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"There is a crane at the bottom of the quarry."

"The rock fence around the baseball field on the middle school lower campus is supposed to be quarry rock from the Berlin Quarry."

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Berlin High School Alumni Association - "The Oldest in the State"

Speaker overcomes obstacles, saves store

By Jon Krueger and Sadie Obrigewitch, 2012

Michelle Schry, BHS graduate of '87, will be speaking at this year's Alumni Banquet. Schry's speech will focus on cooperation, personal empowerment and finding inspiration in unlikely places.

After graduation, Schry attended UW-La Crosse where she earned her Bachelors of Science degree. During her college years, Schry worked a variety of jobs.

"I worked my way through college as a trophy engraver, a bistro chef and as a night manager for People's Food Co-op, a natural foods store," Schry said.

Schry moved to the Twin Cities after graduating college. She spent a year there before relocating back to Madison. There, she took a job as General Manager of Magic Mill Natural Foods.

After bringing Magic Mill from near bankruptcy, Schry was recruited to be part of a Manager on Contract program in New Hampshire where she managed a small co-op with the goal of eventual expansion.

In the spring of 2001, Schry was given the opportunity to return to Wisconsin to work for the company that employed her during her college career.

"After accomplishing my goals in New Hamp-



Photo Submitted

Michelle Schry received the Rada Distinguished Alumni Award from UW-La Crosse in 2006. Alongside Schry are her younger brothers, Todd Schry (left) and Greg Schry (right), who were also BHS graduates.

shire, I left at the chance to return to Wisconsin," Schry said. "I took a position as General Manager of People's Food Co-op. I had come full circle."

In the last decade, Schry has lead People's Food Co-op from a small retailer to a significant community resource and has more than quadrupled their annual sales.

Schry has achieved much in her life so far, but

not without running into some obstacles. The biggest obstacle she had to overcome was her own lack of self-confidence.

"I had to learn to dream about what was possible, expand my understanding of the world around me, and truly believe that I could create my own success," Schry said. "What sets successful people apart from others is how well we are able to pick ourselves up and try again."

Timeline of an Alumna

1987	1992	1999	2001	2006	2012
Graduated from Berlin High School	Graduated from UW- La Crosse	Manager of a food co-op in New Hampshire	General Manager of People's Food Co-op	Receives the Rada Distinguished Alumni Award	Completed home projects started a decade ago

Endowment Fund rewards seniors

The BHS Alumni Association Endowment Fund continues to grow and to be used to give six graduating seniors a scholarship to assist with college tuition. In addition, it is used to fund The Echo newsletter. The Alumni Association would like to acknowledge that since 2009, our donations exceeded the costs for the scholarships and banquet. Thank you for helping to reward both past and present Berlin High School graduates.

The 2011 BHS Alumni Association Scholarship recipients, who received \$1,500.00 each, were

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Bartol selected as 50-year speaker

By Caleb Draves, 2012

After living in Berlin most of her life, 1962 BHS graduate Gerene Bartol (Meyer) has been selected as the 50-year alumni speaker.

"My claim to fame is raising four good citizens," Bartol said.

A Warburg College graduate with a degree in education and nine years teaching experience

at All-Saints Catholic school, Bartol's connection with local youth will be one of the focal points of her speech.

"I plan on focusing on education, kid's goals today and how things have changed in general," Bartol said. "It is a different world out there for sure."

Although Bartol was chosen last-minute, her connection with the community is sure

to produce an interesting and relevant speech.

Bartol is now retired, but keeps busy volunteering and participating in community events. From hospice volunteering, church duties, bridge at the Senior Center and her grand kids, Bartol is one of Berlin's familiar faces. She is also a diehard Wisconsin sports fan, who often watches numerous games at once!

Alumni Spotlight: Carey reached success in Navy

By Jenna Horn, 2013

An officer in the Navy does not become eligible for selection to the position of Rear Admiral until they have approximately 26 years of service and experience. Jim Carey, a graduate from the class of 1956, has done just that. He made his way up the rank and became a Rear Admiral, a position few captains achieve.

While in high school, Carey was involved in various extracurricular activities including football, basketball, track and Boy Scouts. In 1956, Carey was named an Outstanding Junior Citizen

of the State.

"I credit a lot of my success in the Navy to my teachers at BHS and the many lessons they taught me about responsibility, authority and accountability," Carey said.

After high school Carey attended Northwestern University and graduated in 1960.

"Once I was no longer in college, the Draft Board began preparations to draft me," Carey said. "So, to have some choice, I enlisted in the Navy in 1961."

After graduating from Officers Candidate School in 1962, Carey was assigned to the U.S.S. TOPEKA, a guided

missile cruiser out of Long Beach, CA.

Admiral Carey was a Surface Warfare Officer on the TOPEKA. Carey maintained and operated the ship along with the crew and systems.

Carey was stationed in various places throughout the world, from the Pentagon to California, Virginia, Hong Kong and Japan.

Carey served in uniform as a Rear Admiral for five years and has held the rank of Rear Admiral (Ret.) for 17 years.

Carey now resides in Alexandria, VA. He is married to Arlene Patricia Brooks, and has two daughters, a granddaughter and a grandson.

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Highlights from the Red 'n' Green

Future journalists 'Meet the Press' in D.C.



Photo: D. Eggen

The importance of our first amendment rights and the volumes of information we learned at the conference were the main topics of my closing speech.

by

Karnpal Cheema, 2012

David Gregory, Judy Woodruff and former journalist and attorney general to Robert Kennedy, John Sigenthaler, were a number of the well known figures that 50

"How will the mascot change affect Homecoming?"

"I think people will be sad that we are not the Indians anymore," sophomore Kinsey Harmon said.

"I think everyone will wear all of their Indian stuff and go all out," junior Emily Jones said.

"I think we will be more into Homecoming and have more school spirit," junior Nathaniel Resop said.

"Now is the time to show spirit!" junior Carly Standke said.

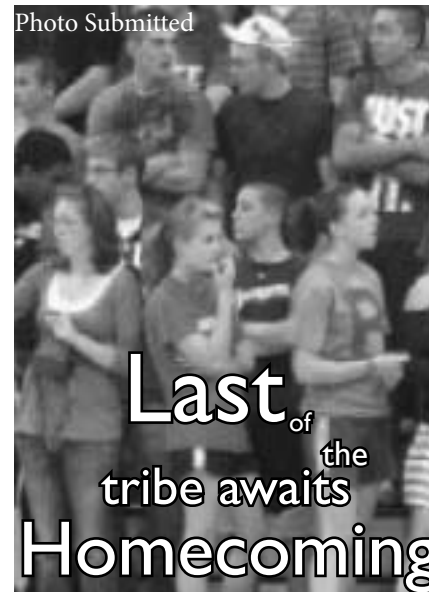


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by

Hailey Prachel, 2013

For 72 years, Berlin has celebrated Homecoming, and has been the Indians for even longer. Now that the mascot change is in progress, this is the last year classes celebrate Homecoming as the Indians.

"Berlin is very unique when it comes to Homecoming," Guidance Counselor Ann Ragus said. "You always see the classes (alumni) together."

While Homecoming is for reuniting alumni, it is also for the students. Every year, the students participate in a week of activities.

"I am going to miss the dress up days so much, it let's you be yourself!" senior Tabitha Eastberg said.

Homecoming week will consist of dress up days, various activities, the Friday night football game and the dance.

fellow prospective journalists and I had the honor to meet in Washington, D.C.

Established to recognize future journalists, the Al Neuharth Free Spirit Journalism Conference took place at the Newseum in Washington, D.C from July 9 to 14, 2011.

A student journalist from each state and one from D.C. was selected from a vast pool of applicants to receive a \$1,000 scholarship along with an all-expense paid trip to the conference.

Over the course of five days, the 51 students visited sites, met with famous journalists and, most importantly, learned about the vast and constantly evolving field of journalism.

The young journalists visited Capitol Hill where they had a Q&A session with prominent members of the Capitol Press Corps. A session with White House Press Corps journalists and members of the president's press office was also on the itinerary, followed by a tour of America's House.

The group also sat in on a taping of "Meet the Press," on July 10, with guests Secretary of the Treasury Tim Geitner and former presidential hopeful Tim Pawlenty (R).

The students visited the headquarters

of Al Neuharth's Creation, "USA Today." After a tour of the facilities, the students had a discussion with Executive Editor John Hillkirk.

The 51 students also had time to relax. The Freedom Forum, parent organization to the Free Spirit program and the Newseum, rented a yacht for the scholars to take a night time cruise on the Potomac. Near the end of the week, the students attended the State of the First Amendment Luncheon at the National Press Club. The Newseum also held a luncheon, featuring Freedom Riders Dr. Ernest Patton and Susan Wilbur, and one of the founders of the Freedom Forum, John Sigenthaler.

The luncheon was followed by the graduation ceremony where medals were distributed. I had the honor of being one of two students chosen by our peers to give a speech about what our week meant to us.

The Free Spirit and Journalism Conference provided an in-depth look at the world of journalism.

"We had 16-hour days filled with relevant, important and interactive learning," Sara Graybill (MT) said, "This conference helped us all become better journalists."