

New Haven Stories - Nathan Bailey

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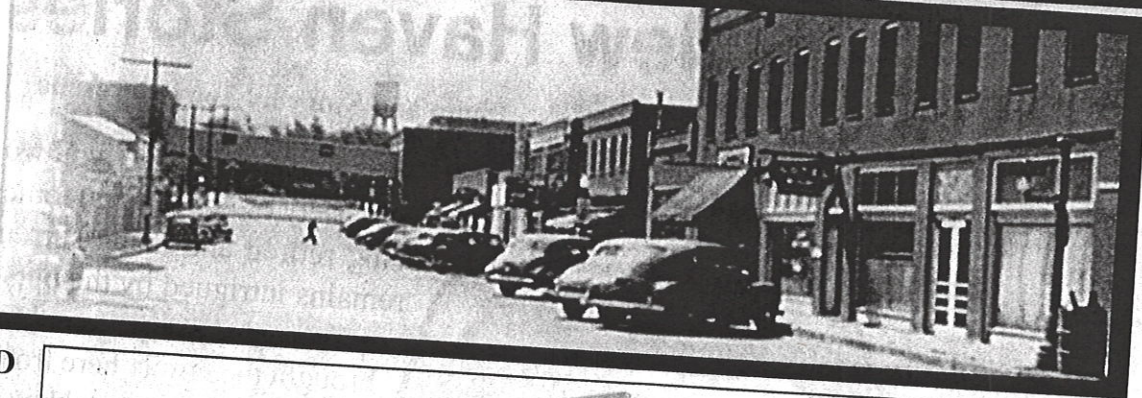
Nathan Bailey is the guy you would want on your team if you were playing any kind of game that involves a wide variety of educational topics. You can find him at the library, these days, working part time and enjoying being retired and being surrounded by books. After a professional life of teaching and administering, he remains intrigued by the pursuit of knowledge.

Nathan's family moved to New Haven when he was 4-years-old. He is one of seven kids and his father brought the family here from Pacific to work for Hawthorne and what is more recently known as Kellwood. Nathan went through New Haven Elementary, Middle School and High School, and then off to college to SMSU in Springfield and graduated with a degree in English Education with a journalism minor. Nathan started working for the Springfield paper as a journalist and later got an internship over the summer at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. After graduating, Nathan began working at a machine shop in Washington, MO, and used his education skills to become a shop steward to help educate his fellow workers. He then decided to put his degree to work in the New Haven School District by working as a parent educator, helping both students and parents. His position was funded by a grant and the grant ended after a year. His wife, Barbara, had found a position in the newspaper that provided Nathan with a teaching job for the Lonedell R-14 schools. He and Barbara moved there and he taught for eight years while getting a masters degree in guidance counseling. He then taught in Pacific for a year and also served on the Lonedell school board. A friend alerted him to a position as a guidance counselor for the Ladue School District in St. Louis County. He got the job and moved up to Assistant Principal and then Principal, and worked there for ten years. He and Barbara had moved back to New Haven after living in Lonedell and Nathan commuted into Ladue everyday for his job as Principal. The commute caused him to find a position closer to home, in Union as Middle School Principal and then Principal, and finally as Assistant Principal at the High School.

Nathan, then retired from Union four years ago, and since then, he and Barbara have traveled and camped in Maine, most of Missouri's State Parks, and visited their daughters in Atlanta and Kansas City. The both also completed the Missouri Master Gardener Program. Nathan became interested in growing garlic and planted 125 seeds a couple of years ago. This past year he expanded his garlic production with 925 garlic seeds.

Nathan has also served as a New Haven Alderman for nine years. In keeping with staying active, Nathan mentioned that he and Barbara got into running Marathons. He ran the St. Louis Marathon in 2012 and the Chicago Marathon in 2013. This Renaissance Man is setting a pace to continue to do great things here in New Haven.





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