



Joplin Eagles

"JHS Class of '64"

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Now We Wait for March of 2021 Next Issue

"Hello JHS Class of '64 Friends!"

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It's wonderful to be able to greet you and to celebrate what we share as classmates who spent our formative years together in a very special time and place in small town, mid-century America.

We're fortunate now, during this very challenging time, to be able to concentrate on—not what divides us—but what unites us in our humanity.

I wrote the following recently, along with a talk, for a service at my spiritual center where I was the guest speaker.

It reveals a very personal experience of mine—and in the telling, what unites us as classmates, friends and citizens of the world.

Most importantly, it demonstrates how we can show up for one another in love and service.

Thank you, Dave Knisley, for being an agent of both.

Jeanne Looper Smith



When we decided to choose 7 core values that define us as a spiritual community, we chose wisely. They are love, healing, oneness, abundance, spiritual growth, service and diversity. Today we spin the spiritual wheel and land on Service.

Service is often seen through the lens of an outward gaze. It's a call to action. How can we show up in the world in a way that benefits others, whether that's a global endeavor or perhaps just welcoming a new neighbor with a loaf of banana bread?

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So, when I thought about today's core value of service I went there—Wondering what I might say about how to be of service, about making a difference in big ways and small ways.

But as I pondered it, a memory from almost 10 years ago, parted the curtain of my consciousness and landed smack dab in the middle of the awareness that had me see service in a different light.

I was living in Kansas City and working with a former high-school classmate who owned a video production company. He and I, and our video-editor, had our heads together while editing the script I had written for the American Truck Historical Society's Convention and Antique Truck Show.

It was an annual script writing gig for me—and Dave Knisley, Dick Espy and I were working on the finishing touches of that year's commemorative video.

Playing behind the scenes, was my waiting to hear the results of a breast biopsy. Waiting for the good news that would proclaim I was well and that the lump in my breast, along with the boulder in my gut, would miraculously be rendered no big deal.

As we were laughing and choosing the music that would be the sound track of our work, my cell phone rang. It was the surgeon.

I stepped out of the room and into a small office to hear his news. It was not the news I wanted to hear. The Doctor's initial, cheery demeanor filled the space with forced, upbeat conversation that sounded suspect and set off my inner alarm bells.

Finally, "Jeanne, I'm sorry, the lump is malignant." I tried to call my husband, Ross. But he wasn't home. Alright, now what?

Do I go back into the editing suite and edit out the fear that was rapidly rising up in my already problematic chest?

I wasn't sure what to do. But when I entered the room, my high-school buddy saw through my "stiff upper lip" facade and asked, "What's wrong?"

Apparently just about everything.

My doctor called to say I have breast cancer—and it's my good boob!

But My usual use of humor as cover disappeared quickly.

Dave jumped to his feet and held me as I wept. The friend who had been a part of my carefree youth spent cruising Main Street in our small town, while drinking cokes

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and eating French fries, was now most decidedly a grown-up who was supporting me in the biggest way possible—in what was the most terrifying moment of my life. Service wears many disguises. Sometimes, certainly, it IS something we do for others. Sometimes it puts US squarely in the receiving mode.

Sometimes the biggest acts of service come covered in love when a friend holds us tightly and simply makes a space for us to fall apart.

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Jeanne Looper Smith

What Happened or Didn't Happen in the Old Hometown and the Area?

There isn't any earth shaking news in Joplin or elsewhere that I know, but I will share what I am aware of and that is the low water bridge is now used for walking across only. The new bridge is made to walk across as well and is a really nice addition so those living on the "other" side will never have to go a round about way to get home. New bridge is so high that for water to touch the bottom would mean Joplin is gone from the map!!!

The Boots Motel is for sale. The 2 sisters that own it are ready to retire and they lost a lot of revenue when Covid hit. I don't remember the number of rooms already scheduled for rent this past summer, but all were canceled. Apparently they had been doing quite well with tourists interested in the Route 66 and had vacations scheduled just for the trip to go back in time. I never knew there was so much draw. Their children had no desire to continue the business.

The Marion Days in Carthage was canceled due to Covid, but the newspaper talked about how it affected thousands of people who came from around the world each year for this event. The revenue lost was astronomical. Hotels lost money and many people paid residents to park in their yards and hook up to their electricity. The Carthage cops looked forward to added private pay as they employed policemen night and day. Not to mention the loss of money to restaurants. Also Apple Butter Makin' Days in Mount Vernon was canceled and was one of the areas largest festivals.

<https://www.mtvchamber.com/apple-butter-makin-days.html>

Now the BIG story!!! Webb City is getting a Sleep Inn at the round-about right off of 49!! Can you believe a hotel in Webb?



Connie Culton Cox

We reported in the last issue about the class of '64 memorial plaque that will be displayed at the high school in honor of our classmates Brent Horton, Jon Rippee & Clark Henson. We will also offer a scholarship each year in their honor:

UPDATE: The memorial scholarship will not be awarded for the coming school year. The awards ceremony, scheduled for May 6th, was canceled. They want the presentation of our scholarship to be the first one presented, immediately after the presentation of the colors. They would like as many classmates as possible to attend, especially those who served.

So wish we could have done it this year, but they just notified all the kids who got scholarships by e-mail and no fanfare. It's a nice evening program and it'll be appropriate to initiate it next year. Hopefully, John Keeling can come and be the rep for our class, while the rest are in the audience and can quickly be recognized as the class of '64. They planned to run the poem and CD cover on the background screen. It has to be quick as there are about 20 presenters, but I thought it super the counselors wanted to highlight it.

As to where to send donations for the fund, it is best to continue to send them to Stephanie Everitt at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804. Speaking of donations, a great reminder to contribute every year would be Memorial Day, as we honor those that have fallen protecting our freedom. By the way, donations to this cause have reached \$2,000. So, let's keep it going as we're '64 strong.

Please, everyone, remember our classmates who gave their all. If anyone has a question, please feel free to contact John Keeling (jkeeling@gvtc.com).

Thanks, wishing everyone stays free and safe.

From Mike Greenstreet

For those that would like a copy of the CD, please contact me and I would be happy to send them one. Just mail the donation that you can afford plus a shipping cost of \$3 and send to:

Mike Greenstreet
2008 E 45th St
Joplin, Mo. 64804
1-417-529 -3655

Any questions or concerns feel free to email me at mlgsr@att.net

Let it be known that I will forward the proceeds to our treasurer. Steph Everitt.

Mike Greenstreet Class of '64

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

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

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.

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

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

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.

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Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

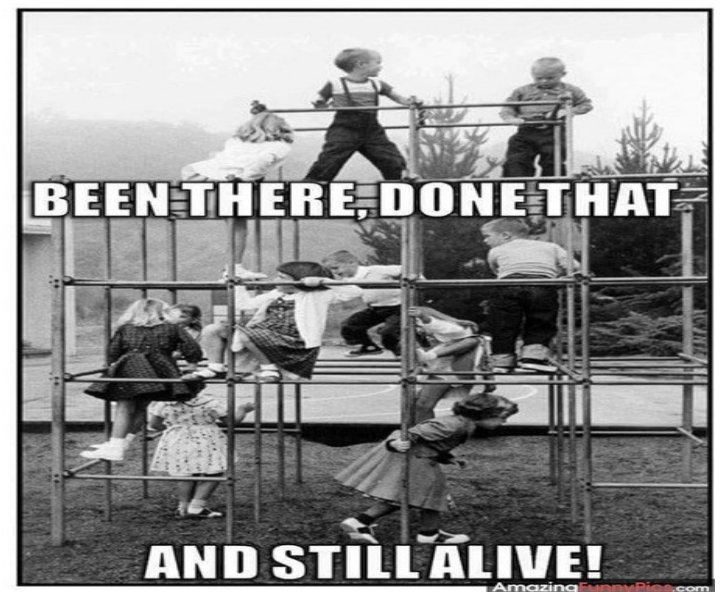
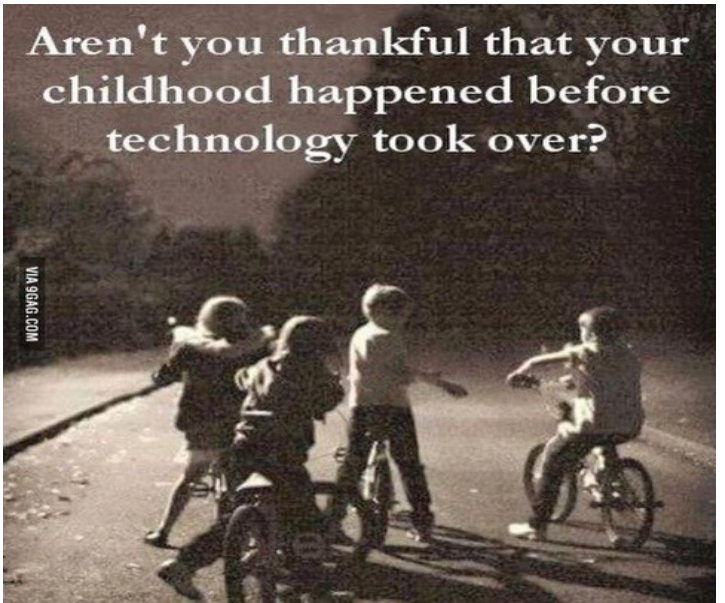
TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

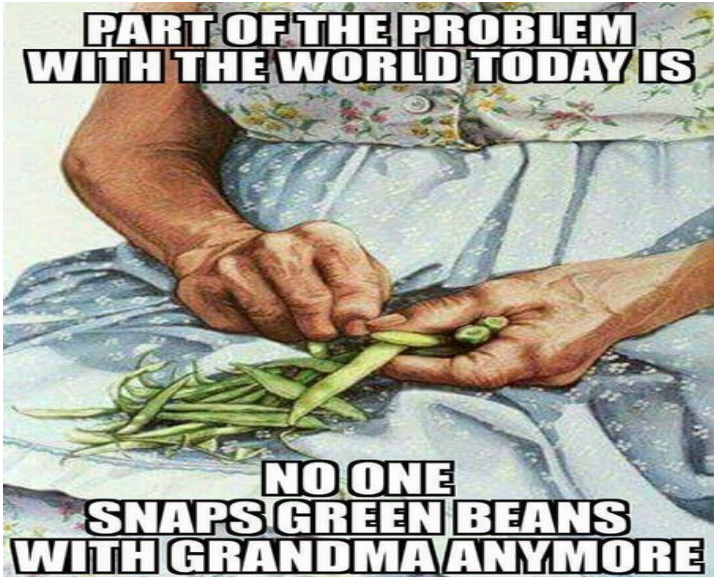
Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

There, now you know everything!





My curfew was lightning bugs. My parents didn't call my cell, they yelled my name. I played outside, not online. If I didn't eat what mom cooked, I didn't eat.

MY PARENTS SPANKED ME AS A CHILD

AS A RESULT, I NOW SUFFER FROM A PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION KNOWN AS "RESPECT FOR OTHERS"

Who remembers wearing...

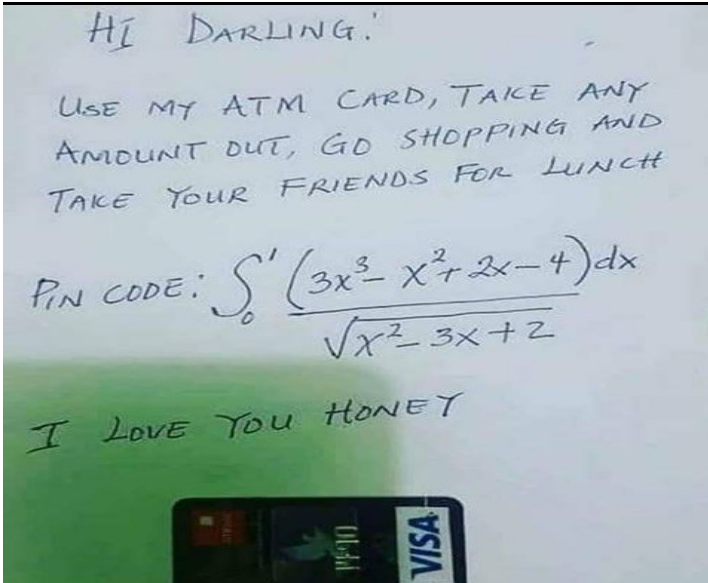


...gym uniforms?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN ALL THE STORES WERE CLOSED ON SUNDAY?

Do you remember when... TV stations played the national anthem every night?





Starbucks is planning on selling beer and wine.

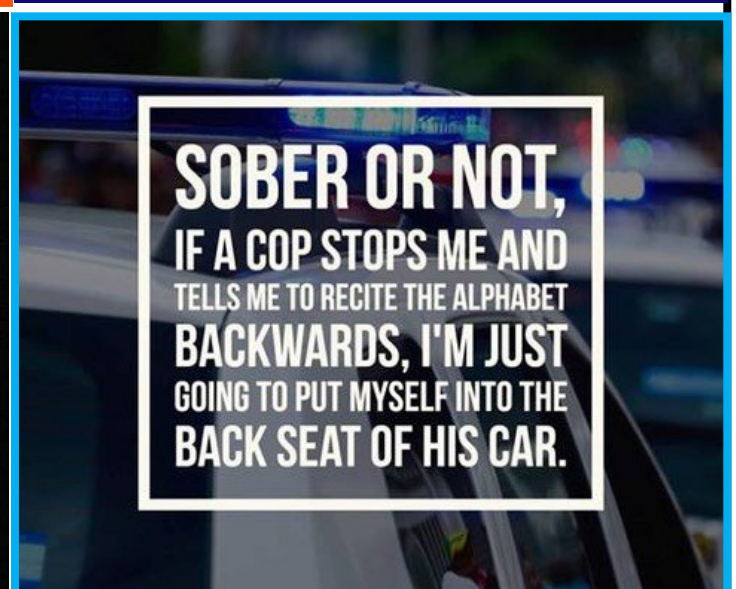
Apparently it's getting difficult to sell sober people a \$12 cup of coffee.

CHILDHOOD INJURIES:
FELL OFF MY BIKE
FELL OUT OF A TREE
TWISTED MY ANKLE

ADULT INJURIES:
SLEPT WRONG
SAT DOWN TOO LONG
SNEEZED TOO HARD

I GOT GAS TODAY FOR \$1.39

UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS AT TACO BELL.



"Proof—We All Wanted to Know"

The original patent from 1891 for a toilet paper roll shows the correct rolling direction, in case you ever doubted.



I accidentally wore a red shirt to Target today and, long story short, I'm covering for Debbie this weekend.

Finally making realistic mannequins in the men's department?!



DO YOU EVER GO OUT, AND WHILE YOU'RE OUT, YOU THINK, "THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I DON'T GO OUT"?

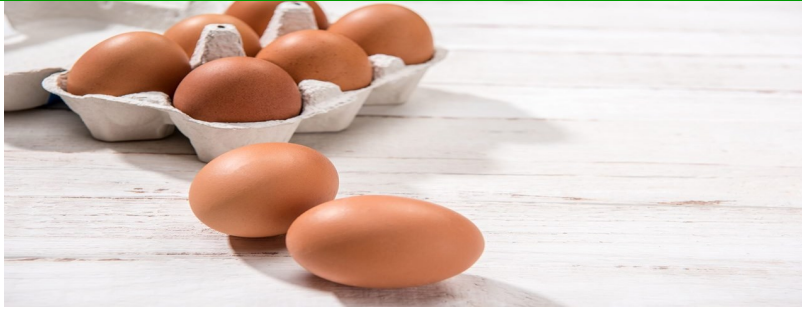
My Saturday was going pretty well until I realized it was Sunday..

I've been using this as a water bottle for about a month now. I kinda love the judging eyes it gets me at the gym



I've found that if you tuck one part of your pant legs into your sock, people expect less of you.

“Fun Facts—Is It Safe to Eat Expired Eggs? ”



Has that carton of eggs been languishing in your fridge? If the expiration date is past, don't rush to ditch the eggs. Here's what that date really means, and how to tell if eggs are safe.

There are two types of people: those who throw food away the minute it passes its expiration date, and those who proudly break open expired cans, polish off languishing leftovers and chow take-out boxes of mysterious origins. I'm definitely in the former camp, except when it comes to one type of food: eggs.

The reason? Eggs take a very long time to go bad—and there's a simple test to spot expired eggs before you crack them.

Is it safe to eat food past its expiration date?

What Does the Date on the Carton Mean?

Your egg carton is stamped with multiple numbers. First is a date, which is almost always a sell-by date, meaning the day by which a grocery store has to pull an item off the shelves. Thing is, this is centered around quality and freshness rather than safety or health concerns.

There's another number on the carton: a three-digit code called the "Julian date." It's the day your eggs were put into the carton. It might take you a minute to work it out, since it corresponds to the a number of the calendar year from one to 365. Again, this number is most useful for determining freshness: new eggs are delicious eaten plain, while older eggs are ideal for other recipes, like meringue.

How to Tell If Your Egg is Fresh

Do the float test! Fill a glass with water and drop an egg in. If it floats, the egg has gone bad. Discard it.

Here's the safety net: Bad eggs aren't discreet. Most will smell like sulfur and basically scream that they're off.

Are you making any of these common mistakes with eggs?

How Long Can You Use Eggs Beyond the Date?

The float test is helpful, but it's also handy to know a general time frame. Eggs stay fresh between three and five weeks beyond the sell date. That's a big window!

Remembrances and Sympathy to our Classmates and Family:

We send sympathy to our classmate Roger Brown for the passing of his Mother.
https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/marjorie-brown-yokley?fh_id=10419

Our sympathy goes out to the family of our classmate Beverly Fannin Philliber on her passing. https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/beverly-philliber?fh_id=10419

We would like to send our prayers to the family for the passing of our classmate Gary Schaben. https://www.hometownsource.com/monticello_times/obituaries/gary-lyle-schaben/article_79ead799-89c4-5bab-a375-78f89b15b26a.html

Our condolences to our classmate Joy Whitaker Barnett and family for the passing of her husband.

<https://obituaries.joplinglobe.com/obituary/stephen-barnett-1079706369?fbclid=IwAR3IxPRC06--o5UBrQWeCVLz0gvZFk-ff-Nu-QEFSnGqZgUITfw5pu7zHkI>

Our sympathy is extended to the family for the passing of ur classmate Nancy Johnson Hoagland. <https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/nancy-hoagland>

We wish prayers & condolences to the family for the passing of our classmate Karol Tate Miller. (No Obit Was Published)



We still have 17 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"

Gary M Colvin

Rayma Jean Coy (Tulsa, OK area)

James "Jim" Hilton

Clair Howard

La Donna Miller

Carol Munson (Wrench) (Bell, MO)

Emma Nunn

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

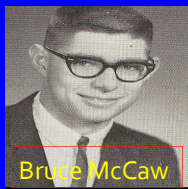
"If You Change Your Contact Information"

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".

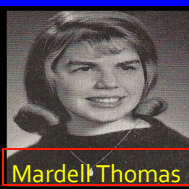
Points to Ponder

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.

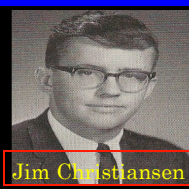
I think I'm finally being grounded for everything I didn't get caught for when I was a teenager.



Bruce McCaw



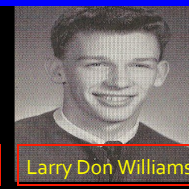
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Jim Christiansen



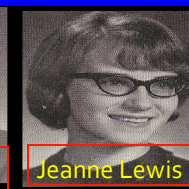
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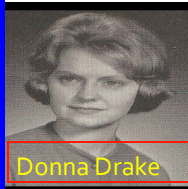
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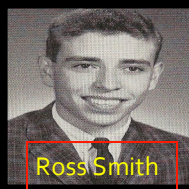
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Jeanne Lewis



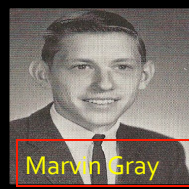
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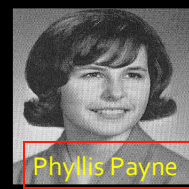
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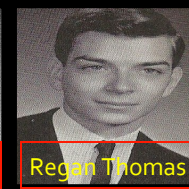
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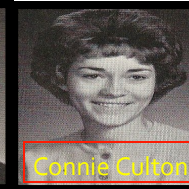
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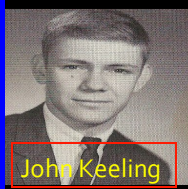
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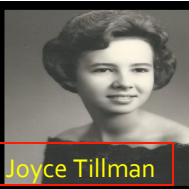
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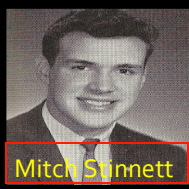
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John Keeling



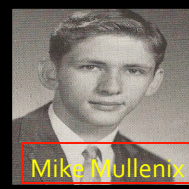
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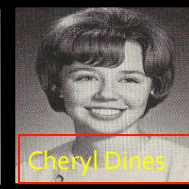
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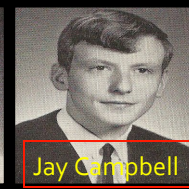
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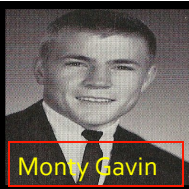
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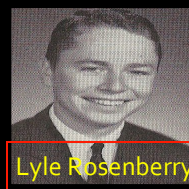
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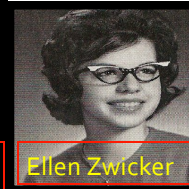
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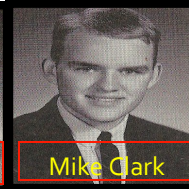
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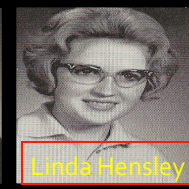
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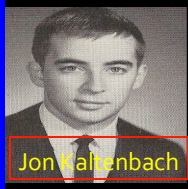
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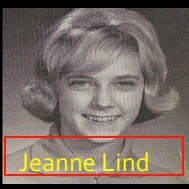
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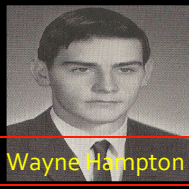
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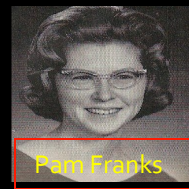
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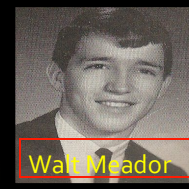
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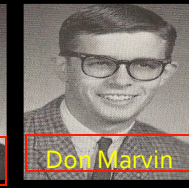
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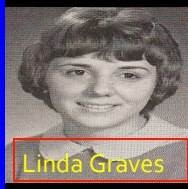
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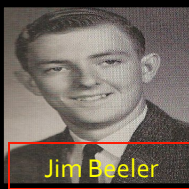
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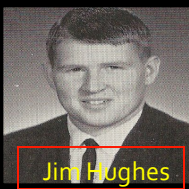
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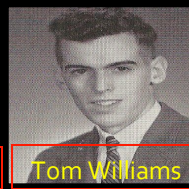
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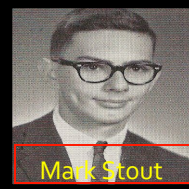
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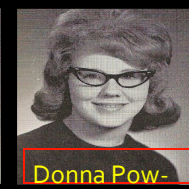
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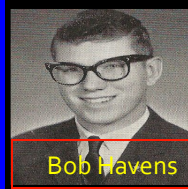
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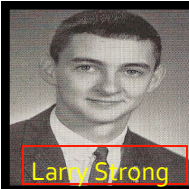
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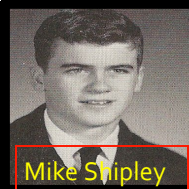
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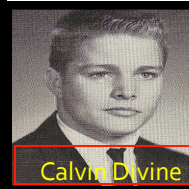
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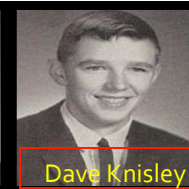
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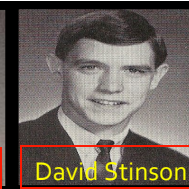
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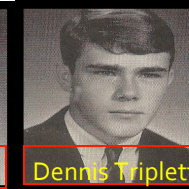
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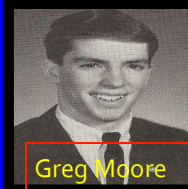
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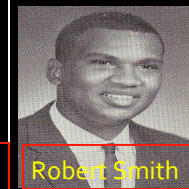
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Dennis Triplett



Greg Moore



Robert Smith



Billie Lenger

We are still patiently waiting for your bio to be added to the wall of fame.

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

Pretty sure this is the bridge you take to get to 2021..



Not very much of out and about so, not very much with classmate excitement for contributions. But we do appreciate the ones we got from former newsletter contributor and editor Jeanne Looper Smith, and the area happenings or not happenings from Reunion Committee member Connie Culton Cox and also lighting up our funny bone was classmate Mike Shipley.

AGAIN, we would still like to remind you that we have the 55th Class Directory and the 55th DVD for sale and it may be purchased for \$12, just send to our class treasurer Stephanie White Everitt at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804. This is a treasure as the online DVD will not be forever and this one is. Keep in mind that it costs us \$2+ for packaging & mailing, so we feel this is another bargain we offer. I would also add that the John Keeling/Mike Greenstreet CD that honors our three classmates that gave their all is well worth a donation of your choice, plus \$3 for shipping. Please consider a modest donation of your choice, all info is on page 4.

We are still planning on the 58th class reunion and have a year and a half to do make it another nice event. Since we are an old hand at this and started out 4 years ahead for the 50th and 3 years ahead for the 55th, but we feel comfortable with a year or so in getting the 58th done. While we are at it, we would like to welcome Mike Shipley to the committee. Mike has always been there when we needed him, if he wasn't working the car shows he was blowing up balloons at the 50th and has been a great volunteer and he welcomed the invite to come join us and make the reunions happen. The reunion committee now consists of Connie Culton Cox, Sharon Peters Arnold, Carol Corbin Buck, Stephanie White Everitt, Jim Christiansen, Dave Knisley and now Mike Shipley.



Mike Shipley

The next newsletter should be out in February/March of 2021 followed by one in May/June time frames.

We hope that you enjoyed the read in this edition of the class newsletter and pray this finds all well and still dodging Covid. Take care, as always, your contributions, comments, replies, and/or suggestions are always welcome.

[We would like to add our classmate Carol Corbin Buck to our prayer chain as she is set to have a 10 to 12 hour back surgery and reports to Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis on December 8th. We wish you well Carol.](#)



Dave Knisley