



Joplin Eagles

"JHS Class of '64"

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Here Is Our 28th Edition

"Here Comes Summer!"

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It's the summertime edition of our JHS Class of 1964 newsletter for 2017.

When we were high school students, summer allowed us to take a break from the routine of our school lives and spend some pretty care-free days doing what we did back then--making the Main Street cruise, sunning at the pool and necking at the drive-in.

Today, summer may not represent the great get-away experience that it once was when we were locked in to the routine of our school years and later, our adult work lives.

But whatever you're up to now that the days are longer and the temps are higher, we're wishing you a return, at least in memory, to those lazy, hazy crazy days of summer that we all shared in Joplin so long ago.



Jeanne Looper Smith



May 22, 2011 Followup

May 22, 2017 was the sixth anniversary of the tornado that ravaged our hometown. It was a storm that lasted 38 minutes but forever changed the landscape and the lives of our town and of the people who experienced it. 7,000 homes were destroyed and 158 lives were lost. What follows is a tribute to the bravery, resilience and tenacity of those who called Joplin home.

A special dedication to my hometown

"There's a storm blowing up, a whopper..." Professor Marvel, from the movie "The Wizard of Oz"

Professor Marvel's weather prediction and the mesmerizing image of the black funnel cloud churning up the Kansas landscape in the opening scenes of the movie "The Wizard of Oz" was my only encounter with the power of a "twister."



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Although I grew up, smack dab in the middle of "tornado alley" in Joplin, MO in the 1950s and '60s, the closest I got to a tornado was sitting in front of the TV screen watching the annual network viewing of "The Wizard of Oz".

I've always believed that there are spiritual nuggets galore in the MGM classic from 1939 that are a subtext to the surface story line and the celluloid characters that inhabit the black-and-white starkness of the Kansas plains and the colorful fantasy world of Oz.

Looking back from the vantage point of adulthood, there were lessons for me from the movie about having the power to create our own heart's desire, the necessity of having loving companions on our journey, and that, in the end, home and the people we love are our true destination and foundation.

And, most importantly, that what we're looking for is within—not "out there" somewhere.

The tornado that struck Joplin was not created on a Hollywood sound stage but was a real life EF-5 storm that created havoc, devastation, death and destruction in the hometown of my youth. For the residents of Joplin, the lessons from the aftermath of the real thing are gut wrenching and personal.

The true remnants of the aftermath of the tornado repeat with stunning regularity: heroism on a city-wide scale, a grit and tenacity and resilience in the face of devastating personal loss that has captured the admiration of people all across the country.

As I found myself watching, again from my TV screen, what transpired in my hometown—I was overwhelmed with a sense of pride in Joplin, and its citizens, in the face of a real-life "whopper" of a storm.

There really is no place like home.



Jeanne Looper Smith

A wise man once told me not to "ponder the imponderables"....but I do.. and this is why!

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard when he lives in the jungle without a razor?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

What is the speed of darkness?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

A Bio Follow Up is a new section we are starting which offer those that have done a bio in support of our newsletter and have since retired, or have made some life event changes since their bio was published, or just giving us an update in the happenings of their life. First up, is our classmate John Keeling. So if you've done a bio in the past and some changes have taken place, feel free to submit an update and we will add it to the After Hours section.

From John Keeling:

I retired August 31, 2016, after forty-two years of selling building products. Nine of those years were spent traveling several states in a management position with the Celotex Corporation, where I was for almost fourteen years. The past twenty-seven plus years, I had the pleasure of representing TAMKO Building Products, headquartered in Joplin. It was a great ride, and I reported to the same man who hired me the entire twenty-seven years.

Just prior to retiring, I was diagnosed with cancer for the second time in five years. I underwent radiation therapy every day for eight weeks in San Antonio, a forty mile drive from our home in the hill country. Followup since then has been good, and it looks like I won.

Currently, Deb and I are working on closing out her mom's estate. She passed away in December, and we are in possession of a large collection of antique furniture and collectibles. Plus, we had bought a house in Waco for her mom to live in to be closer to doctors and other conveniences. Her home in the country outside of Waco had sold in October. Interestingly, the buyers of that home were represented by Magnolia Realty, owned by the young couple famous for the Fixer Upper program on HGTV.

After we catch our breath a bit, we plan to take an extended trip through the west this coming September. Grandkids will hit in early July, so that will keep us busy. They are all very active, the boys in sports, and our granddaughter with showing her horse. She took top honors at the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo this past winter.

With all of this, projects, woodwork, golf, and trying to get a sequel to my first book written, I find myself scratching my head and wondering "When did I ever have time to work?"

I hope everyone from JHS '64 is doing well and enjoying life. Look forward to seeing all in 2019.

"What is SSS&T?"

What is SSS&T? It stands for Swap, Shop Sell & Trade, another new section we are starting. This allows classmates to swap R&R dates, sell antiques, arts & crafts or their talent, anything you may care to shop for or possibly trade time shares for different dates. First up on the list is classmate Paula Mills Bartlett and here is what Paula has to say.

My brother and I own some land near Grand Lake and would like to sell it. With his ten acres and our twenty acres, it is a total of thirty acres for sale.

LAND FOR SALE— Paula Mills Bartlett

Land for sale, between Fairland and Grove Oklahoma. Thirty acres located on Gray's Ranch road and very close to Grand Lake. Will sell smaller amounts. Most of the land is natural/forested; a little of it is cleared. Twenty acres have been in the family for about 100 years. There is a well and three small rock buildings. Price is \$3,500 an acre. To look at the property and for directions to it, call Paula Mills Bartlett 940-380-8803.

On May 6th, folks gathered at Theis Park on the Plaza in Kansas City, MO for the 5K Walk/Run for Pancreatic Cancer. Our group was headed up by our classmates, Dave & Billie Sue Lenger Stockam and classmates Marian Wolf Stevens and myself, Dave Knisley participated in the event. We were also joined by Dick & Dot Espy, who did the video for our 50th class reunion and several of our classmates have nominated Dot to be an honorary class of '64 member and is part of the Facebook gang with several of the classmate gals.

What a 1/2 day of fun for a great cause as we walked for Lisa's Dragonflies, in honor of Dave & Billie's daughter who fought the pancreatic cancer battle. Also we were walking for Dick Espy's friend and best man at his wedding, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and a dear friend and coworker of mine, who lives in Clarksburg, WV, Mr. Dave Bowers, who was diagnosed with the disease late last year. Make plans to join us next May, I assure you that you will feel great



The Calm Before the Storm



Recognition of the Many Survivors in Attendance



On Your Mark, Get Set!



And Go!!!—Check Out the Next Page



Now the Walkers



Dave & Billie Stockam, Marian Wolf & DK



Billie Saying Cheese! Note the Boot. 😊



L-R Billie, Marian, Dave K, Dot, Dave S & Dick



TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: (I sure hope so)

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Ya think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Who would have thought!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Remembrances and sympathy to our classmates and family:

We extend our sympathy to the family for the passing of our classmate Anne DeWelt Dorris
<http://obituaries.joplinglobe.com/stories/obituaries/anne-dewelt-dorris-1946-2017-895504542/0CA0701A07e3d227A8Ytl1794EC8?ckprm=1>

Our prayers reach out to our classmate Linda Hensley Evans for the passing of her daughter.
http://m.myleaderpaper.com/mobile/obituaries/kathleen-denise-blizzard-imperial/article_fa6de532-f7c2-11e6-a8c6-779ee25b6835.html

We send our condolences to classmate Rich LaNear and family for the passing of his father.
<http://www.masonwoodard.com/book-of-memories/2909650/La-Near-Eddie/obituary.php>

Our sympathy reaches out to classmate Harold Lingo & family for the passing of his sister Twilla.
<http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com/notices/Twill-Rihm>

Our condolences to classmate Deanna Campbell Bennett for the loss of her husband Tom.
<http://insidejoplinobituaries.blogspot.com/2017/06/thomas-bennett.html>

We take pride in publishing the class newsletter and have certain guidelines that we abide by. One is no political comments or articles and we do not push religious preferences, even though we're firm believers, we feel it best to refrain from commenting on those two subjects.

In each issue we ask for suggestions or articles from classmates that we may share in our newsletter and we receive very little response. That was our main reason why we went from every 3 months, or quarterly issues, to every four months, however we do hear from some classmates on a regular basis and even some non '64 classmates. When we do receive comments or articles for the newsletter, we try to grant their requests and publish what is meaningful to all classmates.

Fortune didn't hit us for this issue as we have no bios come through and I realize in typing this that more are still out there to help us in keeping the bio section alive. Some of you have offered to do a bio, but have not delivered. Our next class newsletter will be out in October, hopefully a few of you will have penned a bio and allow us to place in that issue, so we don't have to keep asking for your participation. Please consider this.

Remember, a bio has to be nothing personal at all, we love hearing from those that made it from Joplin, MO to wherever you may be and how that took place and what are your interests and why are you living where you are now. Also from those that are still in J-town and what's up with that, any regrets you have that you didn't move away?

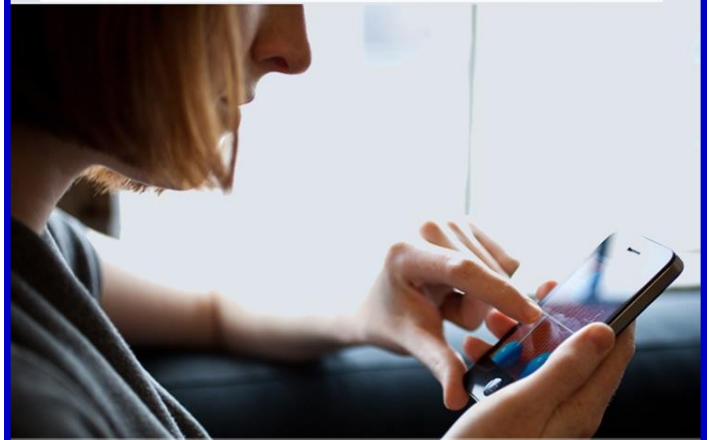
As a reminder and if you care to throw some kudos instead of stones our way, we will fess up that our class newsletter editorial staff now consists of Jeanne Looper Smith and Dave Knisley. We would love to hear any comments you care to share and can do

PINEAPPLE JUICE IS 500% MORE EFFECTIVE AT HELPING YOU STOP COUGHING THAN COUGH SYRUP. PINEAPPLES CONTAIN BROMELIAN, WHICH CAN COMBAT INFECTIONS AND ERADICATE THE BACTERIA.



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IF YOU'RE IN AN AREA WHERE YOU SHOULD HAVE CELL PHONE SERVICE BUT DON'T, PUT YOUR PHONE ON AIRPLANE MODE AND THEN SWITCH BACK. THIS WILL CAUSE YOUR PHONE TO REGISTER AND FIND ALL THE TOWERS IN THE VICINITY.



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It Fits!!



THE PARMESAN LID FITS ON A REGULAR CANNING JAR!

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USE A FORK TO KEEP TACO SHELLS STEADY WHILE FILLING THEM UP.



-DUMPADAY.COM

TO QUICKLY COOL A DRINK, WRAP A WET PAPER TOWEL AROUND IT AND PUT IT IN THE FREEZER FOR A FEW MINUTES.



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USE A CAN OPENER TO CUT OPEN PLASTIC PACKAGING.



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Philosophy 101

As we grow older and wiser we realize a \$300 or \$30 watch - - - they both tell the same time.

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag - - - the amount of money inside is the same.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$30 or \$3 wine - - - the hangover is the same.

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 or 30,000 sq. ft. - - - the loneliness is the same.

And we realize our true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down - - - everyone goes down with it the same way. Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination - - everyone arrives at the same time.

Therefore . . . we should realize that when we have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth -- that is true happiness!

Six Undeniable Facts of Life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price.
2. Best wise words: "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."
3. The one who loves you will never leave you because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few folks really understand that.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!
6. If you just want to walk fast, walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!

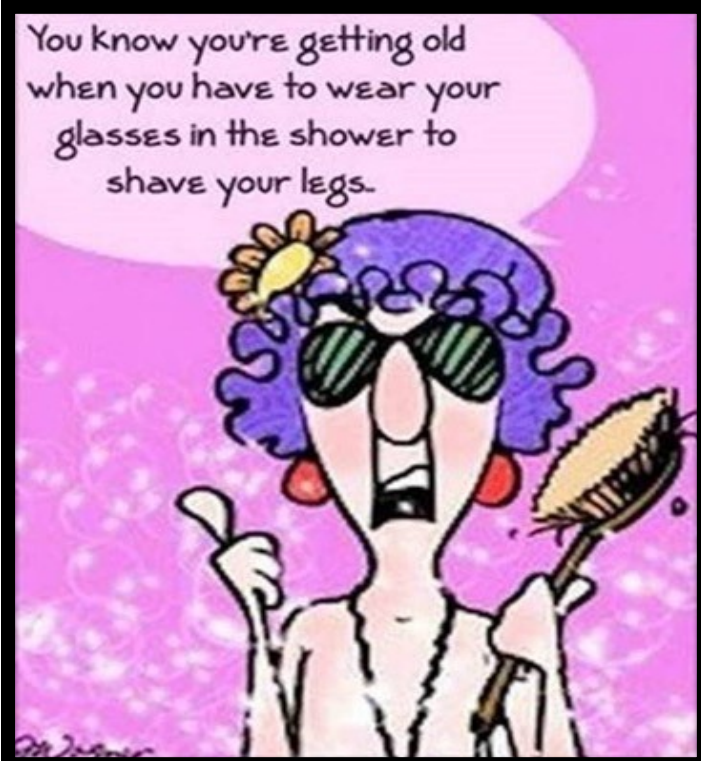
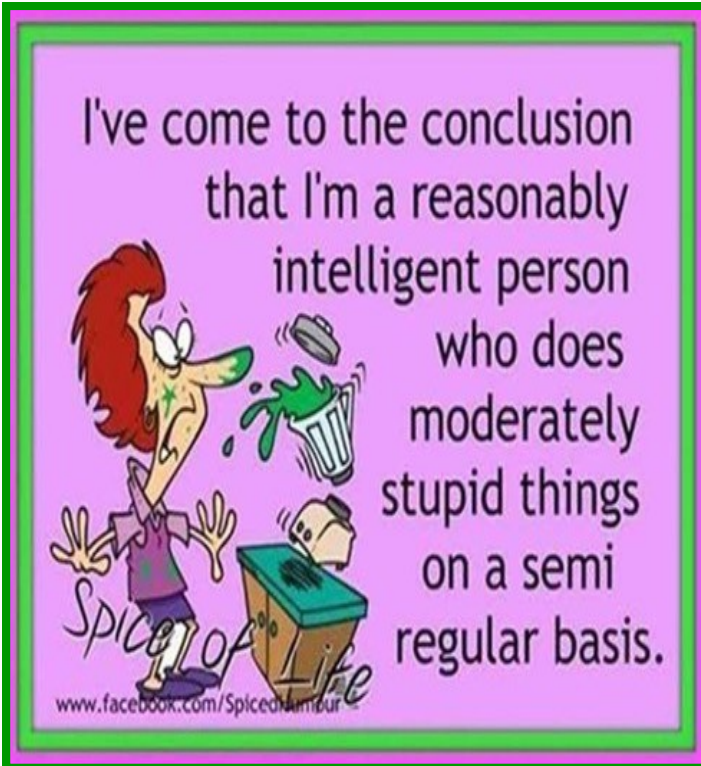
Six Best Doctors in the World:

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends

And, finally:

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers.

We'd like to welcome back home our classmate Dennis Smith and his wife Nancy who moved back to Joplin from Ft. Smith, AR. Welcome home Dennis.



All Class Get Togethers are Held at 6:30 Unless Otherwise Noted

Dinners for JULY (Please need a Head Count) 1st Wed. of the month—July 5th at Hunan Gardens, 2830 S. Main Street, Joplin, MO—3rd Friday of the month—July 21st at JB's Pizza, 112 Main St. Joplin, MO. Please contact Carol Corbin Buck at 417-483-3285 or csbuck64@aol.com, if you plan to attend any of these dinners.

We still have 26 classmates that we've classified as missing. If you have any idea where these classmates are, 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)

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

Thomas Warren (Chicago, IL area)

Paula Weinacht

"If You Change Your Contact Information"

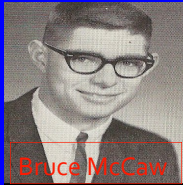
Please help us out. Don't forget to include us on any changes in your contact information. If you should move or change telephone, snail mail address or email address please let us know. It's very easy and you may do so by clicking on the following link joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com, and enter your information,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

Continuing to Follow the Chapman's

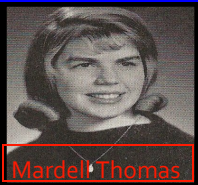
Taking that infamous 3 hour tour, not.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfR7qxtgCqY>. 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.

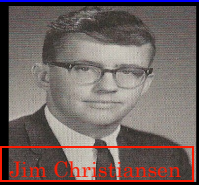
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Bruce McCaw



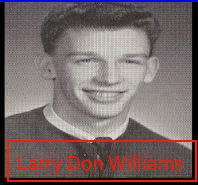
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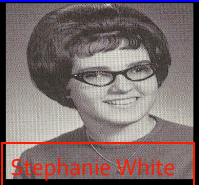
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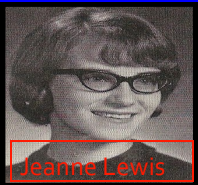
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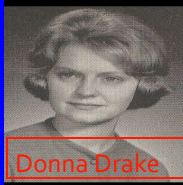
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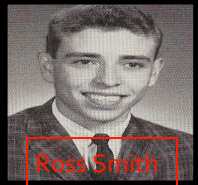
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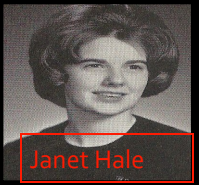
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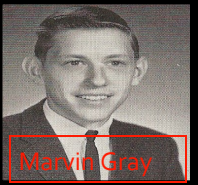
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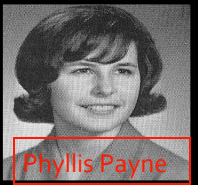
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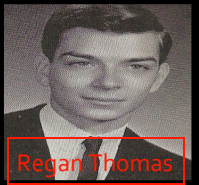
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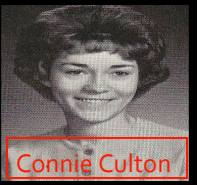
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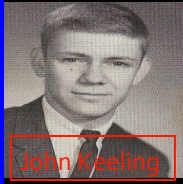
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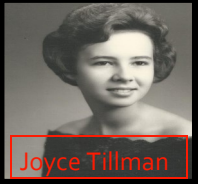
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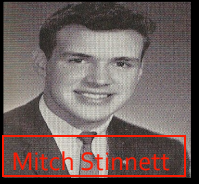
Connie Culton



John Keeling



Joyce Tillman



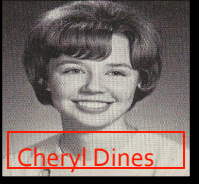
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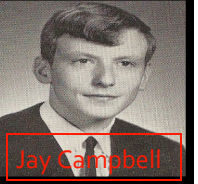
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Mike Mullenix



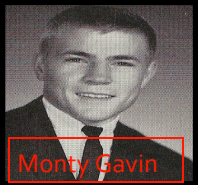
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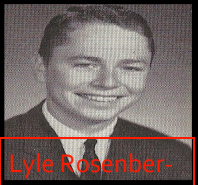
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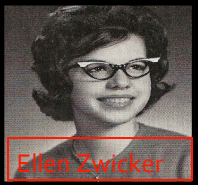
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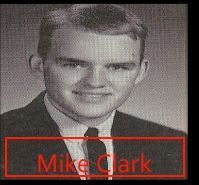
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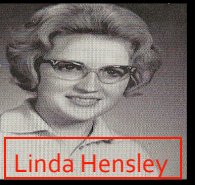
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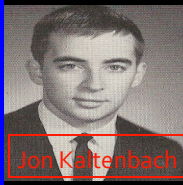
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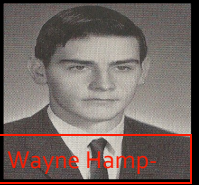
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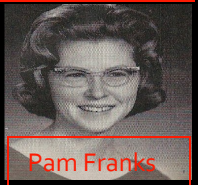
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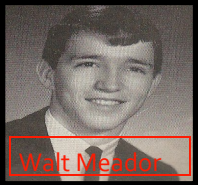
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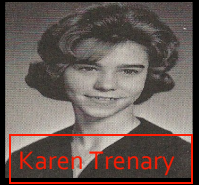
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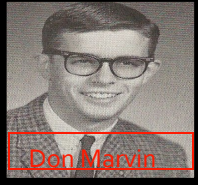
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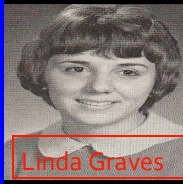
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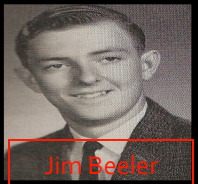
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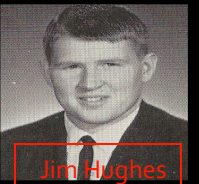
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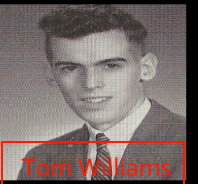
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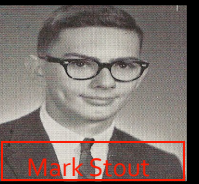
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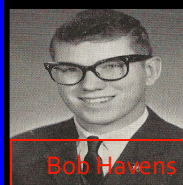
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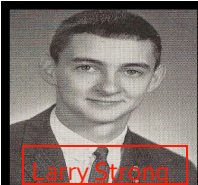
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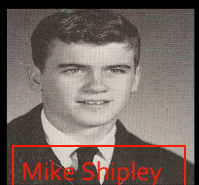
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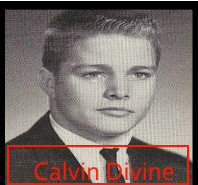
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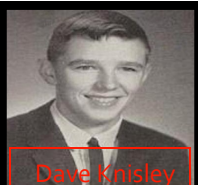
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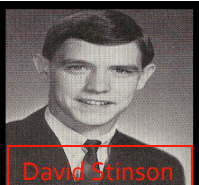
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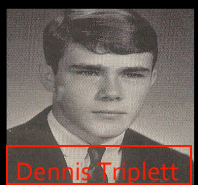
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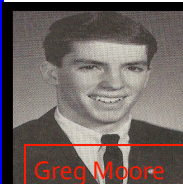
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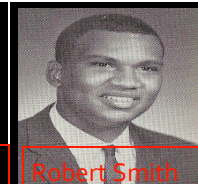
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Dennis Triplett



Greg Moore



Robert Smith

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

"It's A Wrap"

In the last newsletter we gave you the minutes and follow up of the class reunion committee meeting and some of the ideas we discussed for the 55th reunion.

We have a follow up meeting scheduled for July 18th that we will hold in Carl Junction. We are still asking for classmates to give us some input to what they may like to see or do during the event. Some of those that are out of towners will most likely come in on Thursday, so an afternoon or evening function may be in the works.

As we mentioned in February, we set up a site on eventbrite.com that allows anyone to donate to the reunion, so, one has no check to write, no envelope to lick, no stamp to buy, just pay via the credit card of your choice and it's a done deal. Just click on the link you see here and see how easy it is. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joplin-high-school-class-of-64s-55th-reunion-tickets-34695930462>.

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

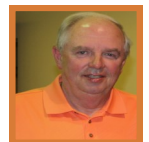
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We realize that the reunion is exactly two years away as we are looking at June 2019. But believe me folks, that will move quickly and your class committee team likes to have everything ready and create an event that you will be proud of, not to mention one that is cost wise efficient so anyone will be able to attend and more importantly, enjoy.

We aren't really asking for a chunk of money, if all the classmates that we send out the newsletter to would chip in \$10, we would raise over \$2500, then with what we are planning in the way of raffles, car shows or whatever, we would hope to raise another \$2500 and meet our goal of \$5000.

So don't be bashful, help us out and be true to your school, so to speak. ☺

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVrrCjy9GI>



Dave Knisley