

"Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the LORD."
Ephesians 2:20-21

MEET CORAL OLD BULL: A NEW LEGACY

"I was a mean girl in 6th grade," Coral Old Bull flatly states, much to the surprise of anyone who knows her today! She continues, "I lost my dad in a car accident when I was 7. I carried that inside me for a long time and it just came out those years."

Coral attended St. Charles Borromeo before moving to Pryor Public Schools in the middle of 6th grade. "It was good for me to change my environment, to be around a new group of kids. But I missed God, going to mass, and prayer. When I came back to a Catholic school, I felt like me again," she sighs in relief.

Coral's mom, Quindy, wanted her daughter to attend Billings Central Catholic. "My mom attended Central. She always planned on sending me. Academics were important! I'm so grateful to her." Instead of waiting to start at Central her freshman year, they decided to start her in 7th grade, a 45-minute drive from Pryor to St. Francis every day.

"I was so scared that year. I was smart in my old school! But at St. Francis, everyone is smart! They were teaching things I'd never learned, and I was afraid to ask!" Coral went on, "Mrs. Fallang was so helpful to me those years. I love Mrs. Fallang!"

When asked if the primary reason she attended Central was for the academics, she shyly adds, "Well, maybe for the basketball too."

Growing up, Coral was a soccer player. She wanted nothing to do with basketball. That was her dad's sport! Coral's late father, Elvis Old Bull, the

legend from Lodge Grass, is one of the greatest high school basketball players Montana has ever seen.

For Coral, it's a complicated legacy to live up to. "I chose to play basketball for my dad, but that legacy is intimidating. Basketball is some of the best and worst times of my life. Freshman year basketball was overwhelming to me. But then last year, Coach Ailes gave me number 52 to wear in honor of my dad!" 52 was the number Elvis wore winning 3 state class B championships.



But it is Quindy who gently pushes Coral to make her own legacy, "My mom reminds me of that all the time, that I am my own."

And Coral is! She was vital to our RAMS state basketball championship this past March. "Winning a state championship is...its...," her words trail off as she looks up, "it's so hard to describe that feeling. I prayed, like, 10 Hail Mary's that game!"

When asked what she is looking forward to the most this year in basketball, Coral thoughtfully replies, "Everyone says repeating as state champions, which would be awesome. For me, I remember looking up to those seniors. And now I'm a senior!

What can I leave for others?"

Others are taking notice of Coral too. Last May, Coral received the inaugural Bill Osborne Memorial Award – a newly established scholarship award for a Central student-athlete who demonstrates exceptional sportsmanship. (See pg. 2 for more on the Bill Osborne Memorial Award)

When asked about her future, she glances over basketball. "That'd be cool to be recruited," she casually says.

Ask about her future vocation, and she lights up! "When I had Mrs. Flynn in 8th grade, we did a unit on nutrition. I loved it! Many in my family, my mom, and my community have diabetes. I want to go into healthcare and be a nutritionist!" She exclaimed. "I'm a member of HOSA. (A student club exploring health careers) I went to a summer college program this last year called 'Indians in Healthcare' at the Univ. of North Dakota. I want to come back to Pryor as a dietician for Indian Health Services!"

But in the next breath, Coral knows what that future means, "It will be hard leaving Central. I always felt I belonged here. My coaches, my teachers, my friends, my faith are here! Central did a lot for me. I'm not that same mean girl anymore!" ✚

Because of you and your support of tuition assistance programs and scholarship funds, students like Coral can attend our Billings Catholic Schools! Thank You!

Welcome to The Cornerstone, your quarterly newsletter from your family at the Billings Catholic Schools and Foundation. In these pages, you will read stories of tremendous students, families, and alumni; school updates and happenings; invitations to events; and of course, ways to continue your support of our schools.

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THE INAUGURAL BILL OSBORNE MEMORIAL AWARD

We all know RAMS athletics takes pride in its winning traditions. With 119 state championships in its illustrious 76-year history, our RAMS stand atop the championship mountain often.

But winning championships is not the most important. Young men and women pursuing academic excellence while being molded in the virtues of our Catholic schools is foundational. In fact, Bill Osborne – Billings Central’s original 1948 athletics coach – made sure of it!

For Coach Osborne, sportsmanship, fair play, and character were the essentials of a budding sports program.

“My dad always insisted on it!” Doug Osborne ‘71 – Bill’s son – said. “To tell one story, during a basketball game, the other team had 5 players total, no one on the bench. One fouled out. Out of fairness, Dad took one of his players out. And then again, another of their players fouled out. And dad did the same. 3-on-3 basketball. Fair play was more important to him than winning or losing!”

To honor Coach Bill Osborne, Doug has established the Bill Osborne Memorial Award.

“This scholarship is for those student athletes who demonstrate the same spirit that dad did,” Doug goes on, “Playing hard but fair is a way of life,

and that sport is about character. I want to see that same spirit awarded in the next generation of student athletes!”



Coaches Bill Nyman, Joe Meglen, and Bill Osborne look over the Rams’ record for this year.

Coral Old Bull is the inaugural Bill Osborne Memorial Award winner for 2024 for her true sportsman spirit! +



RAMS BASEBALL IS BACK!

For the first time since 1956, RAMS baseball is back at your Billings Central Catholic High School starting spring of 2025!

As you know, baseball’s prior absence from Montana High School sports was glaring. Despite its decades-long absence, baseball has grown throughout our state through Little League, travel teams, and American Legion Baseball.

In 2022, recognizing baseball’s passionate community of players and families across the state, the Montana High School Association authorized baseball as an official sport for Montana high schools.

This allows students who cannot experience Legion Baseball to play baseball in the spring. Moreover,



for students who can play Legion, this will augment their experience by allowing them to play additional games with their friends and

classmates.

Of course, with any program expansion, there are initial start-up expenses to address, including uniforms, player and team gear, practice equipment, and facility needs.

90% of the \$150,000 goal to fund the program’s first three years has been raised. This eases the burden for tuition-paying families. After this three year period, the program’s operations will be sustained in the same manner as other RAMS athletic teams.

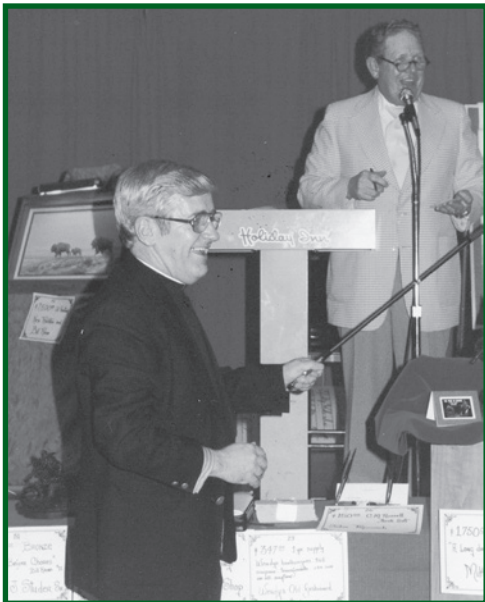
Would you like to see baseball back at Billings Central? Give a gift to help our “Boys of Summer” lace them up for your RAMS! +



MAYFAIR MINUTE

50 YEARS OF MAYFAIR

In 1976, Fr. John Kindall, S.J. – Principal of Billings Central – brought a new kind of fundraiser to Catholic Schools in Billings. At the time, our BCS Family came together to keep our schools sustainable for all. Mayfair was one part of the answer! In that first Mayfair catalogue, Fr. Kindall wrote the following letter to our Billings Catholic Schools family.



DEAR FRIENDS:

Welcome to MAYFAIR!

This has turned out to be a mammoth project, more so than any of us realized when we first started. Hundreds of people have been involved and thousands of manpower hours have been expended, but I doubt if there's anyone who's worked on Mayfair in any capacity who doesn't believe it's all worth it.

After all, we're working for our Catholic education system in Billings, which includes the four elementary schools, Central High, and the Parish C.C.D. programs. This religious education system has been a mainstay of the Billings community for many years, and the fact that so many people have been generously willing to work on Mayfair and contribute to it is a sure sign that the Billings community considers our Catholic educational program eminently worthy of support...

Mayfair is a fair in May, a happy, fun-filled time, so enjoy yourself!

And God bless you for all the hard work and generous contributions for the Catholic education of our children.

Sincerely and gratefully,

FATHER JOHN KINDALL, S.J., Principal

Fr. Kindall's words ring true 50 years later. One wonders if those original volunteers knew then what Mayfair would become today. A project that raises hundreds of thousands of dollars each year and has distributed millions of funds to our schools! Over the next year, stay tuned as we celebrate 50 years of Mayfair!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Mayfair Online Auction begins Saturday, May 3, 2025.

The Mayfair Gala Dinner and Live Auction is Saturday, May 10, 2025. †



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Supporter Information

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HELP THEM CLIMB ON RAMS DAY OF GIVING, OCTOBER 10

Help them climb with the 4th Annual Rams Day of Giving. This 24-hour virtual event impacts our students, families, teachers, staff, and schools with funds they need and projects you care about most!

Your gifts to last year's Rams Day of Giving helped complete many projects for our schools! The 3rd grade received all new sets of class books. Mr. Fairbanks' Film, Design, and Editing course funded new cameras, lighting,

audio visual equipment, PCs and software. Mrs. Colloton, St. Francis Counselor, implemented new social and emotional curriculum to help students build resilience and mental skills. The St. Francis Chapel will be flying a new SFC banner.

The top 5 projects that receive the most donors will receive additional prize funds of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. There will be matching gift challenges for specified projects. Even the

smallest gift of \$5.00 can make an incredible impact!

HELP THEM CLIMB on Thursday, October 10 through Rams Day of Giving!

Stay tuned through the mail, our website, and our Facebook page. Our Rams Day of Giving platform website will be live Thursday, October 3. **+**



MEN'S ROUNDTABLE WOMEN'S TURN THE TABLE

Join your Billings Central Athletics and Activities for **Men's Roundtable and Women's Turn the Table!** See the dates below. Grab a friend and come for food, drinks, and a LIVELY social with your Billings Catholic Schools family. Visit the BCS website to register! **+**

ESTATE SEMINAR

Your BCS Foundation and Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana present "**A Time for Everything**", an estate planning seminar for end-of-life preparation: wills and trusts, powers of attorney, tax and probate planning, gifting, and more. Contact us to register! **+**

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RAMS Athletic
Schedules

upcoming events*:

Rams Day of Giving	Thursday, October 10
Men's Roundtable	Wednesday, October 23
Women's Turn the Tables	Wednesday, October 30
BCSF/CFEMT Estate Seminar @ St. Patrick.....	Wednesday, November 6

*Events are subject to change. If you're signed up, check your email for the most current information; or sign up for email updates today!

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