



BEXLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Alumni Association Newsletter

The following was reported in the 8-6-13 Key Communicator. The entire article is posted at www.bexleyschools.org.

BHS has 101 AP Scholars

The national College Board organization has announced that 101 Bexley High Students demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through Advanced Placement (AP) courses this year, earning the AP Scholar designation.

Five members of the class of 2013 were named National AP Scholars, the highest honor: Kyle Adkin, Margaret Farrar, Peter Kirschner, Camille Pipino and Louisa Wruck. Each received an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, as well as scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of the exams.

Thirty-six BHS students were AP Scholars with Distinction, an honor granted students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of the exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement® program has been Bexley High School's

educational best practice since 2003, with students enrolling in college prep course work, as well as taking the end-of-course exams that are paid for by the school district. AP work completed in high school often earns students college credit; those who take AP courses also demonstrate a high level of success in college.

"I am very pleased with these results and congratulate the staff for their work in supporting our students. Results like these do not happen by accident," said Harley Williams, Bexley's Principal of Secondary Schools. "I hope that these successes encourage students to challenge themselves to take AP courses. Some of our students who would benefit from an AP experience before they graduate may think they are not ready for an AP course. These numbers reinforce what we believe — they are ready and they can succeed."

Year & Number of Students Recognized as AP Scholars

2004 – 18	2007 – 64	2010 – 77
2005 – 38	2008 – 68	2011 – 91
2006 – 43	2009 – 88	2013 – 101

Bexley recently approved AP Psychology, BHS's twentieth AP course offering. The school has an unusually high number of AP courses given its size; last year, 275 students (out of a total student body of 647) took 538 AP Exams.

Generally, each year since Bexley began expanding students' access to AP courses, there has been an increase in its numbers of AP scholars. Despite slight declines in enrollment, the number of BHS students taking AP classes and the number scoring at levels most likely to earn college credit have steadily increased over the years.

The following article appeared on the
City of Bexley website at www.bexley.org.

Bexley Community Foundation Awards three Major Grants to the City

On September 27, 2012 the Bexley Community Foundation announced its 2012 large grant awardees. The City of Bexley received funding for three grant applications: the "Movies on Main" summer outdoor movie series for 2013; brick walkways to safely connect the Parkview sidewalk to the entrance to Jeffrey Mansion; and funding to create an Alum Creek Park Plan to connect

parkland between Main Street and Livingston Avenue along the creek.

Jeffrey Mansion entry walkway project ~ \$30,000

This project will involve the installation of two brick walkways, flanking the north and south sides of the Jeffrey mansion drive, from the Parkview sidewalk to the mansion entrance. In addition to



Jeffrey Mansion entry walkway

this installation, the Bexley Community Foundation funded \$8,000 worth of landscaping to further enhance the entryway.

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Alum Creek Park

Alum Creek Park Plan ~ \$12,500

The City has been actively pursuing the development of a continuous park between Main Street and Livingston Avenue along the eastern bank of Alum Creek. The Community Foundation's grant will help fund a park plan. The park plan will take the basic concept of a continuous park and help flesh out details regarding trail placement, infrastructure design, and opportunities for special park features along the length of the park. The Alum Creek Corridor Committee has interviewed several planners and selected MKSK as the preferred partner for the Alum Creek Park Plan.



Movies on main

Movies on Main ~ \$7,000

The Movies on Main grant will fund a series of family-oriented outdoor movie nights on Capital's lawn, fronting onto Main Street. Movies will be projected onto a jumbo high-definition outdoor screen with state-of-the-art digital sound. Concessions will be provided by our partner, the Drexel Theater.

We are ever grateful for the support of the Bexley Community Foundation, whose grant programs are allowing us to think big and tackle some exciting projects. Thank you Bexley Community Foundation!

Alumni Association scholarships presented

At the senior awards assembly on May 22, Reid Wasserstrom, class of 1962, presented the three \$1,000 scholarships sponsored this year by the class in honor of its 50th reunion in 2012. Recipients of the Carlton Smith Memorial Scholarship were Kathleen Wittig and Kevin Powers. Howard Wang received the William E. L. Young Memorial Service Award. Prior recipients of these awards are listed below.

**Carlton Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund Recipients
(Awarded since 1994)**

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
1994	Shana Carter, Aaron Gilbert	2004	Chelsea Callif, Brendan Devine
1995	Andrew Hayes, Erin Zantello	2005	Chase Stanley, Lauren Cooper
1996	Shane Roberts, Christi Smith	2006	Ellen Braverman, John Zanner
1997	Patrick Elias, Alissa Luck	2007	Michelle Beck, Tyler Stanley
1998	Alex Meizlish, Amy Shifflette	2008	Rachel Leeds, Ben Scoblianko
1999	Joel Borovsky, Bryn Tschannen-Mora	2009	Tyler Johnson, Deena Levey
2000	Kay Ritchey, David Truesdale	2010	Leah Levey, Reuel Rogers
2001	Lindsay Avner, Curtis Henn	2011	Zoe Beaumier, Neal Pohlman
2002	Eileen Neal, Mitch Ryan	2012	Harold "DJ" Jones, Stephanie Rawlings
2003	Megan Wenz, Brandon White		

**William E. L. Young Memorial Service Award Recipients
(Awarded since 2001)**

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
2001	Tiffany Mummy	2005	Ashley Foote	2009	Chris Balch
2002	Eileen Neal	2006	Cynthia Liefeld	2010	Anastasiya Nazarenko
2003	Diana Haninger	2007	Jonathan Carroll	2011	Aaron Gaba
2004	Shelby Nathans	2008	Robert Moore	2012	Sirrus Lawson Bourne

Reunions

CLASS	CONTACT	PHONE	E-MAIL	REUNION DATE(S)
1953	Janet Bez Ebert	937-653-3440	drjan@ctcn.net	September 20-22, 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday evening : Will be our first get-together. We are planning hors d'oeuvres for that evening. (Hosted by Barbara Bidlack Hauser and Bud Hauser) • Saturday morning: You have the option of visiting your (childhood) home, if the homeowner agrees to welcome you. • Saturday afternoon: You are on your own, or may plan to attend the OSU <u>football</u> game. We cannot provide tickets, but they may be available. Of course, often the best seat in the house is in front of a television! • Saturday evening – We plan to have our banquet. • Sunday late morning/afternoon – We are invited to share in a brunch (Hosted by Bob and Missy Weiler) <p>We hope that many of you can plan to attend.</p>				

CLASS	CONTACT	PHONE	E-MAIL	REUNION DATE(S)
1963	Claire Baas Kessler Vicki Gill Leukart	614-506-7677	clairekess@yahoo.com	October 11 & 12, 2013

Class of 1963 50th Reunion

We are looking forward to seeing all our classmates at our 50th reunion weekend celebration. All the information has been sent via email and 'snail mail.' If you haven't received it or have questions, please contact Claire or Vicki.

Looking for Class Notes

Many of our alumni have written, saying they would like to see more news submitted by their classmates. Won't you consider sending us news of what's going on in your lives?

You may use either the "We want to hear from you!" form found elsewhere in this newsletter, or the Bio Form link on the home page of the alumni website. Remember, however, that we will not be able to publish your news, either in our newsletter or on the website, if your dues are not paid and current.

City Hall redevelopment Proposal would bring grocery, relocate offices

By Melissa Dilley
ThisWeek Community News
Thursday May 23, 2013

The redevelopment of Bexley's City Hall site that has been City Council fodder for more than two decades may finally become a reality.

At the May 14 council meeting, Mayor Ben Kessler announced a plan that would put a Giant Eagle Market District Express on the current City Hall site, alter the ownership of Bexley Square and generate funds to relocate the city's service and administration departments.

"We've tried to find a solution that would provide a new use to the City Hall site, new revenue to the city and the relocation of the service department and City Hall building without taking from the general fund," Kessler said. "Until now, no other plans have been self-sustaining."

Developer Frank Kass, a Bexley resident and chairman of Continental Real Estate Cos., joined Kessler in introducing the plan that would bring a two-story grocery store -- the first of its kind -- to Bexley by March 2015.

The first step of this self-sustaining plan that Kessler stressed still has "a lot of moving pieces," would be to transfer the current City Hall site to the Bexley Community Improvement Corp. The CIC would then lease the property to the developer to generate funds.

Once transferred, the site that is currently tax-exempt could be declared a tax increment financing district.

A TIF would allow the city to funnel the taxes paid on the increased property value for 30 years into a special fund that could be used to upgrade the area and pay for the new

City Hall and Service Department buildings. Kessler said the city has negotiated the TIF with the Bexley City Schools to agree that the district would be left out of the deal and would continue to receive taxes from the property.

Also in the works is a deal to purchase Bexley Square from its seller, an affiliate of the Casto real estate organization. Owning the shopping center and collecting rent from its seven tenants would add to the City Hall relocation fund and grant access to the light at College Avenue and Main Street, which would be of use to the Market District Development, Kessler said.

The city could also use the open spaces in Bexley Square as a temporary location for its administrative department, but would not displace current tenants to do so, Kessler said.

While City Hall offices may fit in Bexley Square, the service garage that houses equipment and trucks has a much larger space requirement. Kessler said the city has been exploring spaces on Bexley's north and south sides and even some locations that are outside Bexley's borders.

Kessler estimated that if the plan comes to fruition, it would carry a total cost of \$4.5 million to \$5.3 million, including the purchase of Bexley Square and the relocation of City Hall and the service garage.

Although some of the contracts involved in the plan are time-sensitive, Kessler said each piece of the redevelopment will go through the typical three readings at council sessions before being put to a vote -- meaning it could take up to six months to finalize the project.

"We are moving forward deliberately, but I wouldn't say quickly," Kessler said. "We want to be careful that we have adequate time to make considerations and residents have time to learn about it."

(The following appeared on the Bexley Schools website at www.bexleyschools.org)

Bexley Makes Top High Schools List

Bexley High School has earned a place on *Newsweek* magazine's 2013 "America's Best High Schools" list, announced the week of May 6. Bexley is ranked at 228 on the list that highlights the best 2,000 public schools in the nation, "those that have proven to be the most effective in turning out college-ready grads."

Cincinnati's Walnut Hills High School was Ohio's top-ranking school, in 53rd place. Dublin Jerome at 153 was the only central Ohio high school to rank above Bexley.

"Each year we have tweaked our methodology slightly, but stayed true to factors that have been proven to be the best indicators of college readiness: graduation rates, participation in college-level classes via Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, and acceptance into a two- or four-year college program," noted Lauren Streib at *Newsweek/The Daily Beast*.

The six components measured were: graduation rate, college acceptance rate, AP/IB/AICE tests taken per student, average SAT/ACT scores, average AP/IB/AICE scores, and percent of students enrolled in at least one AP/IB/AICE course. For the full list, visit [TheNewsweek/DailyBeast Best High Schools](http://TheNewsweek/DailyBeastBestHighSchools) site.

"Bexley is able to achieve this ranking because teachers and staff work hard to provide AP classes to the broadest cross section of students," said Bexley Superintendent Mike Johnson. "The ranking is an indicator of high expectations for all students."

In 2011, Bexley was tops in central Ohio on the *Newsweek* list, placing 245th; the school did not participate in the 2012 ranking. Last month, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Bexley High School 160th on its own list of 22,000 public high schools across the country. *U.S. News* rated schools according to which best serve "all students well, not just those who are college-bound."

Read Bexley High School's 500-word answer to the question posed by *Newsweek/The Daily Beast*: "[What makes our school outstanding?](#)"

Take Note!

Congratulations 2013 Graduates!

A time to celebrate the dreaming and hoping; the reaching and believing You are now officially Bexley High School alumni and we welcome you to 'the club.' This is your first BHS Alumni newsletter. We hope you enjoy it. Also, be sure to check out the alumni website at www.bexleyalumni.org.

Please remember to update your address, phone and email information as it changes throughout the years so that we can keep track of you for alumni and class reunion mailings.

Board meetings

Any alumnus is welcome to attend and participate in association board meetings. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Montrose Elementary library. Remaining meeting dates for 2013 are September 17 and November 19. To confirm time and location, you may call our voicemail line at 614/920-4937.

Note to Class Reunion Committees

The Alumni Association can help your planning process by providing updated class lists and/or mailing labels. Please leave a message on the alumni office voicemail at 614/920-4937 or send an email request to info@bexleyalumni.org. When planning your reunion activities and supplies, why not consider offering our alumni decals as part of the reunion package? Contact us for pricing on bulk orders, or check prices on the order form on the alumni website.

What would you like to see in this newsletter?

If there's something you'd like to see included in this newsletter, please submit your suggestion(s) to the editor, using any of the contact means listed at the bottom of the front page. Better yet, if you'd like to write an article for consideration in the newsletter, send it along as well.

Attention Lifetime Members!

Please let us know whenever any of your contact information changes so that we can keep your records current.

Since we don't receive a membership dues form from you every year that gives us that information, we are losing some of you and your newsletters are being returned as undeliverable.

You may send in current information by completing the Bio Form on the alumni website and clicking on Submit, by sending an email message to info@bexleyalumni.org or by leaving a message on the alumni voicemail line at 614/920-4937.

Help support us with your spirit wear purchase

Please check out the "Show Your Spirit" link at the top of the home page on the alumni website at www.bexleyalumni.org. Spirit School Apparel is making Bexley clothing and gift items available and has recently increased to 20% the percentage the alumni association receives for each purchase you make.

We receive the above percentage only if items are purchased through our alumni website listed above. Similar merchandise is available on other websites purporting to be our alumni site, but we receive nothing from them.

Items are available imprinted for either the school or for alumni with your year of graduation. Children's and junior girl's sizes are also available, so why not also consider purchasing items for our future alumni?

Annual Dues Payers Wanted!

The Alumni Association needs your financial support if we are to be able to continue with our projects. If you enjoyed receiving and reading this alumni newsletter, we hope you will become an annual or lifetime member.

Nominations Needed

The alumni board would appreciate your input with suggestions for recipients of the Distinguished, Honorary and Honored alumni awards. Please send any names, together with the nominee's qualifications and class year, as well as your name and contact information to us by mail to the Bexley High School Alumni Association, P.

O. Box 457, Lithopolis, Ohio 43136-0457; via e-mail to info@bexleyalumni.org or by using our [online nomination form](#). Thank you.

The following appeared in the 4-22-13 Key Communicator:

The BHS *Torch* is one of only two high school newspapers in the state to be named an "All-Ohio" publication, the top award from the Ohio Scholastic Media Association, for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Thirty-two staff members won a total of 72 individual awards for writing, photography, artwork, graphics and design. *The Torch*, advised by English and journalism teacher Julie Horger, is led this year by co-editors Meg Farrar, Maranda Gammage and Mallory Kassoy.

The following appeared in the 4-24-13 Key Communicator:

U.S. News and World Report has ranked Bexley High School as the fifth-highest performing high school in Ohio. BHS earned the 120th spot nationwide among some 22,000 public schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia analyzed by the publication. Read more at www.usnews.com.

Happy Bexley Day!

On August 10th, 105 years ago, the Pleasant Ridge and North Bexley groups agreed to unite to create the Village of Bexley. The meeting where this decision was made was held at Robert Jeffrey's house (now called Jeffrey Mansion) on August 10, 1908. This is traditionally considered the event of Bexley's founding.

Lifting a glass to the '43 class

Was there ever a more pleasant time,
than at Bexley High in those
days of teen prime,
and looking back now,
how blessed we were,
with great teachers and friends,
cheering us on,
for the rest of our lives,
and memories of green years sublime.

Gloria Woods Gerhold '43

(This article, reprinted with permission and written by Justin Meyer, one of our newest alums, appeared in Bexley News on June 26, 2013)

Memories of town, parade will stay with graduate

By Justin Meyer

Bexley High School Class Of 2013



Justin Meyer

Every year you can count on it. Rain or shine, it will happen. It isn't always on the same day, but it will come, guaranteed.

And you count the days until it arrives. You wish for the days to shorten so it can come sooner. You struggle to push through the days leading up as you try to

contain your excitement. Finally, it comes. The Fourth of July Parade is here once again.

As a child growing up in Bexley, the annual Fourth of July Parade was the single greatest event of the summer.

The spectacle was almost overwhelming. The floats, the people, the candy, the festivities. I would watch the parade at the Weinstein's house on Sherwood each year with all of my family and friends. There was nothing that could surpass it.

Going and observing the parade was a

treat, but the real honor was being able to be a part of the parade.

My father owns many trucks due to his business and he usually allows a few floats in the parade to borrow them. Sometimes, I would be allowed to travel along in the car, gazing out the window in awe at the onlookers I was passing.

I might give an occasional wave to people I knew or toss a handful of candy out into the crowd, watching a group of children spring to it, but I never forgot to take it all in.

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CLASS NOTES

Class of 1947

May 2013

Virginia (Ginny) Hauschild Wise – Reynoldsburg OH

Can't believe we had such a great turnout for our WOW 65th!! class reunion last summer. Many thanks to Jo Ann for a great time at her home Sat. and Norval for Sun. brunch at the country club. Thanks to Walt for sending the reunion photo and for his, and everyone else on the committee's help in getting it together. It was Great!

I've been spending winters in Bradenton FL and summers at (and on) Buckeye Lake. Getting old isn't so bad! Hoping to be at our next (?) reunion.

Class of 1949

April 2013

Barbara Wise Revere – Columbus OH

Great to be back in Columbus! Al and I moved from Tennessee and are now living at Trillium Place, 3500 Trillium Crossing, Apt. 215. It is a lovely independent living place near 161 and Sawmill. Happy Hour is every Friday, so do come on over.

Class of 1950

April 2013

Jerry Smeck – Modesto CA

I always look forward to receiving the newsletter. Was great to see the picture of "The Bexley Travelers"; my "OLD" classmates look pretty good. I'm just hanging out. Still have our 40' motor coach but no long trips. We like to go to Gold

Beach OR and stay on the Rogue River. I am having a heart ablation this month. The A-Fib is getting the best of me. Very best regards to all of my Bexley friends.

Class of 1951

April 2013

Dee Koppelman Shindle – Las Vegas NV

Soon I'll be 80 like all my classmates – but a very young 80. I lost my husband but I didn't lose my life. I bowl 3 times a week and average 160 (often hitting over 200). And guess what! I have a "boyfriend"!! What fun we have. Life does go on. How about all my "old" classmates – like Alice, Barbara, Barry, Gordon and on and on. Where are you? I'm living in Sun City Summerlin. Please email me – all of you. deeshindle@cox.net. Hope you're having good health.

Class of 1955

May 2013

Trudy Halasz Horkin – Melbourne FL

Marv and I sold our condo in Columbus in June 2012 and spent the remainder of the summer traveling in our Winnebago. In January we moved into a home in Suntree, so we are now Florida residents. Left Melbourne in early May and will spend another summer in the motorhome, working our way up to Columbus for a few days, then north and east before heading back down to Florida. Among our activities, I'm still volunteering at Harmony Farms Equine Assisted Therapy and Marv

volunteers at the local hospital rehab center. Life is good. If you're in the Melbourne area, come set a spell!

Class of 1965



April 2013

Betty Zuckerman Nigoff – Lexington KY

To follow up on my post from October 2012 in the Winter/Spring 2013 newsletter, Barbara Moser, Mary Lee Seligson, Roz Bornheim, and I met in Cincinnati, and had a blast. We spent a couple nights there, ordered pizza from La Rosa's, went to a great Italian restaurant, Frisch's Big Boy, and the new Jungle Jim's, and just enjoyed being with each other.

Our beautiful grandson is now almost 8 months old, and we are able to babysit a lot and love it.

My son was just married in March 2013, and honeymooned in Argentina (where his wife is from). They are so happy, and we are happy for them!

My husband's 50th reunion is July 2013 in Cleveland, and we look forward to being there.

The following article, featuring new 2013 alum Emily Reed, appeared in Bexley News on June 12, 2013

Eighth-grader's promise finally is fulfilled

Emily Reed sees her idea for an official sign become reality

Who said teenagers couldn't move mountains? Well, brick and mortar may be more like it.

The Bexley City School District unveiled a new sign in front of its middle school last week, thanks to the efforts of a graduating senior who launched the project five years ago, when she was an eighth-grader.

Her perseverance and motivation culminated in the permanent fixture at the school, which now gives both the building and its attendees some acknowledgement.

"We were so excited to come to the middle school," said Emily Reed, a member of Bexley High School's class of 2013. "Then we felt so lost — here was a big, huge building without any designation."

The idea for the sign began as a campaign promise back in middle school when Reed was running for student council president of her eighth-grade class.

"I felt like we needed some designation," she said, remembering the feeling she had coming to the new school.

After she won the election and became the new student council president for her class, she got down to work.

She and her classmates tried to raise funds as a class, selling T-shirts for their eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C., but it just wasn't enough.

Several alumni then stepped in to donate, and the Bexley High School Alumni Association added needed funds to bring Reed's campaign promise to fruition.

Surrounded by many of those donors last week, along with numerous district representatives and her family members, Reed beamed with pride at her accomplishment — although remaining humble in pointing out all those who contributed.

"It's a great thing. I'm glad it all came



After five years of hard work in raising funds, Emily Reed (left), class of 2013, and Bexley Superintendent Mike Johnson unveil Bexley Middle School's new sign. Reed was instrumental in getting the sign installed.

together so well," Reed, a fourth generation Bexley graduate, told the informal crowd. "I'm really happy."

Under sunny skies and amid a warm spring breeze, Reed stood outside the Cassingham Complex May 24, as a Bexley student one last time, participating in the unveiling.

Bexley Superintendent Mike Johnson, also beaming with pride as he took giant scissors in hand, stood alongside Reed to cut the ribbon unveiling the sign.

"It has taken a while but it has come to fruition while you are still here," he told Reed, who turned her tassel during the high school's May 26 graduation ceremony.

"Thank you Emily. It's beautiful and it complements the high school sign. It brings pride to this school and I think it indicates that (pride) when somebody comes by here." He spoke of her legacy, and that of the class that helped her in making the sign a reality.

In fact, "Class of 2013" is etched in the

bottom corner, commemorating both Reed's and her classmates' efforts.

The brick and mortar sign — complete with a Bexley lion — fits in with the high school sign just yards away.

"It's probably going to prompt us to put up an elementary school sign, too," Johnson said, laughing.

Reed will now look forward to heading off to Ohio State University where she will study engineering.

The original Cassingham Complex was built in 1927 and housed grades first through seventh. "Bexley Junior High" focused on educating seventh- and eighth-graders.

The name of the school was changed to "Bexley Middle School" in 1989.

Donors to the project included Lang Stone Co., Columbus Coal and Lime Co., Stone Escapes and the Bexley High School Alumni Association.

Thank you

to the following alumni who made donations to the Alumni Association since our Winter/Spring 2013 newsletter:

NAME OF DONOR	IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	UNDESIGNATED	OTHER
Elaine Suid Leon '49	Marc Gertner '50			
Douglas Fleckner '60			X	

A Mother's Day card for Miss Twyford

By Bob Greene, CNN Contributor
May 12, 2013

Back in 1958 when she was Miss Twyford, Geraldine Twyford Ferguson received this card signed by her 5th grade class

The letter in the U.S. mail came as a surprise.

Not the return address — Cathy Sadler had been corresponding with her old fifth-grade teacher for several years, so she recognized the address of the retirement community in Dublin, Ohio.

But when Sadler, who lives in North Carolina, opened the envelope, she found something she wasn't expecting.

It was a photocopy of an old Mother's Day card.

There were many signatures on the card. She found her own name among them. She was Cathy Holt back then, a fifth-grader at Montrose Elementary School in Bexley, Ohio.

Miss Twyford had been the teacher. That's how all of her students, all of the 10- and 11-year-olds in that 1958 classroom, referred to her. Geraldine Twyford was her full name.

"She's still Miss Twyford to me," Cathy Sadler, now 65, told me the other day. "She was such a wonderful teacher — she brought such excitement and enthusiasm to her job. You could tell she wasn't just going through the motions. She loved teaching. My own love of history started in that classroom."

Her admiration for Miss Twyford is what led Sadler to seek her out and start writing to her. At 86, Miss Twyford chooses not to use e-mail — she writes her letters in elegant longhand.

The old card — the kind you would buy at a drugstore — featured the embossed message: "You're such a sweet person, So thoughtful and kind, That days such as this, Always bring you to mind. Happy Mother's Day."

Surrounding those words were all the signatures — written neatly in fountain pen, in children's script. The names were of the students in Miss Twyford's class: Arloa Shultz, Kent Kellner, Paula Young, Susan Bryant, Joe Sebring, Sherry Lamp, Maury Topolosky, many more. There was the



Bob Greene '65

signature of one child -- Alan (Peewee) Meyers, is what he wrote — a sprightly, friendly boy who, three years later, would lose his life in an automobile accident.

Miss Twyford, in 1958, was unmarried and had no children. Yet the boys and girls had decided to present her with the Mother's Day card.

And she had saved it for all these years.

Geraldine Twyford Ferguson

I called her last week at the retirement community in Ohio. She has been a widow since 2011; at age 39 she married Bob Ferguson, an electrical engineer in the aeronautics field, and they remained wed for 46 years until his death. "I'm not Mrs. Ferguson to my old students," she said. "I'm always Miss Twyford. Which is fine with me."

I asked her about the card.

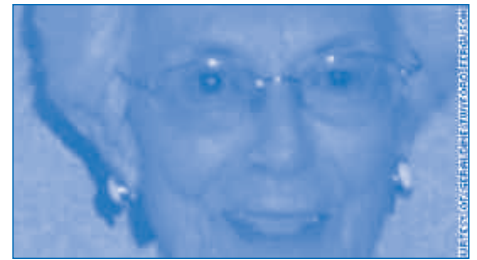
"I was surprised, and so touched, that they would give that to me," she said. She said that she had kept it in a "treasure chest" — a footlocker where she has preserved all of her most precious memories.

"To me, the card meant that the boys and girls knew how much I cared for them," she said. "As a teacher, you always hope that you mean something to the children, and you hope that they understand how much they matter to you.

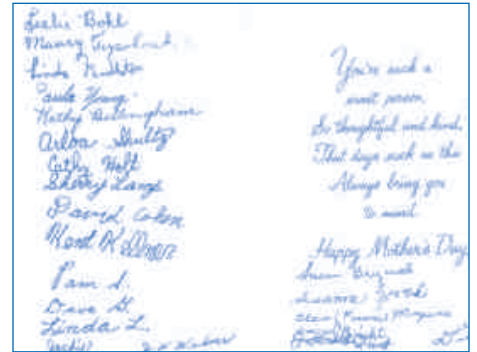
"As I look at the card from time to time, I see also that it is a sign that we accomplished one of our goals that year. In the fifth grade, students were expected to learn how to write in cursive, in ink. When you use ink, in a fountain pen, there is no erasing, no way to cover your mistakes. So I think they were showing that to me, too."

She told me that she grew up an only child in Gratiot, Ohio, a town of just 250 people. She said that a career teaching fifth grade — she spent 30 years doing it — was a full and satisfying way to spend her life. At Montrose Elementary, where she taught for 16 of those years, she said her classroom was on the top floor, overlooking Main Street.

"It was Route 40," she said. "The old National Road. I would tell the boys and girls to look out the window at the cars on



Miss Twyford



Signatures from Mother's Day card

the street, and to try to imagine the covered wagons moving west all those years ago, right there, carrying people who had left everything behind to start a new life."

The main reason she has kept the Mother's Day card, she said, was a simple one:

"I never had children of my own.

"It is the only Mother's Day card I ever received."

She said that, as a teacher, "You sometimes look out into your classroom and silently think, 'I wonder what will happen to them when they grow up.'"

Fifty-five years later, it is a Sunday in May again.

She is 86, and on her own.

In those 30 years of teaching, more than 700 boys and girls moved through her classrooms.

I know every person who signed that card; I know those who are living, and I knew those who have passed away.

And on this, I think I can safely speak for all of them.

The words on the card still hold true: ". . . So thoughtful and kind, That days such as this, Always bring you to mind."

Happy Mother's Day, Miss Twyford.

Miss Barbara Plaque Dedicated

A brief ceremony was held on May 17 to dedicate the plaque honoring long-time Cassingham kindergarten teacher and crossing guard, "Miss Barbara" Drugan. The plaque can be found on the northeast corner of Fair and Cassingham.



Future Alums in the News

The following appeared in the 4-1-13 *Key Communicator*:

BHS's Robotics Team took the Rookie All-Stars award at the Queen City Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, 3/21-23/2013 in Cincinnati. Led by first-year science/technology teacher and adviser Brian Davis, the team built a robot in six weeks with support from the Bexley Education Foundation. The award qualifies Bexley for the World Championship competition, to be held in St. Louis at the end of April.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards has announced that three Bexley students will receive National Awards at Carnegie Hall in late May: BMS seventh grader Ben Haidt's Gold Medal is for "Voices in the Sand," in the category of Flash Fiction; BHS junior Elizabeth Heym won a Gold for her Personal Essay/Memoir, "Fish Skin." And eighth grader Sadie Noel picked up a Silver for her Personal Essay/Memoir, "The First Gerald."

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I always savored each moment I got to spend peering out of that window, enjoying everything I was experiencing.

I still go to the parade every year, even though I'm no longer a child. No, it doesn't have the same lure as it once did. I am not astounded by the number of people or stunned by the floats. But I still go all the same like I have every other year of my life. It isn't as awe-inspiring as it once seemed, however it is just as meaningful.

I didn't realize it when I was younger, but what makes the Bexley Fourth of July Parade so incredible is the community.

It is everybody coming out to celebrate one common theme, spending several hours outside in the hot sun together. What I was witnessing as a child was Bexley flexing its muscles and proving that it is such a strong community.

Now as a young adult I have come to this realization of this meaning, the meaning that has always been there.

In August, I will ship off for college leaving Bexley behind, but what I will never leave behind is the community that sits outside every July and watches the floats travel through the otherwise calm streets of the city.

I will always carry a part of this community with me wherever life takes me. I may not be here to enjoy it, but I will always be a part of the Fourth of July Parade.

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Some of the following were reported in the 5-20 and 6-4 editions of the Key Communicator and were also posted at www.bexleyschools.org. Others were reported directly to the newsletter editor

News from Bexley grads

Linda Stern Riccio '69 recently published a children's book about her mother who many people knew in the Bexley community. Proceeds from the book benefit the Alzheimer's Association so in addition to it being a sweet book, there is a connection to the charity. Visit www.tessalittleladywithbigideas.com to read more about the book.

Betsy Jackson '79 – released her first CD, "LOVE IS" on May 1st. It is a compilation of some of the best songs she has written during her career, Grammy award winner Stephen Short produced the CD. It is available for purchase thru Betsy's website BetsyJillJackson.com or can be purchased as a download thru iTunes or Amazon.com.

Christi Smith '97 and the University of Akron's first NCAA Div. I national champion, was one of seven athletes inducted into the Mid-American Conference (MAC) Hall of Fame at a ceremony on May 30, 2013 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ms. Smith was the first female athlete from the University of Akron to qualify for the Olympic trials and a four-time All-American during her collegiate career. She graduated from Akron in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and entered the college coaching ranks, first at Ohio University and then Kent State University. She is currently in her fourth season as an assistant coach for the track and field team at the University of Iowa.

While at Bexley, Ms. Smith was two-time state champion in the long jump, setting the long jump state record of 19-3. Her sister Crystal Smith was also a standout athlete while at school in Bexley. Both young women have returned to Bexley High School over the years to speak to students.

Daniel Carroll '05 co-founded the tech start up, Clever that has built a new way to help schools manage student data. After completing a B.A. in Human Evolutionary Biology, Mr. Carroll spent three years in Denver where he taught middle school science as a Teach for America Corps

Member and led technology for charter school West Denver Prep. He created Clever with two of his Harvard University classmates.

"Running technology for a charter school network, Dan saw first-hand how data obstacles were quickly becoming the biggest barriers to innovation in education," notes getclever.com. Based in San Francisco, Mr. Carroll and his colleagues now work with schools around the country to use data to aid innovation.

Big breaks and good news have been coming lately to the fledgling company. Mentoring that Clever received early on from Y Combinator in Palo Alto was critical, according to Susan Marantz, Mr. Carroll's parent and the gifted education specialist at Maryland Elementary. Mr. Carroll and the Clever team presented in March at the SXSWedu Conference in Austin, Texas. After competing in three rounds against some 100 companies, Clever took top prize in the LAUNCHedu competition.

Clever is one of the educational tech start ups in which Laurene Powell Jobs, widow of the late Steve Jobs, has invested. Hollywood actor Ashton Kutcher has also invested, said Ms. Marantz.

Ben Levey '06 recently marked the two-year anniversary of the start-up of his Likoni Community Football League in Mombasa, Kenya. He is the director and founder of the nonprofit that supplies soccer players and coaches in Likoni with equipment, clinics and support. The league's mission is to "provide a competition base that exposes young people to the sport of soccer and provides opportunities to create leaders within the community." Mr. Levey, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and licensed soccer coach, played on Bexley High School's 2003 state championship team and was a captain of Bexley's 2005 state champion team.

"This past season, the LCFL focused on 'Peace & Security,'" according to Mr. Levey. "Soccer balls were passed out to each club to highlight this topic. Coaches spoke before and after each game discussing the importance of Peace." For more information or to donate, visit likonifootball.org.

J.D. Ramage '07 returned home to the community in June to produce his short film, *The Race*. The Los Angeles-based independent filmmaker and writer/director of *The Race* planned to shoot for several days on location in Bexley.

The Capital University graduate currently works full time in California in film and television production. His projects include the film *Liberal Arts*, directed by BHS graduate Josh Radnor, and the FOX primetime sitcom, *The Mindy Project*. As a Capital student, he majored in Electronic Media and Film and earned a Film Studies minor.

The Bexley *Race* shoot filmed at various Bexley locations, including Bexley High School.

Matt Cavallero '09 graduated this spring from Akron University with a degree in nursing. His 3.7 GPA earned him the school's Magna Cum Laude with Honors designation. Mr. Cavallero is the President of the nursing fraternity at Akron, having received an award as "Fraternity President of the Year" and the Dr. Vukovich Award recognizing outstanding leadership and service. According to BHS science teacher Scott Logsdon, the Vukovich award led to Mr. Cavallero spending his spring break in Africa, learning about wound care. "We are so proud of his many accomplishments! Go Lions," added Mr. Logsdon.

Colin Zidar '09 graduated this spring at the top of his ROTC class at Cincinnati's Xavier University with a 3.87 GPA, a major in Criminal Justice and minor in Psychology. Mr. Zidar was commissioned May 10, 2013 as a second lieutenant in the United States Army and will continue his training as a Military Intelligence Officer at Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista, Arizona. He finished in the top ten percent of roughly 5,500 ROTC cadets nationwide. He will be a Gold Bar Recruiter at Xavier, Miami and Northern Kentucky Universities from June through September before moving to Arizona.

The following article appeared on the Bexley Schools website at www.bexleyschools.org.

Bexley Schools History

Education was important to the Bexley community even before the city was incorporated in 1908. Rural residents of the area now known as Bexley had a school as early as 1864 -- a brick building at the corner of what is now Livingston and College Avenues. The Main Street School, also known as the Bullitt Park School, opened in 1907 across from today's Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

First Building and Rapid Growth

Bexley's Board of Education first convened in 1917, issuing bonds so that the school district could purchase property for future development. According to the Bexley Historical Society, by 1920 the population of Bexley was at about 1,300 residents. The current Montrose Elementary School, located at 2555 East Main Street, opened in September 1921 as the Bexley community's high school for students in grades seven through twelve.

Each of Bexley's graduating classes in the 1920's numbered 20 – 40 students. The first *Torch* yearbook in the Bexley Public Library collection shows a 1926 senior class of 20 students, most of who attended college after graduation. Their favorite sayings included "Gee Golly!" "Good Governor!" and "So's your Old Man." They observed Educational Week in November of 1925: "Bexley High School held open session in the evening, at which all classes recited. After an hour of recitation, everyone adjourned to the auditorium to hear a splendid entertainment."

The Bexley Public Library was originally

housed in the East Main Street building also, with the public and the high school students sharing the library until the library moved to its current location in 1929.

The school district experienced rapid growth during this period, with enrollment rising from 560 students in 1925 to 1,187 students in 1929. The original structure that is today's Cassingham Complex was built in 1927 for grades one through seven. After the community's population hit 5,000 with the 1930 census, it officially became a city on April 11, 1931.

High School Moves to Cassingham Road

The current Bexley High School on South Cassingham Road opened for classes in 1932 with 500 students in the six upper grades. The East Main school building then became an elementary school, with grades one through eight each having one classroom and one teacher. According to students from the mid-1930's, at this point, the building's second floor was vacant. The school's principal was Miss Ruby Borden, who had previously served as a teacher at the old Main Street School.

Bexley Junior High in the Cassingham Complex focused on educating seventh and eighth graders starting in the 1920's; the name of the school was changed to "Bexley Middle School" in 1989.

Newest Developments

Maryland Elementary School, serving students in north Bexley, was dedicated in 1950. The school community celebrated



Bexley's first school

its sixtieth anniversary last fall (2010). Sue Scatterday was the first principal of Maryland, serving until her retirement in 1973 after which she was elected to the Bexley Board of Education.

Over the decades, Bexley residents have supported the renovation and remodeling of their historic school buildings, most recently with a 2001 construction project that saw the addition of two new wings to the Cassingham Complex.

Bexley has been recognized for its excellent educational program, earning first Excellent, then Excellent With Distinction ratings on all eleven Ohio Department of Education report cards. Both Cassingham and Bexley Middle School were authorized in 2007 as the first International Baccalaureate World Schools in Ohio. The school district continues to be an educational leader, partnering with innovators such as Battelle for Kids and Ohio State University to help advance educational reform.

In Memoriam

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'41	Barbara Heer Reed	7-29-13	'60	Sandy Polster	3-21-13
'43	Arlene Shea Petty	8-14-13	'61	Marcia Heffernan Speakman	4-15-13
'44	Emma Jean Ruth Packard	4-16-13	'62	Kenneth Haas	4-12-13
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'45	Patricia Trayte Howland	5-27-13	'64	Susan Hansberger Mauk	7-05-13
'47	Lovell Riedmiller	4-12-13	'70	Donna Trent Reeder	3-24-13
'47	Virginia Tully	6-28-13	'72	Timothy Webber	5-04-13
'48	Andrew Alpers	12-24-12	'74	Kevin Michael	8-08-13
'48	Juanita DeRose Hildreth	5-15-13	'75	James C. Hall	6-27-13
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The following article appeared on the City of Bexley website at www.bexley.org.

About Ohio Chautauqua in Bexley

Bexley was chosen by the Ohio Humanities Council to host a 2013 Ohio Chautauqua during the week of July 16-20. The five-day event combined living history, music, entertainment, education, theater and audience interaction in an exciting cultural event. The 2013 event, "When Ohio was the Western Frontier," covering the time period from 1790 to about 1850, was staged from the front lawn of Capital University on Main Street, with adult and youth workshops in several locations throughout Bexley. Bexley is the only community in Central Ohio holding an Ohio Chautauqua in 2013.

The original tent Chautauquas were traveling groups that operated in the United States from 1903 to 1930. They moved from town to town giving a program of lectures, concerts, and recitals in a large tent. The first Chautauqua in Bexley was held on May 7, 1978 as a celebration of Bexley's 70th birthday. The purpose for the event that took place in 1978 at the Jeffrey Mansion holds true for the event that took place on Main Street this year:

- To promote civic pride with an understanding and appreciation for our past heritage our present advantages and direct projects for an even better future.
- To coordinate and promote present cultural, educational, and religious activities of all groups in our community and cooperatively instigate new ones where needed.
- To draw families and our whole community closer together in a fun-filled and enriching experience.

A strong steering committee representing various local organizations

came together to further enhance our community's interests and support for our cultural, educational, and religious heritage. The Ohio Chautauqua gave Bexley the opportunity to attract new visitors, work together to showcase our businesses, cultural and educational organizations, and to celebrate our history and our future together.

The Steering Committee and Partnering Organizations: Capital University, Bexley Public library, The City of Bexley, The Bexley Community Foundation, The Drexel Theatre, The Bexley Historical Society, The Bexley Area Chamber of Commerce, Bexley Women's Club, The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus, the Bexley Recreation and Parks Department. In addition, there were representatives of the Bexley educational institutions and Bexley religious organizations joining this group.

Ohio Chautauqua traveled to five communities across the state this summer. The complete schedule includes performances in Lakewood (June 25-29), Madison (July 2-6), Rossford (July 9-13), Bexley (July 16-20) and Coshocton (July 23-27).

For more information about the entire Ohio Chautauqua program, visit the Ohio Humanities Council online at www.ohiohumanities.org or [facebook.com/OhioChautauqua](https://www.facebook.com/OhioChautauqua).

