

Joplin Eagles

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Welcome To Our 13th Edition

The happy season where all things are made new is just around the corner—where jonquils are making their tentative appearance and the birds and the bees are planning to overtake the landscape at the first assurance that snow has finally had its say.

Spring is a time of renewal and rejuvenation—a time to shake off the lazy slumber of the winter scene and celebrate the upcoming colorful creative spirit of the Universe.

My brother, Norm, passed away on the first day of spring (March 20) and I know for him all things are truly made new.

Classmate Monty Gavin sent me an email of condolence and—in a back and forth exchange—he and I reaffirmed our gratefulness for the opportunity we had to renew a friendshipat our 40th JHS reunion—that began 60 years ago in a second grade classroom at Washington School in Joplin. We both said how excited we are that the upcoming 50th class reunion will give us another opportunity to celebrate the bonds of shared experience with other "fellow travelers" from those school years in Joplin.

Even though it was a sad time for me, the memory of Monty's and my early relationship at Washington School, and the grateful knowledge that friendship is eternal, reminded me of a humorous but pivotal moment for me that occurred in that grade school so many years ago. The Joplin Globe column that runs on page 6 of this newsletter recounts an earlier springtime encounter with the "birds and the bees." Jeanne Looper Smith

"Funding the Fiftieth"

At our March reunion committee meeting, we realized it's time to tally our fund raising efforts and monetary donations from classmates. This will allow us to set the registration fee and be able to include that in our next newsletter.

Our goal has been to raise funds to decrease the weekend's cost for each classmate. A car show was hosted in September and a television raffle was awarded in December. Some classmates have inquired about making a personal donation. We would be most appreciative.

We ask that anyone willing to make a donation go ahead and forward it to our treasurer before **June 1st**, **2013.** Any amount will help defray the cost for all classmates by lowering the registration fee.

The amount will not be published, but we would like to include all donors in the directory. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a classmate, or if unable to attend and would like to take part, please indicate. **Phyllis Payne Sapp**

Thanks for your consideration. Checks should be made to "JHS Class of `64" and mailed to: Stephanie White Everitt 2821 Wisconsin Joplin, MO 64804



On Thursday, March 28th the Class Reunion Committee Members met at Bailey's Restaurant in Carl Junction, MO. The meeting was centered around increasing monies through donations or events, much like what we've done in the past.

What we have set in cement so far and with a signed contract is the Friday, June 20th Meet & Greet in the Holiday Inn Banquet Room from 5ish to 7ish. We will have a slide show with past & present pictures of you, your kids and grandkids showing, along with a musical background. So please feel free to email any pictures you would like to share with us to the class email address. The Meet & Greet will consist of a variety of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Then the Saturday night, June 21st buffet at the Holiday Inn from 6 to ????? will feature classmate Larry Don Williams and his band, providing live music for all to dance to or just sit, listen and reminisce. The buffet will consist of a 3-meat display with added veggies, desserts, bread, coffee, tea & water. A cash bar will also be available.

As we've stated in past communications, the cost of the buffet is \$28 per person, however there will be a 7.95% tax added to the total bill, as well as a 22% gratuity charge. This makes the buffet come to around \$36 a person as it stands at this moment in time. We are working diligently to get that cost down to as low as we possibly can in hopes that anyone who may want to attend this cat-aclysmic event may do so. That's the reason for donations, raffles & other money making ideas.

Now having said all that, we will have one charge for all events, and that's \$36, but we have high hopes on lowering it to somewhere in the low to middle 20's, but this is all predicated on donations and our money raising events. If someone wishes to come to just the Meet & Greet, that cost will be \$15 per person. Those that pay the designated amount for the Saturday night buffet will be included in the Friday Meet & Greet at no additional charge.

It was also decided that a Saturday morning golf outing will be on the agenda and will be headed up again by that infamous golfer, Jim Christiansen. I'm sure that pro tips will also be available from our class 1 handicapper, Bruce McCaw. More on when & where as the time gets closer.

If you've read the past newsletters you know we've asked for Thursday suggestions for classmates that may come in a day early or live in the area and may want to do something that evening as a group. We suggested a Hayride/BBQ, then a Car Cruise around Joplin was suggested, where we could cruise, then meet at a place for a "Dutch Treat" dinner. At our last meeting it was noted that June 19th is what Joplin calls "Third Thursday" and they block off Main St from 1st to 7th and have all sorts of booths and functions going on from 5:30 to 8:30, then we could gather at 609 Club or some other place on the strip for dinner. www.downtownjoplin.com/#!third-thursday. We are still open for suggestions, so feel free to express yourself. Just out of curiosity, if you were to attend a Thursday evening event, which one do you think you would enjoy doing? Just click on the link and let us know. www.joplin64@joplinmo64.com

The Holiday Inn has guaranteed a price of \$79 a night and that will include a \$10 buffet breakfast each morning. We will let you know when one may make their reservations for what night or nights they will be staying.

Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., June 22nd, we will gather for the farewell breakfast buffet. For all those staying at the Holiday Inn there will be no charge for this and we will be given a special room to eat and to say our goodbyes. For those not staying there, a \$10 charge will be asked for by the Holiday Inn restaurant. The **DK**

"A listing of those who will be or plan to be there"

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Ann Wheeler*	Janice Thornberry*	Nancy Godfrey
Beverly Brown	, Jeanne Lewis	Nancy Hill
Beverly Horton & Greg Moore	Jerry Bracket	Nita Dilworth
Billie Linger & Dave Stockam	Jill Longenecker*	Pam Franks
Bob Carpenter	Jim Christiansen	Pam Key*
Bruce McCaw*	Jim Keagy*	Pat Aggus*
Carol Corbin*	Jim Krudwig*	Paula Mills*
Charlene Veteto*	John Keeling*	Perry Potter*
Charles Baker	Joyce Tillman	Phyllis Payne
Connie Culton	Judy Greenwood*	Robyn King
David Colvin*	June Duvall	Roger Brown
David Knisley	June Johnson*	Ronnie Kelly*
Dean Papp	Karen Trenary	Rosemary Kempt
Dennis Lea*	Karol Tate	Ross Smith & Jeanne Looper
Dennis Smith*	Kathy Horton*	Sallie Schofield
Diana "Leigh" White	Kathy Korn	Sharon Harrison*
Diane Moore	John "Larry" Buehner	Sharon Peters
Dick Smith*	Larry Don Williams	Sherri Campbell*
Don Cline	Larry Horine & Sue Trimble	Stephanie White*
Donna Atteberry	Linda Hensley*	Susan Riley
Donna Drake	Linda Waltman	Suzanne Gilmore*
Donna Powers	Lonny Dixon*	Tommie Brown
Donna Thurman	Lyle Rosenberry*	Walt Meador
Ellen Zwicker*	Lynn Lawson	Wayne Hampton*
Evelyn Smith*	Mardell Thomas*	*With Spouse or Guest
Everett French	Marian Wolf	
Frank Metz*	Martha Earhart	Remember June 20-21, 201
Harry Boyd*	Marvin Gray*	
Harry Reaves*	Mary Lee Cole	
Hedy Barkley	Melanie O'Flaherty* (Friday)	
Jan Hale*	Mike Carper/Juanita Conner	
Janice Martin*	Mike Shipley*	
Janet Wetherell*	Mitch Stinnett*	
Janice McBride	Monty Gavin*	

As all of my classmates know, many years have passed since we all went to High School in Joplin. So if some of my memories are slightly wrong as to times or places or names, please forgive me.

While growing up in Joplin, I always lived with my parents at 926 Murphy Avenue. That house and both of my parents are gone now. The house was destroyed by a house fire and both of my parents died with cancer. I first went to West Central Elementary School on 7th street, and then a little farther up the street to North Junior High School. I remember there being a section of woods on the west behind the Jr. High we called "the holler" where we were not supposed to go, but of course, we did. Lots of fun back in "the holler". Then out to the "new" Joplin Senior High School. While in High School and when school was not in session, I worked as a "sacker", first at Karbe's grocery on south Main Street, and then later at the same location for Piggly-Wiggly's super market. The best

Lyle Rosenberry - Bio

"Aunt Martha McCormick, called me into her office to discuss my grade. She told me she could either give me a "D" or an "F".

> part of these jobs was that they were very close to Fred and Red's Chili. I loved their chili and was extremely sad to see it closed down not long ago.

After High School I went my first two years to Missouri Southern State College and received an A.S. in Engineering. Because of the great education I believe we received in high school, my first year of college was largely a repeat of some of my high school classes. My freshman year was great and I loved it. Lots of fun! But I also remember very little time being spent on academics. At the end of my first semester of Calculus the end of my freshman year, one of my favorite teachers, who I remember as "Aunt Martha" McCormick. called me into her office to discuss my grade. She told me she could either give me a "D" or an "F". But, she said, I'm going to do you a favor. (I was so relieved.) And then she told me she was going to give me an "F". I remember this conversation very clearly because I almost fell out of my chair. But now, after all of these years. I believe that

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is exactly what she did. By forcing me to take my first semester of Calculus over again, she got me back on track and perhaps saved the rest of my college.

In my second year at Missouri Southern, I met Carolyn Hammond, a freshman from Ozark Bible College in Joplin, whom I fell in love with and who would later agree to become my wife in 1968. Now after some 44+ years, I couldn't imagine my life without her. After graduating from Missouri Southern, I went to the University of Missouri at Rolla (UMR) where I finished with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

While growing up, my family always drove General Motors vehicles. After getting my driver's license, I didn't have a car to call my own. During my first year at Missouri Southern, I fell in love with a white two-door '57 Chevy with bright red vinyl interior that I just had to have. It had a 283 V8 with a 3 speed stick on the column. It was \$600, and my Dad reminded me

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Lyle Rosenberry –Bio (Cont.)

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that I didn't have anywhere close to that saved up. He recommended a pink 4-door Ford Custom with an automatic transmission that I could buy for \$250. I felt this was a horrible idea, so I used his argument against him and stated that I didn't even have \$250. He countered that he would contribute the \$100 needed. So I ended up buying a car no young man would ever want, but one that provided good transportation. It took me to college and our first few years of marriage.

In the 50's, I remember going to Boots Buick, (Steve's folks' dealership), on 10th street to see a futuristic GM Firebird. The cockpit and controls were like a jet fighter. The computer handling the joy-stick controller filled the entire trunk area. After graduating from UMR, I went to work for General Motors in Kokomo Indiana where I worked in their electronics division for 35 years. While there, I worked on radios, climate control systems, solid state engine compartment electronics, and helped to put the first production computers into all GM vehicles. The computers

we put into vehicles were about the same size of a good sized hardback book, and were thousands of times more powerful than that computer I saw filling the trunk of the futuristic Firebird at Boot's Buick. I remember telling my Dad that if I didn't have a family to support, I would have worked there for free. There was a bit of travel associated with my jobs at GM and I was fortunate enough to visit quite a few countries where we did business. At one point I traveled west and went completely around the world, from Indiana to Japan, to Europe and then back to the states. I feel I had a great career working on automotive electronics until I retired in 2004. It was great fun while it lasted.

My wife and I have been blessed with two children. Our oldest, Julia, is married to Jonathan, an attorney in Ohio. They have given us four grandchildren, 2 girls and 2 boys. Our Son, Jeffrey, is a minister in Colorado. By the time you read this, he and his wife Sarah should have given birth to their second daughter.

Shortly after arriving in Indiana,

we joined a small group of people who set out to begin a new Christian church on the southwest side of town. Through the years it has been our "family" in Indiana and has grown to around 800. Now that our kids are grown and gone, it is where we find some of our dearest friends.

Carolyn and I have always loved to travel. While the kids were still living at home, we were able to take them to all of the 48 contiguous states, a lot of our National Parks, Mexico, Canada and Europe. Now that I am retired we have been able to travel a little bit more. We have now visited all 50 states, England and Scotland, and are planning on visiting Ireland this summer.

I would be remiss if I didn't say something here about how proud I am of our graduating class. I love reading all of the bios that have been shared, been saddened by the passing of so many of our classmates, and heartened by the statements made about our continuing love for God, families and our great country. Thanks to all of you for letting me share. regimeters



Joplin panorama circa 1910

"Sex education may be a good idea in the schools, but I don't believe the kids should be given homework." Bill Cosby

Everything I needed to know about sex I learned at Washington Elementary School in Joplin. Ok, not really everything, but during that innocent time, sex education wasn't taught in the classroom (a topic of hot debate in some schools even today) but outside on the asphalt between heated games of Red Rover and jacks.

Johnny could read in Joplin as evidenced by school Superintendent Roi S. Wood's nationally recognized reading program covered in the October 26, 1957 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post". However, Johnny (and Jeanne) didn't learn about the birds and the bees inside Miss Fugate's fourth-grade classroom but instead on the playground while the birds and bees buzzed overhead.

Washington School was an imposina two-story brick building with hallway floors that gleamed and classrooms that contained the requisite picture of George Washington, an American flag, samples of proper penmanship and sturdy wooden desks facing forward. Structure was the order of the day. Teachers' names usually began with "Miss," and the seemingly ancient teachers were completely in charge. If a student was a discipline problem, the principal made a formidable entrance with his wooden paddle and order was guickly

restored.

By the way, I would like a personal apology from several teachers whose biggest worry back then was whether I was chewing gum—now that many schools have metal detectors to see whether students are carrying weapons!

In the mid-'50s married couples on our black and white TV set eyed each other from the confines of their twin beds—and MTV and graphic reality shows were decades away from the curious eyes of the gradeschool set.

Today in our sex-saturated culture, it's hard to remember how innocent my best friends, Donna and Sally, and I were as we practiced our nines and tens in jacks and jumped rope 'til we could hardly breathe.

Sometimes we talked about boys we thought were "cute" in our class, but my closest brush with the opposite sex was a game of spin the bottle at Terry Jordan's 10th birthday party where, mercifully, the bottle never pointed to me.

So, you can imagine my astonishment when Sally announced one day, between jacks and jumping, that she knew how babies were made and then proceeded to tell the entire story in graphic detail. (I can still remember the exact spot on the Washington School playground where we were standing when that news flash was delivered!)

She must be wrong—the mechanics she outlined couldn't possibly be accurate. After a few minutes of shocked silence and processing what Sally shared, I managed to speak, voicing my main concern: "Can I keep my shirt on?"

Sally figured I probably could and the games resumed.

There's probably a lot more I could share about Washington School and growing up in the 1950s in Joplin, but that's for a later column. You'll just have to keep your shirt on! \sim

Jeanne Looper Smith

Jeanne Looper Smith grew up in Joplin, MO and now lives in Kansas City. You may share with her your memories of growing up in Joplin at <u>wistful-</u> wordsmith@gmail.com

A man brings his best buddy back home for dinner.

His wife screams at him, "my hair & makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pajamas & I can't be bothered with cooking tonight!

What in the name of Zeus did you bring him around for?"

"'Cause he's thinking of getting married," ③

While preparing for the upcoming 50th reunion, I came across a website titled "Reunions Magazine." It featured an article titled School Reunion Tips, so realizing that 50 years have passed since some of us have had contact with each other, and you or your spouse/significant other or guest might be apprehensive mingling with strangers. Hopefully this article provides insight in a humorous way and place all at ease and may have you attending with joy. Some of the points made here have been discussed as a reason or reasons some are reluctant to attend. Put all concerns aside and join us for this event, you'll be glad you did, count on it. DK

"The Article"

Is there a good excuse? Our good friend and former Reunions magazine editor, Mary Fobian is co-chair of her Oelwein (Iowa) Community High School Class of '69 reunion. One of her responsibilities is the newsletter in which she included the following.

If you are not coming to the reunion, you need a good excuse and a note from your Mom. The following reasons have been tried and are unacceptable.

Excuse #1: I'm overweight.

Rebuttal: You're not alone. Note T-shirt sizes being offered.

Excuse #2: I'm a different person than I was in high school.

Rebuttal: Lucky for you, we ALL are. Let's face it: we could only have improved.

Excuse #3: I don't look as good as I'd like. I (<u>choose one or more</u>) am bald, have wrinkles, saddlebags, grey hair and no one will recognize me.

Rebuttal: Guess what! You won't recognize anyone else, either. Using the reunion committee as a representative sample, our whole class looks like a "before" photo in a plastic surgery ad.

Excuse #4: I'm not successful. I'm not (<u>choose one or more</u>) a lawyer, a doctor or rich.

Rebuttal: You'll be pleasantly surprised to find how much everyone has matured. We may be plump and wrinkled (see Excuse #3, above) but we're not stupid. Money is not success.

Excuse #5: I was not in a popular clique in school.

Rebuttal: Now that we're old and smart, those cliques have dissolved just like the superficialities they were based on. The only cliques you'll notice at the reunion will be the sound of your joints as you walk around.

Can you dig it?





"Larry, Larry, Larry"

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(Still Available) Help the Class Reunion Out & Own a Part of History

The JHS Class of '64 car show fundraiser awarded this Dash Plaque to the 43 entries. We will only strike 100 and sell the additional 57 to help with our 50th. If you would like to be the proud owner of our historical dash plaque, the cost will be \$2.00. Now that's a real memory bargain folks. Please contact Carol Corbin Buck at <u>csbuck64@aol.com</u> or 417-483-3285 to arrange delivery.



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"Our condolences go out to the following classmates for their recent loss"

Johnie Coots for the loss of his mother

http://www.joplinglobe.com/obituaries/x964885451/Alice-M-Markle

Dick Smith for the loss of his mother

http://www.joplinglobe.com/obituaries/x503837464/Barbara-Jean-Smith

Ed Manion for the loss of his father

http://www.newspressnow.com/obituaries/article_633b20fa-f703-592d-b2ae-647ba75b125a.html

Mardell Thomas Roush for the loss of her sister

http://www.joplinglobe.com/obituaries/x986692807/Laureen-D-Ames

Jeanne Looper Smith for the loss of her brother

http://www.legacyfuneralcare.com/norman-looper-obituary.html

Classmate Danny Clark's mother

http://www.joplinglobe.com/obituaries/x252497345/Robbie-Clark In reading the obituary of Mrs. Clark, it was discovered that we lost classmate Danny Clark this past June.

Classmate Marion Wolf Stevens for the loss of her sister

Beatrice (Bea) Johnson, who had been living at The KC Hospice House since 4/1, went home to be with our LORD on Tuesday, 4/9/2013. She had suffered from Alzheimer's for the past 7 years & had been residing at the Indian Creek Health Center in Overland Park, KS since 10/2012.

Bea was born 7/12/1935 in York, PA to Ethel & Milton Wolf Sr. She, with her family, move to Joplin, MO in 1947. She graduated from Joplin Sr High in 1953.

Bea married Billy Knight & they had to children, Peggy & Russell. She worked many years as a cashier at May's Drugstore & May's City in Joplin. She was divorced from Bill & then married Paul M. Johnson of Ft. Scott, KS. They, with her 2 children moved to Dickinson, TX, where they lived for 35 years, Bea worked as a cashier at Eckerd's Drugstore where she retired. Bea & Paul moved back to Ft Scott in 2005 due to his poor health to be close to his children, Paul passed in 2007 & Bea moved to Olathe, KS where she lived at the Poplar Court Apts the past 5 years to be close to her sister & caregiver, Marian Stevens.

Bea was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter Peggy (Knight) Williams; 2 brothers, Eugene Wolf & Robert Wolf; 2 sisters Theda Coats & Charlotte Turner; & her husband Paul Johnson.

Bea is survived by her son, Russell Knight (Brenda) and her granddaughter Samantha Ince (Jason) all of Alvin, TX. Also, a stepdaughter, Paula Page (David) & a stepson, Melvin Johnson & 2 step grandchildren, all of Ft. Scott, KS;

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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 be in touch with them. Please help us locate the following 35 classmates:

"Please check these names and help find our missing classmates"

Linda Baugh (Robards)	Carol Munson (Wrench)	Linda Vails
Patricia Kay Belk	Emma Nunn	Thomas Ray Warren
Carol Blankenship	Mitchell "Pat" O'Brien	Paula Weinacht
Richard Burns	Judy Osborne (Gardner)	
Gary M Colvin	Richard Lee Pearson	
Larry Conboy (In PHX area)	Patricia Kay Puckett	(31 Missing)
Johnie Coots	Patty Riley (Brewer)	
Merlene Garrison (Burris)	Drucilla Short	
Don Hall	Connie Smith	
James "Jim" Hilton	Robert James "Bob" Smith	
Clair Howard	Robert Joe "Bob" Smith	
Robert "Bob" Jordan	William "Bill" Ray Stow	
Michelle Massey	Shirley Teague	
La Donna Miller	Mary Thornton (Reed)	

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 <u>joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com</u>, 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, Gail Heller or Mike Watson please share, as what we had is no longer valid.**

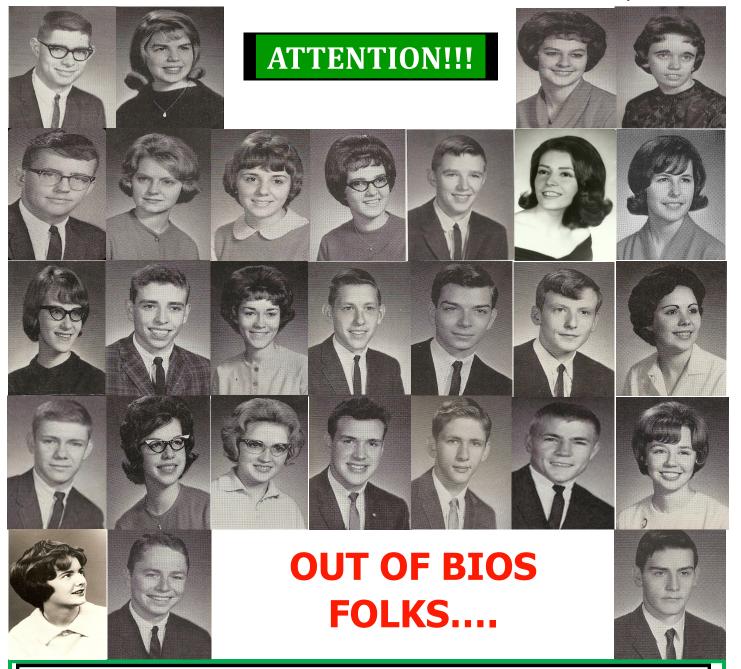
Continuing to Follow the Chapman's

Taking that infamous 3 hour tour, not. <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfR7qxtgCgY</u>. 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/

HELP!!!!!!

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Our class website is in dire need of an update. Your 3 editors only have so much material to add to the website or to the newsletter and why we periodically reach out to you for your help in supplying copies of any old pictures, or current ones for that matter of present or past events you or your family are or have enjoyed or been involved in. A story or hobby that you are doing that you would like to share with us, we would ever so much welcome. Pictures are really a blessing as we have aspirations on doing about a 2 hour slide show for our Friday "Meet & Greet" at the 50th and really need some electronic photos for that event. If you do not have a way to scan photos, we will be happy to do that and return to you unharmed. So if you get a moment to rummage through some old boxes or files and care to share your finds, we would be so appreciative. Help us make our website, newsletter and 50th High School Reunion the best one ever. Check us out at: www.joplinmo64.com

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1934 Montgomery Ward Christmas Catalog





A contribution from Stephanie White Everitt. Do we know who's who here?

"Hodgepodge"

Since we had success with the TV raffle, we have elected to start up another one, and the prizes will be awarded at the Saturday night banquet at our 50th reunion. So far, Jeanne Lewis Owen made a quilt and donated to the raffle and what a quilt she designed. John Keeling has made a cutting & bread board and will donate that to the class raffle. John sent a picture of what one would look like, but stated that depending on the wood used, it may very from the one in the picture below, but we get the idea. John also said that some of the cutting boards he has donated to various raffles have raised as much as \$300 to \$400. Hopefully we can be as fortunate. If anyone wishes to donate an item to the raffled, please contact us and donate away. Our game plan will be to sell all raffle tickets for \$1, this will give everyone a chance to win whatever is in the raffle. Right now, with two donations in the pot, we will have two drawings at the banquet, more donations, would mean more drawings. We wish to thank Jeanne & John for these treasured gifts they handmade and donated.

\$1 Raffle Tickets Will Be Available 4/20/2013, So Plan To Purchase & Own A Treasure \$1



The editorial team for content consists of Jeanne Looper Smith, Phyllis Payne Sapp and Dave Knisley. Please feel free to comment & contribute to the newsletter at <u>joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com</u>

"I'm Gonna Party Like It's 1959"

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East Jr. High 7th Graders getting' their grove on at Sally's Watson's 13th Birthday Party



Party starts out calmly, however party girl Jeanne Lewis is already wearing a lampshade on her head no wait, that's a stuffed animal.

Left to Right: Jeanne Lind, Jeanne Lewis, Donna Powers, Fyra McCracken

Center: Jeanne Looper, Birthday Girl Sally Watson

Into position to party hearty. Fyra bends over backward to behave. Jeanne Lewis has lost the lampshade (stuffed animal) but continues to act out by sticking out her tongue at the photographer.





No boys at this party but girls just wanna have fun and Jeanne Looper is following her bliss—or sleeping while dancing!