



Joplin Eagles

"JHS Class of '64"

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Welcome to 2023 Caliente Days of Summer

"Hello JHS Class of '64 Classmates & Friends!"

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Well, here I am again, a day late and a dollar short as the old saying goes. Checking in one month behind. No excuses, just so much going on and when you're the Lone Ranger other things take priority.

I'm not going to be a bit cynical and gear this newsletter motivated purely by self-interest but unless I get classmates donating tidbits it always seems that I'm the one coming up with something to add to the print. I did get a nice article from Phyllis Payne Sapp about the scholarship award that the class of '64 donates and you will be able to read all about it this newsletter.

The sweltering days of summer seem to be on us nationwide. It's the time of year when temperatures soar and sometimes to a deadly effect, especially for the people our age as well as the very young, not to mention pets.

While on mobile patrol last Saturday in the 90 degree heat I received five calls of dogs in hot cars, some with the windows rolled up and some partially down. My first call was that, windows were down far enough I could reach in and unlock it. It was a large animal and I just waited for a bit and in 18 minutes a lady shows up arms loaded with TJ Max packages. I asked her if this was her car and she told me yes. "I said "I'm, sure you know the repercussions that could happen here." I am asking you please do not ever do this again for this length of time on a 93 degree day.

Please be careful and know your limitations as we want to see you June 6th, 7th & 8th at the next class reunion as good times will be on the agenda.

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From the majority of the responses the class reunion has been a bona fide success and even a roll model for some of the other classes.

The committee will be acting soon on the planning and locking in the prices of the lodging as well as the food.

A little preplanning goes a long way and if you would like to attend, that would be a plus for us, we're not asking you to give a promise, we are asking you would like to attend. Also what about golf. If that is on your agenda, let us know that so planning can be made ahead of tee off time.



DID YOU KNOW?

HUGS THAT LAST OVER **20 SECONDS**
RELEASES **CHEMICALS** IN YOUR **BODY**
CALLED "**OXYTOCIN**" THAT MAKES YOU
TRUST SOMEONE MORE.

Annual Henson, Horton, Rippee Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Allyson Higdon was awarded our Class of '64 Memorial Service Scholarship on May 10th. A JHS graduating senior, her plans are to study nursing at Crowder College than transfer to Pittsburg State to complete her degree. She is also considering going on to be a Nurse Practitioner. Mike Chapman presented the award and extended our best wishes.

After Presentation of Colors, the Henson, Horton, Rippee Memorial Service Scholarship is the first presented at the evening program. Mike served four years in the Air Force and was stationed at Ft. Nellis at Las Vegas. He was an auto pilot tech working on the flight line with F-111 aircraft. Now retired as we are, the F-111 was a supersonic, multirole combat aircraft. Mike, thanks for making the presentation this year.

As you know, the Henson, Horton, Rippee criteria include applicants must:

- 1) Be a JHS senior who plans to continue in an accredited training program
- 2) Have a family member who is a U. S. Veteran or currently on active duty

Applications are received by the counselors who make the decision and notify us a day or so before the program. I spoke with Allyson's mother who shared with me that there were several veterans in their family. Both paternal and maternal grandfathers had served as had several uncles. Army and Navy were both represented in the service ranging from the Korean Conflict time going forward. One relative's tenure of service was almost twenty years. Mrs. Higdon also said Allyson's sister is considering joining the military upon graduation. The family appreciates the award Allyson received and is truly proud of their service to our country.

We welcome future donations to the scholarship fund. They may be mailed to John Keeling @133 Majestic Oaks Dr., Boerne, TX 78006. What a great idea John had at our 55th reunion. While we may have pictured young men as recipients, it's interesting that all three winners have been young ladies. The counselors say that those entering the military directly from high school do not need the educational funding and even the specific ROTC awards are not always given. That is one reason we added a family member as a veteran to increase the number who might apply. Thanks to all who donate to our Memorial.

Phyllis Payne Sapp

Allyson Higdon was awarded the 2023 '64 class scholarship that was presented to her by our veteran classmate Mike Chapman.



The latest newsletter was great as always I especially love the Tidbits and cartoons that you put in as they always bring a smile or a good laugh or two. Stephanie White Everitt

I just received and finished reading the newsletter! Thank you for a great read and a feeling of home! You and all those helping you always do such a wonderful job in keeping us all together! Many thanks!
Cheryl Dines Burke

Time keeps flowing like a river. Good to see you are still here and active. Thought I might write a bio but could not find a place to click for it. The only thing we have in common is 64. Every one went different ways after that. Being still among the living is a gift and I have no idea how I made it this long. Still remember your mom and dad.

Tom Brown

Hello Dave and everyone from '64 JHS. Just a note to update everyone that I recently retired from my facial plastic surgery practice and medical school professor position in Chicago and I have moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Running or skiing everyday now and enjoying exploring the restaurant world of fine food with my wife Rhonda. Also now, more time to visit my three adult children and two granddaughters.

Best wishes to all my Joplin classmates.

Regan Thomas

Thanks for sharing!

Charles Baker

You do a great job! I can't believe you did this last one in 1 day! It was a good read. Thanks! God bless you, Dave

Ellen Zwicker Arnce

Thanks for all that you do, Dave. The newsletters are always interesting, though unfortunately there is more sadness in the reading these days.

I kick myself periodically about doing an autobiographical sketch, and who knows, maybe someday?!?! Missing the reunions has been an emotional challenge for me, the tornado losses my original excuse, but now my closest friends from those years are all gone, too, (or don't attend), and it all makes me too sad. Feeling the strong urge to cry when looking at flight schedules is a big clue!

We are doing fine in Colorado, have good health, knock on wood, and all our immediate family live here now, which is wonderful. We are envied by all our friends. My main acknowledgement of aging is my refusal to learn how to drive a new car. My 17 year old, 100,000 odometer miles, 2006 BMW x3 has a new clean bill of health, and I hope I will have it to drive until I shouldn't be driving. My family gives me a hard time about it, but I like to think there is some grudging respect for my frugality in not wanting to buy a new car. Take care, and enjoy the Spring, such a joy! Best regards, Sandra Kungle

You all are very special. Thank You DK

If I waited until I had all my ducks in a row, I'd never get across the street. Sometimes you just have to gather up what you've got and make a run for it.

- Judge Lynn Toler
@jurgentoler | @jurgentoler

I just ordered a life alert bracelet so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately.

For most people when you lose your "khakis" you've lost your pants. When you're from Boston & lose your "khakis" you can't start your car.

I don't know if Facebook has ever caused the lame to walk but it has sure caused the dumb to speak.

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

When a person dies hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935!

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

Strawberries and cashews are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

Children Writing About the Ocean

- 1) -This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly, age 6)
- 2) Oysters' balls are called pearls. (Jerry, age 6)
- 3) If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (age 7)
- 4) Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)
- 5) A dolphin breaths through an asshole on the top of its head. (Billy, age 8)
- 6) My uncle goes out in his boat with 2 other men and a woman and pots and comes back with crabs. (Millie, age 6)
- 7) When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7)
- 8) Mermaids live in the ocean. I like mermaids. They are beautiful and I like their shiny tails, but how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? Like, really? (Helen, age 6)
- 9) I'm not going to write about the ocean. My baby brother is always crying, my Dad keeps yelling at my Mom, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write. (Amy, age 6)
- 10) Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves in to chargers. (Christopher, age 7)
- 11) When you go swimming in the ocean, it is very cold, and it makes my willy small. (Kevin, age 6)
- 12) Divers have to be safe when they go under the water. Divers can't go down alone, so they have to go down on each other. (Becky, age 8)
- 13) On vacation my Mom went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water fired right up her big fat ass. (Julie, age 7)
- 14) The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know. (Bobby, age 6)
- 15) My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean. What he doesn't know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mom. (James, age 7)

THANK YOU HONEY BEES!!!

One of the first coins in the world had a bee symbol on it .

Did you know that there are live enzymes in honey?

Did you know that in contact with metal spoon these enzymes die? The best way to eat honey is with wooden spoon, if you can't find one, use plastic.

Did you know that honey contains a substance that helps your brain work better?

Did you know that honey is one of the rare foods on earth that alone can sustain human life?

Did you know that bees saved people in Africa from starvation?

One spoon of honey is enough to sustain human life for 24 hours?

Did you know that propolis that bees produce is one of the most powerful natural ANTIBIOTICS?

Did you know that honey has no expiration date?

Did you know that the bodies of the great emperors of the world were buried in golden coffins and then covered with honey to prevent putrefaction?

Did you know that the term "HONEY MOON" comes from the fact that newlyweds consumed honey for fertility after the wedding?

Did you know that a bee lives less than 40 days, visits at least 1000 flowers and produces less than a teaspoon of honey, but for her it is a lifetime? Thank you, BEES

SAVE THE HONEY BEES!

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**HOW TO BE HAPPY:
DECIDE EVERY MORNING
THAT YOU ARE IN
A GOOD MOOD.**



**People who ask
me what I'm
doing tomorrow
probably assume
that I even know
what day of the
week it is.**

LET'S HAVE A MOMENT
OF SILENCE FOR ALL
THOSE WHO ARE STUCK IN
TRAFFIC ON THEIR WAY TO
THE GYM TO RIDE
STATIONARY BICYCLES.

Get a baby gate they said, it'll
keep them safe it said.... 🙄 😂



NATIONAL WINE DAY

January 1 - December 31

" STAY AWAY FROM
NEGATIVE PEOPLE.
THEY HAVE A
PROBLEM FOR EVERY
SOLUTION. "

Remembrances and Sympathy to our Classmates and Family:

Prayers are extended to the family on the passing of our classmate Greg Moore
<https://www.fallsfuneralhome.com/obituary/david-moore>

We extend sympathy to our classmate Gilda Pat Edmonson Baker for the passing of her husband Robert Baker Sr. <https://www.ronaldcperkinsfh.com/obituary/bishop-robert-baker-sr>

We extend our compassion and prayers to the family of our classmate Beverly Dodge Moore for the passing of her husband Jim.
<https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/james-moore>

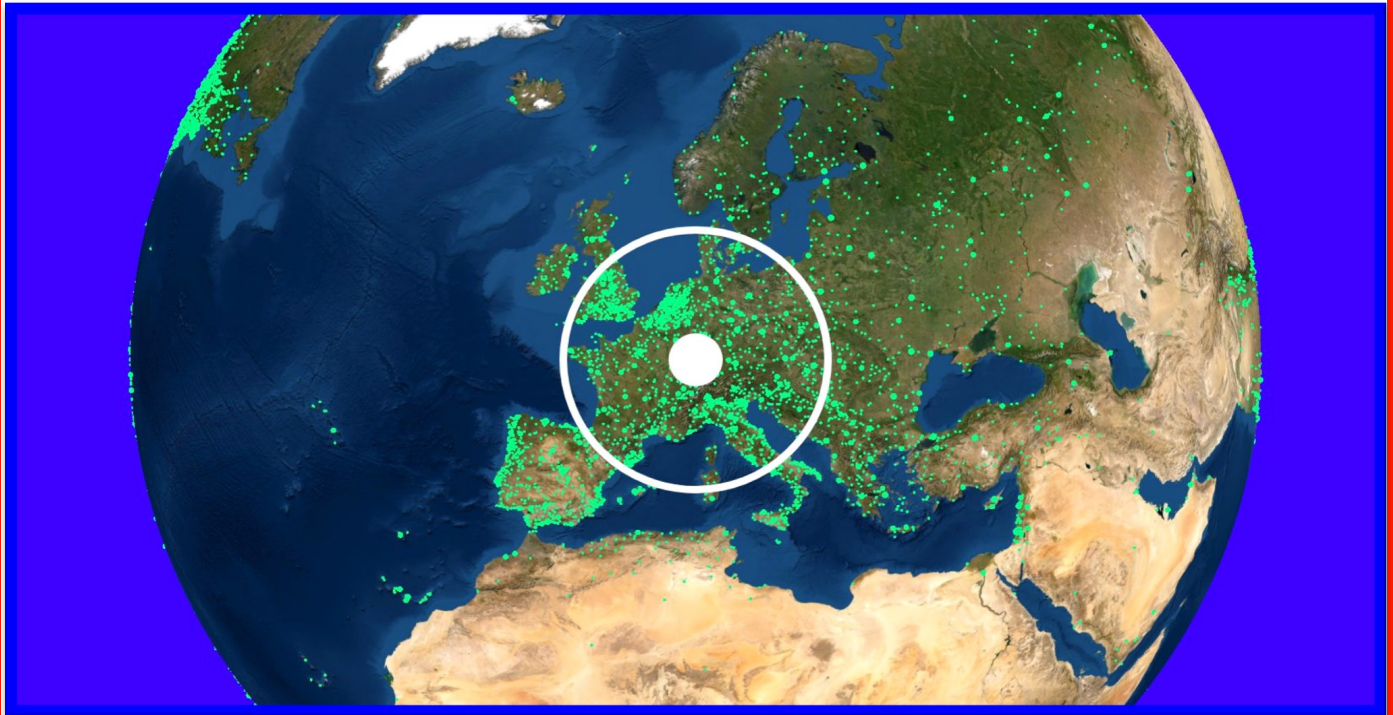
I spent a couple of hours playing with this link.

The green dots on this Google Earth map represent radio stations all over the world.

Click on any one of the dots and you will immediately hear that station with very good reception.

For example, halfway up Ireland's East coast there's a station playing Irish pub music.

<http://radio.garden/live/toulouse/radiopresence>



We still have 15 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 but cannot verify*)

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".

The Nostalgia Jukebox

Wanna Have Some Fun?

Put in the year that you graduated from High School or whatever. Then press "Hit Me". This could keep you amused for hours.

<http://thenostalgiamachine.com/>

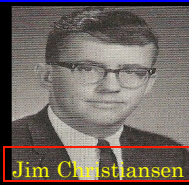




Bruce McCaw



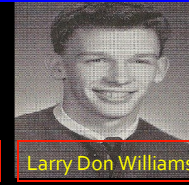
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Jim Christiansen



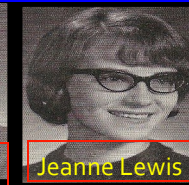
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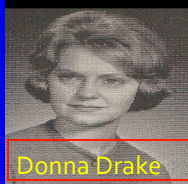
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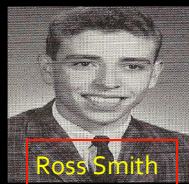
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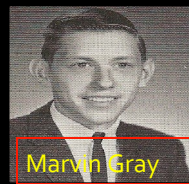
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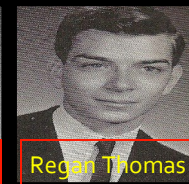
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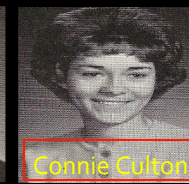
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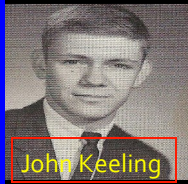
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Connie Culton



John Keeling



Joyce Tillman



Mitch Stinnett



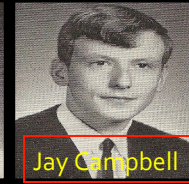
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Mike Mullentz



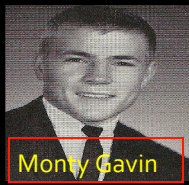
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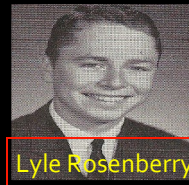
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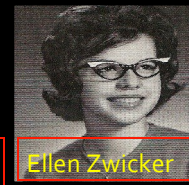
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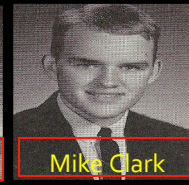
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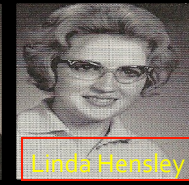
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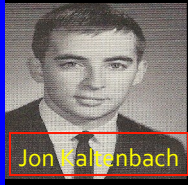
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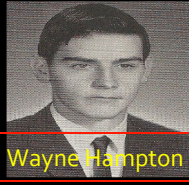
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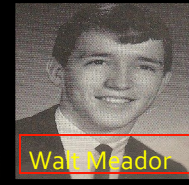
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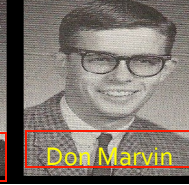
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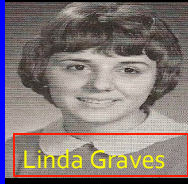
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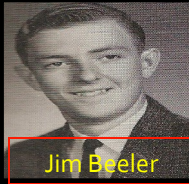
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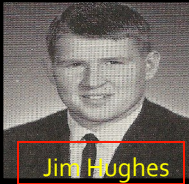
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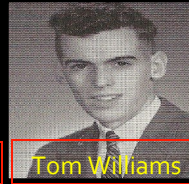
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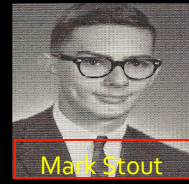
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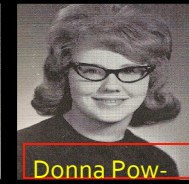
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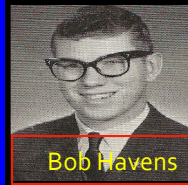
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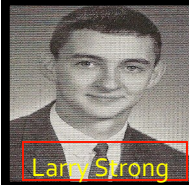
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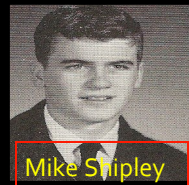
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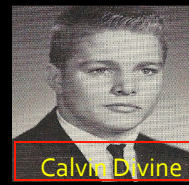
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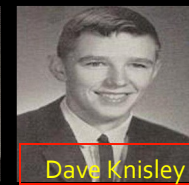
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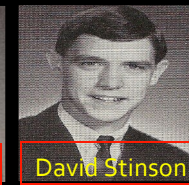
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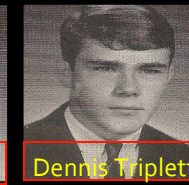
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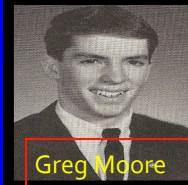
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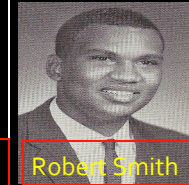
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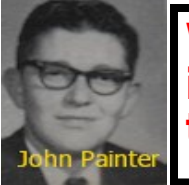
Greg Moore



Robert Smith



Billie Lenger



John Painter

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?

Born 1930 - 1946

Special Group ... Born Between 1930 - 1946. Today, they range in ages from 75 to 93. Are you or do you know someone "still here"?

You are the smallest group of children, born since the early 1900s.

You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

You are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.

You saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans.

You saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available.

You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.

You are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of grieving neighbors whose sons died in the War.

You saw the 'boys' home from the war, build their little houses.

You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you imagined what you heard on the radio.

With no TV until the 50's, you spent your childhood "playing outside".

There was no little league. There was no city playground for kids.

The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was like.

On Saturday afternoons, the movies gave you newsreels sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons.

Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines) and hung on the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).

Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage and changing the ribbon.

INTERNET' and 'GOOGLE' were words that did not exist.

Take care, stay safe and we'll see you on June 6th, 7th & 8th of 2025, if not before.



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