ Subject/Grade Level _____
 Alum’s First and Last Name _____ Class _____

All **Thank You Notes** should be mailed to:
Mayfield Alumni Association 6116 Wilson Mills Rd. Mayfield Village, OH 44143

Special thanks to **Jim Sasak, ‘73**, who proposed this idea. Part of what Jim sent to the Alumni Association follows:

“Here is an idea that I hope catches on. Every graduate of Mayfield High School owes a great debt of gratitude to many of our teachers. I would like to propose that all Mayfield grads could/would write a couple of thank you notes, (NO E-MAILS !!!) I wrote a thank you to Mrs. Carol Sokol last year before she passed away, thanking her for the great cultural influence she had in my life. In April, 2013, I flew to Paris and married my dream girl under the Eiffel Tower at sunrise. Mrs. Sokol instilled a love of France in me many years ago and I was very happy to send my thanks to her.....



CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '79

Class of '64

The Mayfield High School **Class of '79** celebrated their **35th Class Reunion** on July 26, 2014, at the Boneyard in Mayfield Hts. As many may know, the Boneyard closed in June for remodeling which placed everything in jeopardy. As luck had it, they were still open for parties in their 2nd floor party area. We were their very last party.

We had over 150 people make it to the reunion from as far away as California and as close as around the corner. The class had its last reunion 15 years ago and people were anxious and excited to see one another. At 7:00pm when the event began, classmates were standing in a long line to enter the party. There was a DJ, a lot of food, libations, and the most important thing, wonderful company. It was like everyone was best friends. The dancing started late because of all the conversation, picture taking, and catching up. The class was not ready to stop partying at midnight, so we took the party to the Cork and Bottle, running into the Brush High Class of '89. Their comment "you look better than we do".

It was a great time and wonderful seeing old friends, and new. Thank you to all who spread the word and sent addresses. Also to my sister **Sue Gelfand and Marlitta Mazzocco** for helping sign everyone into the reunion. I know we won't be waiting another 15 years until the next reunion. See you in 5 years if not before. Spread the word and let all who missed this reunion know they better not miss the next. Please keep in touch with us.

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The **Class of '64** celebrated the **50th anniversary** of their High School graduation on the week-end of July 26, 2014. The reunion activities started with a Friday night gathering at Alfredo's Holiday Inn Lounge. On Saturday, there was a tour of Mayfield High School and that evening we enjoyed a scrumptious buffet that was served by Executive Caterers at Landerhaven, along with pleasant conversation, classic tunes and DVD memories. A family picnic at Highland Heights Park on Sunday afternoon closed out the weekend.

We wish to thank all of you who attended including some of our high school teachers (**Charles "Chick" Beach, Gerry Beach, Paul & Marilyn Messerly Sabatino, Ron Sobel, and Carl & Nancy Speck**). For those of you who came from near and far we hope you all had a good time remembering the past and being with some "young at heart" old friends.

Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, July 30, 2016**, when most of us will be celebrating our **70th birthday** that year. We plan on having a family pot-luck picnic at one of the nearby parks. We hope to see all of your smiling faces at that time. More details will follow, but please save the date and let your fellow classmates know.

In closing, we wish to thank the MHS Alumni Association, under the expert leadership of **Wayne Farinacci**, for their assistance with our 50th reunion. We also wish to thank the many committee members who worked tirelessly in trying to locate our fellow classmates. So, please stay well until we meet again and "Go Wildcats!"

Peace,

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The Association is happy to print any pre or post Class Reunion information your committee wants to submit.



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Class of '65

All classmates and friends are invited to the **Mayfield Class of '65 50th Class Reunion**. The reunion date will be Saturday, September 19, 2015. Reunion weekend will kick off with a class recognition event on Friday, September 18th at the Mayfield football stadium as part of the Mayfield – Willoughby South football game. This will be followed by a reception at the Mayfield Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Beta Drive in Mayfield Village.

Saturday's reunion event will be held at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club, 17260 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The reunion will feature a cash bar, appetizers, buffet dinner, dessert, and your favorite music from the 60's. A cookout will be held on Sunday, September 20th. A Saturday golf outing is also being considered.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for the Class of 1965 at the Mayfield Holiday Inn and the Hilton Garden Inn.

Class Reunion website: "**Mayfield65.com**" and FaceBook "**Mayfield High School Class of 1965**" or contact any of the following reunion committee members:

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Class of '70

The **Class of '70** will be holding our **45th Class Reunion** on Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22, 2015. The Saturday event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Beta Drive in Mayfield Village beginning at 6:00pm.

We have our reunion information on Face Book. Anyone wanting to get detailed information on the reunion should contact:

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 recap listed on our Class
 Reunion pages??

IN MEMORIAM

Warren H. Sevier, '40, passed away Sept. 3, 2013
Joan Oatess, '52, passed away Nov. 1, 2014
Joan V. Marshall, '53, passed away June 10, 2014
Edith Woodie Ludwigs, '55, passed away Oct. 11, 2014
 from cancer
Janice McClenahan Teachout, '56, passed away Aug. 29, 2014 from Alzheimers
Pete Johns, '63, passed away Aug. 21, 2014 from cancer
Larry Lisowski, '63, passed away Sept., 2014
Mike Sinisgalli, '67, passed away Jan. 6, 2015
Bob Erwin, '70, passed away Nov. 4, 2014 from a heart attack
Carl Aquila, '70, passed away Aug. 21, 2014
Pat Mazzarino, '70, passed away Nov. 15, 2014
Linda Ballas, '74, passed away Feb. 10, 2014
Cheri Pokorny Funk, '74, passed away Aug., 2013
Julie Montowski Short, '74, passed away Nov. 26, 2013
Andy Spero, '74, passed away Nov. 20, 2014 from a heart attack
William O'Donnell, '76, passed away July 21, 2014
Paula Sutton Decker, '77, passed away Oct., 2014

Staff Deaths:

Catherine Ann Tomas, Lander Elem., passed away Sept. 29, 2014

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A lifetime membership to the Alumni Association is only \$35. It is the surest way to be located by your class reunion committee and stay up-to-date on your alma mater's activities. Also, it becomes much easier to participate in Association events. Remember, there is no fee for those alumni who are 65 or over. Also, married Mayfield graduates can join for the same \$35 lifetime fee. Please feel free to copy the registration form from this newsletter and give it to a fellow alum. If you have any questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

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| Charles Castrigano, '64 | Shannon Zajec, '14 |
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