

BHS Class of 1972 Reunion - 51 Years

For all that were in our grade at some time, whether a BHS graduate or not.

A backyard event hosted by John & Kathy (Libbey) Blehm

4599 Lange Rd, Taymouth Twp, Michigan

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Remembering 1972



Hip-Hugger
Bell-Bottoms



The VW Beetle becomes
the most popular car ever sold

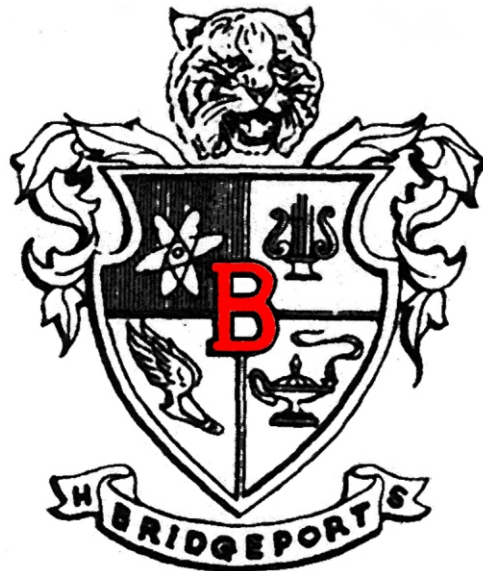
1972 was the
longest year in the
history of recorded
time!

Besides being a leap
year, two leap
seconds were added

The Dow Jones
closes above
1000 for the first
time in history

Richard Nixon
visits China

Digital Watches
are introduced



Class of 1972

Atari kicks off the first generation of video games
with the release of PONG, the first game to achieve
commercial success



NASA's Space Shuttle Program
is officially launched

Unilateral U.S. troop
withdrawals from
South Vietnam continue



B.H.S. 1972 Class Song is
Color My World, by Chicago

Classmates that planned to attend...

*Volunteered to help make it a reunion to remember

**Organizing Committee

Jim Armstrong

Tom Bailey

Roland Bergey

Mike Bishop

*John Blehm***

Gary Bryce

Mike Easlick

*Gerard Feuerstein**

Nancy Flory Carpenter

*Elaine Foutch Meyer**

Daniel Fowler

Nancy Gerken Thurston

Erlinda Gonzales Matzke

Tom Greyerbiehl

Tom Grunow

Dennis Harns

Sharen Inman

*Bob Kwapis**

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*Kathy Libbey Blehm***

*Roxanne Lieber Kern**

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Dennis Morton

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*Jim Parth**

*Kevin Perry***

*Ann Pepera Harrison**

Shelly Pinet

*Roger Rau**

Marlee Richer

Allen Ross

Dan Schoenow

Loretta Schram Morton

Bob Schultz

Judy Schwarz Horonzy

Tim Sorokin

Mary Strobel

Randy Tanner

*Tom Vance**

Cheri VanSickle Harms

Chuck Warner

Barb Weideman Konuszewski

Bob Yare

Al Zabarcki

Paula Zdrojkowski Young

In memory of our fellow classmates...

Richard Alan Barratt (1954-2016)

Leslie Elvin Bartlett (1954-1998)

John Raymond Borchers (1954-1993)

Patricia Broom Smith (1953-2003)

Steven William Bryant (1954-2021)

William Scott Cederberg (1954-1994)

John Edward Conklin (1954-2022)

Janice Dey Wilcox (1953-2015)

Margie Ann Erdman Thomas (1954-1980)

Debbie Fairchild (1952-1986)?

Douglas Phillip Fairchild (1953-2023)

Diane Dolores Gatz Smith (1954-2007)

Loretta Marie Giltrop Simpson (1954-2020)

Armando Rodarte Gonzales (1953-2012)

Roxann Marie Goodman (1953-2020)

Deborah Lynn Greenwald (1954-2016)

Timothy Bruce Grunow (1953-1997)

Rose Ann Helsel Hurford (1954-2020)

John Kenneth Iliff (1953-2006)

Debra Lynn Kabobel (1954-2020)

Dona Marie Kaledo Thorman (1954-2013)

Thomas Walter Kline (1954-2021)

Trixie Leanna Larson Smith (1953-2002)

Curtis Hugo List (1954-2020)

Michael Leonard Maliszewski (1953-2002)

Daniel Bruce Mikulewicz (1954-2022)

Deborah "Debbie" Sue Miller (1953-1968)

Robert Lewis Moore (1954-2013)

Daniel Stanley Moulton (1954-2002)

David D Neigh (1954-1977)

Janna Sue Oszust Robbins (1954-2008)

Ginger Partlow Burton (1954-2021)

Clifford William Passon (1954-2021)

Keith Plaskewicz (1953-2018)

Charles "Chuck" D Pool (1953-2003)

Joseph Rembish (1954-2021)

Robert Thomas Richey (1953-2020)

Lou Ann Roberge Schrader (1954-2021)

Henry C Rohde (1954-2012)

Laura Lee Ruth (1954-2005)

Mary Ann Rutkowski Bierlein (1953-2019)

Susan Arlene Schroeder (1954-1999)

Nancy Lynn Schultz Doyle (1954-2005)

Gary Alan Shaffer (1954-2015)

Dwain "Skip" Ervin Simerson (1954-2021)

Beulah Joanne Southam Wise (1954-2018)

Robert Aaron Steel (1954-1979)

Joann Kay Stevenson Bennett (1954-2013)

Lynnette Ann Wickline (1954-2004)

John Lawrence Willard (1954-2020)

Carl W Young (1953-1973)

John Herbert Young (1954-2004)

Karen Lynn Zelle Vance (1953-2023)

and any others...

Biographies & Correspondences

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Family: I am divorced and have 3 children & 4 grandchildren. The oldest daughter lives in Traverse City with her husband & 2 boys. The 2nd lives in Ann Arbor &, the youngest lives in California with his wife & 2 children (1 boy & 1 girl).

Hobbies: I enjoy reading, scrapbooking & card making and swimming.

I graduated from MSU after high school & went back to MSU for my master's degree in 1998. I worked for 15 years as a volunteer coordinator at St. Casimir Church, in Lansing. I retired at 62 because of health issues. I have dealt with Rheumatoid Arthritis for over 40 years. Now I also have heart issues.

Mary Ann Young Bigsby

Auburndale, FL

...was just talking about the 50 year reunion!!

Cool!!! Will hope to be in attendance & look forward to seeing the invitation with all details.

See y'all soon 🙌😊🙌

Bob Yare

Colombia, MD

Married (Debbie Yare) 43 years. 2 sons, 3 grandkids. Retired from USFoods in 2018 (33 years). Own SOB (Sons of Bob) Barbeque llc.

Rita Watz Moon

Palm Bay, FL

Following graduation I moved with my parents to Florida in 1975. I started working in assembly manufacturing work involving military clients. I had two daughters, Amy and Chelsy. One lives in Lake Mary, FL and the other lives in Renton, WA. Neither has married so no grandchildren. I have been happily single since I was 42.

I love Bridgeport High School and being named homecoming queen was one of the best things to ever happen to me. Sorry I couldn't be at the reunion, but I am using up most of my vacation time on knee surgery. I still work full-time after attempting retirement for two years. Retirement was not for me.

Tom Vance

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Married my high school sweetheart (Karen Zelle) on Dec. 16, 1972

Lived in Bridgeport area from 1972 to 1990

Moved to Frankenmuth from 1990 to present

Total of seven children (4 boys, 1 adopted and 3 girls all adopted)

Currently have 13 grandchildren



(Tom Vance - continued...)

Worked at Bridgeport Equipment Company (45 years retiring in 2017)

Sadly, Karen passed away on March 9th of this year and is greatly missed.

I appreciate all the efforts that make this reunion possible and look forward to meeting all of you.

Best Regards,

Tom Vance

Mark Toor
Boca Raton, FL

Surprised that after 51 years I got my 1st invite to a class reunion. I am not able to attend as I no longer live in Michigan. I really don't think anyone would ever remember me. I moved a lot as a kid (almost always in the middle of a school year) due to my dad changing jobs. I most likely was one of the smallest kids in the class. I lived in Saginaw but went to Bridgeport in my junior year (came in the middle of 1971 from Sterling Heights Michigan). I am pretty sure I am in the 1972 yearbook, but never had the opportunity to get one as my dad again was transferred to Jackson, Michigan with only 3½ months left until I graduated. So technically I graduated at East Jackson High basically knowing no one or made any real friends and never had my picture taken for the yearbook as it was done earlier in the year. I would be really interested to see my classmates from 1972 to see if I can remember anyone.

I had (I believe), 2 of my 4 brothers that were younger than me attend Bridgeport as well. I had worked at the Burger King on (if I remember correctly) East Genesee Ave. My dad had given the owner of that Burger King his first job in college & the owner was an original Miami Dolphins football player (Sam Price). He gave me a job there & eventually at 16 years old I became the night manager, so I didn't have time to hang with anyone. I witnessed a murder there just before we moved.

As soon as I graduated at East Jackson High, my dad got another job offer in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. I gave up my ambitions to go to college as warm weather Florida here I come! I have lived in Florida ever since as I hate winters up north!

If anyone was to remember me they would really have to do a good job for me to remember them. I was shy and moving around it was hard to make friends.

My first job was at KFC in Florida & stayed in the restaurant field until 22 years old. Then worked for Pepsi for 9½ years, finally met someone that I wanted to marry. I worked in the automotive upholstery supply business & having computers as a hobby, started my own IT small business service business for almost 29 years. I retired in January 2022. I have taken up golf (addicted!) and started a childhood dream of playing the drums for 2½ years. We have 2 kids & our daughter was just married this past week in Austin, Texas.

So I hope everyone that attends the reunion has a great time!



Judy Swartz Horonzy
Gould City, MI

“Hello fellow classmates! I am so thankful for this opportunity to get together with all of you. I have so many great memories of BHS and wonderful friends.

One of my favorite teachers is Mr. Beuthin. I was fortunate to have him as my 5th grade teacher at Harvey Kaufmann Elementary, than again in High School. Mr. Beuthin was very genuine and down to earth. His classes were always fun. ➔

(Judy Swartz Horonzy - continued...)

After graduation and college, I married my best friend, Tim Horonzy. We met when we were 16 at the cinema, my first real job. We settled in Freeland where we raised our two sons. Once they were grown we moved to West Branch but continued to commute for our jobs. I was an RN at Saint Mary's Hospital in Saginaw where I worked 25 years in Pediatrics than the last 17 years at the Ambulatory Care Center, their Endoscopy Department. I may have seen a few of you in for your colonoscopies, but don't worry, my lips are sealed.

After retiring in 2016 we sold our home in West Branch and moved into our cabin in the U.P. I wasn't born a Yooper, but the older I get, the more I appreciate the solitude. Social media is great too (when it works up here), so I can keep in touch with family and friends. We have two grandsons in MI that love to visit, and another grandson and granddaughter in Nevada.

I could go on and on but there are many more biographies with more interesting lives to read about. Thank you John and Kathy Blehm for hosting this event and Kevin Perry and all the others who worked on organizing our reunion. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone."

**Sue Sian Grosart
Hudson, FL**

Although I ultimately didn't graduate with my class, (graduated with Saginaw school system) I always consider Bridgeport my home school. Went there from Kindergarten to 11th grade. Enjoy the reunion, and I look forward to seeing pictures.

Regards,

Sue

**Dan Schoenow
Bridgeport, MI**

After school I worked in the retail automotive business for almost 45 years. I worked for dealerships in Birch Run, Saginaw, Bay City, Standish and Freeland. Most of my career was spent as a Finance Manager. I am now retired.

I have one daughter (Jessica) and two wonderful grandchildren. My wife of twenty years Beverly and I recently moved back to Bridgeport from Saginaw in order to care for my mother.

Work left little time for hobbies however I do enjoy restoring and refinishing antique furniture as well as working in the yard.

**Becki Scharrer Culley
Port Charlotte, FL**

Hi John....I received your reunion invite today! What a surprise! This is the very first time I ever received anything regarding BHS...thank you!

It's a bit too late for us to attend this year...but maybe future events. While reviewing the BHS1972.org site, I was taken back to see so many of our classmates deceased...what a shame.

I have retired from United Airlines; which allowed me to live in Northern Virginia, Denver, New Orleans and Chicago over the years. I was the first female, Worldwide Operations Manager for United Airlines in their Chicago Headquarters. I have four amazing kids, and 13 grandchildren! We enjoy our active retirement in Southwest Florida on the Gulf. Besides our two goofy Labrador retrievers, our favorite hobbies are boating and collecting wine.

**Allen Ross
Catawissa, MO**

Allen Ross graduated from Delta College with two degrees and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He served in the Coast Guard and was honorably discharged after serving four years. He lived in Washington D.C. and worked at a government job. He moved to St. Louis and remained employed with the Federal Government as a Cartographer at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. It was most often referred to as NGA. He was married to Diana in March of 2001. We currently live at 3708 Oak Hill Dr., in Catawissa, Missouri that is a suburb of St. Louis.

**Gary Rogers
Minneapolis, MN**

After high school graduation I went to MSU to get a bachelor's and master's degree in Engineering. My first job was with Ford in Dearborn. After 4 years I switched brands.

I retired after 34 yrs at Nissan North America building cars and trucks in Smyrna Tn. One of the high points was when the company sent me to live in Paris, France for 3 years working for Renault. My 3 years of high school French class did not prepare me for full immersion in France, Spain and Turkey. Working on the factory shop floor in a variety of languages was a challenge but also fun.

In retirement, I was an instructor at Inland Seas Education Association (Suttons Bay) teaching boat building to middle school students. I also joined the Ukulele Orchestra of Suttons Bay.

Hobbies currently include, home renovation, kayaking, cycling and playing my ukulele.

I just moved to Minneapolis to be near family. I can see the Twins ballpark from a bedroom window. Walking to a baseball game this summer will be a new experience. Vikings stadium is about 2 miles away. Pro soccer and minor league baseball is available in St. Paul.

**Brock Rodarte
Walsenburg, CO**

Living in Colorado for 5 1/2 years after 34 in the Houston metro area.

Peace
Brock

Lou Ann Roberge Schrader (deceased – bio is by husband, Ken Schrader)
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I want to acknowledge the receipt of the class reunion for the 1972 Bridgeport Bearcats. I am a 1972 Ugly Bearcat and feel that we were a better representative of the mascot name (tongue in cheek). Unfortunately, I must advise you of the passing of Louie.

Lou, we called her Louie, went to Delta College and Saginaw Business School after graduating from Bridgeport. She was working as a ward clerk in St. Luke's Hospital ER when I met her. I was a EMT for Saginaw Mercy Ambulance.

She worked at St. Luke's and at the same time finished her degree at Delta. Until 1978 she worked in the Saginaw area at a couple of different attorney's offices. One who was named Dimetrio and another whose name escapes me. Around 1977 she went to work for the prosecutor's office for Saginaw County. Staying there until we moved to Boyne City in August of 1978. Oh yea, we married in July of 1977.

She then worked as Executive Assistant for a company called Courtiers in Boyne City.



(Lou Ann Roberge Schrader - continued...)

They manufactured specific parts, gyros, and indicators, for airliners, fighter jets, and “smart” torpedoes. It was eventually purchased by Bendix Corporation and then finally, and still owned, by Honeywell Aerospace Divisions.

Over 25 years, within the company she went into the contracts division and specialized in government/military contracts. At times she traveled around the country to military installations to further the company's sales.

Eventually she was forced to retire as Honeywell was consolidating its work force. She then worked in setting up a purchasing system for Wayne Wire in Kalkaska, MI for a couple of years. Her last position was at the Charlevoix City Airport as an assistant to the manager. She stopped her formal workforce career in 2018. In 2018-2019 she was part of a group that started an annual Pirate Fest weekend, still going in Boyne City.

During the years from 1980 to 1988 she had 4 children.

Ashley, 3rd Grade teacher in Parkland Fl with 2 children.

Leeann Emeott, Head Teacher at a Pre School center in Midland MI. She is married with 4 children.

Dustin, Logistics supervisor for a company based in Amsterdam with a manufacturing facility near Stamford Connecticut. His company makes the machines that makes the intricate computer parts. In February of 2021 you may recall a news article about a truck going through the ice and the people being saved by a fire department basket/ladder truck. That was Dustin and a friend. The firemen involved received the presidential freedom award.

Nicholas, Technician for a company that is the computer cloud. He maintains the actual hardware that your cloud information is stored on. He lives in Detroit, actually in the city. (I learned that there are a lot of areas that are nice, in the city of Detroit)

Unfortunately, in February of 2021 Louie was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She received treatments at University of Michigan. She passed away November of 2021. I can't describe how much she is missed.

I am interested in hearing about Louie and her years in the Bridgeport area. If anyone wishes to contact me, please do so by email, or call me. Obviously, we had conversations about it, but it is always interesting to hear stories from friends, people she associated with, and/or persons she dated or spent a lot of time with.

Thank you!

**Pam Richards Darling
Fenton, MI**

I worked for General Motors for 30 years in Hourly Personnel. Since we worked under Labor Relations it was a very interesting job. It was great when we were hiring and so discouraging when we had to lay employees off. My division had many names but we were known best as Buick Motor Division. I was fortunate to be able to retire in 2008.

We had a boat slipped in Rogers City for 31 years. We did a lot of salmon fishing along with many great adventures. We still have many friends up there but did sell our boat this year.

I love animals and because of that, I worked (volunteered) for my veterinarian, while still working at GM. I have had many pets throughout my 69 years but my favorites are cats.

Since retiring, we have been on many cruises. I also enjoy working in the yard and especially in my many flowerbeds.

My only sibling, Tom, passed away in 2021. He was in the class of 1973.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this reunion. I was so looking forward to seeing my former classmates. Hi to everyone.

**Theresa "Terri" Premo Peaphon
Gold Canyon, AZ**

Thanks for including me. I won't be able to make it. Maybe next time!

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When I was in school I hung around a couple different people. There was Eileen Miller, Jan Ozust, Gloria Gilbert, and Kim Eisenlord. I grew up on King Road. My favorite teacher was Mr. Sheldon. I learned a lot from him. He was very nice and patient. Good looking too. After graduation I moved to North Carolina. After three months I moved back home because my Grandfather got sick with cancer.

I went to college in my later years at Lake Superior State University and received an Associate's degree in Office Administration. My last job was a receptionist at a Dr's Office in Three River's Michigan. I retired after that.

I have been divorced for the last 21 years. I have lived in the sault for the last 6 years. My twins who were adopted are 53 this year. Melissa lives in Sault, Michigan and has 2 daughters. Michele lives in Sault, Canada and has 2 boys and a girl. I have 5 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and one on the way. My youngest daughter, Amber, is 28 and lives with me. She has Cerebral Palsy and is in a wheel chair. She doesn't walk or talk.

I get together once a week with friends to play cards. We have a great time. It just seems like a long time between times. I have been on 3 cruises to the Caribbean. If you have never been, I highly recommend it. I have another one I'm going on in January 2024. Can't wait to see you all at the reunion, eh!

Ann Pepera Harrison
Saginaw, MI

I met my husband, Joe Harrison, (BHS, Class of 1970), in the fall of 1969 and we have been together since October 3, 1969, our first date, which was Homecoming.

My courier path, unknown to me, all began in third grade, when our librarian, Mrs. Draves asked if I had read the book that I was repeatedly checking out. Sadly, I had not read it and nobody at home was reading with me. Mrs. Draves offered, that if I wanted to keep the book, "This Is Our Family," we could donate a new book in exchange. We did, and then my mom read the book with me. I was one of those kids that was not a good reader and kept my secret until asked to read out loud in school. It was terrifying. Throughout school I found myself drawn to books, like volunteering to set up the library at Banner School.

In high school, needing credits, I took a Family and Child course. Part of the class was doing observational studies when preschoolers visited BHS. This was my first observational report.

After high school, I attended Delta College, taking Children's Literature, where I learned about so many stories and authors that I had never known. While working Undercover Security at Federal's I bought children's books and an unfinished bookcase at 75% off.

I followed Joey to MSU and we married on August 24, 1974. He graduated from MSU, taking odd jobs while I finished a degree, in Child Development and Teaching.

We then moved to Bellville, Michigan, where Joe attended Law School and, at the same time, obtained a Master's in History at Wayne State. The public schools in Detroit were on strike in 1976, so I took a job at an accredited private school and day care.



(Ann Pepera Harrison - continued...)

After 4 years, he graduated, and took a job in Bay City, bringing us back home. We moved to Saginaw within a year and started our family. We have two married daughters, one a MSU graduate, now teaching in Saginaw Township, and the other, a Northern graduate, is the Manager of Conservation and Education at our Saginaw Children's Zoo.

I was a stay-at-home mom while our two girls were young, becoming a Girl Scout Leader and Volunteer. As the girls became older, I recertified at SVSU and began teaching again, first taking mostly, long term substitute teaching jobs in Saginaw Township, and at St. Helen's. Through professional development I was offered a job to train and teach, using Reading Recovery methods, for Pinconning Schools. Budget cuts ended the program and wanting to continue as a RR teacher, I was hired by the Bangor Township School District. While there, I acquired a Masters from SVSU. Years later, Reading Recovery was discontinued in Bangor, so I taught Fourth grade for the last 4 years before retiring.

My path to teach children to read, all began with Mrs. Draves giving me my first book. I still have that book. Teaching children to read has been so rewarding for me because I know how they feel about themselves and how I have made a difference. Just 15 minutes after announcing my retirement, a student graduating that year came looking for me and said, "Thank you for teaching me to read." He then told me about the educational path that he was taking. That was, the best gift on my retirement day.

Jim Parth
Frankenmuth, MI

My name is James G. Parth, more commonly known as Jim and I currently live in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

I started in the Bridgeport school district in the 4th grade and enjoyed learning about the sciences, ancient histories and wood shop. Math came easy to me. Therefore, after graduation I tried computer science at SVSC in the fall.

Growing up, I enjoyed time spent in the woods, doing yard work, reading and chores with "Gramps", who lived nearby. Summer weekends were always spent at the lake where my other grandparents lived. I mowed lawns for a job, but always enjoyed the freedom as a kid to explore on the bicycle. This passion carried over to motorcycles, which I still enjoy to this day.

At 18 years old, I hired into a machine shop job which, at the time, offered great hours and pay. However, the demands of the job meant giving up college as money was a priority. I then went to the production line at Steering Gear in early '73. After two layoffs in three years, I was accepted in to the apprentice trades program. This job included the math, shop work, and computers that I truly enjoyed. I happily retired from this career in 2005.

In the late 70's I married. In the late 80's we had 2 children. In the late 90's we divorced. Since then I have had one long-time relationship but we have parted ways a couple years back.

Yard work, equipment, and health maintenance keep me busy. I enjoy daily crossword and number puzzles. In school, I wanted to read at the Library of Congress one day but the internet now easily helps my curiosities. I've made liqueurs and wines at time, both fruit and honey. I am close to both of my children and have two grandchildren that live nearby that provide me with plenty of play time!

Our 1968-69 freshman class officers:

Kathy Schauman, President
Tom Grunow, Vice-President
Judy Ulmer, Secretary
Nancy Flory, Treasurer

Our 1969-70 sophomore class officers:

Karen Zelle, President
Cindy Smith, Vice-President
Judy Ulmer, Secretary
Marlee Richter, Treasurer



**Teresa Millette Casselman
Clio, MI**

Hello,

I have been quite busy since our graduation. I was married and had 3 children, with my first husband. One girl, Lindy, she has a job in the hospital operating room. One boy, Michael, who works for me. One boy, Joshua, who is a homicide detective, State Trooper.

I am now re-married to Duane Casselman.

I have 3 grandchildren. One boy, attending SVSU, Dylan. One girl, playing softball at Mott, Taryn. One boy, going in 8th grade, Mikey.

I am currently the owner of Vienna Greens G.C. of Clio. The golf course has been in the family since 1972. My sister and I bought the course from my parents in 1996. We are open from April 1 to Oct. 31.

On my off time I enjoy traveling to Florida (I am a Disney Junkie). We also go to Maui, Hawaii whenever we can. Next year we plan to go to O'ahu staying at the Disney Aulani. We plan on seeing Pearl Harbor.

We have two dogs, who are very cute and smart. They love to go up north to our cabin. I have no immediate plans to retire, so off I go!



**Evelyn Mainprize
Saginaw, MI**

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My family – Never been married – engaged 3Xs, all turned out to be users, abusers & drunks. Gave up, I told God, if there is someone out there for me, you'll have to bring us together cuz I'm not looking anymore. Still alone and happy. I am my brother's caregiver after his stroke, he lost the use of his right arm.

My health – Me & my family (just my sister & brother & cousins are left.) have hereditary nose bleeds & blood clots. This combination puts you between a rock & a hard place. We are all on blood thinners for the rest of our lives. ENT Drs. Don't really do very much anymore.

Job – I am retired from AT&T since 2006. Worked there 1980-2006.

Hobbies – I have my house with an acre of land. I love landscaping, gardening and cutting grass. The woods in the back bring out lots of deer and all the other wild animals. I like watching TV, stitching my crafts, sewing and being on the computer.

GOD is very important to me. Without him, I'd be LOST!!!

Some of the top TV shows of 1971-72

- 1 All in the Family CBS
- 2 The Flip Wilson Show NBC
- 3 Marcus Welby, M.D. ABC
- 4 Gunsmoke CBS
- 10 The Mary Tyler Moore Show CBS
- 12 Hawaii Five-O CBS
- 16 The Partridge Family ABC
- 21 The Mod Squad ABC

Roxanne Lieber Kern

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Married to Jeff for 43 years.

Two kids, Brent and Julie.

Four Grandkids – two boys, two girls.

We are retired.

I worked at St Mary's Hospital, medical records and then I was a stay at home mom for 20 years which was the best part of my life. Then I worked retail and then I was a mail carrier. We camp and we go boating, other than that I'm a really boring person, oh ya the thing I like to do is read (see boring!).

Kathy Libbey Blehm

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When preparing for our class reunion I came across this letter I typed to myself 51 years ago...

To Kathy Libbey!

Today is your last day of 13 yrs. of school. It only seems like I'm going on some holiday vacation. It might come to me on June 8th, when I graduate. The music on the TV just plays on in this shorthand class as if it's just another day. The world should hear about this day. I would only like to remind myself not to wish that I was back in school, if I ever feel that way I should remind myself of my 11th grade French class in which I only know how to pronounce no with my nose and yes with my mouth. Miss Dean was something else anyways. Then remind myself of shorthand class. English was an ok class. I always enjoyed talking! Finally Out! And I Hope I Never Regret It!

GRADUATING STUDENT OF 1972!

KATHY ANN LIBBEY

I stayed true to my words...I have never looked back wishing I was in school.

It wasn't all bad. I enjoyed listening & learning from Mrs. Barnes who taught Home Economics. My closest friend was Loretta Schram. We had a lot of fun together and kept each other from going down the wrong path. During the end of the 12th grade I met & dated our classmate John Blehm. John and I married on May 26, 1973 (50 years ago!). We have three grown children, Sherrie, John and David. We have five grown grandkids, Leah, Christopher, Micah, Jonathon and Mariah, from Sherrie & son-in-law Creg. The youngest is 20 and oldest is 25 and married this year.

I was a stay at home mom for 21 years. I had a small business called A Touch of Lace. I sewed battenburg lace onto t-shirts & cardigans and sold them. One unforgettable day was when singer Brenda Lee bought several cardigans from me at a craft show, in Chesaning.

John has probably wrote his bio about the jobs he has had (I haven't read his yet). We did work together from 1994-2004 after we purchased WKNX. I was the "president" (made my momma proud). John was the GM and jack of all trades. He designed & helped build the radio station on Gabel Rd., in Bridgeport. We sold the station to WNEM after 10 yrs of operation.

John & I still work together from home. I sell advertising on restaurant placemats, he designs the ads and prints them.

My favorite "things" in life are being with family & friends. I love seeing them enjoy life.

My grandkids have kept me young at heart. I still enjoy volleyball, tetherball, swimming, roller-skating, walking in the woods, riding the Ranger and euchre. I'm always excited about the "next adventure".

My greatest legacy would be to pass on my love for Jesus as my Lord & Savior. Thank you all who have been able to come to our backyard reunion. Just as the sign says on our pavilion..."It just doesn't get much better than this!"

PS, Did my letter to myself say "I always enjoyed talking"? Some things never change.

Patti Leach Turner

Saginaw, MI

I won't be able attend the reunion. I hope everyone has a wonderful time.

Our 1970-71 junior class officers:

George Eckes, President

Brian Davis, Vice-President

Cheri VanSickle, Secretary

Loretta Wood, Treasurer

Our 1971-72 senior class officers:

Pete Jordan, President

Tim Deneau, Vice-President

Debbie Kabobel, Secretary

Cheri VanSickle, Treasurer

Carl Douglas Lade "Doug"
Midland, MI

Karen and I have been married forty seven years this August 13. We spend what time that we can with our two children and ten grandchildren. With school activities, scouting and other family activities there is little time for major activities. Luckily they both live real close and keep close contact.

My job with Kmart kept us moving for fourteen years in their management program (Saginaw, MI, Columbus, OH, Big Rapids, MI, Michigan City, IN, three stores in Detroit, MI, Plymouth, MI, Taylor MI and Midland, MI). Then I worked for Self Serve Lumber for about twenty four years. Finally retired out of Nexteer, Saginaw after eight years

I enjoyed trying to help with a copy of the commencement program that I had filed away in one of my old year books. Sorry, I could not help a lot more because taking care of my wife is a full time job since I retired two and a half years ago.

I would really like to get back to working my family's Genealogy. My grandfather passed it down to me and I got my daughter interested. She Worked with me and was lot of help, she went on with her German and made a contact in Germany to add to my mother-in-law's family by helping translate English to German for him.

Donna Kaledo Thorman (Deceased – message is from husband, Tom Thorman)
Palm Desert, CA [Dona Marie Thorman, \(1954 - 2013\) - ForeverMissed.com Online Memorials](#)

John, I received the invitation to the Bridgeport High School Class of 1972 Reunion for Donna Kaledo Thorman. I regretfully have to tell you that she passed away on 12/22/2013. We were together for 27 years and she had a wonderful life. Donna and I would have loved to attend. Donna fulfilled her lifetime dream as an avid dog lover to open a Pet Boutique and Bakery called Cosmopawlitian Cafe in Palm Desert.

Sharen Inman Schulz
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Dan & I have been married 40 years. We have one son, Zachary - age 28. He lives in Midland. I retired 5 years ago from AT&T. We enjoy going camping in the summer.



Lorraine Gray Antieau
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In high school, band was my favorite. I played flute (badly) in marching band, and bassoon (better) in concert band.

BA, 1976, Spring Arbor College (now University) MSW, 1981, University of Michigan

I married my husband David in 1976, and our sons were born in 1982 and 1985. In 1983, we moved to Chicago, and have been here ever since. We own our home in the Independence Park neighborhood. I serve on the neighborhood association board as Secretary and Tree Steward.

I worked as a social worker for over 40 years doing a variety of jobs including working with homeless persons, teenaged mothers, as a psychotherapist, and lastly as a dialysis social worker for 18+ years, retiring in 2020.

So far, I have been blessed with excellent health and abundant energy to pursue many interests. ➔

(Lorraine Gray Antieau - continued...)

My lifelong love is reading, and one of my book groups has been together for over 25 years! I love to travel and I'm always on the lookout for new destinations. I enjoy gardening and houseplants, hiking, nature, journaling, arts and crafts, quilting, cooking.

In my fifties, I took up running. I love the movement and sweat and camaraderie of running Chicago's Shamrock Shuffle 8k race every March, with 30,000 of my best friends.

I preach the children's sermon at church every Sunday, and enjoy going on silent retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, WI. More recently, I've started volunteering at a local food pantry.

In the 90's and early 2000's, I traveled to Haiti eight times with an organization that aided economic empowerment of women, and currently edit a newsletter for another organization that works in that country.

After retiring, I connected with Openlands, a conservation organization serving the Chicagoland area. I completed their TreeKeepers course and now enjoy leading and being involved in tree planting projects. This fall, we will be planting 60 parkway trees in my neighborhood.

This year, Dave and I started co-writing a column for our neighborhood newsletter, The Voice, called "Nature in the Neighborhood".

My favorite activity right now is socializing! I have enjoyed getting to know our neighbors better, especially the kids, whose families have mostly moved in since covid; as well as continuing to nurture relationships with family and maintain decades-long friendships with several girlfriends. I'm in a couple of groups that meet on Zoom to meditate, talk about books, write together, and share our lives. It's been fun to meet people from all over the world whom I would never have otherwise encountered.

Nancy Gerken Thurston (a note from husband, Craig Thurston)
Port Sanilac, MI

Nancy survived a stroke in Sept, '15. We both retired in 2016. Nancy was an executive secretary at an elementary school. I taught grade 5.

Elaine Foutch Meyer
Bridgeport, MI

I am a retired millwright from Consumers Energy. My husband Bob and I have been married 21 years. We live on the same property I grew up on for 66 years. We are active members of "Great Lakes Historical and Educational Association". It is a living history group portraying the fur trade era of the 1760's.

As with everyone, life has had its ups and downs. Yet, family is and has been the best part of our lives. Bob and I are a blended family. I have a daughter, a son and three grand kids. Bob's youngest son and daughter live in Phoenix Arizona. We lost his oldest son a few years ago. Bob being an ex-farmer and me loving the outdoors, you can usually find us in the garden or flower beds. When hunting season starts I am in the woods. Come winter, I keep busy making quilts or afghans. Also, watching the grand kids.

Some of the top songs from 1972...

3 "American Pie" Don McLean	19 "I'll Take You There" The Staple Singers
4 "Without You" Harry Nilsson	24 "Long Cool Woman in a Black Dress" The Hollies
9 "Brand New Key" Melanie	25 "How Do You Do" Mouth & MacNeal
12 "Brandy (You're a Fine Girl)" Looking Glass	30 "Precious and Few" Climax
13 "Oh Girl" The Chi-Lites	32 "Nights in White Satin" The Moody Blues
14 "Nice to Be with You" Gallery	56 "Bang a Gong (Get it On)" T. Rex

Mike Easlick
Grand Rapids, MI

After HS graduation I attended Delta College for two years before transferring to CMU earning both a bachelor and masters degree. I hired in to DeWitt Public Schools in August 1977 and worked 33 years before retiring in June of 2010. During that time I taught in the classroom for 14 years and then served as the school counselor for 19 years. I spent my first 23 years at the middle school followed by 10 years at the junior high school. During my tenure I coached MS basketball 3 years, MS track for 8 years, and HS football for 19 years. I spent 11 years as a seventh grade camp director. Prior to and following retirement I taught teen driver education for over 11 years. In June of 1978 I married Carol Strait ('74 graduate). We had two kids, Tiffany, now 40, and Nick, now 37. We are the proud grandparents of 4 grandchildren. We lived in the Lansing/DeWitt area for 40 years before moving to Grand Rapids in October 2016.

In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, reading, traveling, being with friends and family, spectator sports, music, movies, relaxing oceanside, and vacationing in Hawaii. Maui is our favorite island.

While attending Bridgeport Schools I had 3 teachers who made a profound affect on me: C. Norman Rezler (BJHS), Don Lipfert, and Ray Beuthin. My favorite coaches were Doug Frank and Len Callard.

I wish to thank all of you who spent so much of your time to make this event possible. It is so appreciated!



Brian Davis

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I sincerely regret not being able to join many of you at this reunion but I am delighted for the opportunity to provide you a brief update.

If I were competent at fishing, golfing, or even gardening, as many of you undoubtedly are, I would perhaps have retired or be transitioning into retirement. Instead, I continue in scientific research, having recently relocated from the University of Texas health Science Center at Houston to the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Fortunately, I very much love what I do in the research and hope to continue for as long as I am able. My passion for science was largely ignited during my years at Bridgeport High School, fostered to a great extent by William Schmitt for which I am still grateful; I still remember attending evening Calculus classes at Saginaw Valley College with him. And my love of the humanities, particularly art and literature, was greatly stimulated by Dorothy Fordyce.

I consider myself very blessed to have been raised by loving parents in Bridgeport and to have known many of you as friends. After my father retired from General Motors in the mid-1980s, he and my mother moved to Colorado where they built a house with beautiful views in all directions of the Rocky Mountains. Fortunately, I had many opportunities to be with them there, especially in their later years. My father passed away 11 years ago and my mother this past April. I am blessed with a wonderful wife Ean Ju (a classical pianist originally from South Korea), three children (who live in New York City, San Francisco, and Austin), and a grandson. I am very thankful for God's love and care that He continues to provide at all phases of life and in all circumstances.

Richard Burke
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Hi all

Following graduation I bounced between East Lansing and Saginaw/Bridgeport throughout the early 70's, until moving to East Lansing permanently in the mid 70's. I began taking classes at MSU, exploring various subject fields throughout the mid to late 70's until I seemed to settle in Geography coursework and found with some focused planning I could graduate with a Social Science degree, which I did.

One method of financing college and life was through working in Land Surveying during summers and other times of poverty. Starting as a crew member I gradually gained experience until I became a crew chief. I continued working for various Surveying firms in Lansing throughout the 80's eventually learning how to use surveying/engineering software and computers, adding office computer work to field projects.

About this time I met Karen Sullivan, a graduate student at MSU, and we eventually married later in the 80's. Following completing her MSU degree, Karen had an interest in gaining a Library Science degree from U of M, so we moved to Ann Arbor. I landed at an old established Civil Engineering firm in Ann Arbor, which focused on designing large residential and commercial projects, which led to layout work for the field crews.

After completing her Masters at UM, Karen obtained a job with CIESIN, which was an information earth science climate change organization based at Saginaw Valley University – so we moved to Saginaw for five years until the late 90's. Again I worked in Land Surveying/Civil Engineering, while also pursuing licensing, first getting my Land Surveyor license in Ohio later in Michigan. When CIESIN relocated to New York we returned to Ann Arbor, to the company I had worked for previously and Karen was hired by U of M's Institute for Social Research as a data librarian. I retired in 2010 and Karen in 2017.

One memory of our class, is from the sixth grade being in Mrs. Knepper's home room, the end of year school picnic/party at her family Christmas tree farm and Karen Zelle and Cindy Smith singing the Chris Montez song "Call Me" in the lunch room – memorable probably for the guts it takes 11/12 year olds to do that.

We will be unable to attend the reunion, however should anyone like to contact me my email is: sulliburke@hotmail.com.

Rick Burke

BHS Class of 1972 Crossword Puzzle

Most answers can be found in the yearbook and a few are in this pamphlet.

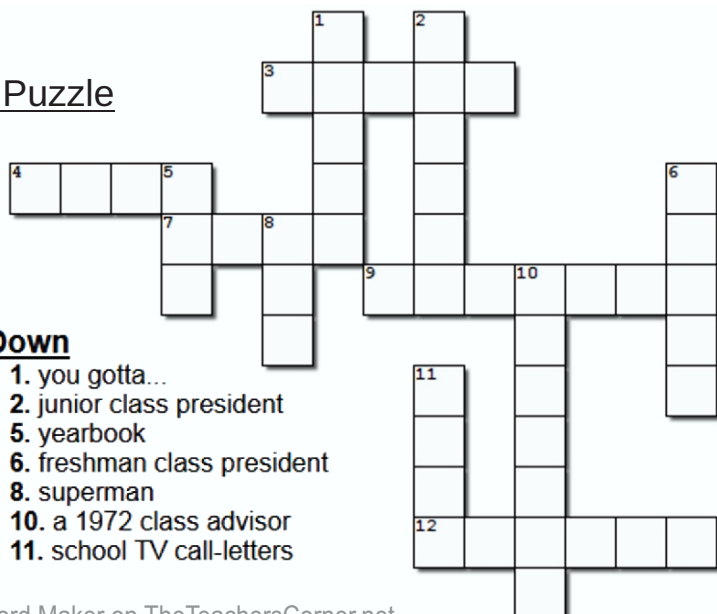
The answer key is on the page.

Across

3. sophomore class president
4. senior class president
7. queen
9. mascot
12. school newspaper

Down

1. you gotta...
2. junior class president
5. yearbook
6. freshman class president
8. superman
10. a 1972 class advisor
11. school TV call-letters



John W Blehm
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Kathy Libbey and I were in the same grade, but didn't meet until a couple months before graduation. A year later we married. We have three children and five grandkids in their 20s. We started out in a house on Curtis Road, in Bridgeport Township, and have lived in our current home since 1980.

In the fall of 1972 I hired into GM and worked at Saginaw Steering Gear and Chevrolet Grey Iron & Nodular Iron foundries. In 1989 they offered to pay me to quit, so I did. While at GM I served a five year apprenticeship and I'm a Patternmaker, by trade. I've worked in several patternshops designing and building wood, plastic and metal pattern tooling for foundries.

In high school I took all the TV & radio classes Don Lipfert offered. I was also a member of SAMCO, a junior achievement company affiliated with WSAM radio. After graduation I worked part-time at WSAM AM & FM. In 1984 WKNX radio moved its studio to Frankenmuth. They had an Oldies format that I enjoyed and were now closer to my home, so I got a part-time job there. Kathy and I took the station over in 1994. It was a blast to own and operate the radio station I had listened to the most growing up. In 2004 Meredith Corporation (WNEM TV) approached us and bought the station.

My main hobby has been breeding chickens. I've created several varieties of Ameraucana chickens over the past 40 plus years and shipped day-old chicks to most states and a few Canadian provinces. In 2022 I published the book "Ameraucana Chickens".

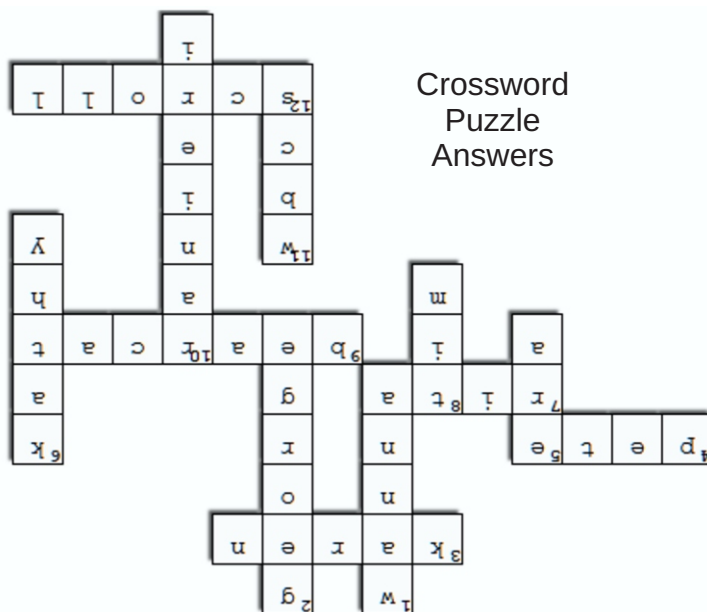
We've had several small business ventures over the past five decades. We are semi-retired. J&K Media is our homebased mom & pop business and we still print restaurant placemats with ads on them.

I remain a pro-life conservative/libertarian.

Renee Beecham Wynes
Rexford, MT

Sorry I won't be able to make it [to the reunion]. Make sure to take lots of pictures and videos to post. I will be in Michigan in October if anyone wants to meet up. My info - I live in Montana, I am a widow and was married 43 years. I have one son and two grandkids and two cats. My sister Karen Maleski still lives in Michigan so I am back often.

Thank You, Renee



What ever happened to that guy who taught that class - I think it was Government Class - or was it Contemporary Social Problems? I think he was one of our class advisers when we were seniors.

Well, here are the Cliff Notes of what happened. When you were in school I had a son and two daughters, one of whom was born when you were seniors, and another son three years after you graduated. My wife and I managed to remain relatively sane raising those kids, three in diapers at one point, and then all four in their teens at the same time. Today, one son lives in Lansing, the other in Durham, NC. One daughter lives in Holt and the other, married to Howard Szaroletta, BHS c/o '71, lives in Saginaw Township. They've given us eight grandchildren, with the youngest ready to begin her senior year in high school.

I retired after 32 years of teaching at Bridgeport High School and got more involved in politics, serving for several years as the treasurer of the Saginaw County Democratic Party, and as treasurer of my brother's campaign committee when he was in the Michigan House of Representatives and, later, when he was the Saginaw County Clerk. During that time I was also the treasurer of several ballot issue campaigns in the City of Saginaw. Until recently I was on the Saginaw City Planning Commission and the board of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging. In between all those campaigns, we've traveled to France, Italy, Spain, and Ireland.

My wife and I made a major change in the past few months. Last summer we sold our house in Saginaw, lived briefly in an apartment, and this Spring bought a condo in Holt. So, after spending nearly my entire life living in the city of Saginaw, minus the years in the Marine Corps, those at Michigan State, I no longer live in Saginaw County. But life is change and we're looking forward to discovering new places and new experiences as long as the heart keeps pumping.

I have fond memories of your class and those interesting years at the beginning of the 1970s. The approaching presidential campaign of '72 would become one of the more significant campaigns in U.S. history when two weeks after your graduation there was a break-in at the Watergate Hotel. And, then, there was your prom at the High Life Inn, with Mr. Strait giving me instructions to monitor the stairs to prevent any of you from going upstairs to the bar, since the drinking age had been dropped to 18 on January 1, 1972.

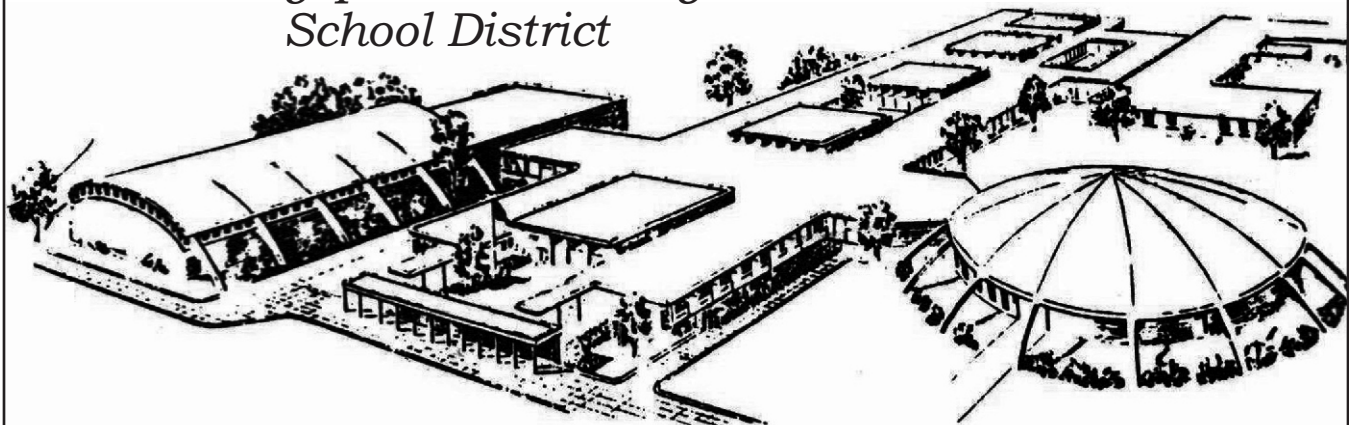
With a few exceptions I last had contact with most of you when you were 18. I'm looking forward to renewing my acquaintance with you as fellow senior citizens.

Bob Hanley. (AKA, Mr. Hanley)



For many of us Ray Beauthin (1929-2023) was one of our favorite teachers. He and his wife, Thea, became good friends of ours later in life. Kathy had hoped to have him at this reunion, but he passed away back in June. Ray was a Teacher in the Bridgeport Public Schools for 27 years. "His greatest joy in life was his family". *John & Kathy Blehm*

Bridgeport Community School District



UPDATE...After the pamphlet was printed these classmates said they also plan to attend this reunion:
Carl "Doug" Lade, Debbie Wolfe Rogers & Ross Lake

The following short bios and messages were received after the reunion pamphlet was printed.

Mel Deegan
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Aloha,
When I received the reunion notice I was hoping to attend the event. Unfortunately events here in Hawaii preclude my attendance. I am still working as a consultant and will be busy for the next couple of months. My mom and sister live near Kawkawlin. I visit them twice a year. Next visit will be in late October. I would enjoy connecting with you and any other classmates during one of my visits. I have a small orchard I base from on Big Island Hawaii. Thailand is my second home. Sounds like a good turnout for the reunion. Hope a good time is had by all. Please let me know of any future events. I am attaching a recent photo. At Home Depot in Hilo with Mauna Kea in the background. Warmest Regards,
Mel

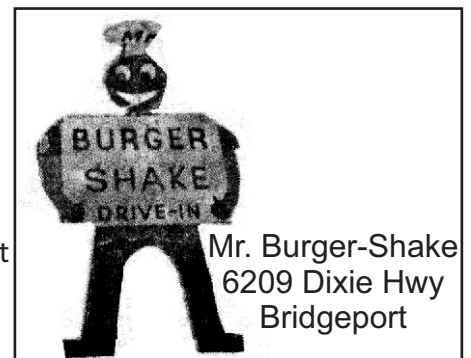


Kevin Perry
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Spent 4 years in the US Air Force working my butt off and going to UNLV. Had a kid, boy.
Spent 4 years going to CMU and working my butt off and had a kid, girl,
Spent the rest of the time between then and 2015 working my butt off and going to school, working my butt off, going to Wayne State University, or volunteering for the Detroit Section of the American Chemical Society and got divorced.
Retired in 2015 to be a hermit in Glennie Michigan and now spend my time working my butt off for Curtis Township. Not doing so well at that hermit thing.
All is good, status normal!

Mark Leach
Menomonie, WI Mark.Ecotopia.Soon@gmail.com

Sorry, I can't make it. It would be fun to see you all. I retired from teaching at U.W.-Stout. I keep busy fixing an old house and volunteering with The Prairie Enthusiasts and the League of Women Voters. I'm "ghostwriting" a friend's memoir; getting close to pitching it to publishers. I also do a weekly radio show "Ecotopia Soon!" featuring views and clues on the news you might choose to use...and music worth listening to.



Congratulations Queen Rita and your Court



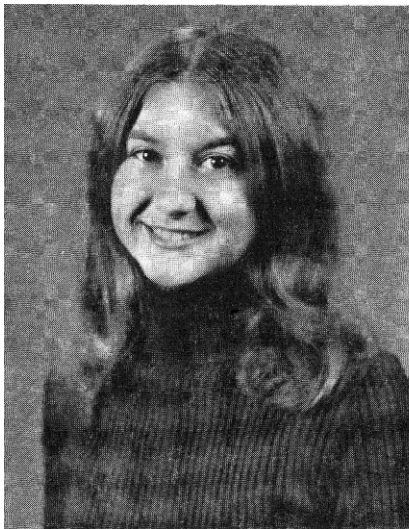
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