

Did You Make It to the Hall of Fame Gala?

The night was a smashing success!

Read the article in *Essex News Daily* recapping the Gala and Hall of Fame honorees. [Click here.](#)

To view all of the photos taken at the Gala, [click here.](#)



**Tom Fleming Sunset Classic
Race Announces
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June 29, 2023, marks the 35th running of the Tom Fleming Sunset Classic event with its title sponsor, Brookdale ShopRite. The race will benefit V.E.S.T., a vocational educational student-training program at Bloomfield High School for special needs students. In addition to donating sponsorship funds, Brookdale ShopRite will also continue to provide a complimentary refreshment tent for volunteers, runners and spectators that

includes hotdogs, beverages and assorted snacks. [<Read more.>](#)

Class of '56 Keeps on Zooming

The Class of '56 held its 6th class reunion, by Zoom, on May 5, when over half of our found 66 classmates clicked on...the most so far.

A highlight was guest speaker, former band/orchestra teacher Ray Hartman, now 103 years young, retired to Florida. He reminisced about how his love for music began, his college days, how he matriculated to BHS, and his 16 years of teaching and another 16 in administration. He still plays the trombone with a few of his buddies, and played two songs for us. We know he was touched that we all connected with him, individually and at the Zoom call, as he said "what motivates teachers is to be fondly remembered by their students."



An additional guest was Creighton Catlin, Class of '58, who played drums and was in the band and orchestra, and spoke of how his class has reunions every year.

Alums welcomed their newly found classmates, and traded recollections of fun times spent together...way back when! Our next reunion has been scheduled for Friday, November 3. For additional information, please contact Bill Payne, Class Secretary, at bill.payne10@gmail.com or 626.252.9505.

Class of '56 notes:

Says Jean Cozza '56 -- "Bill, I was in the class of 1958 and was in the orchestra - violin 0 and band - flute - during your senior year. I spent much time with Mr. Hartman. If there is a chance please give him my best wishes! Is there any way to send a note?"

Jean

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BEF Supports Special Olympics

Bloomfield High School Physical Education/Health/Driver Education and Special Olympic Coordinator, Megan Leonard was very grateful for the BEF support of the Special Olympic basketball teams.



She thanked BEF for their support of our Special Olympics athletes.

Here is what athletes, parents, and coaches had to say:

- Athlete Samuel Garcia: "I like these uniforms much better than our old ones."
- Parent/coach Erich Olsen: "Great job on the new uniforms."
- Teacher Bloomfield High School Ms. Melissa Terranova: "Those uniforms look awesome, they really bring them together as a team."

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