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NEWSLETTER

# BEAR TRACKS

## Class of 2026 Graduation

On May 23, 2026, the Class of 2026 from Butler Traditional High School celebrated a major milestone as graduates walked across the stage at Freedom Hall surrounded by proud families, friends, teachers, and administrators. The ceremony marked the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and growth for the graduating seniors. Students entered the arena wearing caps and gowns, symbolizing not only academic achievement but also the memories, challenges, and accomplishments that shaped their high school experience.

The atmosphere inside Freedom Hall was filled with excitement and emotion as graduates celebrated together one final time as the Butler Class of 2026. Principal William M. Allen presented diplomas to graduates as families cheered from the stands. Many students embraced classmates, teachers, and loved ones throughout the ceremony, reflecting the strong relationships and sense of community built during their time at Butler.

Graduation represented more than receiving a diploma; it symbolized the beginning of a new chapter. Members of the Class of 2026 now move forward toward college, careers, military service, and other future opportunities. As graduates turned their tassels and celebrated together at the conclusion of the ceremony, the moment served as a reminder of the resilience, determination, and pride that define the Butler community. The graduation ceremony at Freedom Hall honored not only academic success but also the lasting impact of friendships, mentorships, and experiences created throughout their years at Butler Traditional High School.



## Softball Finishes Top 4 in Region

The 2026 season was a memorable and successful year for the Butler Traditional High School softball program. Throughout the season, the team demonstrated resilience, determination, and tremendous growth both on and off the field. Players consistently competed with intensity and represented Butler with pride, teamwork, and sportsmanship. From early-season challenges to important district and regional matchups, the team continued to improve and develop stronger chemistry, which played a major role in their success throughout the year.

One of the biggest accomplishments of the season was finishing among the top four teams in the region. Reaching the regional semifinals reflected the hard work and commitment of the players and coaching staff throughout the entire season. The team faced strong competition but continued to rise to the occasion with clutch performances, strong defensive play, and timely hitting. Their ability to support one another and compete together as a team helped them earn respect across the region and establish themselves as one of the area's top programs.

Beyond wins and accomplishments, this season was defined by leadership, perseverance, and the relationships built along the way. Senior players helped set the tone for the program by demonstrating dedication and encouraging younger teammates to continue building toward future success. The season also created lasting memories for players, coaches, families, and supporters who rallied behind the team throughout the year. Finishing in the top four of the region is an achievement the Butler softball program can take pride in, and it provides strong momentum for the future of the program.

## Track & Field

The Butler Traditional High School track and field team had an outstanding season highlighted by impressive performances and championship success. One of the biggest accomplishments came from the boys' 4x200-meter relay team, whose speed, teamwork, and determination led them to a first-place finish. The relay team demonstrated excellent chemistry and consistency throughout the season, and their hard work paid off as they competed at a high level against strong competition. Their victory reflected the dedication and countless hours of preparation put in by both the athletes and coaching staff.

Another major highlight of the season was the performance of Shannon Pasha in the triple jump. Shannon had an exceptional year and continued to stand out as one of Butler's top field event athletes. Through discipline, focus, and athletic ability, Shannon achieved success in the triple jump and represented Butler with pride in competition. Her accomplishments showcased not only her individual talent but also her commitment to improving throughout the season.

Jeremiah Ellington also had a strong season in the shot put, qualifying for the state championship meet and finishing 16th in the state. His accomplishment reflected the dedication and hard work he displayed throughout the season while competing against some of the top athletes in Kentucky. Qualifying for state is a significant achievement and demonstrated Jeremiah's commitment to representing Butler at the highest level of competition.

The success of the boys' 4x200 relay team, Shannon Pasha, and Jeremiah Ellington helped make this season a memorable one for Butler track and field. Their achievements brought pride to the school community and reflected the strong culture of hard work, perseverance, and excellence within the program. These accomplishments also set a strong example for younger athletes and demonstrated what can be achieved through dedication, teamwork, and commitment to the sport.



## Aria McFarland-Wrestling



Aria McFarland represented Butler Traditional High School with determination and grit during the wrestling season, earning a 5th-place finish at the Central Regional Championship. Competing against strong competition, Aria demonstrated resilience, discipline, and hard work throughout the tournament. Her accomplishment reflects the dedication she showed all season and highlights the continued growth and success of Butler's wrestling program.

## Alum Emily Williams

Emily Williams continues to make Butler proud through her success at the collegiate level after breaking her college program's single-season RBI record. Her accomplishment is a reflection of the hard work, dedication, and talent she has demonstrated throughout her softball career beginning at Butler Traditional High School. Emily's achievement not only highlights her individual success but also serves as an inspiration to current Butler student-athletes who hope to continue competing and excelling beyond high school.





# BUTLER BEARS

## 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Butler High School, Class of 1981

**Saturday, July 18th, 2026**

**7 p.m. - 10 p.m.**



**Location: Hillview Government Center  
283 Crestwood Lane  
Louisville, KY 40229**

**\$15 paid in advance or \$20 at the door**

**R.S.V.P to**

**Robyn Dohoney Carman  
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RobynCarman812@yahoo.com**



**Food and non-alcoholic beverages provided.**



**BYOB**  
(Please drink responsibly)

**Golden Bear for class of 1976  
and 1966  
Friday September 18 5-8  
More details to follow!**

**Bears Night Out  
June 12  
Mike Linnings  
4-9**

### Obits

Norma	Fletcher	Hoffman	1970
Patricia	Watkins	Maier	1972



Come support:

### SEBAA Bingo Nights

Jtown Bingo Hall  
9125 Galene Drive  
Every Sunday, games start at  
7:00pm  
Pull tab sales start at 5:30pm  
Paper sales start at 6:00pm

### Ron Orwick

With much sadness we report the passing of Mr. Ron Orwick.

Mr. Orwick was a long time teacher of Math and German at Butler. He was also an Assistant Football Coach.

Prior to Butler, Mr. Orwick was the football coach at St. Helen's. He took this team to the City Finals. He had also been a football coach at Bishop David.

One of his great passions during his free time was teaching English to the Grooms and Hot Walkers on the back side, at the barns, of Churchill Downs.

Mr. Orwick loved playing guitar and Louisville and Kentucky basketball. Many of you have heard his song "LouisTucky CardCats".

After retiring from Butler, Mr. Orwick became great friends with a lot of his former students thanks in part to Facebook. He attended several of our official and unofficial Alumni Association events.

Everyone knew him simply as Coach. He will be greatly missed.