

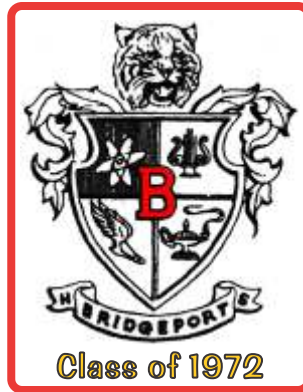
BHS Class of 1972 Reunion - 54 Years

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, Michigan

The 3rd Saturday in August - 8/15/2026



*In Memory of our classmates
that have died since our last reunion*



Melvin Howard Deegan, Oct 17 1954 - Mar 13 2026
He lived in Pahoa Hawaii.

*We know of over 80 classmates that are deceased and their names are listed on our BHS1972.org site,
with an obituary or other information about them linked to the last name of most.*

Please let me know of others that you are aware of and others as they pass.

A Special Thank You

We try to keep the cost per person to attend the reunion very low, yet there are many incidental expenses associated with putting it on. Here is a special Thank You to several of our classmates that have shared those costs with us by making some very generous donations!

Classmate Messages and Correspondences

Patti Leach Turner
Saginaw, MI

Dear John & Kathy,
Thank you again for the wonderful reunion. I was a bit nervous coming for my first time but you made me feel so welcomed!
I really enjoyed seeing everyone & look forward to next year.

Jean Rhode Brotemarkle
Saginaw, MI

Kathy,
Thank you for hosting the reunion. You have a beautiful place. Food was great!

Marlee Richter
Dewitt, MI

Hi Kathy and John,
Hope you both are well and the class reunion was good, sorry to have missed this year.

Tom Vance
Frankenmuth, MI

Thanks for the "heads-up", John! You & Kathy certainly go "above & beyond" when it comes to hosting our class reunions! I will be attending and please allow me to help out any way necessary!

Mike Easlick
Grand Rapids, MI

I was remaining hopeful in attending another reunion this summer, but it won't work for me this summer. I will be in Michigan City, IN on Lake Michigan with my entire family. I have really enjoyed attending all 3 years this far and hope there will be future opportunities! John and Kathy, thank you for doing this. I will miss everyone.

Jim Armstrong
Eaton Rapids, MI

Hi John,
That is too bad about Mel. Glad I got to see him last year...Seemed like he was in decent health...
The reunion date is perfect for me, should be able to make it. Hopefully more classmates will make an appearance. As always I appreciate you guys opening up your homestead to us.
Looking forward to seeing everyone again. My wife, Regina, will be attending with me.
It's been a tough summer as I had knee replacement surgery on May 22. I'll be ready by August 15 for the festivities.
For the time being we seem to have settled into a life of cruising in retirement. We leave August 21 for a 2 week Alaska cruise. Then October 18 we have a 1 week Italy/Greece cruise before we cruise back to the USA on a 2 week Atlantic crossing. In December we're in the Caribbean for a couple weeks before the holidays. February takes us back to the Caribbean for 4 weeks to get out of the Michigan winter. By next spring I expect to be back to 100% so we can enjoy bike riding and camping in Michigan. Other than that we lead a typical grandparent life; watching grandkids playing soccer, baseball, basketball and don't forget dance recitals.
Looking forward to partying like it's 1972 again.



Roger Rau
Bridgeport, MI

I won't be able to make this year's class reunion but I am up to play Euchre.

Joyce Korbein
Florence, OR

Hi John,

My name is Joyce Korbein. I received your invitation to the BHS1972 class reunion. I appreciate your reaching out and hey, you found me! I'm living in Oregon and have been for the past 47 years. I attended BHS a short time, many of the names unrecognizable as a matter of fact all of them except for one.

I won't be able to make this years reunion. I'm visiting Michigan in October as I have family there. I want to thank you for your time and effort in finding me and the invitation.

Randy Tanner
Chesaning, MI

Randy called in July. He has Parkinson's disease. Randy and Joy will be moving to Virginia to be closer to their daughter.

Barb Weideman Konuszewski
Saginaw, MI

Greetings BHS Class of '72.' My husband Don (Konuszewski) and I moved a year and a half ago, down-sizing again. Having a smaller home (and yard) was a good decision for us. We live in Saginaw, super close to our daughter and her family now. Our boys and their families live near Ann Arbor. We are nature lovers and are always driving around, looking for critters and things in nature. Don is a good amateur photographer, and I am a really good 'spotter.' Even after all of these years (soon to be 53) we still enjoy being with each other. I hope the rest of 2026 is good to each of you. Peace-Barb

Judy Schwarz Horonzy
Gould City, MI

Hi John and Kathy,

Just wanted to let you know I will not be attending the reunion this year but definitely want to stay on the contact list.

You both do so much for our class and it is very much appreciated. Hopefully we will all be together for the next reunion.

Thank you for everything ♥.

Karen Leyrer Barratt Iliff
Portland, OR

Hi Kathy,

I'm not able to attend the reunion again this year. Thank you to both you and John for organizing, I hope to make it there one of these years. I hope you all have a great time!

Kathy Libbey Blehm
Birch Run, MI

On November 5th, 2025 our 1st great-grandchild was born. His name is Joseph and he is the son of our oldest granddaughter and her husband. On June 26th, 2026 our youngest granddaughter was married.

**Doug Lade
Midland, MI**

Hello everyone, it's that time of the year again. It's a time when we can gather and remember the time we shared while in high school. We had good times and some difficult times, but we made it through together.

We graduated and went onto do many different things with our lives. Some of us had many different opportunities in life. Some of us enjoyed one specific direction. Life tends to lead us in many ways, yet we still have a bond as Bearcat's. But if we look back, we can see that we touched the lives of many people, hopefully changing their lives, as they changed ours. We can appreciate all our teachers, mentors and friends, that in our lives changed us so that we carry on with their traditions.

We should take time to remember those that can't make it here and those who are no longer with us. This should include those who were an indirect part of our Bearcat family (teachers, school employees, friends, and spouses).

This past year has been hard on me with the loss of my wife Karen in October, four years of twenty-four seven care. When she wasn't in the hospital or physical therapy for recovery. As I told those in my grief recovery groups the worst of times and the best of times. The worst of times was just watching her slowly fade away. The best of times was doing what we had planned to do when I retired with a little twist. We got to spend time together and go for short drives to get her out and around while she still could. We enjoyed being together and doing simple things. The one thing I always say in my groups when I say this is, "Be careful What You ask God for, He may just give it to you". He did and we enjoyed the time we had together even with all the difficulties.

**Brock Rodarte
Walsenburg, CO**

I get your class reunion notices every year but I usually not able to get there. I moved to Houston area when I was 26 spent 35 years there more or less and move to Walsenburg Colorado 9 years ago.

My Houston years involved me writing and playing a lot of music solos, duos, bands. I also became a licensed massage therapist so I was doing one or the other or both at the same time. I was married twice there and unmarried twice there. Colorado has been good for me and I don't miss the big city of Houston at all. Below are links to several of the streaming outlets that my music is on should anybody be interested.

Thanks for staying in touch.

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<https://on.soundcloud.com/FPEFQVMLMtD12LrdCi>

**Lorraine Gray Antieau
Chicago, IL**

I'm sorry to say we won't be at the class reunion again this year, our trip to Michigan will be in late September this time around. Meanwhile, we are heading to Hawaii to celebrate our 50th anniversary, which is the 21st.

Dave and I are doing fine, he had cataract surgery this year and his vision is wonderful! Even as we slow down a bit, we continue to enjoy a variety of friendships and activities in Chicago and beyond.

I hope you and Kathy are well, and that everyone has a grand time at the reunion! Thank you so much for hosting. Even though I'm not the most regular attendee, it means a lot to me that you are having these gatherings. Fingers crossed for next year!

Word Search - 1972 BHS Faculty

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Classmates Planning to attend this reunion

Jim Armstrong, Eaton Rapids MI
Tom Bailey, Bay City MI
Sandy *Bebertz* Monaghan, Davison MI
Roland Bergey, Roscommon MI
John Blehm, Birch Run MI
Gary Brettrager, Palmer AK
Sandy *Dyer* Lake, Saginaw MI
Erlinda *Gonzales* Matzke, Birch Run MI
Rose *Gonzales* Flores, Elkhart IN
Nancy *Gerken* Thurston, Port Sanilac MI
Sharen *Inman* Schulz, Saginaw MI
Kathy *Libbey* Blehm, Birch Run MI
Doug Lade, Midland MI
Beth Mangutz Reinig, Saginaw MI
Teresa *Millette* Casselman, Clio MI
Gary O'Dell, Saginaw MI
Jim Parth, Frankenmuth MI
Shelly *Pinet* Davis, Saginaw MI
Jean *Rohde* Brotemarkle, Bridgeport MI
Allen Ross, Catawissa MO
Dan Schoenow, Bridgeport MI
Loretta *Schram* Morton, Hartland MI
Bob Schultz, Midland MI
Tom Vance, Frankenmuth MI
Debra *Wachner* Lown, Saginaw MI
Barb *Weideman* Konuszewski, Saginaw MI
Al Zabarcki, Gaylord MI
Paula *Zdrojkowski* Young, Lansing MI

Thanks to all that volunteered to help with parking, the buffet line, cleanup, etc.

Go to BHS1972.org to view and print photos and informational pamphlets from our reunions since 2023.