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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BAA BOARD PRESIDENT...

This year the *3rd Weekend In September* Celebration will be held on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21, 2019. Also, the Brentwood Century Foundation has planned a year-long celebration to commemorate Brentwood's 100th birthday. Each month during the year, an activity has been planned to help celebrate the history of Brentwood. The September event will be held during our 3rd Weekend, Brentwood Days, and Parade.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, the Brentwood School District passed a bond issue to remodel and update the Middle School and the High School. Construction should start sometime this summer. Please note that the BHS courtyard will not be available this year for the all-school reunion, due to high school construction work. Place to be determined.

I am pleased to announce that your Brentwood High School Alumni Association has received a major gift for our scholarship fund from the Peggy & Steve Fossett Foundation. **Peggy Viehland Fossett** was a 1962 graduate of Brentwood High School. Peggy passed away in 2017, but through the Fossett Foundation, her support continues.

Your Alumni Association wants to thank each Brentwood Alumni who supports the work we do in keeping everyone informed. By renewing your membership and contributions to the scholarship fund, this allows us to continue our mission.

Thanks for your support, see you in September.

George Clements '57
Board President

Wow!

\$196,000 GIVEN TO 74 SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS TO DATE (SEPTEMBER 2018) FROM ALUMS.



L to R: George Clements, Jr. '57, Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61, Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66, David Pentland '56

Photos by Pat Kleisly Brinkhorst '61, Marqie Clements Bradt, and Jackson Wright '18

2018 3rd Weekend in September

All-School Reunion at the BHS Courtyard,
Brentwood Park, and Parade



SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Contributions to the BAA Scholarship Fund and dues are tax deductible under Section 170 of IRS Federal Income Tax Code, section 501 (c) 3. The Association is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Sections 2055, 2106 or 2522. A copy of the approval document is available upon request. Checks should be made payable to Brentwood Alumni Association.

Hall of Fame Report

2018 was another amazing year of discovering BHS alums who have excelled in their fields. Many nominations come from spouses, siblings, and good friends. We look forward to receiving nominations from YOU, our alums. The HOF committee works very hard to review all nominations, plan HOF events for the all-school reunion, and oversee HOF festivities in September. It is very rewarding to be involved; if you are interested in joining the committee, let us know. This is an active, busy committee, and every member is important and needed. See the Hall of Fame nomination form for 2020 on page 7.



Parade - Hall of Fame

Allison Reed '82
Hall of Fame Committee Chair



2019 SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

David Pentland '56, chairman of the BAA Scholarship Committee, is pleased to announce that five worthy BHS seniors will be receiving scholarships of \$5,000 each this Spring. The committee is now reviewing applications and interviewing the candidates. Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards Assembly on April 24th. The number and amount of scholarships awarded are higher this year due to generous donations by **all alumni and friends**. Of special note, a donation of \$25,000 came from the Fossett Foundation, in memory of BHS graduate **Peggy Viehland Fossett '62**, and \$10,000 was donated in memory of **Jane Campbell Moeckel '75** by a classmate. In addition, the now-defunct Brentwood Foundation for Educational Enrichment donated over \$3400, the remainder in its treasury. Some of the funds received will be held over for next year's scholarship awards. **BAA welcomes all donations to the scholarship fund; they are very important and appreciated.** Donations throughout the year may be made by mail or online at <http://www.brentwoodhsalumni.org>.

Ed Wright, Jr. '67
Newsletter Committee

HELP!

A photo of Mark Twain, May 1, 1952, 4th grade, age 10, was submitted but, unfortunately, we don't know who submitted it and have no names. If you submitted, please let me know. Editor, **Judi Peckham**, ironhsfarm@aol.com.

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Our mission is to perpetuate the spirit of Brentwood High School, to keep communications open between graduates and BHS, and to help students with future educational opportunities - be they university, community college, or technical scholarships.

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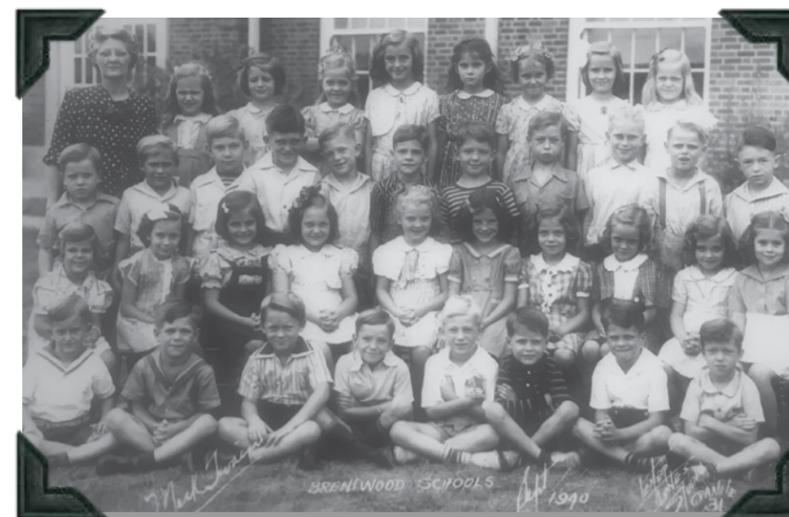
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Please let us know if you have any interest in serving on a committee or the Board of Directors 314-962-4507 x6015

Across the Decades Grade School Memories



Mark Twain 1st and 2nd Grade 1940 (1952 grad year)

Submitted by **Charles E. Combs, Jr. '53**

1st Row L to R:

___, Pat Kelly, Roy Dayton, Charles Combs, Gary Gutmann, ___
Carlo Schweer*

2nd Row L to R:

Alice Southard, Dorothy Englehard, Linda Alexander, Irma Smallwood*, Darlyn Peck*, Dian Keller, ___, ___, Helen Stanford, Jane Roberts*

3rd Row L to R:

Gus Schweer '51, Bill Flieshauer*, Bob Schaeperkoetter '51, Dave Horn, ___, Bobby Lott, ___, Jack Buecher, ___, ___, Bob Hitt

4th Row L to R:

Miss Maddox, Peggy Larkins, Sally Padon, ___, Marian Bick, ___, ___, Marilyn Nyfeler, Pat Schmidt

Mark Twain 6th Grade 1952 to 1953 (1959 grad year)

Submitted by **JoAnn Rittensbacher Bartz '59**
and **Barbara Bond Simon '59**

Top Row:

1___, 2___, 3-Brante Braswell, 4-Barbara Bond Simon '59,
4-Jim Summers, 5___, 6___, 7-Jenny Hickel

Row 2:

1-Judy Armentrout, 2___, 3___, 4-Jerry Marshall, 5- Ellen Hall,
6- Jerry Stoverink

Row 3:

1-Bill Gruttke, 2___, 3-Suzanne Pessoni, 4___, 5___, 6-Gloria Morgan, 7-Judy Brink, 8-Bill Wilson

Row 4 Bottom:

1-Sharon Richards, 2-JoAnn Rittensbacher, 3-Sylvia Lumb, 4___,
5___, 6-Judy Miler.



Mark Twain 5th Grade 1952 (1960 grad year)

Submitted by **Walter Henkel '60**

Back Row: L to R:

Ron Schwartz, Jill Ramsey, Karen Wetteroff, Janet Rittensbacher, Kathy Rader, Carl Stone*, Suzanne Frossard, Sandy Dufer*, Sharon Dolci, Benny Brown*

Middle Row: L to R:

Judy Gullic*, Jack Schrader, Kathy Knoesel, Margie Olds*, Joe Abbott, Judy Combs, Alan Lumb, Carol Mash, Wayne Schmidt*, Walter Henkel, Randy Niehoff, Mrs. Alexander

Front Row: L to R:

Jack Childes*, Randy Weber, Chic Billingham, Don Ungerman, Jerry Kleinsorge, Jim Jarnigan, Jeanette East*, Ed Fox, Dave Holmes
*Did not go to BHS

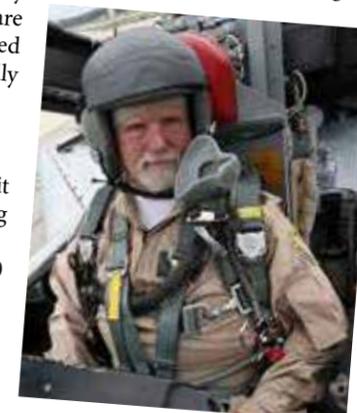
More to come, next issue. If you have any additional old memories, please submit to the editor.

Thanks to those of you who forwarded stories about your activities since our recent request. Your contributions for this column are always wanted and very welcome. For submissions, please continue to use the reply envelope in your newsletter or email Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59 at jmakoetting@aol.com. We will edit and include as much as we can, due to space limitation, in future newsletters.



1961 - FRED ABRAMS

Last November Fred went to Quito, Equador to help with the country's water and other massive problems. He met with the Quito Rotary Club to put together a Rotary project to restore water to a small village in the mountains north of Quito; their only source of water was destroyed in a mudslide. His team made plans for a project for which he will seek international grant funding and expect work to begin solving their water problems in early 2019. The project will include improvements to health care and education in the village, too. The project cost is estimated to be around \$50,000. The folks in Ecuador are super friendly and excited about the project.



2018 has been an exciting year for Fred

*In June, Fred was banquet speaker at the U. S. Army Unit 3/506 of the 101st Airborne reunion. He relayed a fascinating story about his airstrike against the Viet Cong.
*In September, he was able to fly the last remaining F100 fighter plane. While flying, he felt he was still in his 20's.
*In November, Fred was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Awards are based on work after the military; his work included Rotary work in Africa and authoring 4 books.

More details on the above may be found on the BAA website under Alum News at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org

1953 - FROM HOWARD HAYNES

I am still basking with the joy of being included in the Hall of Fame!! Hard to believe 65 years have passed. For me, it has been an exciting and very fulfilling life. The last 21 years residing in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico has been one of the rarest privileges that I can imagine. Despite negative and bad press, Mexico is a vibrant and exciting place to be. Having spent so much of my life in caring and giving, it has been an honor to mentor so many people and organizations. It all started back at 8600 Rosalie. My big disappointment was not being able to travel to Brentwood for the induction. But, despite the injury that prevented me from being there, I am still enjoying a very active life as long as it is on flat ground. Also, I'm grateful to Sue and Ann for keeping me informed. Best wishes,
Howard D Haynes '53



This is such an interesting and factual article about the St. Louis Zoo trains. David's entire article can be found on our BAA website under Alum News at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org.

1968 NANCY BOWMAN/MCNEAL ROSS - Corpus Christi, TX - Retired. Currently LTG for Club Administration for Rotary District 5930. Treasurer for Christian Women's Club. Member Red Hat Society.

1968 DAVID SAPP - Columbia, MO - I have been enjoying our 4 dogs. They follow me about the house and are always loving and fun. Short stay in hospital - doing better. For 25 years, I have had MS, but am still reading.

1971 RANDY SEAGRIST - Webster Groves, MO - Retired from teaching and coaching; however, I'm still tutoring kids in chemistry and other sciences as needed. My oldest granddaughter has started 1st grade in Webster Groves School District.

1972 MIKE CONLEY - Brentwood, MO - Recently retired, my wife and I are enjoying watching our two grandchildren who live here in St Louis. We are looking forward to traveling in the near future and spending time with our three daughters and their spouses. Two live here in St Louis and one in Denver.

1972 MIKE FROSSARD - Ballwin, MO - I recently retired since my wife passed away in September. Spending a lot of time with my 3 daughters, sons-in-law, and 6 grandchildren. Looking forward to spending time at our house in Bennett Springs State Park.

1973 RODNEY CARR - Rock Hill, MO was pictured on the front page of the October Webster-Kirkwood Times. He offered one of the free services to the Kirkwood community in the "Hands On Kirkwood" event by giving winter car check-ups. "Hands on Kirkwood" celebrated another year of helping local families.

1976 DAVID WIDTFELDT - Lehi, UT - I did not attend BHS, but I attended McGrath Elementary for 5 years and really enjoy reading about old friends.

1980 DIANE MADRAS - Rock Hill, MO - Volunteer for Charity Sharity; knitted 3 Baby Surprise Jackets, began GED tutoring for the YMCA, tutor English as a Second Language (ESL) for STLCC and the State of Missouri.

1984 DEANNA KAPFER - St Louis, MO - I got my Master's in Curriculum and Instruction in July, 2018.

1986 BECKY ANNE JUNDT WHITMORE - Dittmer, MO - I became a grandma in August. Gavin is adorable, and I love spending time with him. My daughter, Kyerstyn, and her family bought a house only 5 miles away from us, so I get to give Gavin and his sister Kailyn cuddles non-stop. I love it!!!

2005 SUSAN BLANDING FISCHER - St Charles, MO - My husband and I moved back to St Louis at the beginning of May. We had our second son, Andrew, at the end of June.

ORE - CHARLES AND RAE NELL KAPFER - Brentwood, MO - Charles taught at BHS for 37 years; retired in 1997. Rae Nell was Library Aide at Mark Twain and McGrath; retired in 2006.

1958 BARBARA HIGGINBOTHAM NOVOTNY - Valley Park, MO - Worked on the committee for our 60th reunion. I have come to realize how fortunate we were to begin high school during the 50's; also, in discovering all the warmth and friendships shared by those who really care about all of us, we did not even realize back in the day. My best to all BHS grads.

1960 WALTER HENKEL - St Louis, MO - The Transportation Museum is free of the St Louis County Parks Department and so far, we are doing well.

1952 PHYLLIS ELLIOTT OAKLEY - Washington, DC - Still going, but slow with a bad ankle. I enjoy seeing pictures of my classmates.

1953 RICHARD OSCARSON - Chesterfield, MO - Twenty-six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, so far.

1953 DR JOHN PENNISTON - Cambridge, MA - I continue to collaborate with scientific colleagues in Budapest, Hungary.

1953 SHIRLEY MORITZ TAYLOR - Northridge, CA - I am very sorry I missed our 65th class reunion. On most days, I don't feel that old. Thanks again to **Sue Weber Young**

for keeping track of all of us. I remain very impressed with our alumni scholarship program!!

1954 MARIAN HOUNSOM LEWIS - New York, NY - As part of a growing movement (The Radical Age Movement), we are addressing ageism as a prejudice. We are intergenerational, as everyone at all ages encounters ageism. I am involved with high school and college students who are participating in this movement. It is very exciting and we encourage new chapters.

1953 - ALUMS AT STONECREST
Ann Hysmith Reckelhoff '53 and Sue Weber Young '53 visited **Loretta Owens Johnson '53** at Stonecrest at Clayton View to celebrate their birthdays, all of which occur in October.



L to R: Ann Hysmith Reckelhoff, Loretta Owens Johnson and Sue Weber Young

1941 BETTE STRONG PICKREL - Gladstone, MO - On 9/30/18, I celebrated my 95th birthday! Five generations of Pickrels and extended family gathered to help me celebrate with cake, punch, fruit and veggies. It was a wonderful weekend!

1947 MARY CUNO KEARNEY - Kimberling City, MO - My husband and I started a Methodist Church and also Chamber of Commerce. I am still on the Board of Kimberling City Senior Center.

1952 JOHN FIELDS - Mt Vernon, IL - My wife and I recently spent a week in Yellowstone National Park. What a beautiful place to see lots of wildlife and natural wonders like waterfalls and mountains. We are both enjoying retirement and spending more time with our kids and grandson.

1966 - DR. LINDA PRIBBLE HAMBERG VISITS GERMANY

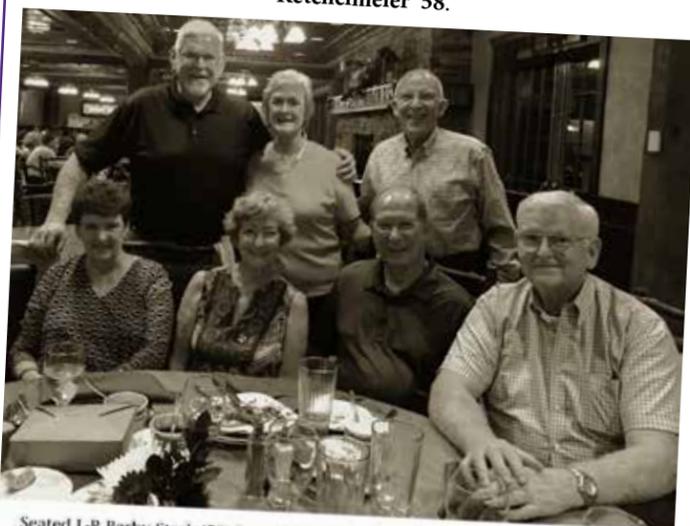
After years of searching, **Linda** found her Grandmother's family in Germany in 2014. She was encouraged to write a book about the experience. However, at this point her sisters, **Sandra Pribble Brockman '57** and **Debra Pribble Brown '72** and **Linda** are enjoying their new-found family. The cousins were separated, half behind the Wall and half enjoyed freedom in West Germany and Switzerland. Their stories are fascinating. All are now in constant contact. Linda has been to Germany twice in four years and two of the cousins have been here twice. She wishes her Grandmother could be part of this reunion!



Linda and cousins from Berlin and Meersburg, Germany

ALUMS AT OCTOBER BRANSON TRIP

A photo from our October Branson trip with **Sandy '61** and **Charlie LaGarce '59** and her two brothers, **Dennis Kurre '58** and **Terry Kurre '65**, where they had dinner at the Keeter Center on the College of the Ozarks campus with **Barby West Stark '59** and **Dixie and Marvin Ketchelmeier '58**.



Seated L-R Barby Stark (59) Dixie & Marvin Ketchelmeier (58) Dennis Kurre (58)
Standing L-R Terry Kurre (65) Sandy LaGarce (61) Charlie LaGarce (59)
College of the Ozarks - Keeter Center Dinner - Oct 2018

1955 JIM BENDER - Montgomery, TX - We had the pleasure of entertaining **Judie Green Arnett** and her husband, Nick, for 3 days in October. We introduced them to good old Texas BBQ, Cajun cooking, Texas hospitality and visited the George Bush presidential library in College Station. We really enjoyed their visit and began discussion on the 2020 class reunion.

1958 RITA GARDNER MOCKLER - Baton Rouge, LA - Hi to everyone! Sorry I had to miss our 60th reunion. We have a new great granddaughter, Juliet, who is healthy and beautiful.

1964 R NELSON KOOPMAN - Darien, IL - The Washington magazine of Washington University says that Nelson has been elected to the board of trustees of Benedictine University in Lisle, IL.

1964 RON AND JAN BRUNNER '65 STAHL - Loveland, OH - We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on August 24, 2018.

1965 RICK BOND - Overland Park, KS - I have been busy working in my Sunday School Class as Class Treasurer.

1966 THEODORE GANAHL - St Louis, MO - Adjusting to a new life being that my wife of 43 years, Jackie, passed away this May. I thank all of the alumni family that has sent cards and well wishes. It's truly a family of friends of all of our classes. Bless you all!

1967 RAY WIDAMAN - St Louis, MO - I have a new granddaughter - Josephine Rose (I call her JR), born to #2 son David & young wife, Stephanie. They lived in Brentwood Forest until JR was born. Relocated to Webster Groves (a suburb near Shrewsbury where I live).

Past REUNIONS



Class of '58 60th Reunion

The 60th reunion was held September 15 at Highlands Golf and Tennis Club in Forest Park. From **Susan Cring Hayes '58**

Front row, seated, L to R: Carolyn Ellis, Mary Jo Martin Dusenberry, Bruce Swaine
Second row, standing, L to R: Sue Wells Bauer, Regina Stimson Gahr, Tim Lee, Les Wagner, Marian Slater Swaine
Third row, L to R: Barbara Higginbotham Novotny, Carol Valentine Fuller, Andy Wynn, Jackie Schuster Thursby, Susan Cring Hayes, Marvin Ketchelmeier
Back row, L to R: Dennis Kurre, Tom Bender, Don Hodapp, Bob Grace, Skip Mange, Ken Keller, Barry Short, Bob McAnany, Ted Haumueller, Ed Holt



Class of '63 55th Reunion

Back Row: Don Rittensbacher, Marian Pelster Simpkins, Mike Lavin, Gary Niere, Sonny Hemphill, David Baumgartner
Second Row: Phil Howard, Cathy Carter Hickel, Lyt Tough, Sally Hoffmeister Tayloe, Pat Fleming Anslinger, Paula Crump Moser
First Row: Kell Brown (deceased), Nancy Jones, Annette Seigel Heller, Jeannette McWilliams Horvath, Sharon Heib Camp, Vickie Wood Soellner, Kathy Bishop Gray

From **Jeannette McWilliams Horvath '63**



Class of '68 50th Reunion

Front Row: Kurt Rohr, Tom Gammon, Nick Ginos, Roy Richter, Dan Hover
Middle Row: Tom Henry, Cliff Potter and wife, Mary McNair Jones, Marilyn O'Hara, Kay Binggeli, Rose Klaskin Rennon, Barb Watkins Dobernic, Pam Plagenz Ross, Barb Sandhagen, Jim Roberts
Back Row: Bob Warren, Carroll Wright Flaherty, Cathy Hippert, Nancy Sorgenfrei McCormac, Joyce Hodapp Jones, Cindy Muench Curth, John Lowe. From **Roy Richter '68**

Class of '98 20th Reunion



Jennifer Mowri O'Neill, Candice Edwards Kennedy, Tim Schimweg, Carrine Allen, Jon Youngman, Natasha Radovich Detwiler, Daniel McKenzie, Kendra Wilkins



Shawn G, Janet Whalen Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Jennifer Abernathy Paez



Back row (L to R): Kate Moeckel Kasten (Deceased), Christopher McDermott, Jennifer Abernathy Paez, Anthony Ray, Jon Youngman, Mike Heggemeyer, Tim S, Tom Birmingham, Shayla McPeters.
Front Row (L to R): Carrine Allen, Grace White Green, Dan Meehan, Candice Edwards Kennedy. From **Jennifer Abernathy Paez '98**

Class of '08 10th Reunion

At Llewelyns in Webster in early September. We had a great turn out of about half of the class. Many people came in from out of town. It was an amazing experience!
 From **Erica Imergoot '08**



Top Row L to R: Mark Schmuke, John Twombly, Sam Casey '09, Bryan Sadler, Jeff Britton and date, Hanna Evans, Kelsey Groth, Jake Nuernberger, Jake Mortenson, Jeremy Null, Garrett Bosanko, Danielle Boyd, Carli Marlowe, Alex Nelson, Tanesha Jackson
Front Row L to R: Meghan Wanner Casey, Leigh Durham, Chaz Randall Powers, Stephanie Lowe Nobbe, Haley Cronin Degenhardt, Erica Imergoot, Amber Brown, Jovan Shumpert '09, Jenny Roloff, Mallory Setzekorn Horn.
L to R: Kelsey Groth, Leigh Durham, Carli Marlowe and date, Chaz Randall Powers, Erica Imergoot, Stephanie Lowe Nobbe

FUTURE REUNIONS – SEPTEMBER 20 - 21, 2019

1954 65th – Charlie Dayton (314) 962-6164 cdayton@sbcglobal.net
1959 60th – Charlie LaGarce (636) 346-8633 clagarce@me.com
1969 50th – We will be having a dinner on Saturday, September 21, 2019, so save the date. More details will follow. The reunion committee is Vikki Hasty Belgeri belgeri@swbell.net, Kurt Niehoff kalkurt@aol.com, Yvonne Suess ycsflash@sbcglobal.net, Debbie Schott Bott debbiebott@gmail.com, Debbie Byrd Strake debstrake@yahoo.com.
1974 45th – Jan Wuestling Burris (619) 888-4363 jwuestling09@gmail.com
1989 30th – Yvonne Trokey (314) 920-6179 yvette.trokey@maritz.com

FUTURE REUNIONS – SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2020

1960 60th – Sue Zingre Lee (314) 962-2780 suelee60@hotmail.com
1970 50th – Cathy Whitney (Planner) 50reunion1970@gmail.com, Vicki Beekman Mansfield (Rep) summervlm@sbcglobal.net

Following is the nomination form for the 2020 Hall of Fame induction.
 Please submit your nominee information by November 17, 2019.

BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME 2020 NOMINATION FORM

Please join us in celebrating the Brentwood School District's rich heritage of exceptional education by nominating a distinguished alum for the Brentwood Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. Finalists will be inducted during the "3rd Weekend in September" All-School Reunion celebration **September 18, 2020**.

1. Nominees must have attended school in the Brentwood School District for a significant part of their education or graduated from Brentwood High School.
2. Nominees must have achieved distinction in a particular area including, but not limited to academics, athletics, business, community service, science, medicine, military service, public service, visual arts, or performing arts.
3. Nominees must have demonstrated good character and citizenship.
4. Both living and deceased alumni are eligible for nomination.
5. Nominees must present resume information of accomplishments, both professional and volunteer, with some documentation.

Nominee Name: _____ [] Living [] Deceased

Address: _____

Primary Phone No.: () _____ **Email:** _____

Years attended Brentwood High School: _____ **Graduation Year:** _____

Elementary School: _____ **Years attended in District:** _____

Area of Distinction: _____

Attach one page, printed or typed, which details and documents the nominee's achievements and accomplishments within this area.

Nominator Name: _____ **Affiliation with Nominee** _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone No.: () _____ **Are you a BHS graduate? If so, year:** _____

Email Address: _____

Date Submitted: _____ Visit www.brentwoodhsalumni.org for more information.

Mail this completed form and one page documentation to:

HALL OF FAME - Brentwood Alumni Assn. - 1201 Hanley Industrial Ct., Brentwood, MO 63144-1911

Nomination must be postmarked on or before Sunday, November 17, 2019

Supporting documentation must be postmarked by Sunday, January 12, 2020

SIGI M. OFFENBACH – CLASS OF 1968



EAGLE DIVERSITY

EAGLE DIVERSITY is an ongoing column in the BAA newsletter to focus on groups that may have been out of the mainstream in some ways but still contributed to the success of Brentwood schools. **Ed Wright, Jr. '67**

“I Never Felt Uncomfortable at BHS” Being Jewish at Brentwood High

I had already planned to write about Jewish students at Brentwood High when the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh occurred. This attack on a midwestern Jewish community caused me to think about our own predominantly Christian school and community. To get a better grasp, I talked with 2 alumni and one former teacher.

Sigi M. Offenbach '68 has had a successful legal career in Chicago for almost 40 years. He excelled in classes at BHS and was even asked by **John Lauer** to

teach class on occasion. Sigi has good things to say about the teachers he had, including **Tom Moore**, **Wray Darr**, and **Bill Long**. “Brentwood was a small school which limited some academic programs, but it provided a lot of opportunities.” Sigi was, he believes, the only Jewish student in his class and he acknowledged that there were some anti-Semitic comments he heard, but they were rare, and he felt welcome in Brentwood. “Most kids went to the Congregational Church and they were very tolerant. I would explain things about Judaism to them.” (Retired staff member, **Anita Lippman**, remembers that there was once an incident of students doing Nazi salutes “but the school administration stopped that right away.”) Sigi would take off school for the high holidays of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah which, he said, “made the other kids (and some staff members) jealous”.

The number of Jewish students and staff has always been quite small and led to some uncomfortable moments, such as the singing of Christmas carols at concerts that are now known as the Winter Concert. **Mike Epstein '65**, agreed that the singing of Christmas carols could be “mildly frustrating.” BHS also used to present a “Christmas Pageant” each year...but times have changed as the school has become more diverse and recognizes the cultures of all of its students.

Sigi participated in many activities such as band, wrestling, science clubs, plays, and debate club. He was an outstanding scholar as a member of National Honor Society and earned a National Merit Letter of Commendation. He has fond memories of his days at Brentwood, including the nationally recognized success of the football teams. Looking back, Sigi appreciated gaining a broader perspective as a Jewish student in a high school surrounded by Christians. He learned about other people of different religions and races. “I learned to stand up for minorities and women, which I do now in my practice of employment law. I gained a real understanding of diversity.”

All three people I interviewed emphasized how accepting and tolerant students and staff were, despite the occasional inappropriate remark. It's been a common thread through all of my Eagle Diversity articles. As Sigi said: “It's Brentwood. It's a small school. You knew everybody.” And prejudice will go away the more effort we make to really know our fellow Eagles.

TEACHER Spotlight

MARY BETH POWELL

Forty years ago, Mary Beth Powell walked onto the Brentwood High School campus for the first time. An amazing adventure was about to begin. She was there for 23 years before “retiring” in 2001. Since then she has taken on a variety of new life-long learning challenges. The biggest perhaps was the garden railroad. The Boxwood Bend and Windsor Railroad runs under the elevated deck in the backyard. She commented that she was a better railroader than gardener. As president and chief construction officer, she laid track, hooked up power supplies, landscaped and developed her main industry (the Gluckschwein Winery). This took her to several national conventions and she made presentations in Chicago and Las Vegas.

Along more traditional paths, she became involved in the work of the Claymont Preschool at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. Three slideshows a year are presented for the children and their parents. The basic skills she learned at Brentwood have paid off. This also grew into presentations for community groups on a variety of topics. The current offerings include The White House China Collection, Chocolate making and tasting, teddy bear history, and American Woman's Suffrage Movement.

For two years she tutored her great-nephew as he studied Latin. It was truly an experience neither one of them will forget. Today she admits it is more fun to watch him play basketball for North Carolina State. She explored the internet to connect with a variety of streaming locations so she has been able to see all his games. For the past eleven years she has been chair of the Annual Women's Retreat for St. Mark's. She says it's a lot like planning STUCO retreats at Mr. Corley's, Character Ed conferences (FLY), and professional development programs at Brentwood.



I am truly blessed to have worked with so many talented, creative and caring students, staff, parents and community members in Brentwood. Thanks for the memories! Keep up the good work! Life is good!

BHS OFFICE STAFF

JULIA ROBERTSON, ASSISTANT TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Julia has been working at BHS for going on 13 years. She lives in the community, and all three of her children have graduated from BHS and went on to get their college degrees. She assists the Athletic Director with all factors of running the high school athletic and activities program along with the everyday hustle and bustle that happens in the main office of the school. The nice thing about working in a small school district, she says, is that one gets to know all the kids as well as the parents. Julia has loved watching them grow from their first day as a freshman to the day they graduate as a senior and then seeing what direction their high school education from Brentwood High School takes them.

BHS is fortunate to have Julia as a caring staff member

DR. STEPHEN AYOTTE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

This is Dr. Ayotte's sixth year at Brentwood and 24th year in education, and he could not be happier. He currently has duties that easily fill his day being the Assistant Principal of the high school during the day, and Athletic Director for most activities and sports after school. Stephen's duties include attendance monitoring, discipline, staff evaluation and observation, professional development, and many other duties that come up on the school administration side of the job. His Athletic Director responsibilities include scheduling, athlete grade and eligibility monitoring, coach evaluations, supervising contests, and generally supporting students and families with all things outside of the normal school day. When he is not at school, he enjoys spending time with wife Stefanie and their three children, Amelia, Eloise, and Nathaniel, who currently attend Brentwood High and Middle Schools in 10th, 8th, and 6th grades respectively.

BHS has a very talented, versatile teacher and athletic director.

BHS Landscape Tree Report

from **Barry Williams '77**

Mission accomplished! Davey Tree Service has moved the swamp white oak from BHS's front lawn to a new site near the football-track gate at White Avenue & Stratford Lane. The crew did a careful job of moving the tree, and Barry pledges to keep it well watered next year to help it recover from the transplanting. To recap: Davey donated this tree to BHS and planted it gratis in the spring of 2016 and has now relocated it – again gratis – to get it out of the way of the proposed future driveway.

ORE Organization of Retired Eagles (Teachers)

ORE has been on a break. We will meet again in the spring. The school district isn't sharing information about retirees anymore, which is taking away some of the fun. Hope to get everyone thinking about the big anniversary coming up. I have all the pictures I took over 23 years. My job was to do the slide show for the North Central evaluation in the early 80's. Then the high school's history/social studies dept did a big project with the 60th anniversary of Brentwood...the cookbook and lots of local history. Can't believe that was almost 40 years ago. Later, I did slide shows for staff development that included all the teachers. Think this might be fun to see if we can put names with faces.

Mary Beth Powell ORE



2019 BHS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

(all Brentwood home games on Friday Night at 7:00 pm)

Week 1 – Bayless, 8/30/19 @ Brentwood

Week 2 – John Burroughs, 9/6/19 @ John Burroughs

Week 3 – Bye

Week 4 – Orchard Farm, 9/20/19 @ Brentwood

Week 5 – Lift for Life Brentwood, 9/27/19

Week 6 – Principia, 10/4/19 @ Brentwood

Week 7 – Red Bud, IL 10/11/19 @ Red Bud

Week 8 – Confluence Prep, 10/18/19 @ Brentwood

Week 9 – Ste. Genevieve, 10/25/19 @ Ste. Genevieve



More Hall of Fame Scenes

ALUM Spotlight

MARK SCHULTE '73

Mark entered the Marine Corps in February 1981 and attended Officer Candidate School and the Basic School. He received orders to Naval Air Station Pensacola and began flight school. After completing Aviation Indoctrination and primary flight school, he was transferred to Naval Air Station Meridian for Intermediate and Advance Jets, flying the T-2 and A-4. Upon receiving his Wings in September 1983, he was given orders to Marine Observation Squadron One at Marine Corps Air Station New River to fly the OV-10 Bronco. In the next 10 years, **Mark** attended the Aviation Safety Officer Course at the Naval Post-Graduate School, the Amphibious Warfare School and the Weapons and Tactics School (the Marine Corps equivalent of Top Gun). He also went on numerous deployments in the desert Southwest, Okinawa, Korea and the Philippines. He flew in support of the Vice-President's War on drugs flying out of South Florida, Key West and Puerto Rico. In January 1991, **Mark's** squadron deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. **Mark** flew 18 combat missions and 63.6 combat hours. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat "V" and the Air Medal. **Mark** left active duty as a Captain in October 1993 and joined the Marine Corps Reserve. During the next 10 years, He was promoted to Major and Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves. As a civilian, **Mark** was a consultant to some of the leaders in industry, Chevron USA, Frito-Lay, Applied Materials, and Lockheed-Martin. In January 2003, **Mark** was recalled to active

duty to support the rear-detachment support of units being deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom.

In October 2004, he was promoted to Colonel and assigned as the Director of Safety and Standardization to the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing and was given the task to improve the safety record of the Wing. **Mark** teamed up with Dr. Tony Kern to implement an innovative safety program titled the "Global War on Error." The program was accepted throughout Marine Corps Aviation and as a result he was awarded the General James L. Jones' Excellence in Safety Award and the Legion of Merit.

In April 2008, **Mark** was given orders to Multi-Nation Force-Iraq to take command of the Armed Contractor Oversight Division working in General Patreus' Strategic Operations Center. **Mark's** team provided the necessary guidance and oversight to reduce incidents among the private security contractors and Iraqi citizens. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Mark retired from active duty in March 2010. He is currently an account manager for a small software firm. He is married to his wife, Debbie, for over 40 years and has four children, Greg, Scott, Catherine, and John and seven grandchildren.



BOARD Spotlight

RODNEY A. CARR '73

Rodney began his education at Frazier Elementary School through BHS and was a title winner in many sports. An outdoorsman, sportsman, and active family man, **Rodney** was pictured on the cover of "Outdoor Life" with a huge deer. He is involved as a Missouri State Wrestling Official, judging competitions in the area. **Rodney's** fondest memory is the Blue Ribbon in Wrestling he won his senior year. He was a Hall of Fame honoree at BHS in September, 2006.

The following was taken from an article in The Webster-Kirkwood Times, December 6, 2018 about Rodney's recent endeavors.

For 15 years, Rodney Carr has organized the Bethel Colony Youth Hunt in Shelby County, Missouri

Rock Hill resident and BHS Alum, **Rodney Carr '73**, was featured in this article. Last October 28 children aged 6 to 15 participated in the 15th Youth Hunt and Contest for the 2-day early youth season. They received various donated prizes and materials for their participation, which brought many smiles to boys and girls in rural northern Missouri.



Rodney presents Aiden Barrick, Bethel resident, with his winning hunting rifle at last year's competition.

Rodney, who with his father, hunted for years around Bethel and found the residents there so friendly and welcoming, wanted to give back to the community that was so nice to him when he was a kid. He has already begun planning for this year's competition.

Thank you

to all alums who joined or continued to support BAA last year. Classes of '58 and '63 gave generous scholarship donations at their 2018 class reunions. Good News!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In the early years, beginning in 2004, during the creation of this Alumni Newsletter, **Mary Beth Powell** and **Patricia Harris**, retired teachers, were most helpful in getting the first few editions finished. Also, **Jean Eves Anton '66** was extremely helpful, too. Thanks so much to these ladies!

WEBSITE NOTES

Alum News is on the BAA website. Go to the home page at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org and click on Alumni News. Check it out!

***In addition to shirts, caps in purple and gold are now available. An order form is on the website.**

HELP NEEDED

The Newsletter Committee needs photographers to take photos at the All-School reunion on Friday afternoon, September 20. **Note that the courtyard will not be available due to construction work at the high school; the place to be determined.** Contact **Judi Peckham**, editor at ironhsfarm@aol.com if you can help.

Help also needed to get the BAA Roster up-to-date. If you have changed names, address, telephones (discontinued landlines), or email address in the last few years, let us know by using the envelope enclosed or contact **Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59** at jmakoetting@aol.com.

We are in need of Class Reps for the classes of '56, '88, '91, 2000, 2001, and 2004. Contact **Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61** at sjlaga@gmail.com. Looking for your Class Rep? The Class Rep list is on the website. Go to the home page at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org and click on Who We Are

NOTE FROM DAVE RYAN '49 & '50

Dave Ryan '50, retired teacher, alum, and class rep for 1949 and 1950 alums, would like to send out an updated directory to all members of these two years. There are several phone numbers that are no longer in service. Four or five Christmas cards were returned as not deliverable for this year, so your input is important. In his last two Christmas cards, he requested current information, but received responses from less than 20% of your classmates. Please contact **Dave** with the following information (name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address.) If he can get a response of around 80% of your classmates, he can be sure that the directory information would be more accurate with no corrections. Send your information to **Dave Ryan**, 12501 Village Circle Drive. Apt 422, St. Louis, MO 63127 or e-mail the information 2daveryan@earthlink.net. You may also wish to send this information to **Sandy Kurre LaGarce** at sjlaga@gmail.com so that the alumni records can be updated.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM JACKSON WRIGHT '18

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association,

I've just finished my first semester at Webster University. My classes have been a bit challenging, but I feel like I'm learning a lot for my future career in game design. I wanted to thank you again for your help in getting me through college.

Sincerely,
Jackson Wright '18

2019 BAA CALENDAR

February 12 - 4:30 PM
BAA Board Meeting
District Conference Room

March 12 - 4:30 PM
BAA Board Meeting
District Conference Room

April 9 - 4:30 PM
BAA Annual Meeting
District Conference Room

April 24 - 7:00 PM
Senior Scholarship Awards Program

May 14 - 4:30 PM
BAA Board Meeting
District Conference Room

June 1
Deadline for August 2019 Newsletter

July 13 - TBD
BAA Sponsored Centennial Concert and Movie at BHS

August 13 - 4:30 PM
BAA Board Meeting
District Conference Room

September 10 - 4:30 PM
BAA Board Meeting
District Conference Room

September 20 - 4:00 PM
3rd Weekend in September Reunion

Place to be determined due to construction work at the high school.

September 21 - Noon
Brentwood Days Parade
High School Drive & Wrenwood

September 21 - 1:00 PM
BAA Booth at Brentwood Days in Brentwood Park on Russell

October 8 - 4:30 PM
BAA Board Meeting
District Conference Room

November 1
Deadline for February 2020 Newsletter

November 12 - 4:30 PM
BAA Board Meeting
District Conference Room

3RD WEEKEND



IN REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORIAM

- 1947 Elizabeth Phillips Everett
- 1947 Frances Holmes Kirk
- 1947 Gerald Lee Smythe
- 1948 Patty Lynch Gallagher
- 1949 Patricia Jane Evans Henderson
- 1950 Walter A Seeger, Jr
- 1950 George Alton Ward
- 1951 Theola Shaver Wafe
- 1952 Robert T Wolff, Jr
- 1958 Sandra Ann Hartung Babb
- 1958 Joe Broeder
- 1959 Judith Rybolt Baumstark
- 1959 Richard L Williams, Sr
- 1963 Kell Brown
- 1965 Rev John (Alan) Ford
- 1971 Jo Ann Brown Schiermann
- 1973 Richard Lynn Brown
- 1973 David Martin Paul
- 1976 Jane Mary Campbell Moeckel
- 1978 William Lee Marshall, Jr
- 1988 Joseph Marshall Mansker, Sr
- 1998 Kate Elizabeth Moeckel Kasten
- FRND Barbara Jane Gill
- FRND Nancy Gillum Burris



VERY SAD NEWS...

Jane Campbell Moeckel '76 and daughter, **Kate Moeckel Kasten '98** as well as **Kate's** 2 children, ages 8 and 10 passed away on December 29, 2018. Further information can be found in the St Louis Post Dispatch, December 30, 2018. **Kate's** grandmother was **Peggy Jones Moeckel '47** who passed away in 2017.

FRIEND - Barbara Gill
Brentwood citizen **Barbara Gill** passed away January 1. She was very involved in many organizations in Brentwood, especially the Brentwood Historical Society and various school organizations during her remarkable life of service to the community. **Barbara's** three children are Brentwood alums: **Tom Gill '78, Mike Gill '79, and Susie Gill Bennett '83.**

ENGLISH TEACHER - Jerry Burgoyne
My heart is sad as I write this note tonight. Our friend and colleague **Jerry Burgoyne** has passed away. He was one of our favorite teachers at BHS and husband of classmate **Kathy Besselman Burgoyne '67.** Our hearts and prayers are with **Kathy** and the family as they experience this time of loss. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. I know we all have our favorite memories of Jerry and will hold on to those as we recall our school days once again. I've attached a photo of Jerry, Russ Lake, and myself from November 2015.

Thanks to **Mary Beth Powell ORE** and **Ed Wright Jr. '67** for the above information.



Russ Lake '67, Jerry Burgoyne, Ed Wright '67 (taken in 2015)

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS



In Memory of...

1947 Virginia (Ginny) Walsh Andrews
By Jean Walsh Provencher '50
1947 Audrey Carr Smith
By Rosemarie Schweizer Kornfeld '47
1947 Lowell Turner
By Howard K Vanskike
1950 Don Oscarson
By Grant Richard Oscarson '53
1952 C Edward Schuster
By Jacqueline Schuster Thursby '58
1955 Stan Dayton
By Robert A Cooper '55
1956 Rita Boshans
By John Boshans '57
1957 Judy Campbell Frossard
By Janet Carrens Dietrich '62
1958 Joseph S Stark
By Dennis Kurre '58
1959 Patsy Campbell Engle
By Janet Carrens Dietrich '62
1959 Jean Lee Flint Sevrens
By Jim Flint '61
1960 Steve Davis
By Sue McWhirter Davis
1960 Charles E Dilly
By Judith Dilly Harris '64
1960 Barb Kraus
By Walter Henkel '60
1960 Sue Frossard Taylor

By Carole Kelley Mailander '60
1960 Vicky Millican Wagner
By Timothy Lee '58 and Sue Zingre Lee '60
1961 Emerson Sutton
By Jim Flint '61
1962 Peggy Viehland Fossett
By Nell Mier Newton '62
1963 Henry (Clay) Coates, Jr.
By Anne Coates Conaway '58
1963 Jerry Eaton
By Carl Hemphill '63
1964 Susan Sachs
By Jean Dickerson Parkinson '64
1965 Donna Purkey Coots
By Terry Kurre '65
1966 Dixie Campbell Clayton
By Janet Carrens Dietrich '62
1966 Paige West Kelley
By Nelson Morgan '66
1966 Charles Mantei
By Marty Mantei '66
1963 Mary Philibert Scharf (55th BHS Reunion)
By Vicky Wood Soellner '63
1967 Nancy Reid Kinstler
By Ed Wright, Jr. '67
1968 Larry Volkening
By Robert Warren '68
1969 Leigh Volkening
By Robert Warren '68
1970 John T Carr
By Rodney A Carr '73
1970 Reed Pitman
By Ruth Pitman Pettitt '78

1971 Dennis Knight
By Randy Seagrist '71
1973 David Paul
By Karol Kothe Harlow '65
1974 Robert L Carr
By Rodney A Carr '73
1974 Jane Holstein Walter
By Anne Kraft Petersen '74
1976 Jane Campbell Moeckel
By Donna Farmer and Robert Gropler
By Merry Sloan Mosbacher '76
By Kelsey Rottger (Dillard's group)
By Satyen Vora '97
1976 Donna Niehoff
By Jean Niehoff Steele '73
ORE Earl and Joyce Brown, in Memory of My Parents
By Jeffrey Brown '81
ORE Wray Darr
By Doris Darr
Glenna Massler, Mother of Carolyn Wolff '61
By Patricia Kleisly Brinkhorst '61
ORE Vivienne Kueneke Schwab
By Leslie A Brann - Teacher
Dorothy Rooney
By Susan Rooney Brighton '65
Ben and Marie Moritz
By Shirley Moritz Taylor '53

Doris Darr sent a note with her scholarship donation in memory of her husband and our science teacher, **Wray Darr**, saying how much she appreciated the outpouring of love and remembrances to **Wray** after his passing. She thanked us for being a part of his family - both students and faculty.

In Honor of...

Ann Hysmith Reckelhoff '53
By Howard D Haynes '53
Sue Weber Young '53
By Howard D Haynes '53
BHS Class of 1956
By Carol Kottmeier Cooper '56
Our 55th Anniversary
By Carolyn and Jack Baumgartner '58
BHS Class of 1958 for its 60th Class Reunion
By Regina Stimson Gahr '58
Brentwood Alumni Association
By BHS Class of 1958
Brentwood Alumni Association
By BHS Class of 1963
Brentwood Centennial
By Ed Wright, Jr '67
1960 Pat Higgenbotham Foan for her tireless work for the Humane Society of Union, MO and endless love and devotion to all the critters.
By Joan Ledbetter Weston '60

NEW CONTRIBUTORS

JANUARY, 2018 to DECEMBER, 2018

1946 Arden Irene Mueller Fisher
1947 Mary Cuno Kearney
1948 Patty Lou Lynch Gallagher
1949 Donald Emerson
1955 Ronald R Sheffler
1960 Ralph Paul Morrissey
1968 Thomas William Henry
1968 Daniel Mark Hover
1970 Douglas W Darlington

1971 Dan Thomas Waldrop
1972 Carol Beth Corey Patton
1973 Patricia Parker
1973 Peter Jeffrey Hille
1973 Steven D Link
1973 Thomas Allen McCoy
1975 Mark Andrew Holland
1975 Kimberly Jaenicke Funcik
2008 Chaz A Randall Powers



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SAVE THE DATES

SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 2019

3rd Weekend in September

17th All-School Reunion



WELCOME ALL ALUMNI!

*17th Annual Brentwood Alumni Association
3rd Weekend in September - All-School Reunion*

Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21, 2019

Join BHS alums for a great weekend of friendship and fun.



Here's a list of events:

Friday, September 20, 2019

4:00 – 7:00 PM Gathering (location TBD)

5:00 & 5:30 PM Art display by BHS Art classes | Guided tours of BHS
Refreshments available for purchase

7:00 PM Football game at Brentwood
Nightlife gatherings and reunions around town

Saturday, September 21, 2019

12:00 PM Brentwood Days Parade

1:00 PM BAA Booth at Brentwood Park Opens

9:00 PM Fireworks Display at Brentwood Park