



## Joplin Eagles

# "JHS Class of '64"

Issue 10

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## Celebrating Our 10th Edition

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### Class Website:

**We are getting ready to update the class website and would love to have input from our classmates. Any old pictures, or current ones for that matter. Past events or interesting recent events you would like to share with us would be welcome.**  
[www.joplinmo64.com](http://www.joplinmo64.com)

"Summertime and the livin' is easy...." And, hot!!—at least for those of us who reside in the Midwest. We'd savor some easy living about now, but instead we've seen summertime stagger from sizzle to swelter in record time.

As we struggle with temps lingering in the triple digits, our small consolation is knowing that nothing, including the weather, stays the same. That's true whether we're discussing possible climate change or the predictable changes that have taken place in our lives since graduating from

Joplin High School nearly fifty years ago.

We're fast forwarding, among other things in this issue, to the summer of 2014 and doing some long-range planning for our (e-gads!) 50th JHS Class of '64 Reunion. This one will commemorate the passing of five decades since we marched down the aisle to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" and began the march of time that started just after we flipped those tassels.

We're hoping that you're making plans to

celebrate with us as we reconvene in Joplin to acknowledge that, indeed, we've changed since those days that found us just on the cusp of adulthood. Life has seasoned us in ways we couldn't have imagined back then.

But what hasn't changed, perhaps, is a desire to "go home again" to reconnect with old friends, and maybe cultivate some new ones—to reminisce with those, no matter how different we may have been, who shared that place and time with us in the early 1960s.

*Jeanne Looper Smith*

### "Catching Up With a Classmate by Jeanne Looper Smith"

Spending a fun couple of hours catching up with JHS classmate Diane Moore Langevin in her New England neck of the woods, influenced the choice of a past Joplin Globe column that runs below. Dave Knisley and I were working in the Springfield, Massachusetts area early in June producing a

video for the American Truck Historical Society headquartered in Kansas City. (Dave owns a video production company in K.C. and employs me as a free-lance script writer.) When Diane got a Facebook "heads-up" that we were going to be in her area, she suggested we get together for dinner.

We had a great time catching up, with each of us giving the "Cliff Notes" version of our lives and laughing about our earlier days in Joplin. Diane and I started our school careers together in kindergarten at Washington School and were cheerleaders at East Jr. High

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## Marvin Gray - Bio

**"My dad thought I was a little casual with my studies and perhaps lacking in ability and drive...."**



Like most kids, I grew up in an average home with my Dad & Mom both working to provide for us. My dad went off daily in pursuit of another sales transaction while my mom was cooking, cleaning and making a comfortable home for our family. We lived on Zora street about a block from Oakland School where I met and played with kids I would go thru grade school, junior high and finally high school. Guys like Jim Lamb, Lynn Lawson and Dave Boman and a bunch of others....a nice group of people I still think of frequently.

My dad thought I was a little casual with my studies and perhaps lacking in ability and drive....but I like to think I was preparing myself for a full frontal attack on a sales career. First, I had to fulfill my military obligation so following graduation I chose to enlist in the Navy where I discovered there was a sincere lack of humor in most of the people I encountered...so I made it my top priority to survive 2 tours of Viet Nam on different aircraft carriers and free

myself from all forms of military control. On September 1, 1967 I was able to regain my freedom and once again move about freely. That was one great day!

However, I did not enjoy a long run of complete freedom. Late in 1967 I met a Joplin girl named Marsha Johnson and she soon convinced me that perhaps freedom was overrated. Marsha had graduated with the class of '65 and continued her studies at the Junior College. Anyway, in the Spring of 1968 we married and began our life together....with Marsha helping with her job at the Missouri Highway Department and I began selling cars for R & S Chevrolet. This era would continue for 15 years or so with our two children, Marsha & Marvin, Jr. being born in Joplin.

With our family complete and our home firmly established we would carry on until our next big opportunity arrived.

As I began to mature and understand sales, business procedures and open ended opportunity, I grew restless with my sales work. This is the era of discov-

ery as we searched for a new opportunity and perhaps a new community. Soon I announced to our family that I felt we should move to Bentonville, Arkansas and become adopted hillbillies. This new thought did not find instant acceptance... partially due to Marsha's belief that we were meant to live and die in Joplin. Working swiftly to enlist our kids in this "Move to Arkansas" campaign I was able to convince everyone this was the opportunity we had been searching for--so in 1983 we moved to Bentonville and that began our journey to another level.

By 1986 I had learned a great deal about serving people with professional office products and this would lead us to strike out on our own. Marsha and I created a very small business called Professional Business Systems and we began to move forward in Northwest Arkansas. After a little bit of suffering and a whole lot of learning we found our little

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## Mitch Stinnett - Bio

**"I attended MU-Columbia after which I was accepted into Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. "**



Before I write about myself, let me speak of "Joplin"! I have always loved Joplin, so much so that I moved back in the early 1980's with my family and happily lived here since. Never have I been so proud of Joplin or loved it so much as in the past year since the tornado hit on May 21, 2011. The world has seen what a proud, strong, and fantastic community this is! I also want to thank all of you who have reached out to us and made the clean up and recovery we have seen here possible!

I grew up in Joplin, attending Irving Elementary, South Junior, and Joplin High School. I played football with many of you and tried to play basketball, but coach Kaminsky said if I could jump a little higher he could slide a sheet of paper under my feet. I attended MU-Columbia after which I was accepted into Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. I graduated from medical school in 1971 and began my surgery residency training in Houston at Baylor Affiliated Hospitals. The draft was still in effect then and I volunteered

for the Air Force after two years of surgery residency. The USAF accepted me into the flight surgeon program so I went to San Antonio, Brook AFB to the school of aerospace medicine for 3 months. I was then attached to the 56th Special Operations Group and sent to Nakhon Phanom Thailand to crew the HH 53 air rescue helicopters. During that year, I had the opportunity to travel extensively in S.E. Asia and the Orient. Upon completion of my tour I was rotated back to Castle AFB in Atwater, CA to finish my 2 year hitch. I had the chance to travel all around in CA that year and took a 30 day leave to tour Europe and North Africa with some of my buddies from Viet Nam. In July of 1975, when I was discharged from the Air Force, I returned to Houston to complete my general and vascular surgery residency with Dr. Michael DeBakey and his staff. In 1976, I met the love of my life, Deborah Susan Wimpee; we were engaged in 5 weeks and married in 5 months on April 10, 1976.

After general surgery training, I was fortunate to be selected to the cardio-thoracic surgery residency with Dr. Denton Cooley at the Texas Heart Institute, also in Houston. After completion of cardiac surgery training, I was asked to join Dr. Cooley's staff as an associate. During this time, the board and administration of St. John's Hospital in Joplin asked me to come home and pioneer a cardiac surgery and invasive cardiology program at St. John's. After much thought and prayer, Deborah and I came to the decision that this was the place we should be. We have two wonderful children, Alyson Gayle Stinnett Miller and David Mitchell Stinnett, who both live in Joplin and have given us 3 beautiful grandchildren, Emily and Luke Miller and Sophia Stinnett.

In February 2002, I retired from surgery due to some serious health issues. I was offered a position in St. John's (now Mercy) administration part time, which I am still doing. We are very busy recovering from the tornado and

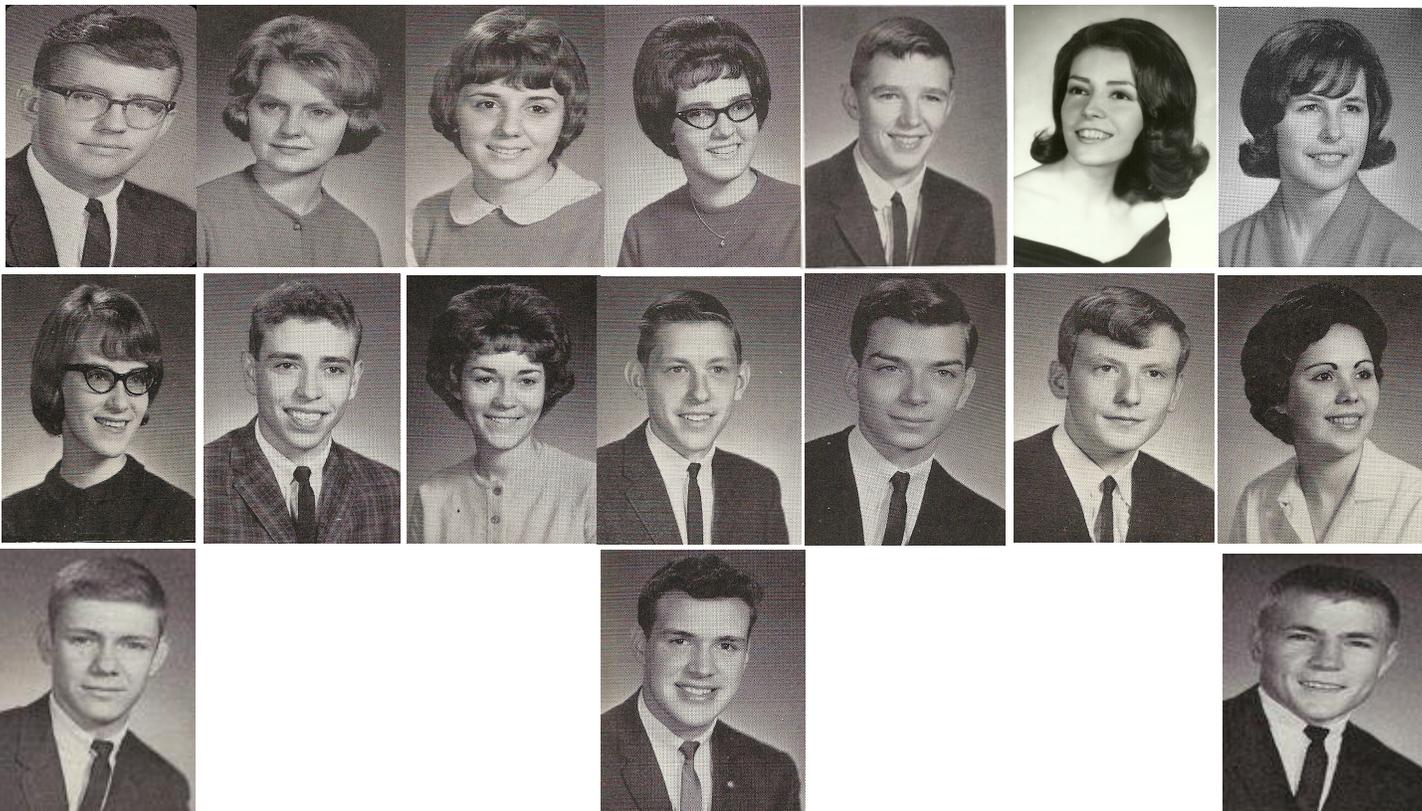
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**ATTENTION!!!**



*Fortunately we had two bio entries come through for this newsletter and we thank Marvin Gray & Mitch Stinnett for helping us to keep this portion alive and well, at least for this edition. Now, we are out of bios for our next newsletter. Will you please come forward?*



*Thanks to those that submitted their bio. It's very much appreciated.*

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

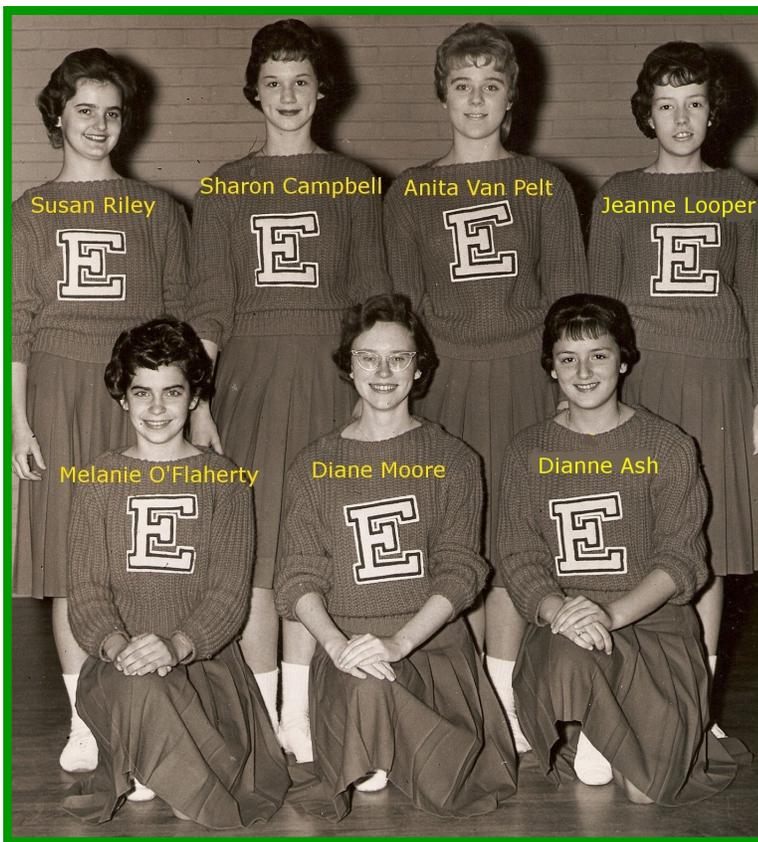
No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

before our JHS days. (The memory of East’s uniforms stayed with us through more than 50+ years as we laughed about our l-o-n-g pleated skirts, hitting way below our knees with the dyed to match royal blue sweaters that came up nearly over our heads every time we did a jump!) Dave had no such “wardrobe malfunction” memories—that he cared to share! The following Joplin Globe column, that ran several years ago, contains another memory—one that includes Diane’s late husband and our JHS classmate, Mike Langevin. **Jeanne Looper**



“Songs Strike Chords With Memories”

**“A song will outlive all sermons in the memory.” -- Henry Giles**

Two men named Edwards spring to mind when I think about songs and sermons:

Jonathan Edwards, a fire-and-brimstone preacher whose sermon “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” scared the bejabbers out of Puritans in the pews in 1741.

Tommy Edwards, a singer who recorded “It’s All in the Game” more than 200 years later.

I vaguely remember studying Jonathan Edwards’ sermon in literature class at Joplin High School, but it’s Tommy Edwards’ song about the vagaries of love that has stayed with me --- and carries me back to eighth grade

and Carole Jones’ ballroom dance class in Webb City.

Music has an inexplicable power to evoke memories. Indeed, research shows that we don’t even have to hear a song, but only think of it to make the memories flood in. We can all remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when a particular song from the past pops up. When I hear “It’s All in the Game” I’m doing the box step with Mike Langevin.

**“Many a tear has to fall, but it’s all in the game  
All in the wonderful game that we know as love  
You had words with him and your future’s looking dim  
But these things your hearts can rise above  
Once in a while he won’t call, but it’s all in the game**

**Soon he’ll be there at your side with a sweet bouquet  
And he’ll kiss your lips and caress your waiting fingertips  
And your hearts will fly away.....”**

Ballroom dance class was the order of the day in the late 1950s for girls and boys in the throes of puberty. Learning the tango and the rumba got me closer to the opposite sex (and to Mike Langevin) than I’d ever been before. There was no “kissing of lips or caressing waiting fingertips” in Carole Jones’ dance class. But the feelings fostered on the dance floor were more frantic than the foxtrot we were trying desperately to master. (I never really mastered the dance steps of the foxtrot, or now that I think about it, ever needed them again--kind of like algebra.)

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**A Little Levity for Your Day**

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

Broken pencils are pointless.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.



Paul Harvey was a staple on national radio and especially in Joplin. He grew up in Tulsa, OK and was familiar with the Joplin area. I remember hearing those famous words from Chicago "Stand by for news" as we were glued to our radio during the noon hour. In later years, several stations filled their afternoon drive time with Paul's segment called "The Rest of the Story" and what fun we had trying to guess just who that rest of the story was about. While looking for interesting features to fill the class newsletter, I accidentally came across this and thought how apropos, considering what history just recorded a few weeks ago. Hope you enjoy listening to this as much as I did, and for just a moment I was back in Joplin listening to KFSB radio and watching a black & white TV program.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qL8bCha2MIQ&feature=related>

venture to be very successful, employing 35 people and serving several thousand clients. We did not fully understand how fast our new home would grow...but grow it did into an outrageous place to live and do business. This move would prove our single biggest triumph...all because we wanted to live near Beaver Lake.

Fast forward now to 1996 and suddenly work was not as much fun, our kids had grown, married and had children of their own so Marsha and I were slightly bored....so we bought an RV and began traveling all over, especially in the West, plus a great deal of

Canada. We discovered a group of people kind of like ourselves who wanted to roam around a bit....sort of like Mike Chapman. We had the most wonderful time of our lives so far and got to see and do all the things we had talked about. In discussing our travels with other RV people, we learned of places we had not seen so off we would go in search of new sights and adventures. Altogether, it was a blast. Today we are content to stay a little closer to home and enjoy a small cottage in Bella Vista and spend time with friends and family. We feel so fortunate to live here and be able to visit world class art

museums, great restaurants and witness more growth coming to our adopted home.

In conclusion I would like to say this....we loved living in Joplin and going to school there. It was a great place to grow up & we still visit friends there each month. I feel we owe a lot to the community and the school system for helping us grow and stretch our imagination. Marsha and I look forward to visiting with old friends and classmates each year and especially at our 50th reunion.

See you there..... ☞

### Own a Part of History

The JHS Class of '64 car show fundraiser will award this Dash Plaque to the first 50 entries. We will only strike 100 and sell the additional 50 to help with our 50th. If you would like to be the proud owner of our historical dash plaque, the cost will be \$2.50 or two for \$5.00. Now that's a real bargain folks.



JHS Class of '64 - Fundraiser  
September 29, 2012  
Joplin, MO

*We still have classmates that we've classified as Missing. If you have an idea where any of these classmates are, feel free to let us know so we may be able to communicate with them. Please help us locate the following 36 classmates:*

<i>Calvin Summers</i>	<i>La Donna Miller</i>	<i>Richard Lee Pearson</i>
<i>Carol Blankenship</i>	<i>Larry Conboy (In PHX area)</i>	<i>Robert "Bob" Isaacs</i>
<i>Carol Munson (Wrench)</i>	<i>Linda Baugh (Robards)</i>	<i>Robert "Bob" Jordan</i>
<i>Clair Howard</i>	<i>Linda Vails</i>	<i>Robert James "Bob" Smith</i>
<i>Connie Smith</i>	<i>Linda Yeakey</i>	<i>Robert Joe "Bob" Smith</i>
<i>Danny Clark</i>	<i>Mary Sue Cox (Riley)</i>	<i>Shirley Teague</i>
<i>Don Hall</i>	<i>Mary Thornton (Reed)</i>	<i>Thomas Ray Warren</i>
<i>Drucilla Short</i>	<i>Merlene Garrison (Burriss)</i>	<i>William "Bill" Ray Stow</i>
<i>Emma Nunn</i>	<i>Mitchell "Pat" O'Brien</i>	
<i>Gary Colvin</i>	<i>Patricia Kay Belk</i>	
<i>James "Jim" Hilton</i>	<i>Patricia Kay Puckett</i>	
<i>Jo Ellyn Brown (Baker)</i>	<i>Patty Riley (Brewer)</i>	
<i>Johnie Coots</i>	<i>Paula Weinacht</i>	
<i>Judy Osborne (Gardner)</i>	<i>Richard Burns</i>	

Please help us out. In order to keep you abreast and to value your input as we move toward our 50th Class Reunion, don't forget to include us on any changes in your contact information. You may do this on the website by clicking on the "Contact" tab, then click on the class e-mail address [joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com](mailto:joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com), then enter your information in the e-mail box and click on the "Send" tab, that's it folks. **If anyone has email addresses for Paula Jordan, Don Price, Gail Heller or Mike Watson - please share, as what we had is no longer valid.**

### Continuing to Follow the Chapman's

As we reported in the last 2 issues, Mike & Twyla Chapman leased their home in Joplin, bought a boat and hit the waters around North America. They also have a blog set up and post their adventures on it almost daily.

<http://yw8t.blogspot.com/>

and rebuilding a fabulous new Mercy Hospital on 113 acres at the S.E. corner of I-44 and South Main Street which is projected to open in mid 2015. It has meant a great deal to me to be part of an

organization like Mercy that has given so generously to our community. Deborah and I facilitate a small group Bible study at First Baptist Church, Joplin, which has also been a true blessing.

I will end by saying that I look forward to seeing many of you at the up-coming 50th reunion and reestablishing friendships with my fellow graduates of Joplin High School. ☞

“Other Wonders of the World”

Balloons in Cappadocia



Border of Belgium and the Netherlands in a cafe



Banpo Bridge in Seoul, South Korea



View of the sunset from inside a wave



Memory and music are inextricably linked --- and so hard-wired in that scientists have found dramatic evidence on brain scans that the "chills" that people report when listening to their favorite music are real.

Music seems to remain with us long after our other faculties have jumped ship. It's been suggested that Alzheimer's patients don't lose their memories but the access to them. Music is the key that often unlocks those recollec-

tions. Some patients who can't remember the names of family members or friends can remember all the words to "You are My Sunshine." In particular, the familiar music of their "courting" years seems to have the most dramatic effect on their ability to remember.

For those of us who "courted" to a soundtrack of rock-and-roll music from the 1950s and early '60s, The Beatles or the folk and protest songs of that next dec-

ade, this will be the music that unlocks our memory banks.

If Jonathan Edwards had known back in 1741 what we know today about what stays with us forever, he might have set "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" to music.

**Jeanne Looper Smith grew up in Joplin but now lives in Kansas City. Share your memories of growing up in Joplin with her at [mainlyjoplin@yahoo.com](mailto:mainlyjoplin@yahoo.com).**

**"LOOKING BACK"**

Every newsletter we send out, and this is number 10, we ask classmates for a little input with bios, pictures of past and present events or maybe just a comment about the newsletter in general, we also ask for suggestions that would enhance interest in the newsletter. We do get some feedback on occasion, giving kudos to the newsletter staff for what they've done and believe us when we say those are very much appreciated. However, more input from classmates would be welcomed, as that also would allow us to gauge if the newsletter is being read and liked by classmates. Since we are in the process of planning the 50th reunion, communicating your ideas or interest in events, are ever so important to the planning committee.

Maybe this idea could create a little more involvement. I just received my August/September issue of the Looking Back magazine and find questions being asked that might create some interest & participation here, let's see, it's easy to do folks. Pick out one or two and be part of the input to our newsletter.

- Tell us about something you loved as a child?
- What was your first paying job?
- Who was your favorite teacher and why?
- What person or persons had an impact on you?
- What was your first car?

Just click here to reply; [joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com](mailto:joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com)

**\*\*\*Remembrances\*\*\***

We would like to send condolence to classmate Jon Kaltenbach in the passing of his wife and '65 classmate, Phyllis Covey Kaltenbach. Our prayers go out to the Kaltenbach family.

<http://www.joplinglobe.com/obituaries/x1640794344/Phyllis-A-Kaltenbach>

Last month we sent out a sign-up sheet for the 50th reunion that will take place June 19-22 of 2014. As of this writing we have had 71 classmates saying "Count Me In" and 24 saying "Possibly" and 10 that can't make it at this time, for a total of 105 responses.

We have e-mail addresses for 251 classmates and look forward to 25 or 30 more replies and that will put us over the 50% mark in classmates responding to our request. Our next move will be to use snail mail and the telephone.

We are aware that the "Count Me In" as well as the "Possibly" and "Can't Attend" are not written in concrete, we just needed an idea as to who had high hopes on being involved with this once in a lifetime event and we know that things could change. Believe me; your response has been most beneficial in setting our agenda and cost for the 50th.

At the moment, we still have plans for the Thursday night hayride/BBQ. We are striving to make this as cost efficient as possible. For those that may not want to do the hayride, we are considering a hootenanny/sing-a-long type of event while the ride takes place and wrap up this event in the early evening.

Our Friday morning agenda is hopefully a tour of the new high school. This depends on many things, but it's a consideration. For those that may not want to tour JHS or if the tour doesn't take place, we are considering a

tour of downtown Main Street, starting at 1st street and continuing to 7th street. It will consist of a mystery tour and see how many out-of-towners remember where Bob Miller's or Ernie Williamson's were located, among many others. Then possibly grab a quick lunch at the 609 Club on Main. These are just ideas and we welcome your input of activities. Friday morning may offer a chance to tour the city or catch up with relatives & friends.

Around 4:30, we wish to start the Meet & Greet and wrap that up around 6:30. Our intentions here will be to serve a random selection of appetizers and offer a cash bar. Again, we are striving to make this event as cost efficient as possible.

This will break up early enough to allow those to do a dinner with friends at the restaurant of their choice.

Saturday morning a golf outing is scheduled but nothing is firm on where or cost at this time.

Saturday morning also calls for the decorating committee and any volunteers willing to lend a helping hand to help decorate our Holiday Inn banquet room.

At this moment in time, we have nothing scheduled for a Saturday early afternoon, but again; your input is very much appreciated.

As mentioned in the sign-up sheet we sent, the dinner will be a buffet, consisting of 3 meats, veggies, rolls, desserts and

drinks. Also a cash bar will be available. The cost is frozen at \$28 a person and we are working overtime to possibly lower that cost. We will also be entertained by a live band as we reminisce to the dances that took place in the Gymnasium, let's see, were the best ones the Homecoming Dance? Nah, it was the Snowball Dance, no, I know, maybe it was Twirp Dance, which some schools called Sadie Hawkins Day Dance, anyway, we will have our chance to do the Twist, the Pony, the Mashed Potato, the Stroll, the Hully Gully, the Watusi, the Monkey, but I will bet good money that the Limbo bar will be a no-show. It will be a fabulous evening for all.

Then Sunday morning, the Holiday Inn has been kind enough to give us a banquet room for our buffet breakfast. For those staying at the Inn there is no charge for your breakfast, those not staying, a \$10 charge will be required. They normally stop serving at 10 in the morning, but we will be given special hours and will start around 9 or 9:30 and go to around 11:00.

How is all this possible you ask?

One reason is we were fortunate enough to sign a contract with the Holiday Inn and freeze prices at the June 2012 rate.

We're also asking for donations from classmates and come to think about it, we'll accept donations from anyone willing to help our cause. ☺

All donations of any amount will be done anonymously, but we would like to have a "Special Thank You" section in the class directory for those that made all this happen by donating their time, money or both. We have also had classmates offering to donate personal craft items for door prizes and/or raffles and that too will help us financially.

We are doing a couple of car shows to help defray cost. We will do one in September of this year and if needed, schedule one for September of next year. We will also sell burgers, dogs, chips, pop and water and the event, this year is set for September 29th. It will be held in the parking lot of the Martin Luther School, 26th & Connecticut. We have a little bit of expense tied up in this with the flyers and the grill goodies & grill master, but hopefully a profit will not be out of the realm of possibility. We have also learned where we can make a few changes and show more of a profit if

we do one next year.

We will need volunteers for this event. Help with registration and the grill master just to name a few, as we will need someone to help with the meats, buns and of course taking in the money. We also need to make sure all registered entries are parked and ready for showing by our noon kick-off time. We will need help with some of the functions, that will be taking place. So a helping hand at this event will be very much appreciated. Let us know if you're willing to help out by emailing the class email address, even if it's only for a few hours on that Saturday.

Thanks to Janice Martin Hagan for the idea of raffling off a large flat screen TV during our last KC get together dinner in June. We have since had one donated and working on getting another one, so we will raffle off one this year and one next year and apply those profits to the 50th. We are

in the process of getting bids on the printing of the raffle tickets. They will come in books of 25 and we would sure love to have classmates, other than just committee members sell a few tickets. So feel free to ask for a booklet and get your sales hat on, 25 shouldn't be a hard sell.

We are always open to ideas that would help us take in a few extra coins to defray cost. So put your thinking cap on and throw some ideas our way.

As we plan on what we all know is a milestone event, we reach out to all classmates willing to share activity ideas, and to donate whatever it takes to make all this happen.

I know we can do this as we're the JHS class of '64. 🐾 DK

**Make donation checks to:  
JHS Class of 64  
c/o Stephanie Everitt  
2821 Wisconsin  
Joplin, MO 64804**

## Class of '64 Car Show Coming in September (Our Flyer is on the Next Page)



**Joplin High School Class of '64  
Presents  
Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show  
Saturday, September 29, 2012**

**Martin Luther School  
26th & Connecticut  
Joplin, MO**

**Entry fee: \$10**  
(If Paid by September 20th, (\$15 after that)

- **Registration 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**
- **Show Noon to 4:00 p.m.**

- **Music by Randy Riggs**
- **50/50 Pot**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Trophies for:**  
\*Best of Show  
Car, Truck , Motorcycle,  
\*Peoples Choice,  
\*Children's Choice,  
\*Farthest Distance

**Concession Stand**  
(Burgers, Dogs, Chips, Pop, Water)

**For more info contact:  
Carol Buck 417-483-3285**



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**Make checks payable to: JHS Class of 64**  
**Mail to: Stephanie Everitt**  
**2821 Wisconsin**  
**Joplin, MO 64804**





By Regina Brett of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and was published May 28, 2006

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolls over to 50 this week, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive but don't forget.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need...
42. The best is yet to come...
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."