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WILDCATS

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

This year's homecoming brought Mayfield back to the 1920's, the event --- "A Night at Gatsby's" --- drawing a large crowd of Mayfield students, who experienced a fun night of music and dancing. **Chimamaka Palmer** was crowned Homecoming Queen, while **Kevin Guzik** was named Homecoming King. Palmer expressed her thoughts on winning, saying, "I love Mayfield so much. I just want to thank everyone in the community for accepting me for who I am, because without your acceptance I would never have won Homecoming Queen."

The event was organized by the Student Council's Head Council made up of **Scott Dlugos, Drew Evans, Megan Valenti** and **Claire Wilson**. Dlugos, Head Council's President, said, "Homecoming was one of those times where everything came together at the right moment. It was the first time the Head Council could sit back and enjoy ourselves after our hard work, and it was well worth it."

This year was a historic year for the Wildcat Football Team as they made an impressive playoff run. Their season, however, ended with a tough loss against Hudson in the regional finals. Senior quarterback, **Mario Monastero**, reflected on the team's success throughout the years stating that, "This senior class will go down as one of the best in school history, winning 23 games in just 2 years." Other senior leaders who helped lead the Wildcats were: **Luke Bican, Gage Bican, Zach Rodman, Daniel Evans, Jared Dostal**, and **Jack Longo**. Although the team is losing many talented players, the Wildcats remain optimistic for the year to come, as strong junior leaders will return such as **Michael Canganelli** and **Izzy Watson**.

This year, Mayfield opened up the Innovation Center (STEM building) where the Regional Library used to be. Students are able to explore the world of various sciences. The building has the CADD and Medical Technology Excel Tech programs. It also has some regular Mayfield classes such as Honors Biology that take advantage of the equipment within the facility as well. Along with those are Engineering Science and Fabrication Lab for 9th graders. One freshman, **Brianna LaGore**, "It's a fantastic

learning place where you can immerse yourself into new technological creations." This building and the classes it offers gives students great opportunities for what they are going to be doing later in life and prepares them to exceed further. All in all, everyone seems to really love this building and what it has to offer.

Earlier this year we had four previous students of Mayfield High School inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame. **Jodi Kest (1980), Edward Ferris (1985), Chris Farinacci (1986), and Mark Klang (1994)**. Students attended an assembly on October 8th, where we learned why each of these previous Mayfield students were getting inducted. Senior **Annie Okin** commented on the assembly, "It was really cool to see people who graduated from Mayfield lead such successful lives. I hope to be like them someday." Watching these inductees speak was truly inspiring and captivating because it will influence students who want to reach that type of potential in their future careers.

Megan Valenti, '16 and Megan Vannice, '16

NOTE: See a related article regarding the Innovation Center and the CADD program on p. 3

Alumni Association Web Site

Get more in touch with your Mayfield Alumni Association by visiting our web site. It contains current activities of the Association but will also give you a glimpse into our rich history. Not sure if you're a member - just check our membership list. For a look at all the Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees - just check our listing. Not sure what is in our Alumni Museum - just look at the pictures. If you are in need of an old yearbook - just go to Past Yearbooks for Sale. If you would like to see which students were awarded scholarships - just go to Scholarship Award Winners. JUST GO TO:

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“He’s Left a Foundation That Cannot Be Shaken”

For Wildcats head football **Coach Larry Pinto**, his career coaching Mayfield’s football team hasn’t been about the touchdowns, conference championships, or state semifinal appearances, it’s been about the kids. “I hope I’m remembered as the coach who cared,” said Pinto, who graduated from Mayfield in 1980 and taught physical education for 30 years. “I cared about every one of the kids on my team. They were all mine. I tried to reach everybody from the star athlete to the scout player who worked his tail off. I just wanted each of them to feel good about themselves as athletes and young men.” Coach Pinto announced his retirement in January, following a 30 year legacy with the varsity Wildcat football organization, 18 years of which he has served as a head coach.

Athletic Director **Keith Leffler** said, “As a coach, I’ve always looked up to him for the way he showed his love and care for the kids. His players would run through a brick wall for him because they truly knew how much he cared about them.”

Superintendent **Keith Kelly**, who has attended nearly every Wildcat football game since he joined Mayfield said, “Larry Pinto’s ability to build relationships with his players, instill the will to compete, teach the lesson of how to be fine, young men and bring a group of individuals together to form a team is extraordinary and rare. He’s more than a football coach. Larry is a consummate leader of young men.”

Former coach and current Director of Human Resources, **Mike Barnes** explained the legacy Coach Pinto leaves Mayfield as one of strength, dignity, humility and influence, not only for his athletes, but his peers, as well. “He hasn’t just influenced kids. What can’t be lost in our celebration of Coach Pinto is the influence he has given his assistant coaches who had the privilege to work next to him. He’s left a foundation that cannot be shaken. Larry Pinto personifies the true Mayfield spirit which is care for the community, care for each other and pride in Mayfield.”

MHS Principal **Jeff Legan** said, “Coach Pinto may walk off the football field, but his footprints will remain. When you talk about Mayfield pride, you talk about Larry Pinto. He’s a Mayfield graduate, a teacher, and a coach. He’s left a lasting mark in our history.”

Coach Pinto’s record stands out in Mayfield history: During his 18 seasons as head coach, the Wildcats produced a 138-64 record; seven 10-win seasons; nine playoff appearances; four conference championships and three state semifinal runs. The new Wildcat football coach will be **Ross Bandiera**, who served as Offensive Coordinator under Larry Pinto. Mayfield continues to be in very capable hands.

CADD Engineering Program at the New Innovation Center

Our move to the Mayfield Innovation Center has brought many significant, positive changes to our Excel TECC CADD Engineering Technology program. Our students are now using current versions of AutoCAD and SolidWorks on new state-of-the-art computer systems. The new computer systems have also given us the opportunity to become one of a handful of high school programs in the area to give our students the opportunity to learn Revit, a building information modeling application. The facility itself supports 21st Century learning in a number of different ways. Several small collaborative spaces have given our students the ability to brainstorm in small teams. Our students have not only used the new Amphitheater for formal presentations, but have also enjoyed visits from guest speakers from a variety of professions. CADD students also enjoy working in the new Fabrication Lab, and now have the space and equipment to work on hands-on activities. The 3D printers give our students the opportunity to see their designs “come to life” from the screen to finished model. Our students used the 3D printers earlier in the year to become approved “makers” for e-NABLE, a worldwide network of prosthetic hand producers. Even prospective CADD students taken note of all the significant changes. Incoming student applications are up 39%, setting a new record for the '16-'17 school year!

Craig Schmidt,
CADD Engineering Technology Teacher

Staff Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

The Alumni Association maintains a Staff Hall of Fame for staff members who made a lasting impression on us. Current inductees include: **Edward Andrews, Chick Beach, Geraldine Beach, Fern Borland Pfister, Harriet Bush, Joe Chilbert, Dave Chordas, Kay Del Brocco, Ed Ferris, Mary Grootegoed, Eugene Havas, Bill Hunt, Carrie Jackson, Lee Johns, R. Wallace Lackey, Margaret McKee, Rod Meadows, Rick Miner, Mike Niland, Mike Ostovic, Joanne Paller, Barb Pfender, Joe Popelka, Louis Ramicone, Carl Roth, Frank Russell, Paul Sabatino, Ernie Safran, Joe Santora, Harvey Scheetz, Eugene “Dutch” Schmidt, Bill Shalyor, Bob Sheridan, Ed Siebenhar, John Steadman, John Szuhay, Herman Treu, Sandy Turner and Jean Zasio.** If you know of a worthy Mayfield staff member, please contact the Alumni Association by email at mayfieldalum@sbglobal.net to obtain a Staff Hall of Fame Nomination Form. Do your part to help provide recognition for a staff member who contributed to your growth.

Mayfield Alumni Association and Mayfield Wildcat Football Golf Outing, Dinner, and Party will be held Saturday, June 18, 2016 at StoneWater Golf Club

The **Mayfield Alumni Association** and the **Mayfield Wildcat Football Program** will be hosting their fourth **Golf Outing/Dinner/Party at StoneWater Golf Club**. This event has grown in popularity the over the past few years. Last year we included a lunch from **DiStefano's**, which was appreciated by our golfers as they arrived at StoneWater. We will tee-off in the afternoon with an approximate tee time of 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 when it comes out in April. We will be sure to email the registration form to all of our contracts.

The event will continue to be a four-person shotgun scramble 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. Of course, every year the touchdowns and long runs seem to be longer than the actual stats show!!

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.

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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The Alumni Pavilion opened on August 28, 2015 and became an instant hit for one part or another of class reunion weekends. Four classes used the facility in the Fall and at least five are scheduled for 2016. Whether its your Friday night Ice Breaker, Saturday Reunion for groups under 100, or your Sunday Brunch/Cookout, all the amenities are there to help make any class reunion successful. Typical 'reunion beverages' are permitted in the Pavilion, except during football games. Classmates from all the reunions commented how good it felt to come back to the high school. And best of all, there will be no charge for class reunions using the Alumni Pavilion. To reserve your date, please contact us at mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net.

The Alumni Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Alumni Pavilion donors and Game Night supporters. The Pavilion's Premier Donors are

Nancy West, Class of '55, and the Ross and Michael DeJohn Family. We had many donors contribute at the Wildcat Level including **Best Buy, M. H., the Glidden House Hotel, Sam & Margie Cala, Joseph Campanella, Robert Clasen, Wayne & Anna Farinacci, Jerry Fudurich & Judy Fudurich-Blumel, Al & Kathy Hess, Keith & Peg Kelly, Allen, Chris, & Ken Meyers, Pat & Mike Sheahan, Don Staley & Military Veterans from Class of '63, Jimmy & Gayle Teresi, Nancy & Hal West, and Bob Zajec.** Our Green and White Level donors include **Class of '55, Class of '61, Class of '63, Class of '65, Class of '70, and Class of '10.** The Association is still raising funds, as we need to complete all payments by 2018. We are still accepting donations. All donors in the above categories will be recognized perpetually on a plaque that will hang in the Alumni Pavilion. We have built a facility that will last forever to benefit our student body, parent support groups, and alums!

2015 Mayfield High School



Jodi Kest, '80

Jodi Kest's image adorns the walls of Mayfield as an honoree of the Athletic Hall of Fame, but beyond Mayfield, Ms. Kest has applied her acumen to coaching. In fact, Ms. Kest has been the winningest head coach at the last three universities where she has worked. Currently, Ms. Kest coaches the Division One Akron women's basketball team. At Akron, she coached the ladies to their first NCAA tournament appearance in history in 2013-14, and to the WNIT (Women's National Invitational Tournament). Coach Kest was honored with the title "Coach of the Year" for the Mid-Atlantic Conference and the state of Ohio. She can add her Akron wins to her over 350 career wins as a head coach at Texas A&M and Gannon University.

Mayfield schools contributed to Jodi Kest's learning discipline, dedication, teamwork, and much more. She attributes her preparation for her future to many of the lessons she learned here. From Mayfield, she attended Slippery Rock University and Northwest Missouri State. At Slippery Rock, Ms. Kest was an All-American in basketball and the all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

She has been guiding women as a basketball coach for the past 30 years. Ms. Kest writes, "My goals have always been the same...to be the best teacher and coach that I can be and make a difference in our student-athletes." Ms. Kest is most proud of the fact that for the past four years every student she has coached has graduated college with her degree.



Dr. Edward Ferris, '85

Dr. Edward M. Ferris took advantage of numerous academic and athletic opportunities at Mayfield High School. Fall, winter and spring, Ed Ferris participated in football, basketball and track. He earned the distinction of Academic All-American for football in 1984 as a player for one of Mayfield's finest football teams in history. In addition, Ferris served as Student Council President, earning the "Man of the Year" award from his fellow council members. Perhaps not so ironic, Dr. Ferris received the "most likely to succeed" moniker from his classmates. In his professional endeavors, Dr. Ferris graduated magna cum laude with a degree in chemistry from Bowling Green State University in 1989. From there, he attended The Ohio State University College of Medicine receiving his M.D. in 1993. Since then, Dr. Ferris has been with Summa Akron City Hospital serving patients in obstetrics and gynecology, first as "Intern of the Year" in 1994, and then as the recipient of the Louis M. Walker Award for Outstanding Chief Resident in gynecology in 1997. Also in 1997, Dr. Ferris entered private practice in Akron, while maintaining his affiliations with Summa Akron City Hospital as an instructor for medical students, first as Residence Director and currently as Vice-Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Ferris is also an Assistant Professor at Northeast Ohio Medical University. Dr. Ferris has received accolades from his peers for his minimally invasive surgical techniques, most notably advancing robotic surgery. Dr. Ferris is a husband and father who endeavors to lead a "simple and memorable life" with his wife and children. As for Mayfield's contribution Dr. Ferris relates, "I reflect on those years with tremendous gratitude knowing that coaches, teachers, and administrators genuinely cared and worked hard to instill values that would serve to guide me throughout my education and career."

Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Chris Farinacci, '86

As the elected president of the National Honor Society at Mayfield High School, one could predict a bright, successful future for Chris Farinacci. That prediction rings true as Mr. Farinacci earned his position as head of marketing for Google for Work and Google for Education. He left the halls of Mayfield for The Ohio State University where he graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering, and a minor in economics. While a Buckeye, Mr. Farinacci began his career in software as a co-op student for design and engineering firms, as well as product development and marketing firms. Mr. Farinacci's experience and education quickly led him to the west coast, to the heart of the technology industry. Working for companies like Hara, Agile, and Oracle culminated in his present leadership role at Google. In addition to his professional life, Mr. Farinacci and his team created and hosted the world's first international on-line science fair for 13-18 year olds. The goal of the fair is to work with partners like national Geographic, LEGO, Scientific American and Virgin Galactic calling on young explorers and inventors to try something that will change the world. Going on its fifth year, the Google Science Fair is held in 15 different languages from around the world awarding prizes such as exploration trips to the Galapagos Islands and \$100,000 scholarships. Implementing internet access to schools around the world is his passion. In that spirit, he has personally donated Google Chromebooks to inner-city schools and students, as well as to schools as far away as Kenya. Despite that magnanimity, Mr. Farinacci believes it would pale in comparison to being a father and husband, his truest mission. And while he has spent his career working for innovative technology, he has a personal goal of bringing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship back to Ohio..



Mark Klang, '94

While teaching middle school math, Mark Klang moonlighted for a ticket brokerage company in the evenings. Soon, the call of running his own business came and Mr. Klang started his own brokerage, Amazing Tickets. From a moonlighting job for extra money to a massive agency partnered with local NFL, NBA and MLB teams, Mark Klang's Amazing Tickets is among the top ticket brokerage firms. Since its inception 15 years ago, business has increased 1,100%, nearly 100% each year. Mr. Klang has achieved his goal of cornering a market, and hopes to balance his family business with spending much time with his young children. Mark Klang credits his early experiences with Mayfield schools for his drive to achieve. He firmly believes that the strong foundation he received at Mayfield carried over into everything he does. His undergraduate and graduate degrees were the fruition of the time and effort spent in studies at Mayfield. The Klang children will benefit from the Mayfield community as well, since he relocated his home and business to Mayfield Village. In the future, Mark Klang wants to provide for his children, spending as much time as possible with them. Professionally, he feels Amazing Tickets has reached its peak, and he works for that to continue. Also, Mr. Klang would like to continue his charitable support to the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, Akron Children's Hospital and Claire's Crusade, a foundation started by a friend. In addition, Mr. Klang's generosity is felt by the Mayfield community in hiring Mayfield students for part-time work, and through his ticket donations for special occasions. He is committed to holding fast to the relationships he has here, and the ones to be forged in the future. Mark Klang will continue giving back by serving on the Mayfield Alumni Association's Scholarship Committee.

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
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Dan Wills retired in 2003 after spending his entire career in Mayfield. He spent most of his time at Millridge, but over the years taught Physical Education in each of the elementary schools. Since retiring Dan has worked as a tour manager for a company specializing in school field trips, done simple home repairs, and volunteered at his church along with singing in the choir. Dan and his wife, Sharron, have researched their family genealogy back to New Jersey in the 1600's. They enjoy traveling, sports, plays, and the joy of six grandchildren.

Judy Delfs is a Mayfield 'lifer'! She began school at Oakville, graduated in 1967, and immediately started working at the Mayfield Central Office as Business Manager Secretary. She was consistently promoted until she retired as Assistant Treasurer in 2009! Judy loves anything to do with sun, sand and blue water and often travels to Cancun. Her 5 grandchildren are the light in her life! She works part-time for the City of Mayfield Heights, and still sells tickets for sporting events at MHS. In 2016 Judy will become a 50 year Gold Resident in Mayfield Hts.!! Judy is the Hospitality Chairperson for the Mayfield Alumni Association.

Laura Capello retired in 2011 after 32 years with Mayfield; twenty-eight at Mayfield High School, and four at Mayfield Middle School. Missing her friends and the high school students who always made her laugh and kept her mind fresh and up to date, she returned to MHS as a substitute. When she is not working or traveling to visit her son in L.A., Laura teaches private art lessons, enjoys yoga, Pilates, and walking. She participates in a book club and the Great Lakes Theatre with other Mayfield retirees. Laura still lives in Mayfield Village.

Valorie Wolcott-Mendelson retired in 2005 after 31 years as a Mayfield school psychologist. After 22 years and raising over \$100,000 for scholarships, Valorie recently retired from OSPA's Executive Board who renamed their scholarship in her honor. She has kept busy

contracting services to local districts, acting as a PBIS coach, serving as the scholarship chair of her college Alumni Club, and doing payroll for a winery. Valorie and her 3 dogs live in Kirtland and host her 10 grandchildren whenever possible. Valorie loves her Wyoming horse-back trips, and Viking River cruises.

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.



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IN MEMORIAM

Janet Craig Harris, '39, passed away Dec., 2010
 Charlotte Scheuring Demshok, '40, passed away
 June 23, 2015
 Violet Dean Thompson, '42, passed away in 2014
 Cleland Voorhees, '46, passed away July 29, 2014
 Raymond Sloat, '46, passed away Nov. 20, 2010
 Marge Pasnow Wicen, '49, passed away Dec. 15, 2015
 Rev. Dr. Bill Kunkle, '50, passed away March 14, 2015
 Russell "Skip" Burton, '53, passed away Sept. 12, 2015
 George Finch, '54, passed away May 16, 2015
 Edward Dye, '59, passed away April 23, 2015
 Jon Frick, '59, passed away Nov. 1, 2015
 Linda Wennerstrom Baumgardner, '60, passed away
 Aug. 1, 2015
 Alan Flaisman, '60, passed away Oct. 3, 2015
 Edward Goldrick, '60, passed away July 8, 2015
 Joan Hill Meerhoff, '60, passed away Nov. 2, 2013
 Mary Ann Czepegi Miley, '60, passed away Sept. 2010
 Suzanne Revere, '60, passed away Nov. 2, 2013
 Richard Rouzer, '60, passed away July 22, 2014
 Glen Weinberger, '61, passed away July 17, 2015
 Joel Cook, '63, passed away Nov. 14, 2015
 Pat Soltis Sutyak, '63, passed away Jan. 8, 2014
 Robert John Oberle, '64, passed away July 18, 2015
 Cynthia Pugh D'Angelo, '65, passed away Aug. 28, 2015
 Linda James Scasny, '65, passed away July 6, 2015
 Linda Bordanaro Durneti, '69, passes away Dec. 14, 2015
 Thomas Harsch, '69, passed away Dec. 3, 2015
 Brian Wallace, '71, passed away Nov. 8, 2015
 Ron Zack, '71 passed away Jan. 23, 2016
 Barb Field, '74, passed away Jan. 6, 2016
 Michael Wallo, '75, passed away Sept., 2015
 Robert Betley, '79, passed away Oct. 20, 2015
 Dori Voss Orr, '89, passed away May 29, 2015
 Karen Delfs, '93, passed away Nov. 2, 2015

Wildcattin' With Kitty



Stan Savransky, '65, has recently celebrated his 40th year in sports broadcasting with ROOT Sports in Pittsburgh, PA. Stan goes by his professional name of Stan Savran. He has become a respected regional figure in sports broadcasting over the years. Among the many great athletes Stan has interviewed are Arnold Palmer, Jerome Bettis, Reggie Jackson, Joe Green, James Buster Douglas and Terry Bradshaw. Congratulations Stan. Your Mayfield family is proud of your accomplishments.

Rebecca Gellott, '00, was the winner of the A+ Playwriting Contest for Teachers with her stage adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved classic, *Pride and Prejudice*. Designed especially for high school, amateur, and semi-professional theatre companies, this outstanding adaptation provides ample opportunities for female leads. It has a cast of 9M, 13F, plus extras, and has a runningtime of 120 minutes. Orders can be placed online at any time. Rebecca has been teaching at Padua Franciscan High School in Parma for the past seven years and currently resides in Mayfield Heights.

Concetta "Toni" Rash, '60, was recognized for her oil portrait of the Consul General in June, 2015. She has had several of her "Slovenian Landscapes" exhibited

around the country under the auspices of Slovenian Consul General Jurcek Zmauc. Toni was invited to be a presenter by Mayor Frank Jackson, Councilman Cimperman and Councilman Polensak. Toni has also served as a "Content Contributor" for two magazines since 2014.

The Class of 2015 distinguished itself in many ways. Four members of the class were inducted into the high schools Academic Hall of Fame, seven students were named National Merit/Commended Scholars, and two students enlisted in the U. S. Military. The class as a whole received \$8.8 million dollars in scholarships and raised \$7,780 for the United Way.

Superintendent Keith Kelly had this to say about the last school year, "This school year has been a time of collaboration, achievement and growth... It's important that we provide an education that will ensure our students can compete globally and succeed in tomorrow's world."



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CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '71

Class of '76

The **Class of 1971** will celebrate their 45 year reunion on Friday & Saturday, August 12 & 13, 2016. On Friday evening, an informal cocktail party will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village. On Saturday morning, a school tour of the high school will take place for anyone interested. On Saturday evening, we'll have an elegant evening of food, fun and dancing to nostalgic tunes from the 60's and 70's, also at the Hilton Garden Inn.

We are currently still looking for some of our missing classmates, making phone calls and sending snail mail to try and locate as many as possible. If you can help us locate anyone from our class, please contact Reunion Chair **Lynne Roche Matthews** at upstateone@aol.com or call (941) 380-1788.

A website has been established for the classmates to continue enjoying being reconnected, which is www.mayfield71.com. If you are a classmate from this class, contact Lynne at upstateone@aol.com for information on how to access the site.

Lynne Roche Matthews, '71

Why isn't your reunion announcement or reunion recap listed on our Class Reunion pages??



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Wow...40 years goes by fast! If you graduated in the **Class of 1976**, please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 23-24, 2016. We've got a small reunion committee in the early stages of planning and could use your help. Even in the digital age, finding our classmates remains the biggest challenge. We could use names, cell numbers, email addresses, etc. Contact us at mayfieldclassof76@gmail.com. You'll find us on Facebook at [Mayfield Ohio Class of 1976](https://www.facebook.com/MayfieldOhioClassof1976). If you know some hard-to-find classmates who live off the grid, point them in our direction too!

We plan to poll the class with options and will be in touch as details firm up. We have reserved Dino's at Acacia for Saturday, September 24, 2016, and will make arrangements for a block of hotel rooms nearby. Friday night is not defined but we know it's Homecoming at our alma mater. Perhaps we'll tailgate, meet at the new Alumni Pavilion, or just skip the game and go straight to the party like when we were 18!

Obviously our group is getting smaller and further away from our shared experiences back on Wilson Mills Road in Mayfield Village. So don't start thinking of excuses - we want to see your beautiful (middle-aged) face and share some laughs and hugs! Please plan to join us in September.

Bill Sciortino, '76 mayfieldclassof76@gmail.com

Class of '42

The **Class of '42** had its 73rd!!!! Reunion on June 17th. It was a dinner party, held at the home of Anna Trivisonno Carroscia. Ten people were there, six of whom were classmates. Guests included: **Josie Phillips Kiraly, Lillian Ostlund Matz, and Anna Carroscia, Bob Bossley, Fred Watson and Harry Wirstrom.** We hope to do it again next year.

Anna Trivisonno Carroscia, '42

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

Class of '65

The Mayfield **Class of 1965** held its 50th reunion on Saturday, September 19th. Reunion weekend kicked off with a tour of Mayfield High School on Friday, September 18th. This was followed by a class recognition event prior to the Mayfield – Willoughby South football game. A reception at the Mayfield Hilton Garden Inn capped off the Friday night events.

"Class of 65" accomplishments included:

- Undefeated football team, Freeway Conference Champs
- Undefeated wrestling team - Conference and Sectional Champions, 5th in the state
- Walt Podgurski, state wrestling champion - 175 pounds, fastest pin - 14 seconds
- Inherit the Wind - state winning play
- Five members in Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame - Lance Liotta, Don Mueller, Bill Kinschner, Stan Savran(ski), and Walt Podgurski

On Saturday morning, Bill Baird hosted a golf outing at Punderson. Saturday's reunion event was held at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. The reunion featured a delicious buffet dinner and a 50/50 raffle, with proceeds donated to the Alumni Pavilion. The highlight of the evening was a look back at our senior year presented by Alumni Hall of Famer Stan Savran (a.k.a. the Godfather of Pittsburgh sports.) 135 classmates and friends attended.

The weekend ended with a cookout on Sunday, September 20th at the beautiful Mayfield Alumni Pavilion.

Thanks to the reunion committee for making this event a great success: **Bill Baird, Sue Downes Allen, Rick Farley, Kerry Friedman Rosen, Alison Giesse Purdon, Karen Hall Cheetham, Dennis Jensen, Betsy Law Podgurski, Gene March, Barb Markman Palumbo, Phil Mikita, Walt Podgurski, Cynthia Pugh D'Angelo, Larry Sapanaro, Ellen Schutte Taylor, Dennis Shelby, Sue Snow Eastman, Jim and Tom Strickler, and Diane Walter Diamond.**

In 2016, the Class of '65 will begin a new tradition – annual picnics. Our first annual picnic will be held **Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 4 – 10 PM at the Alumni Pavilion at Wildcat Park.**

For updates, check the reunion website: "Mayfield65.com", the "Mayfield High School Class of 1965" Face Book page, or contact any of the following classmates:

Dennis Jensen, 440-336-6983, drdennisjensen@yahoo.com; Betsy Law Podgurski, 440-473-1405, bpodgurski@att.net; Gene March, 440-449-7223, ecmarch@msn.com; or Phil Mikita, 330-656-1849, phil.mikita@gmail.com.

Class of '66

CLASS OF 1966 50TH YEAR REUNION WEEKEND

All classmates and friends are invited

Friday October 14th - Casual reception/ Ice Breaker. 6:00 PM -11:00 PM. CASH BAR. (Hors d'oeuvres included). **Hilton Garden Inn**, 700 Beta Drive in Mayfield Village 44143. 440 – 646 – 1777. HGlclevelandeast.com.

Saturday October 15th – Reunion Dinner event. 6:30PM-Midnight. CASH BAR. Complete Buffet Dinner. **Executive Caterers**-6111 Landerhaven Dr. Mayfield Heights 44124. 440 – 449 – 0700. executivecaterers.com

Sunday October 16th – Classmates and Friends Gathering and Cookout. 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM. Menu or Pot Luck TBD **MHS Alumni Pavilion** on the MHS campus.

Rooms for overnight guests may be reserved under **M66** at the **Hilton Garden Inn** 440-646-1777 700 Beta Drive in Mayfield Village 44143. HGlclevelandeast.com. \$119 + 16.5% Taxes

Rooms under **MHC** at the **Staybridge Suites** Mayfield Hts. 6103 Landerhaven Dr. Mayfield Heights 44124. 440-442 - 9200. Staybridge Suites Hotel (**NEXT TO Executive Caterers**) StaybridgeSuites.com/clevelandeast Suites range from \$129 (Efficiency) to \$144 (1 Bedroom) per night + 16.5% Taxes Staybridge Suites includes a complementary hot Breakfast Buffet daily. All Suites have a full kitchen.

You can attend any event or all events. The cost of all events will be \$105 or less per person. The Reunion Dinner event will be \$75 per person. Friday night will be \$20 per person. Sunday to be determined.

Find us on Facebook: **Mayfield Wildcats Class of 66** - by Invitation from Dave Maynard 440-665-8518.

For more information and to ASSIST IN LOCATING CLASSMATES contact:

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WE ARE WORKING TO LOCATE CLASSMATES. WE NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE CONTACT MIKE, DAVE, OR LILY, TO LET US KNOW CLASSMATES WITH WHOM YOU HAVE HAD CONTACT OR KNOW THEIR LOCATION.

BE SURE TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE WITH YOUR OWN EMAIL, HOME ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER.

Mike Moses, '66 and Mike Blum, '66

