



PIRATE'S REVENGE

BATH HIGH SCHOOL PRESERVATION NEWSLETTER DEC. 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH EDITION

President's Message... Mike Godley



classes and school spirit.

US Congressman Greg Murphy, having travelled through the wee hours of the morning after late night sessions in the capitol the previous evening to join us, remarked from the podium about the importance of public service with his own service exemplified by figuratively keeping the finger on the pulse of constituents via gatherings and listening as well as literally keeping a finger on the pulse of those served in his ongoing practice of medicine.



North Carolina Secretary of Commerce and Bath High School Alumni **Machelle Baker Sanders**, accompanied by her daughter and mother, cheered the reunion of her mother -- former Bath teacher **Bertha Baker** -- with colleagues and students. She went on to encourage those that are blessed or privileged to share their blessings or create opportunities for those with backgrounds different than their own. But the spotlight

On October 2, 2021, we celebrated the Centennial of Bath High School. In a festival atmosphere marked by food trucks, mini class reunions, displays of memorabilia and musical performances. Alumni, friends and dignitaries gathered to mark 100 years of

was definitely stolen by the precious performances and exhibits of the Bath Elementary School students. Motivated not by nostalgia or memories of formative years, they poured their hearts into service of their school community and the pleasure and education of the centennial celebrants.

We share a common thread of a school and community spirit in which those that are blessed by virtue of birth, inheritance, hard work, singular effort, athletic prowess, or good fortune share their blessings with charity, donations, volunteer effort, mentoring, making opportunities available to those less blessed, and other forms of community service. We celebrate not just the one hundred years that the walls of the school have stood but the one hundred years of school spirit and associated community service anchored by those walls.

While the mission of Bath High School Preservation is to preserve and reuse the former Bath High School structure, our members and supporters clearly indicate a desire for it to be done in a manner that is in keeping with the spirit of that service to the community.

Our thanks and recognition go out to: **Leanna Holmes** for coordination of the event and that magical cooperation with the elementary students; to **Peggy Daw and Betsy Gray** for programing and facilities arrangements; and to **Claudia Alligood and June Wallace** for memorabilia and historic displays. Thanks also to the volunteers that staffed reception, information and souvenir stations.

Mike Godley,
President

2021-2022 BHSP Directors & Officers

The terms of member elected directors **Leanna Holmes, Nancy Thomas and Mike Godley** ended in June of 2021. We thank these directors for their service and continued support of BHSP.

At the annual meeting of members in June of 2021, the membership elected **Darlene Ormond, Glenn Alligood, Tony Rodman** to serve as directors with terms to end in June of 2024. We welcome these directors to the BHSP Class of 2024. The BHSP Directors elected officers and ex-officio directors to serve from June of 2021 to June of 2022. These are:

Mike Godley: President
Ron Moore: Vice President
Claudia Alligood: Secretary
Celestia Carson: Assistant Secretary
Cody Chrismon: Treasurer
Ruth Dorkin: Past President

In November of 2021, **Tony Rodman** asked to step down from his position of BHSP director. The board elected **Betsy Gray** to fill the unexpired portion of this term.

This is a project that requires widely varied skills and interests from a diverse group of volunteers and cooperators. Our progress could not have happened without the support of our members and patrons. We thank all those involved for getting us where we are and for the potential to move forward.

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BHSP 100th Centennial Celebration



On October 2, 2021, a beautiful Saturday morning, the BHSP hosted a 100 year celebration to honor the openings of the Bath High School in 1921.

Significantly, the first all female town commissioners in the Southeastern US were busy getting this school built then, along with beautification projects, collecting taxes, repairing the streets and pulling the community together in unity of purpose. According to the State staff, approximately 700-800 people came together with the same spirit of community to celebrate on October 2.

At 11 am, the **Bath Elementary School (BES) Students** provided a musical medley for the **"Decades"**. Their posters to represent learning about the 100 years of school history lined the BES halls along with the trophy cases from generations. Centennial Santas, BHS Christmas ornaments, Of Pirates and People cookbooks, A Look Back 1925-1989 books, t-shirts, embellished glasses and other items were available for souvenirs of the day.

There were tours of the unfinished spaces, along with the State Historic Site Exhibit Center with a photo presentation, the BHM Library, Pirate Hall with art displays, catering kitchen and across the street to see BHS Memorabilia carefully presented by **Claudia Alligood and June Wallace** in the BEM Multipurpose room.



At 1 pm, **Mike Godley BHSP President and Ron Moore, BHSP Vice-President** led the ceremonies. Bubs Carson welcomed guests to the Town.

BHS alumni and NC Secretary of Commerce, Machel Baker Sanders

spoke to the group under the big top tent about her experiences here and brought a message from the state.



Dr. Greg Murphy, US Congressman, gave the 744 gathered under the tent an update from the national level. Both stressed the importance of local communities to the fabric of the state and nation, offering their ongoing support to preserve our heritage.

Peg Daw recognized the 600 Club Members and other Sponsors of the event through the program and posters beside the podium and Pirate Hall. Together, over \$125,000 was raised through hundreds of donors and members. BHSP is better positioned now for more grants to complete the renovations.

June Wallace recognized the decades of classes and one special classmate from the earliest class represented there 1954, **Mrs. Sybil Sullivan Leary**. Sybil spontaneously shared a story from her basketball days with Mr. Wallace.



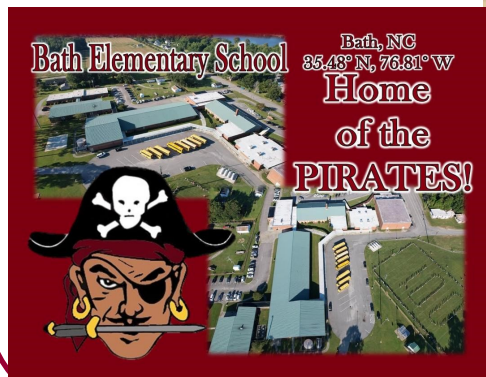
Ms. Melissa Clinkscales' class sang the Pirate Fight Song and school song. Old memories flowed like a fountain as everyone gathered around to enjoy a special cake to celebrate the day.



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To close out, classmates gathered on the football field to take group photos that were shared on the BHSP Facebook and Centennial Celebration pages.



MEMBERSHIP: March 1, 2021 ~December 31, 2021

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Membership ~ June 1 to May 31)
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Contact Ruth Dorkin for information
regarding the rental of Pirate Hall inside
the Old Bath High School building. To
reach Ruth call/text 252-945-1735 or
email: ruth.dorkin@bhspreservation.org

A Tribute to Joanne Childs

Ella Joanne Tuten Childs
December 13, 1951–November 6, 2021

A proud graduate of Bath High School in 1970 known to us all as Joanne.

Joanne was known for her love of basketball, friends, & family. She was the daughter of the late Rayfield and Allie Boyd Tuten. She was the youngest sibling of four, raised on the family farm in Pinetown. She is preceded in death by her late husband Vernon Gerald Childs, Jr. They together were devoted parents to Jerry. Jerry made his mother a loving and devoted grandmother to Jeremy and husband to Christy Deardorff.

Her family remembers Joanne for her sharp wit, kind heart and passion for life. She became very passionate about preserving Bath High School when she heard of the plans for demolition.

Along with others, she was very active working with the oyster roast, membership & fund-raising activities. Her talent was clear in serving as the editor of the BHSP

Pirate's Revenge".



Joanne will be greatly missed!!

We are currently working on plans for the annual oyster roast. The date is **February 26, 4:00-7:00 pm** at the **Jerol Selby Farm west of Bath**. Because of increased prices for oysters, tickets will be \$50 each. This price includes all you can eat oysters, chili, seafood gumbo, hot dogs, hoop cheese and crackers, and tea or water. We will also have a cash bar, wine, beer and soft drinks, as well as a dessert station. We will also have a silent auction and a raffle.

We realize that we are surrounded by health issues - covid, flu and other seasonal sicknesses. We certainly do not want to contribute to the spread of any diseases. If you have been vaccinated and feel comfortable to attend, we will be happy to see you. If you do not feel safe in a large crowd, and you do not feel comfortable to attend this year, we hope to see you next year.

If things become appreciably worse before the end of February, we will cancel this event for the sake of everyone's health. **Updates will be available on Facebook and on the BHSP website.**

Stay safe and we hope you have had a great Christmas and the beginning of a wonderful and healthy new year.

Annual BHSP Fundraising Oyster Roast

February 26, 2022

4:00-7:00pm.

Selby Farm Shop

9832 Hwy 92E, Bath, NC

Tickets \$50.00

Door \$55.00

Silent Auction & Raffle

This price includes all you can eat oysters, chili, seafood, gumbo, hot dogs, hoop cheese and crackers, and tea or water.

Cash Bar

Wine, beer, and soft drinks and dessert station

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

2022 BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

All Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm at Pirate Hall unless otherwise stated.

Tues, Feb. 1, 2022 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

Tues., March 1, 2022 ~ 7:00 -8:30 pm

Tues., April, 5, 2022 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

Tues., May 3, 2022 ~ 7 00-8:30 pm

Tues., June 7, 2022 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

(BHSP Board & Membership 'Meeting)

Tues., July 5, 2022 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

Tues., Aug., 2, 2022 ~ 7:00-8:20 pm

Tues., Sept. 6, 2022 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

Tues., Oct. 4, 2022 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

Tues., Nov. 1 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

Tues., Dec. 6, 2022 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm

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The Building Committee focus has been on assessment of and response to routine Maintenance and Repairs while providing data for accurate budgeting in the future. Major repair projects beyond routine annual inspections and response to unanticipated repairs needed, have included repainting and caulking all (61) exterior windows in the occupied space and interior painting (for the Bath Community Library, Pirate Hall, and Pirate Hall) Our previous Building Committee Chair ... *Ricky Carawan* ... was proactive in this area leaving guidance as to future needs.

PHASE I preparation of the BHSP space to enable moving forward with completing the unoccupied space above and the over the library and hallway ... includes the entire building now has gutters; the brick exterior of occupied space now has been washed, re-mortared, and sealed to avoid water intrusion through the 100 year old brick walls while maintaining the historic nature of the building. This now positions BHSP to move forward with the interior remodeling necessary to fully occupy the space above the Library and Pirate Hall; to be followed by completion of the Auditorium wing!

Many thanks to the Building Committee MEMBERS ... *Claudia Alligood, Peggy Daw, Ruth Dorkin, Bob Moore, Brian Swain, and Mike Godley!*

Sandra Harrison, Chair

