



Joplin Eagles

"JHS Class of '64"

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This is our 32nd Edition

"It's All About the 55th, Not the 60th, Yet"

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About this time every year we start to notice a leaf or two laying about the ground, maybe it fell from the local Maple tree or the Sycamore or Hickory trees or the Birch tree that's in your neighborhood. It's Mother Nature telling us that winter will be knocking on our door very soon.

Our spring, summer and beginning of fall has been a busy time for the JHS Class of '64 reunion committee members as many decisions came to past at the last meeting that was held on September 11th at Granny Shaffer's, in Webb City, MO.

That meeting took place after our meeting with Kristy Barley, Director of Sales & Marketing at the brand spankin' new Holiday Inn, that calls Joplin home. The Holiday Inn is the only place in Joplin that has the all in one facility that our traveling classmates requested and that is it's the place where one may sleep, eat & attend the Meet & Greet as well as the Saturday night banquet and never have to leave the facility.

We acknowledge that the Downstream Casino & Hotel, which is 10 miles from Joplin and is ran by the Quapaw Tribe, also has the all in one facility with a larger banquet room, but in checking it out, shows that it would be way costlier to furnish us the sleeping rooms, the eats and banquet facility for what we are getting at the Holiday Inn.

I think that once you read what we have negotiated with the Holiday Inn folks, that you will not only agree with your committee's decision, but will be in awe of what was finalized at the last meeting.



Dave Knisley

Feel free to start with the section below and opinions are welcomed.

"Where Do We Stand With the 55th Class Reunion"

To quote several past politicians "Let me make this perfectly clear" as it pertains to the cost to each classmate and/or guests attending our class reunion and the entire event.

I've been involved with the class committee since the 40th reunion.

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So, the 40th, 45th and then came the 50th where we took on a change in members as some dropped out and new ideas came in. When we started planning the 50th, the main objective was to make the class reunion affordable to any and all that would like to attend. For those that were at the 50th and attended the Meet & Greet and the Saturday Night 3-meat Banquet, all for \$35 you were impressed, at least from all the kudos that were sent our way and we very much appreciated them all.

We have classmates, who wish to remain anonymous but joined right in and helped with their support and opened up their heart and their checkbook and donated, that's when we started asking folks to help out and yes, a \$5 or \$10 donation really adds up and you will see that as you read on.

Make note that just because we are releasing the individual cost to attend, does not mean we are not accepting donations for the 55th event anymore. Our announcement of the cost is really predicated on some of the classmates that said they would donate, but have yet to forward with said donation our way. So, we're counting on that.

For those that promised they would help with the cause, and for those that would just want to chip in a mill or two, we've made it pretty simple to do. Just go to <https://www.gofundme.com/joplin-class-of-64-reunion> and donate through our class GoFundMe site that we set up or if you wish, send a check or money order, made out to **Joplin Class of 64**, to our treasurer, **Stephanie White Everitt at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804.**

Okay, here is the proposed cost for attending the 55th class reunion. Each person coming to the Saturday night 3-meat banquet will pay **\$20** and that will include the Meet & Greet on Friday. If you plan on attending only the Meet & Greet, the cost will be **\$10** per person.

Like the 50th, the Meet & Greet from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. will consist of ongoing Hors D' Oeuvres of Pot Stickers, Meatballs, Mini Beef Wellingtons, Chicken Strips, Fried Ravioli and the Route 66 Teaser. There will also be a cash bar. **"Dilly-Dilly"**

The Saturday night event will kick off with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and then at 7:00 we will start the banquet and that will last until Larry Don & Olé Friends run out of gas and the meal will consist of Prime Rib, Apricot Chicken Breast with Brandy Cream Sauce and Baked Lemon Pepper Cod, being served with Flame Roasted Potatoes, Cajun Corn (Maque Chouz) and a mixed green salad with ranch or Italian dressings, all with assorted desserts, dinner rolls, coffee, tea & water. There will also be a cash bar set up. Tell me where you can go, other than the 55th reunion and get all that, plus a live band for \$20 bucks?

Now for the sleeping quarters. To book a room at the Holiday Inn, located at 3402 Arizona Ave., phone 417-624-9000 and give the code **Joplin Class of '64** you may book a room for \$99. Each room has a microwave and refrigerator. If you care to have a breakfast in the Route 66 diner each morning, the room cost will be \$109. So state which you prefer when registering.

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The owners of the Holiday Inn also own the Comfort Inn and the Quality Inn and all three are right there together, creating a hotel campus so to speak and we've been offered rates at these two also. The Comfort Inn 417-627-0400 will have a rate of \$85 and the Quality Inn 417-627-0440 will have a rate of \$65 and the price will include your breakfast at both hotels. They are within walking distance (about a block) from the Holiday Inn parking lot. **"Badda Book—Badda Boom"**

Here is where those traveling to Joplin and staying at the Holiday Inn can help us out as well as the Holiday Inn. Could you please let us know that you have intentions on staying at the Holiday Inn? I have been asked by Kristy Barley, how many rooms should they reserve for us and in looking at the tentative attendance we have 35 out of the 76 classmates signed up to attend, that live out of town. I know some have other preference in hotels using travel & air miles and others still have relatives in the area and will stay with them. But for those staying at the Holiday Inn I would love to turn a head count in so Kristy can start blocking rooms for that weekend in June. We do not want to short change anyone that may want to stay there, so it's better to get our names on the list now. Please take the time today to let us know that you plan on staying at the Holiday Inn and click on the class email address below.

You may check out the hotels as you're one click away.

Holiday Inn: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/joplin/jnljo/hoteldetail>

Quality Inn: <https://www.choicehotels.com/missouri/joplin/quality-inn-hotels/mo149>

Comfort Inn: <https://www.choicehotels.com/missouri/joplin/comfort-inn-hotels/mo087>

To sum this all up, if you have intentions on attending the June 7th-9th reunion and you have not yet given us your official okie dokie, please do so by sending us an email to the class email joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com and we will add you to the attendee list. We have started finalizing our plans as 8 months ain't all that far away folks.

At this moment in time, we have 134 people signed to attend the 55th reunion. Out of that 76 are classmates. Our only adversary is the size of the banquet room at the Holiday Inn, with the round seating of 8 to a table, the room holds 21 tables, minus 3 tables for band riser and dance floor takes us to around 152 people, so we're 20 or so away from our maximum using the round tables. If we go to all cafeteria type tables we can get to around 175 people. So, if you have the slightest inkling that you will be attending, it would be best to get your name on the attendee list **NOW**. We have to have Holiday Inn PAID IN FULL two weeks prior to our event, which makes our financial obligation to them May 24th. So the importance of getting ones name on the list and paying in a timely manner, is ever so important. Give it a quick think over and know that it is going to be one fine gathering and a great two or three days.

What all will the travelers that will be arriving on Thursday do as they stay in the old hometown and what all comes with the \$20 fee?

As we've already mentioned, the Meet & Greet on Friday afternoon and the Banquet Saturday evening, featuring a live band, headlining our own classmate Larry Don Williams and Olé Friends, which will be just one highlight of our reunion. We will also have back Dick & Dot Espy, videotaping and photo shooting for some everlasting memories. Yes, a **FREE DVD** will be presented to all in attendance, and that will be mailed at a later date... Also, photos will be available on the class website for downloading and printing at your convenience. Again, as in the past, a FREE class directory will be available to those attending the reunion, and that is why it's ever so important to make sure you have given us your up to date contact information. If not, please send to joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com and make note, that you may also contact us to verify the contact information we show now will be printed in the new directory, we will reply to your email with that info.

All our functions, except for the golf outing will be held at the Holiday Inn. The Meet & Greet will kick off at 2:00 p.m. and will be held in the banquet room and also some setups will be in the hallway adjoining said room. Dress code is super casual, meaning shorts and cool type shirt or top. A virtual jukebox is offered for us to use and pick out favorite songs and is furnished by Mike Knisley, the class of '65. We will also have several '65 classmates who volunteered to work our event. They will free up our classmates who at the 50th were tired to the registration and raffle tables, so this way, all classmates may mingle and chit-chat as they munch and sip their beverage of choice. Thank you, class of '65, very much appreciated. There will also be decorations that will offer still photo possibilities, so smile big.

Saturday morning will be tee-off time at Schifferdecker & will be announced at the start of 2019. Captain Jim Christiansen said that the Pro and his staff set reserved schedules in January, so we will get back with you on that and what amenities will be available. We do know that this time we will offer several prizes. The prizes and or monetary awards will consist of a payout and will be for the longest putt, closest to the pin, longest drive, lowest score and a hole in one. The payout will consist of men playing against the men and women against women in the same categories.

On Saturday night, a reception will start at 6:00 p.m. as we gather in the hallway and banquet room and dress code should be a very comfy type casual. We will ask all to be seated at 7:00 p.m. and have a few announcements and then we will begin to break bread as we mosey toward the buffet bar. After we chow down, we will do the raffle, hand out the golf awards and offer anyone in attendance a chance at the mic to say anything they care to comment on about the event or any class functions. So, preplan your thoughts, we'd love to hear them.

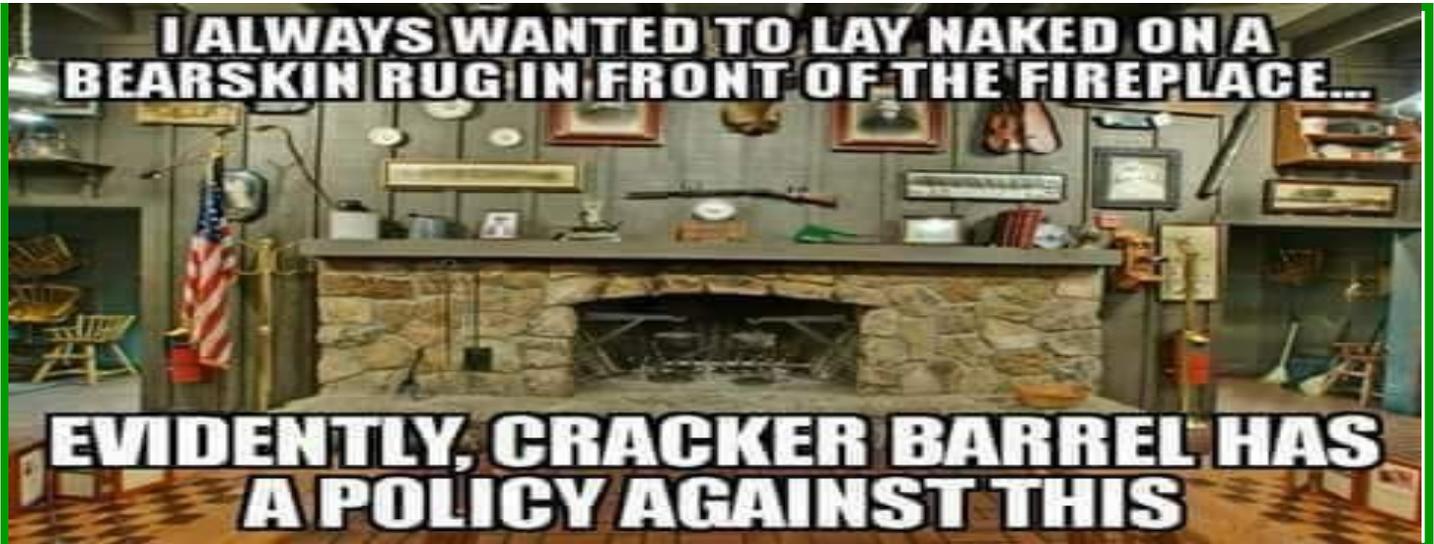
We take pride in working to try to make each event run smooth and make it easy for each classmate to be on board and be a part of the event. So, with a cost of \$20 per person we need to stress the importance of signing up and paying your \$20 bucks.

We have mentioned on previous pages about donating to the reunion to keep our attendance cost as low as possible, which will allow many more to attend, some have yet to attend a reunion or they haven't since the 25th. Whatever the reason, we as a reunion committee would wish that if you have doubts about attending, that you give strong consideration in making the 55th one where you joined us to see what a small committee has taken the time to keep the connection alive and well for just a couple of days. We've had class reunions since we were 5 years out from graduating and with the up and coming 55th, this is the celebration of the 50th reunion.

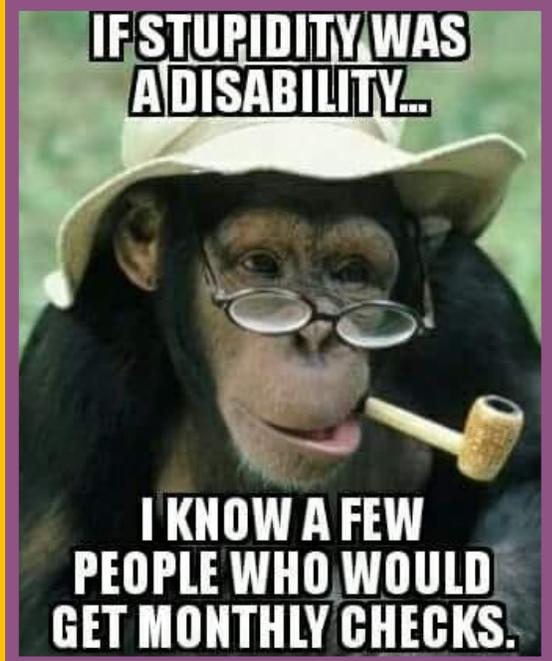
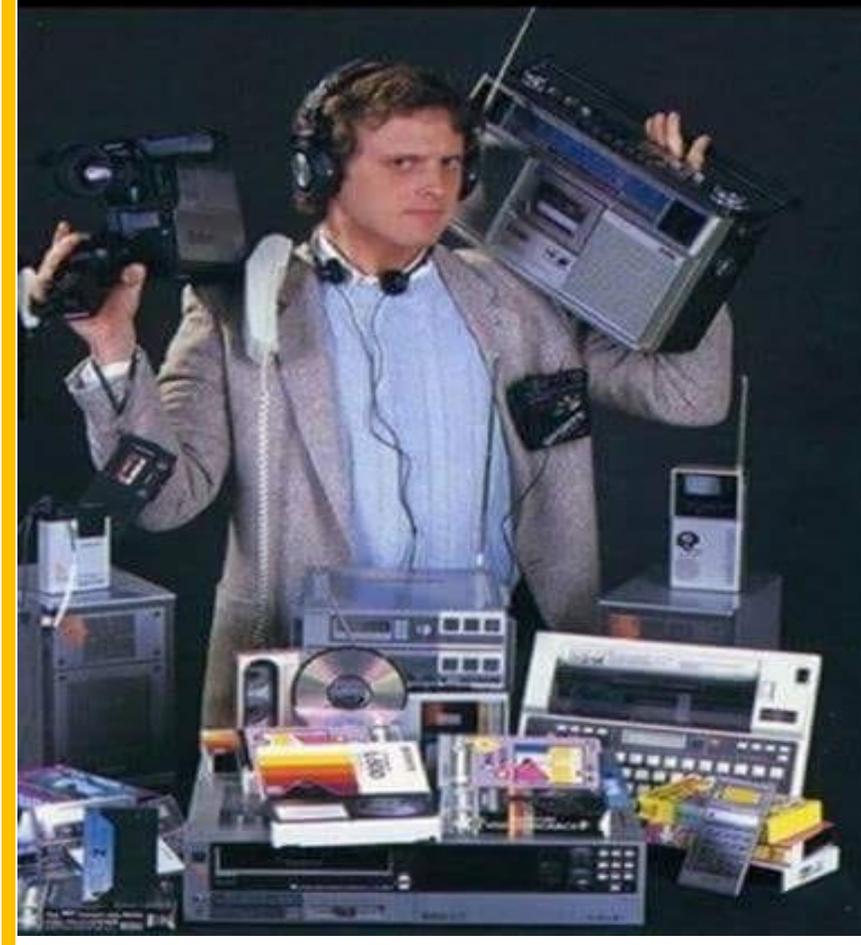
When we sent out emails some two years back, asking if we should continue having a class reunion every 5 years, never, did we have a comment that we should not. We did have comments about having the 55th that some would not be able to come because of personal conflicts and we had one that said we should have it but wouldn't be attending. Some even said that at our age, we might consider having one every three years. We had El Zippo negative comments sent to us about the 50th reunion and we had several comments about how great it was and the price they paid for what they got, had knocked a few socks off. We were even contacted by classmates from the class of '63 & '65 wanting to know how we did all what we did for \$35. Wait until the word gets out what we did for our 55th reunion.

Now, let us talk about registering to attend. We've asked for support donations for the 55th reunion and that can be done through the class GoFundMe site or mailing a check to Stephanie White Everitt at **2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804. Registering to attend the 55th should only be done by mailing a check or money order to Stephanie**, and printing the name/names attending. GoFundMe takes a small percentage of the funding donations and by sending registration fee to Steph, we will have complete names of attendees as well as the entire \$20, which is what we need to keep our event, one of memories and friends that we share as classmates being together, at least until 2024.

We make it a point while planning the reunion not to dwell on the classmates that have gone on ahead of us as it's our intentions to keep the reunion as jovial as possible. However, I did ask the committee members a couple of meetings ago this question. "How many classmates have passed since the 50th reunion, which was less than four years ago?" I had guesses from seven to eighteen and the answer is thirty-three. We get asked at times about how many classmates have we lost total and that is 120. We have 25 classmates unaccounted for and some of those may have passed on, we do have one that we were told had passed, but we're having a difficult time verifying that information.



20 years later and all of these things fit in your pocket.



Mister Rogers did not adequately prepare me for the people in my neighborhood.

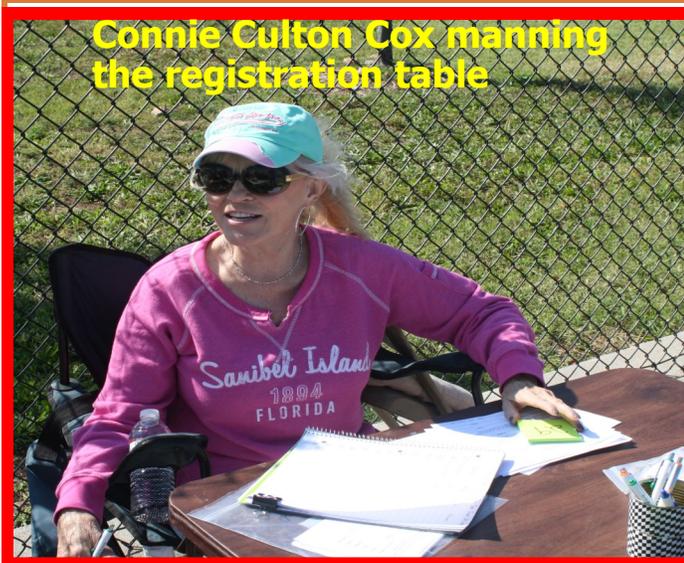
This past Saturday, September 29th, the class committee hosted a car show at Joplin High School's parking lot. Class committee members were Connie Culton Cox, June Duvall Cota, Sharon Peters Arnold, Stephanie White Everitt, Carol Corbin Buck & Dave Knisley. Jim Christensen was on leave and was stationed in Phoenix, AZ, so he missed all the fun.

Since this issue is geared mainly about the 55th reunion, we will fill the Tidbits, Mishmash Medley and Hodgepodge sections with pictures from the event. We know that there is some repetitive reminders in the newsletter about the 55th, but it's those that are most important.

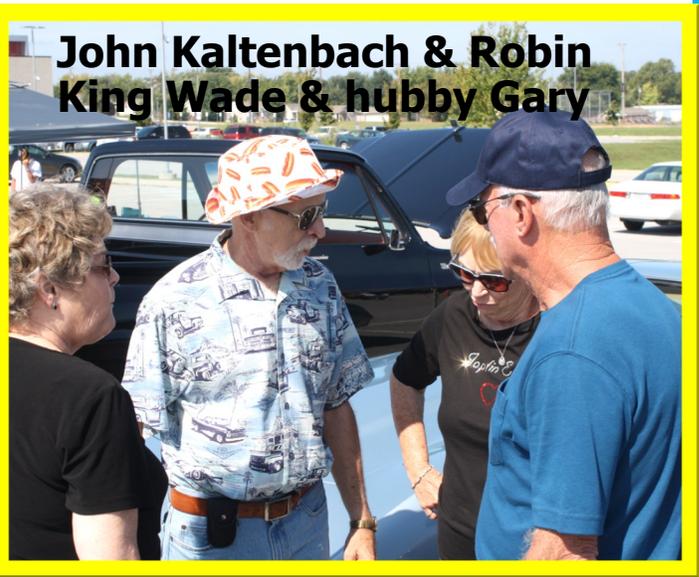
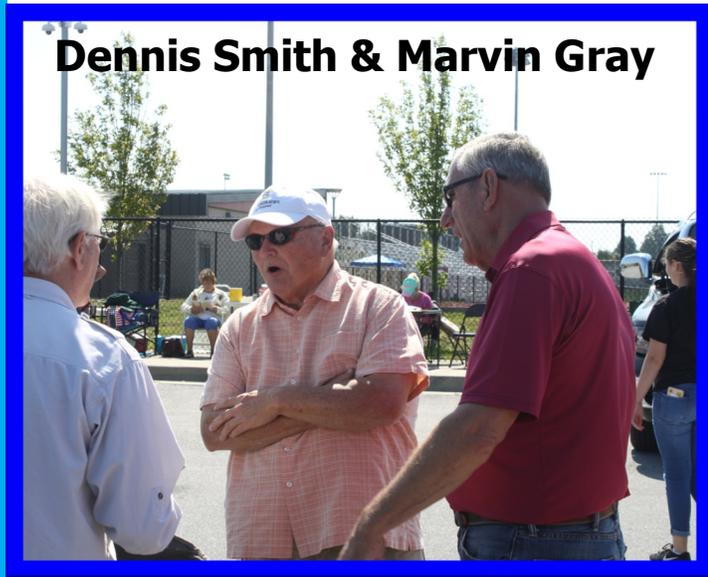


"Mishmash Medley"

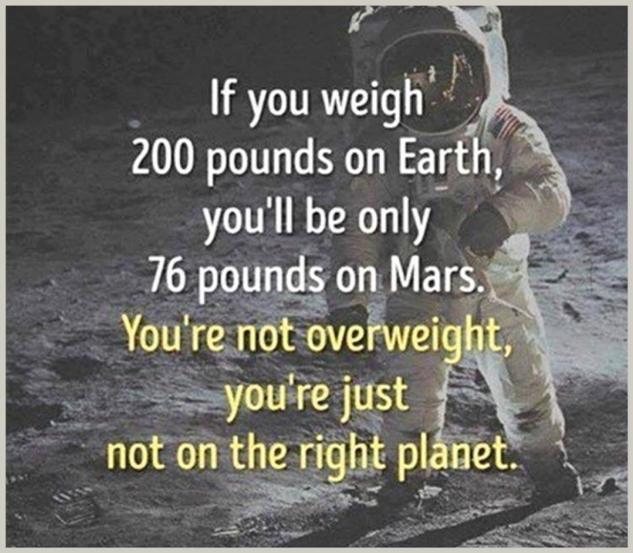




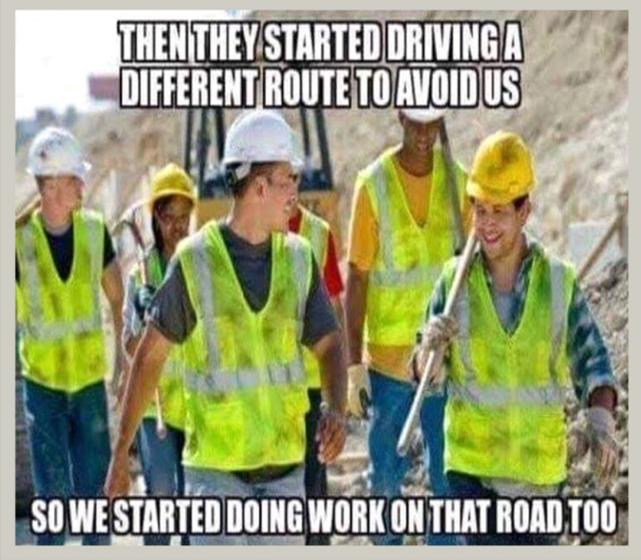
"People Pictures at the Car Show"



I can't believe how old people my age are



If you weigh 200 pounds on Earth, you'll be only 76 pounds on Mars. You're not overweight, you're just not on the right planet.



THEN THEY STARTED DRIVING A DIFFERENT ROUTE TO AVOID US

SO WE STARTED DOING WORK ON THAT ROAD TOO

Sometimes I look at my husband and think "Damn you are one lucky man".

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My super power is holding onto junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it.

I wonder if clouds ever look down on us and say "Hey look...that one is shaped like an idiot."



A little girl wipes away the tears of a man on TV.



A fireman puts an oxygen mask on a kitten that he saved from a burning building

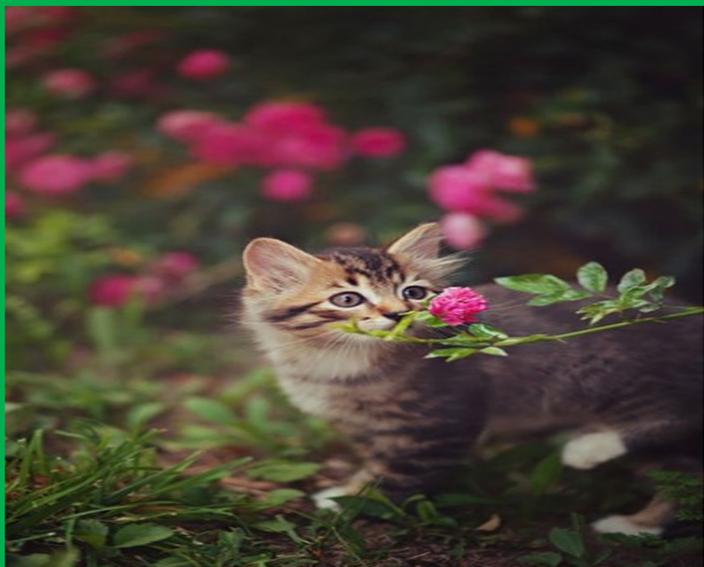


A Marine runs alongside a boy who fell behind his group in a marathon



A young man gets help learning to put on his tie

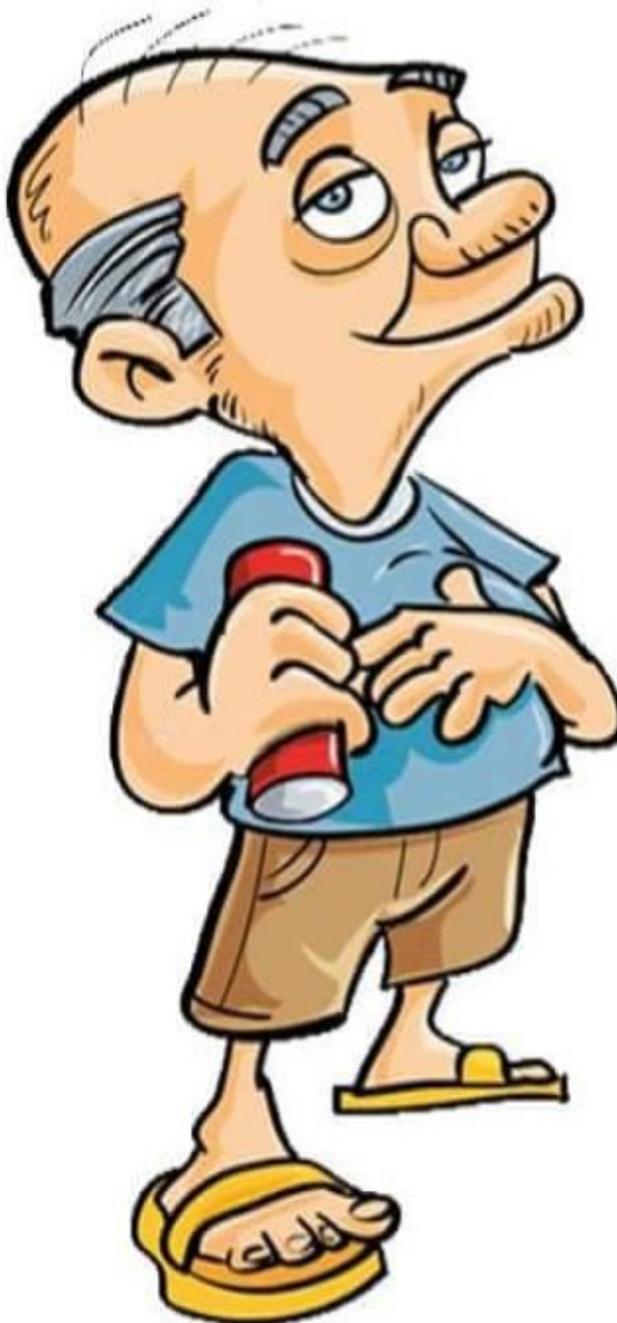




Remembrances and Sympathy to our Classmates and Family:

We send condolences to the family for the passing of our classmate Linda Vermillion Craig

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**People born in the
40's have lived in
8 decades, 2 centuries
& 2 millenniums.
We had the best
Music, fastest cars,
Drive-in theaters,
Soda fountains
& happy days.
And we are not
Even that old yet,
We're just that cool.**

We still have 25 classmates unaccounted for. If you have any idea where these classmates could be, feel free to share with us so we can update our class directory. The blue font is where they were living when we lost contact with them.

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

Richard Burns

Ed Carey aka (Edmond C Comple) (Joplin)

Gary M Colvin

Johnie Coots (Seguin, TX area)

Rayma Jean Coy (Tulsa, OK area)

James "Jim" Hilton

Clair Howard

Robert "Bob" Jordan

James "Jim" Lamb (Neosho, MO)

La Donna Miller

Merlin "Butch" Mitchell (Cocolalla, ID)

Carol Munson (Wrench) (Bell, MO)

Emma Nunn

Mitchell "Pat" O'Brien

Judy Osborne (Gardner) (Joplin)

Richard Lee Pearson

Patty Riley (Brewer) (Joplin)

Naomi June Shelton (Possibly Deceased)

Drucilla Short

Robert Joe "Bob" Smith

Jack Sneed

William "Bill" Ray Stow

Mary Thornton (Reed)

Linda Vails

Paula Weinacht

"If You Change Your Contact Information"

Please help us out. Don't forget to include us on any changes in your contact information. If you should move or change telephone, snail mail address or email address please let us know. It's very easy and you may do so by clicking on the following link joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com, and enter your information, then click "Send".

**MY WIFE JUST STOPPED
AND SAID,
"YOU WEREN'T EVEN
LISTENING WERE YOU?"**

**I THOUGHT...
"THAT'S PRETTY WEIRD WAY
TO START A CONVERSATION."**

**DO YOU EVER LOOK AT ALL
YOUR KIDS AND THINK...**

THAT ONE will be dropping me
curbside at the nursing home.
THAT ONE will be paying for it.
THAT ONE will visit me the most.
And THAT ONE? He'll be sneaking
in the good tequila and twinkies.



Bruce McCaw



Mardell Thomas



Jim Christiansen



Sharon Peters



Larry Don Williams



Stephanie White



Jeanne Lewis



Donna Drake



Ross Smith



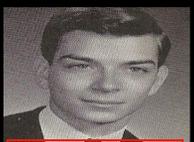
Janet Hale



Marvin Gray



Phyllis Payne



Regan Thomas



Connie Culton



John Keeling



Joyce Tillman



Mitch Summett



Sheryl Reese



Mike Mullenix



Cheryl Dines



Jay Campbell



Jeanne Looper



Monty Gavin



Carol Corbin



Lyle Rosenberry



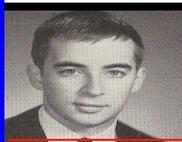
Ellen Zwicker



Mike Clark



Linda Hensley



Jon Waltenbach



Jeanne Lind



Wayne Hampton



Pam Franks



Walt Meador



Karen Trenary



Don Marvin



Linda Graves



Jim Beeler



Jim Hughes



Sharon Harrison



Tom Williams



Mark Stout



Donna Pow-



Bob Havens



Larry Strong



Mike Shipley



Calvin Divine



Dave Knisley



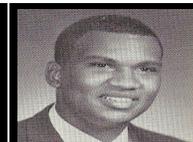
David Stinson



Dennis Triplett



Greg Moore



Robert Smith



Billie Lenger

**There is plenty of room to add folks to the bio section,
how about joining in!**

"It's A Wrap"

On Tuesday, September 11th we had another class reunion committee meeting in Joplin at Granny Shaffer's. Several topics were brought up and decisions made that will brighten the 55th reunion and we crossed the T's and dotted the I's for the September 29th car show.

Hey! Did you read where the registration fee for our Meet & Greet & the Saturday Night three meat buffet and a live band is only \$20? To hold us to that, feel free to donate what you can.

We have mentioned in the past newsletters the need for a little financial help and the reason why we would like to make the event affordable to all classmates that want to attend, may do so. I feel we've done just that and we humbly come to you saying that even though we've set the price, it all hinges on the fact that a few classmates have said they would slip us nickel, have yet to do so. We would be ever so grateful for a follow up with a few coins thrown our way. We have set up a GoFundMe page to make it very easy and ever so simple to donate to the cause and all one would have to do is click on <https://www.gofundme.com/joplin-class-of-64-reunion> just to see how easy it is. We are not asking much as one would be very surprised what a \$10 or \$20 bill would do to help tremendously. If you go to the donation link, you will see that we set a goal there of \$2500 and so far we have \$910 in that kitty, so we have a ways to go and can do that with your help. We have 8 months before the event kicks off and being a believer, I think we can pull this off. So, I'm asking you to click on the link and see if it works or feel free to mail a check made out to Class of 64 to Stephanie White Everitt at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804.

If you have any questions or thoughts, you can submit them by clicking on the joplinmo64 email link below.

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Knowing that the reunion is 8 months away, and that will move quickly, and since we will only have 2 more newsletters to promote and communicate the goings on of our 55th class reunion before it becomes reality, there are some things we really need in order to prepare for a grand gathering of friends and classmates. One is it would be nice for us to know if you have plans on attending so we can have at least some sort of an idea as to what we need to plan on for our Friday Meet & Greet and for the dinner banquet on Saturday evening. A close headcount is imperative in banquet room size, for the food and of course the appetizers for the Meet & Greet. Yes, I know we're 8 months out and yes, I also know that some will not be able to pen in ink that they will be there but having intentions to be there is helpful in our planning as in most cases we can cut back on certain items, as it can be a high hurdle to add at a late date. So please, if you think you may or want to be at the 55th, just let us know. Don't be bashful, help us out by getting your name on the list to attend. Also throw a \$fin our way and be true to your school, so to speak. 😊

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7sLDziV2hs>



Dave Knisley