

Bergan Forever

"Let's Do It Together"

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Archbishop Bergan Catholic School celebrates 50th Former Kings/Queens to take part in this year's homecoming activities

Archbishop Bergan/St. Patrick's Catholic School will commemorate its 50th/60th anniversary in 2011. Several activities are being planned by the anniversary committee.

As part of a year-long celebration the anniversary committee has invited all past Homecoming Kings and Queens to the Archbishop Bergan Catholic School 2010 homecoming which will be celebrated at the Bergan versus Yutan football game on Friday, October 1. The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Memorial Field.

Members of the anniversary committee are: Norma Hass, Eleanor Kubin, Judy Hanson, Joann Gemar, Pat Dix, Joe Wojtkiewicz, Dave Mendlik, Neil Feser and Gary Schmidt. Other volunteers will be involved for the different activities. Former kings/

queens will be escorted from the ticket gate to their seating. Between the first and second quarters the kings/queens will be asked to line up according to the year of graduation. A banner with the class year will be carried by the special guests as they walk on the track in front of the grandstand.

The kings and queens names, year of graduation, and where they're from, will be announced. After all introductions, the committee invites the honored guests to return to their seats and enjoy the rest of the game.

A reception will be held after the game at The Gathering Social Hall (former VFW building) located to the east of the stadium. All fans are welcome to attend. Snacks and a cash bar will be available. Admission will be \$10; however, as honored royalty, the

former kings/queens will be admitted at no charge to both the game and the reception.

The committee sincerely hopes that many kings/queens will be able to attend this event in their honor.

Please respond by Friday, September 17, whether you will or will not be attending by calling (402) 721-1846 ext. 17 or by emailing to garystpatbergan@yahoo.com.



Time to Reflect:

Many anniversaries and special events on tap for Bergan

BY GARY SCHMIDT
Development Officer

Dear Alumni,

Hello to all! Here it is August already, and school has started. Time sure has a way of moving on. Last year I celebrated my 70th birthday and 40th year as an employee of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School and St. Patrick's Parish.

This year Carol and I will be celebrating our 50th year of marriage. Wow, time goes by very quickly when you are having fun. Carol and I are planning a cruise through the Panama Canal in January to celebrate our anniversary.

As usual I enjoyed the Bergan reunion. Friday, July 9, Carol and I attended several of the individual class parties; and Saturday, July 10, we attended the all alumni dinner held at the St. Patrick's Auditorium. I especially enjoy seeing those alumni I had as students who are now from out of town and hearing about what is going on in their lives.

With preschool through 12th grades now a reality there are actually some current students who I had both their parents and grandparents as students. Wow! Doesn't seem possible!

Next year is the 50th year for Archbish-

op Bergan Catholic High School and the 60th for St. Patrick High School. There will be three organized activities to celebrate these milestones:

At homecoming, October 1, all past homecoming kings and queens have been invited back and will be introduced at half-time of the football game. Following the game there will an open reception at The Gathering Social Hall, formerly the VFW Hall, just to the east of Memorial Stadium. It is hoped many of you will be able to attend this activity. Munchies and a cash bar will be available.

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Alumni News

Chapman receives award from IDFG

Joe Chapman, a 1975 graduate of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, received the "Excellence in Aquaculture" Award, presented by the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society annual meeting in Pocatello, Idaho.

Each year the aquaculture branch of Idaho AFS selects one individual to receive the award. This is considered a "lifetime achievement" award in the aquaculture field. Chapman is the third person to have received this award.

"It was quite an honor to receive it, and quite unexpected and humbling, actually," Chapman said.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game also has a separate Hatchery Manager of the Year award, for IDFG employees only, which Joe won back in 1998.

Chapman's twin brother, Jerry, also a 1975 Bergan graduate, received the "Hatchery Manager of the Year" award for IDFG in 2005.

Joe and Jerry are the sons of Robert and Theresa Chapman of Fremont.

Let your classmates know where and how you are

Are you engaged to be married, recently married, had a child, moved, received a promotion at work or been recognized with a special honor? We want to know about it and so do your fellow classmates.

Email to Bergan Forever newsletter editor Maureen Zavadil - mozav1@gmail.com or berganalumni@yahoo.com

*May God bless you
and your family!*

United in Marriage

Brandi Lingle and **Casey Peatrowsky**, both of Fremont, were united in marriage on August 21 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fremont.

Casey is a 1998 graduate of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Memorial funds

Memorial funds can be established to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. For more information contact the St. Patrick's Parish office, 422 E. 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025; or 402-721-6611.

Remembering our alumni

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the deceased alumni and friends of St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Edward Kwiatkowski - died June 26, 2010. *Class of 1985.* Brother of LeAnn Kwiatkowski Tysdal, *Class of 1982.*

Charles Battiato died July 6, 2010. Father of Lou Ann Battiato Shilton, *Class of 1972;* and brother of Fr. Ron Battiato, *Class of 1953.*

Romanus Mueller died July 9, 2010. Father of Dan Mueller, *Class of 1964;* David Mueller, *Class of 1969 (deceased);* and grandfather of Matt Mueller, *Class of 1999;* Anna (Brabec) Church, *1987;* Julia Brabec, *1989;* Margie (Brabec) Utesch, *1993;* and Kelly Brabec, *1994.*

Jacob Wiebold died July 18, 2010. Son of Jaime Wiebold, *Class of 1982;* grandson of James Wiebold, *Class of 1955.*

Ethel Rogers died July 31, 2010. Grandmother of Brock Rogers, *Class of 1998,* Amy Rogers Sund, *Class of 2001* and Kel-

sie Rogers, *Class of 2009.*

Mary Kay (Getzfrid) Lerner died August 19, 2010. *Class of 1972.* Sister of Joan Getzfrid, *Class of 1977.*

Sophie Gunia died August 21, 2010. Grandmother of Kaleen Micek Hodge, *Class of 1987;* and T.J. Micek, *Class of 1995.*

Schmidt...

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Other activities being planned to celebrate the anniversaries will be a representative from each graduating class marching in and out with the seniors at the commencement exercises of the class of 2011.

The major celebration being planned will be the all-school reunion to be held at the St. Patrick's Auditorium the evening of July 9, 2011. All the teachers that we will be able to locate will be invited back as guests for the reunion dinner.

There will be several special activities planned for that weekend and for the banquet itself. It is hoped you will make every effort to attend this celebration of the 60 and 50 years of St. Pat's/Bergan.

Please watch the newsletters and website for more information. We will post a listing of addresses we do not have of former teachers and would appreciate you sharing any such addresses you might have.

Hope to see many of you at the various anniversary activities throughout this next year. "God Bless you and your families."



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Alumni Reunion

Several Alumni from St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School attend reunion events during the weekend of July 9-11

The Alumni and Friends Reunion was held Saturday, July 10, for St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic School alumni.

Elementary and middle/high school building tours were held. Mass was held at 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and was in memory of the following deceased members of the honored classes:

The Class of 1955 deceased members are: Robert Beckius, Delores Hanson Growcock, Clarence Jonas and Marvin Mares; Class of 1960 deceased members are: Virginia LeClair Brainard and Regina Coday Kleekamp; Class of 1965 deceased members are: Dr. Patricia Kent, Gene Twehous, LaNora Martinez Kirchmann, Mary Kay Smith Kaup and Michael Neal.

Class of 1970 deceased members are: Nicki Olson Page, Steve Beeghley, Jeff Greser and Tom Mooney; Class of 1975 deceased members are: Daniel Hunke and Ricky Beiermann; Class of 1980 deceased members are: Susan Liester and Patricia Karmann McCabe; and the Class of 1985 deceased members are: Jim Bergmanis and Sean Rock.

Food was served after Mass at the St. Patrick's Auditorium. Dustin Papa provided the music for entertainment. Yearbooks and trophies were displayed.

The class of 1960 met Friday, July 9 at J's Steakhouse and Wine Bar for cocktails, reminiscing and dinner.

A social and dinner for the class of 1980, and their guests, was held Friday, July 9, at the Woodcliff Restaurant, rural Fremont.

Alumni board sought

The development office is seeking interest in re-enacting a Bergan alumni board. If interested in being on an alumni board, please contact Gary Schmidt at: garystpatbergan@yahoo.com or Maureen Zavadil at: berganalumni@yahoo.com or mzav1@gmail.com

The class also hosted a golf outing Saturday, July 10, at the Fremont Golf Club, toured the school facilities, and attended the Alumni and Friends party. Tim and Kori Krause's hosted a class picnic at their home Sunday, July 11.

The class of 1980 has a Facebook page.

The class of 1985 gathered for its 25th anniversary reunion July 9-10. Guests checked into the hotel on Friday, July 9, and attended the Welcome Back Party at the Outpost Grille and Steakhouse in the Clarion Inn.

Saturday, July 10 - A family luncheon was held Saturday, July 10, at Godfather's Pizza. The class took tours of the new Bergan Elementary; and attended Mass.

Some of the alumni attended the Alumni and Friends party, took tours of the new Bergan Elementary and middle/high school, while others attended the John C. Fremont Days events.

Sunday, July 11, a Mother and Daughter breakfast was held at Village Inn.

The class of 1990 met Friday, July 9, at the Backporch Lounge at Woodcliff, rural

Fremont.

Entertainment was held as well. Members and guests of the class attended the Alumni and Friends party.

The class of 2000 met at Sheri Smith's parent's home (Gene and Peg Steffensmeier) in Fremont on Saturday, July 10.

Donations can double with matching gift programs

Many companies provide matching gift programs that multiply their employees' charitable donations.

To obtain a matching gift, contact your employer's human resources department for a form or information about online procedures. Complete the donor/employee portion of the form and send it with your contribution to: Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, Development Office, 422 E. 4th St., Fremont, NE 68025.

The development staff will complete its part of the form and return it to the company to initiate its fulfillment of the match.



Bergan Booster Club Golf Tournament Saturday, August 28



at The Pines County Club in Valley

4-Person Scramble • Registration starts at 1 p.m. • Tee-off at 2 p.m.

\$100/player or \$400/team (Limited to 36 teams.)

(Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes, beverages and dinner.)

– Raffles to win free golf at various courses –

Please send entry fee and information to: Archbishop Bergan H.S.
c/o Chris Rainforth/Scott Painter, 545 E. 4th St., Fremont, NE 68025.

Alumni Reunion

St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan Catholic High School alumni attend reunion July 9-11



Class of 1960 gather for 50th

Front row, l-r, Donna (Christensen) Nielsen, Lucy (Madden) Comine, Joan (McIlheran) Cuda, DeElda (Fergen) Rounph, Judy (Stewart) Neuhaus and Karen (Charleston) Bergmanis. Back row, Sid Micek, Harry Santner, Gary Sherlock, Joe Raus, William Welch, Charlotte (Sloup) Smith, Marlyn Eckerson, Dave Rouzee, Tom Van Dyke, Carol (Parr) Kull, James Geck, John Connor, Ray Nielsen, Tom Umshied and John Kleecamp.



Members of Class of 2000 meet

Kneeling, l-r, Nichole Owsley, Sheri Smith, Jamie Ringle, Jason Hansen. Middle row, Jeni Archer, Mandy Smutz, Lindsey Maurer. Back row, Jessica Lawson, Melissa Heim, Teddy Craig, Melanie Mueller, Betsy Dean, Paul Von Seggern, Nick Kost, Aaron Langhorst, Corey Ritchie, Josh Hegy and Jeremy Smutz.

News Briefs

Students excel in reading program at Bergan

BY KATHERINE GRIFFEN
Bergan Elementary Principal

Last year Bergan Elementary teachers implement the Daily 5 reading program.

Teacher, student, and parent efforts in the area of reading were a success. The numbers speak for themselves. Along with the improvement of reading scores, the love for reading increased within our students.

2009-2010 Reading Growth

Kindergarten (*Fall*): above, 7; on grade level, 13; below, 10. (*Spring*): above, 9; on grade level, 17; below, 4.

First grade (*Fall*): above, 6; on grade level, 9; below, 12. (*Spring*): above, 17; On grade level, 5; below, 5.

Second grade – (*Fall*): above, 11; On grade level, 8; below, 4; (*Spring*): above, 12; on grade level, 7; below, 4.

Third grade – (*Fall*): above, 15; on grade level, 7; below, 1; (*Spring*): above, 18; on grade level, 5; below, 0.

4th grade –(*Fall*): above, 21; on grade level, 1; below, 4; Spring: above, 21; on grade level, 2; below, 3.

Thank You

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the members that are a part of the Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Booster Club. Without your time, talent, and treasure the Booster Club could not function for the students of Bergan.

If you would like to join the Booster Club, please contact Scott Painter at berganad@yahoo.com or (402) 721-9683.

On behalf of the Booster Club's executive board, thank you for your support!

Lyle Boggs
Booster Club President

Alumni Reunion

Elementary students 'Dive into Learning'

BY KATHERINE GRIFFEN
Bergan Elementary Principal

Dive into Learning...Share the Treasure! Don't be timid, test the waters, and dive right into a year of exploring, learning and adventure. Cast your nets...there's no telling what treasures await buried deep within the school year.

Welcome to a new year of learning. We are so excited to start a full year in our new building, and as a complete preschool through 12 grade school system.

Everyone at Bergan Elementary is "diving in" to find their treasure of learning. For the students, this year's learning focus is Math.

Math will be incorporated throughout the whole day rather than just the allotted class time. Music, P.E. and library specialists have added math components to their lessons and/or warm-ups. Math is even coming out during morning meeting.

For parents, this year's learning focus continues to be getting involved with service opportunities for the school, parish and community. Each family is expected to contribute 50 hours of service. Our treasure goal is 100% involvement and completion of the hours.

For teachers, this year's learning focus is technology. Teachers will be seeking workshops, research, and articles to deepen their knowledge of technology and how to use it to enhance learning. Each in-service this year will focus on a different area of technology.

Please continue to pray for students and Catholic education. Thank you for being such supportive alumni and parishioners.

"Come on!" Jesus said. Peter then got out of the boat and started walking on water toward him. "Save me Lord," he shouted. Right away, Jesus reached out his hand. Matthew 14:29-33.



Class of 1985 gather for 25th

Pictured l-r, Steve Ortmeier, Al Kalhoff, Phil McDermott, Tracy Beran, Andy Venemann, John Burke, Steph Stover-Johnson, Diane Havranek Solcher, Chris Olson Kudrna, Andrea LaMar Vincent, Rhonda Kasper Thompson, Lisa Eckerson Haase, Kevin Ortmeier and Jim Crawford.



Class of 1990 meets

Pictured front row, l-r, Dawn Gottschal, Kim (Moore) Dieckmann, Maria (Tablazon) Smith, Jamie Tichota. Middle Row, Jill (Kassmeier) Gossett, Angie Steiner, Angie (Fisher) Kempf, Lori (Arett) Mayberry, Sandra (Oliver) Kreutzian, Amy (Martin) Wiegert, Dave Conklin. Back row, Dan Gibney, Brian Ridder, Zach Wiegert, Keith Navratil and Julie (Starman) Lampman.

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Development Office

Bergan Knight 2010 preparation begins

Co-chairs, theme chosen for the November 20 dinner auction

BY LeANN HEMBERGER
Development Officer

The Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Development Office is proud to announce that Bergan parents and supporters, James and Diana Meiergerd and Chris and Lynne Walz, will co-chair the Knight 2010 event.

The Knight event will be held this year on November 20. The theme for the evening is Golden Knights, Get Back~Get Bergan, as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

James is from West Point and attended West Point Central Catholic High School. He is employed by Fremont Area Medical Center. Diana is from Ansley. She is a registered nurse and is the senior clinical analyst for HKS Medical Information Systems. They have been married for 23 years.

Two of their three children are graduates of Bergan. Molly, in 2008, lives in Corvallis, Ore., and attends Oregon State University. Grant, is a Bergan 2010 graduate, and will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall. Their daughter, Katie, is a junior at Bergan.

Current activities include the Knights of Columbus, St. Pat's Women, St. Pat's Festival volunteers, Church and School Campaign volunteers, Knight Event volunteer, EMHC, HardBlock volleyball club directors, Bergan Make a Difference project, Paper drives, Bergan Booster Club, Parent Knights. In the past they have also been involved in the Parish Council, Bergan School Board, cantor, St. Pat's Children's Choir. Diana was also the freshman volleyball coach in 2009.

Chris is from Hartington and graduated from Wayne State College. He is the production manager at KHUB/KFMT radio station in Fremont. Lynne grew up in the Fremont/Arlington area and graduated from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont. She is a realtor for Don Peterson and Associates.

All three of the Walz's children have en-

joyed a well rounded experience at Bergan. Adam, graduated in 2007, and currently attends Northwest Missouri in Maryville, Mo., and Patrick, a 2009 graduate, attends Midland. Emma, a third grader, loves attending Archbishop Bergan Catholic School.

Chris and Lynne are members of Salem Lutheran Church in Fontanelle. They are active in Celebration Singers, teaching Sunday school, serving on church council and Men in Mission.

Lynne is also a member of the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and a past Bergan School Board member. "We love St. Pats/Bergan and we enjoy promoting and serving the school whenever possible," Lynne said.

Together with the committee, we invite you to join in making this a "Golden Knight"!

Volunteers needed to help with Knight Event

The 2010 Knight Dinner and Auction will be Saturday, November 20. Preparation as begun and help is needed as we prepare for this year's Dinner and Auction, to raise funds for Archbishop Bergan Catholic School (preschool through 12th grade).

Proceeds from this event go directly to reducing costs at Bergan.

"Golden Knights, Get Back ~Get Bergan" is the theme for this year's event.

Lend your skills and talents to a fun and rewarding project. We are looking for help with the following committees: auction volunteers (live auction, set-up auction rooms, room hosts); decorating committee; clean up after the event; cashiers; valet parking; kitchen and dining room help.

"Because of your generosity, we will be able to build a stronger faith community and will be able to continue to provide a quality Catholic education through Arch-

bishop Bergan Catholic School. Please consider how you and your family can be a part of making this year's Knight event a great success.

I look forward to working with you.", said Fr. Dave Belt.

For more information, please contact LeAnn Hemberger, event coordinator, at 721-1846, ext. 34; or lhemberger@stpatfremont.org



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Adopt a Student

Would you like to help a child receive an education at Bergan Catholic School? You can do so by adopting a student. There are children who would like to attend Bergan but cannot because of financial restraints. There are also students already at Bergan who could use your financial support. Donations of any amount can be made to the Adopt A Student Grant Fund. Donations are tax deductible.

Contact Betty Feldhaus at 721-6611, Ext. 15

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