



Joplin Eagles

# "JHS Class of '64"

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## Our 33rd Edition, The Last One Before 55th

### "It's All About the 55th, So Please Give a Read"

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**When is the 55th Reunion?** June 7th-9th 2019, it's this year folks.

**Where will it be held?** Indoor events will be held at the Holiday Inn.

**What events are planned so far?** A Meet & Greet on Friday the 7th from 2:00pm until 6pm. Then Saturday morning is golfing at Schiffer-decker, starting at 8:00am. See page four for additional information. The banquet for Saturday evening begins at 6:00, starting with the reception, then around 7:00 we will file into the banquet room for a few announcements, then the 3-meat buffet that will be available for all to partake. Both events will have an open bar. Around 9:00pm, Larry Don and the gang will provide music until 11:00pm or so. After that, you're on your own. "Say goodnight Gracie." Sunday morning a farewell "until the 60th" breakfast will start at 8:30am in the a banquet room, where we will be wishing all travelers Godspeed, as they safely head home.

**Hotel Accommodations:** The committee is not able to book hotel rooms, that's direct to the Joplin Holiday Inn only. To book a room, phone **417-624-9000** and give the code "**Joplin Class of '64**" and you may book a room for **\$99**. Each room has a microwave and refrigerator. If you care to **have a breakfast** in the Route 66 restaurant each morning, the room cost will be **\$109**, even if two are registering. So state what you prefer when registering. The owners of the Holiday Inn that's located at 3402 Arizona Ave., also own the Comfort Inn and the Quality Inn and all three of these are together, creating a hotel campus so to speak and we've been offered rates at those two also. The Comfort Inn 417-627-0400 will have a rate of \$85 and the Quality Inn 417-627-0440 will have a rate of \$65 and the price will include your breakfast at both hotels. They are within walking distance (about a block) from the Holiday Inn parking lot. Keep in mind that the new Holiday Inn is not located where the old one was, it's on the west side of Rangeline Rd. and north to 34th Street.

**How do I register?** Send intent to [joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com](mailto:joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com) with your name and the number attending. **DO NOT** call, text or send an email to a committee member. This is just your intentions to join us.

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The proper way is to just send an email to the class email address at [joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com](mailto:joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com), that way we have proof of intent to attend and can be shared with Stephanie White Everitt, the class treasurer who can mark as registered when payment is received. This way we are not relying on word of mouth that so & so told me that blah blah blah. Once sent to the class email, you will get a response noting your intent to attend. One will not be officially registered until payment is made. When you send, please add your contact information for the class directory, this will keep us up to date when we go to print and pass out at the reunion. Please give names, ladies would you please list maiden name, then married name, all our names are like the Joplinmo listing plus spouse. So your name, spouse, street address and telephone numbers, home & cell if applicable. Lastly and very important is email address.

**How do I pay to attend?** The event for the whole shootin' match is \$20 a person and payment will be made to our class treasurer, Stephanie White Everitt, so please make check or money order payable to Joplin Class of 64 and mail it to Stephanie at 2821 Wisconsin Ave, Joplin, MO 64804 Yes, the cost is more than reasonable and it was based in hopes that all who said they would donate will. We strive to keep the cost as low as we can, so that's not an issue with any classmate being able to attend and may God bless those that have already helped us financially. BTW, we still hope some classmates help us out with a bit of loose coins as it is so appreciated and tell me, just where in the land of hades can one go and attend a four hour Meet & Greet with all the appetizers they care to chow down on and also have a 3-meat buffet, then top it all off with live entertainment for just a \$20 bill? So, don't be bashful, if one can help defray the cost by chipping in, that way the committee won't have to personally cover the balance due. At one time our plan was to charge \$35 a person, then we said \$30 a person, so I set up profit & loss sheet in Excel and it was based on a few that I was in hopes would still donate and the comment was made by a committee member that "We're not in this to make a profit, so let's just do \$20." Case Closed.

**When do I have to pay?** Right now is a respectable answer to that, but here is the blueprint of what needs to happen. The Holiday Inn requires payment in full two weeks prior to our event, so that's May 24th. That means that we will require **ALL** payment be in our possession by May 20th, that will allow all checks to clear and be recorded in our account so we will be able to write a check to the Holiday Inn on the 24th, the timing is just a little over two and a half months away.

**Are there plans for other events?** At this moment in time, no, but your committee is still having meetings as we dot the i's and cross t's in hopes this runs as smooth as the last one. I know some of the travelers will be coming in on Thursday, I for one, and there had been mention of an early evening mini hayride at Dave & Billie Sue Stockam's, build a bonfire, roast a wiener or three, maybe do S'mores over the campfire, sit around and sip the liquid mixture of your choice. We even had a go bowling, or go play miniature golf suggestions. We also acknowledge that some may just want to get together with a few classmates that they haven't seen in 5+ years, maybe hit Undercliff Bar & Grill, break bread together and have a toddy, or hit the establishments of their choice... We also realize that not all will be playing golf, or as my grandma used to call it, "Cow pasture pool" - so what about those folks, is anything planned for Saturday? The answer at the moment is no. But as it has been stated, we're still in meetings and in all fairness, we've asked in every issue of the newsletter for some ideas of what some would like to do or offer a suggestion for a Saturday day event or even a Thursday late afternoon, early evening event and so far we're batting a big fat zero. Any suggestions?

**Here is a highlight of what we covered, feel free to print this page.**

The 55th Class of '64 reunion is June 7th thru the 9th.

Location is the Holiday Inn, 3402 Arizona Ave., phone 417-624-9000

Room rate is \$99. If you care to have a breakfast in the Route 66 restaurant each morning, the room cost will be \$109 for one or for even two people. At check-in make sure you get the breakfast tickets for both, for each day. The code to use when registering is "Joplin Class of '64"

To get on the attendee list use the class email [joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com](mailto:joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com) and you will be added to the attendee list. The attendee list is a notification that you have intentions on attending and it gives us an idea for planning and how many meals & appetizers that may be needed and paid for. Your placement on the registration list will happen when payment is made to Stephanie.

Paying for the event is \$20 a person and payment will be made to our class treasurer, Stephanie White Everitt, so please make your check or money order out to Joplin Class of 64 and mail it to Stephanie Everitt at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804.

Payment sooner than later is always best, but payment must be made and in the hands our class treasurer by May 20th. If someone decides to come after May 20th, you will receive a very apologetic sorry, no go. However, one could be placed on a waiting list if someone has to cancel between May 20th & June 7th. You will be asked to pay your \$20 and all is well. However, I wouldn't sit back and bank on a cancellation happening, better safe than sorry.

Feel free to check out the hotels & complex we're offered.

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

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

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

At this moment in time, we have 154 people signed to attend the reunion, that's 20 more than the last newsletter four months ago. Out of that 86 are classmates. Our only adversary is the size of the banquet room at the Holiday Inn, with the round banquet seating of 8 it can be a little tight. However, I am working on a plan that I will cover with Kristie Barley on March 25th as she is our go to person at the Holiday Inn and what I offer may free up some area so we won't be cramped. It may also require using banquet and cafeteria type seating. We will make it work just fine, whatever the outcome and or attendance will be.

Make note that this Holiday Inn is not the size of the old Holiday Inn, that one had a very nice size lobby & reception area. This one has a nice lobby area with a few couches, chairs and big screen TV. It has a long hallway that takes you to the banquet rooms and is about 2/3 the size, if that, of the old Holiday Inn banquet room. The rooms are exceptional. Fridge & microwave in each room and keep in mind this will only be about 2 years old when we invade the place.



**Dave Knisley**

For a \$20 fee is there more to the reunion than the Meet & Greet and the Saturday night banquet? You bet your bippy. A live band, headlining our own classmate Larry Don Williams and Olé Friends, which will be just one highlight of our reunion. We will also have back Dick & Dot Espy, videotaping and photo shooting for some everlasting memories. And like the 50th, a free DVD will be presented to all in attendance, and that will be mailed at a later date and photos of the event will be placed on the class website and available for downloading and printing. I'm working on getting a photographer to take some special pictures, as there will be decorations that will offer still photo possibilities, so smile big..

All our functions so far, except for the golf outing, will be held at the Holiday Inn. The Meet & Greet will kick off on Friday at 2:00 p.m. and will be held in the banquet room and also some set-ups will be in the hallway adjoining the banquet room. Dress code is super casual, meaning shorts and cool type shirt or top is more than acceptable, yes the A/C works. A virtual jukebox is offered for us to use and pick out favorite songs and is furnished by Mike Knisley, the class of '65. I just happened to make a trip to Springfield recently and he gave me a demo, this is really a cool set up and it will be like going back in time to the Eagles Nest and picking a song out and dance if you wish, or just listen away. We will also have some '65 classmates who volunteered to work our event. They will free up our class committee members, who at the 50th were tied to the registration and raffle tables, so this way, our class committee may mingle and chit-chat as they munch and sip their beverage of choice, unlike the 50th when they didn't have that luxury. Thank you, class of '65, very much appreciated.

**Attention Golfers:** Saturday morning will be tee-off time at Schifferdecker. Golfers will gather at 8:00am and the tee-off foursomes and order will be announced when we have the names of all that will be playing. I know some of the foursomes are already paired, so that's a good thing, Jim Christiansen & Dennis Smith won't have to set those up. And yes, we know that Charlene Veteto Jones will be the last to tee off. This year we will offer several prizes. The prizes and or monetary awards will awarded at the banquet and will be for the longest putt, closest to the pin, longest drive, lowest score and a hole in one. The payout will consist of men playing against the men and women against women in the same above categories. The cost, including a cart is \$26 a person.

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



I know what you're thinking, this is very repetitive and I know it is and for many reasons as sometimes certain paragraphs may be missed when one skims the newsletter and not really read it.

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

**Important Reminder:** This is one item that we've not mentioned. And that is when you register and sending your \$20 a person in, will you acknowledge that you will be attending both events or state just the one you will be attending? The cost is the same for both, but food order may differ if some are just doing the Meet & Greet or the Saturday night banquet. At the 50th we had some that could just attend the Meet & Greet but not the banquet, this is something we really need to know so we can supply the Holiday Inn with the number of attendees for each event.

We have mentioned on previous pages about donating to the reunion to keep our attendance cost as low as possible, so if you have intentions in supporting the 55th, we certainly would appreciate it.

Something else that needs to be addressed is the fact that all monies donated may not go directly to the 55th reunion. **WHAT????** You Say! No, we don't pocket the loot and head to the Indian Casinos or gambling boats. We maintain a class website and a class email address. Those ain't free folks. We renewed both for 4 years in May of 2014, just before our 50th reunion. Due to a miscommunication it turned out to be 4 years and the last year I covered, so we never missed a beat. We have someone that maintains the site for us whenever he is given info to place on it, and that is usually just the class newsletter and he also was paid up until June of 2019. In looking for ways to capitalize and make our website more informative, I would like to offer this: I will personally take over the website at no cost to the class account. Yes, I will need a bit of learning on this, but that would eliminate paying a keeper of the site, however the class checking account will have to support the email address & web domain. Naturally, like anything else, the more years you purchase domains you have a reduction in price. Our email address is now with Dotster, as I switched that over two years ago when we were having so many problems with the previous host. I have supported it the last two years. Our cost through Dotster for a two year domain coverage is \$96.00. The two year protection for the name of joplinmo64.com and the protection to keep it linked with the email name joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com is \$36 for the two years. The privacy protection to keep hackers out of the website is \$30 for two years. The total cost to maintain our website and email is \$81 a year, and that's agreeing to the two year contract, which would total \$162.00 for two years.

So I come to all classmates asking for a vote as to whether we should continue communicating with a class website and email. With me taking over the website, I'm in hopes that we can get some support in supplying content to keep it recent and active. That means comments, pictures, stories, memories of when, where and so on, and will be placed on the site. So yes or no folks?

## MISSOUR-UH

"Excuse me," I injected kindly but firmly, "Did I hear you refer to my home state as Missouri-e?"

"Well yes, that is the correct pronunciation."

"Really, show me!" I remonstrated.

"That's what all my professors and the newscasters say."

"Really," I responded as kindly and firmly as I had learned from my upbringing. "I have lived in this 'Empire State' now for almost half a century and I've learned a few things about its inhabitants."

"And that being?"

I sensed his defenses rising in a typical New York bellicose manner. From the boldness I have adopted in order to survive in this state this long, I shot forth, "You have a major imperfection."

"And that being!?!"

"You my friend are naturally afflicted with an annoying and incurable speech impediment."

"What? I talk as plain and normal as anyone else in this state," he protested.

"Exactly!" I excitedly blurted out, "That's my point, you all have it!"

"Have what?" He stammered, his frustration mounting.

"The worst possible speech impediment known to mankind, a Northern accent!"

The quiet was deafening. A New Yorker with a loss for words is a thing to behold. Noting his shield down somewhat and seizing the opportunity, I drawled, "If Missouri-uh's spelling ends with an 'I', why don't you phonetically pronounce it "Missour-eye"? I see him back pedaling, thrown off balance mentally and emotionally by my Southern logic. "After all," I strike more mortal blows, "Missour-uh was undoubtedly named by Italian settlers, note her vowel ending." His jaw dropped another inch, undoubtedly due to my flawless reasoning. He was now wandering out on the desert or going round and round on a small Icelandic Island, possibly questioning all he knew about proper pronunciation.

Almost ashamed of myself for overstepping my genteel and refined Southern upbringing, I knew it was time to set him straight. "From henceforth you shall refer to my home state with the correct pronunciation," I hesitate emphatically, "has been and always will be, Missouri-uh! He was now in a tizzy and awkwardly blurted out, "Uh, uh,uh, I don't understand." All fierceness quietly drained from my body, replaced with a softness for my impaired friend. "You just said it." I said kindly but firmly. "Said what?" he mumbled with a puzzled frown. "You are cured. You have started the road to healing," I assured him with a smile. "You are learning proper linguistics and diction."

"Uh, are you crazy?" He retorted. Realizing he had years of improper schooling but noting he again used the proper suffix (even though improperly using it as a prefix or stupid exclamation), I pressed on with utmost vigor. "I see that beneath all that Yankee lingo propaganda lies a deep

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longing for better elocution. You must allow the finer aspects of your inner person to express themselves. You verbalized briefly, maybe unconsciously, what you have suppressed all these years. Your usage of 'uh' is the beginning of the restoration of your true self. You are learning the language that once unified the whole earth." I almost ventured to tell him of the Tower of Babel, but I knew as a New Yorker it would be a set back of my progress. Kindly but firmly, I continued to move him toward enlightenment.

"You have exhibited a small portion of the language that we in the South inherited from Kings, Queens, Pharaohs, Potentates, and Big Shots from long ago. Heck, probably for millenniums. You are becoming a better and more civilized human being. You may even become a Contributor." I could see he was finally impressed. His head cocked to one side; he was ready to learn. "Let's start with what's most important and we'll proceed from there to a vast and vital vista of linguistic purity. Repeat after me, slowly but distinctly, Missouri-uh." Fully engaged, he clearly stated, "Missour-uh."

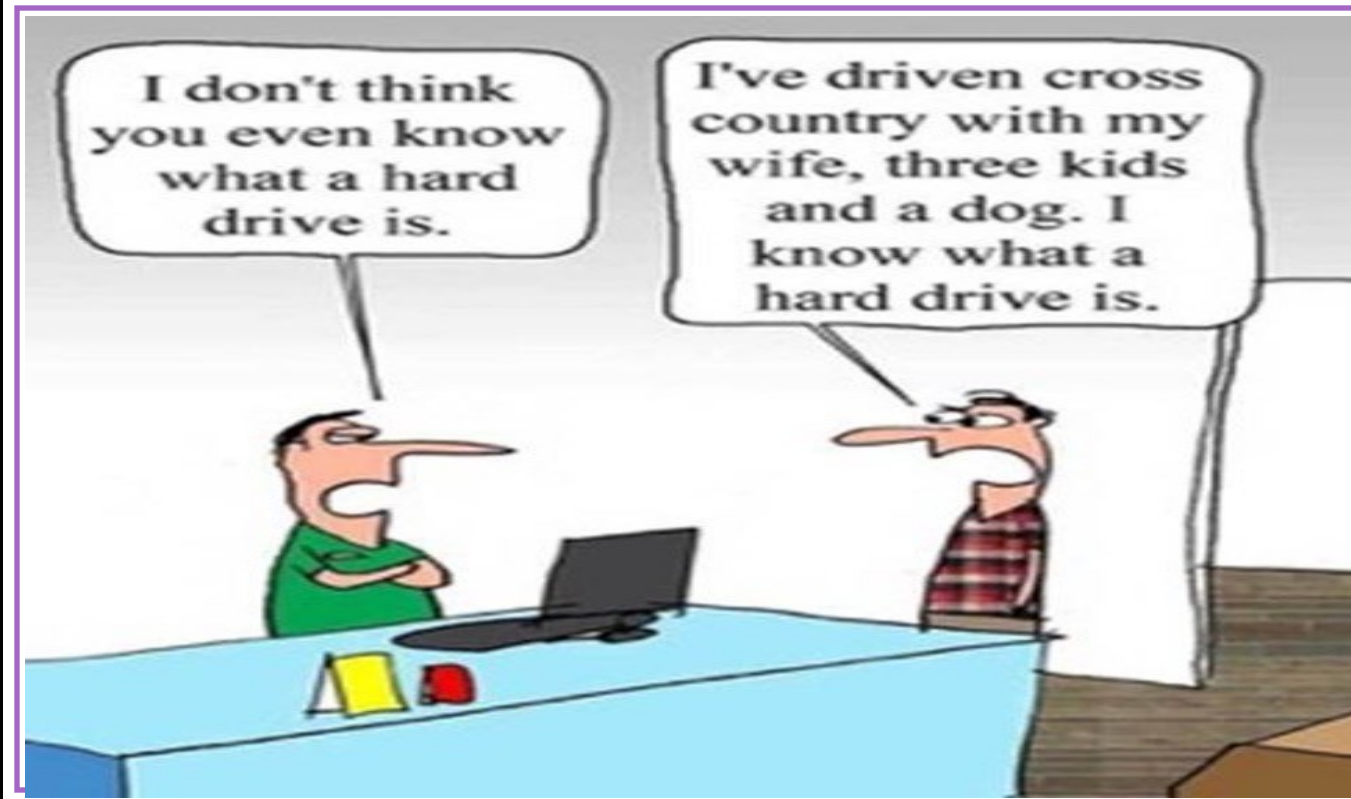
It was a good beginning. I rejoiced profusely. I left him with my 117 page instruction manual "Talkn'Right" for further improvement. I reflectively sauntered down the street, content with another convert but sobered with the realization that there is still much work to do!

I hope you enjoy this whimsical article. *Wayne Hampton Class of 64*

Dave, I would love to make the 55th...but, in "retirement" I still drive a school bus and NY schools end in the third week of June. Might work for me but will know as we get closer to the date.



**Wayne Hampton**





NEVER MAKE A WOMAN MAD.  
THEY CAN REMEMBER STUFF  
THAT HASN'T EVEN  
HAPPENED YET.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

SOME THINGS ARE JUST  
BETTER LEFT UNSAID.  
  
AND I USUALLY REALIZE IT  
RIGHT AFTER I SAY THEM.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

Been there—  
done that. Then,  
been there  
several more  
times, because  
apparently I  
never learn.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

IF A WOMAN SAYS  
"FIRST OF ALL."  
DURING AN ARGUMENT  
RUN AWAY, BECAUSE  
SHE HAS PREPARED  
RESEARCH, DATA, CHARTS,  
AND WILL DESTROY YOU.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

*Every time you talk to  
your wife, your mind  
should remember  
that... 'This  
conversation  
will be recorded for  
training and quality  
purposes'*

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM  
  
A wise man once said  
nothing.





**Remembrances and Sympathy to our Classmates and Family:**

Classmate Emmett Haddox passing, due to pancreatic cancer. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kansas/obituary.aspx?n=emmett-s-haddox&pid=190378570&fhid=4861>

Classmate Eva "Charlene" Cochran O'Dell <http://obituaries.joplinglobe.com/obituary/eva-o-apos-dell-1071280481>

Classmate Deenie Roby <http://www.schrader.com/obituary/dee-deenie-snyder-nee-rovy>

Classmate Vicki Jones Cornman for the passing of her husband Walter. <http://www.fohnfuneralhome.com/obituary/walter-cornman>

Classmate Linda Putnam Emmert's and the passing of her husband Charles <http://www.clarkfuneralhomes.com/obituary/charles-emmert>

**I guess there is nothing that  
will get your mind off  
everything like golf. I have  
never been depressed enough  
to take up the game, but they  
say you get so sore at yourself  
you forget to hate your  
enemies.**



**Will Rogers**  
American actor  
(1879-1935)

*QuoteHD.com*



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

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

*Richard Burns*

*Ed Carey aka (Edmond C Comple) (Joplin)*

*Gary M Colvin*

*Johnie Coots (Seguin, TX area)*

*Rayma Jean Coy (Tulsa, OK area)*

*James "Jim" Hilton*

*Clair Howard*

*Robert "Bob" Jordan*

*James "Jim" Lamb (Neosho, MO)*

*La Donna Miller*

*Merlin "Butch" Mitchell (Cocolalla, ID)*

*Carol Munson (Wrench) (Bell, MO)*

*Emma Nunn*

*Mitchell "Pat" O'Brien*

*Judy Osborne (Gardner) (Joplin)*

*Richard Lee Pearson*

*Patty Riley (Brewer) (Joplin)*

*Naomi June Shelton (Possibly Deceased)*

*Drucilla Short*

*Robert Joe "Bob" Smith*

*Jack Sneed*

*William "Bill" Ray Stow*

*Mary Thornton (Reed)*

*Linda Vails*

*Paula Weinacht*

## **"If You Change Your Contact Information"**

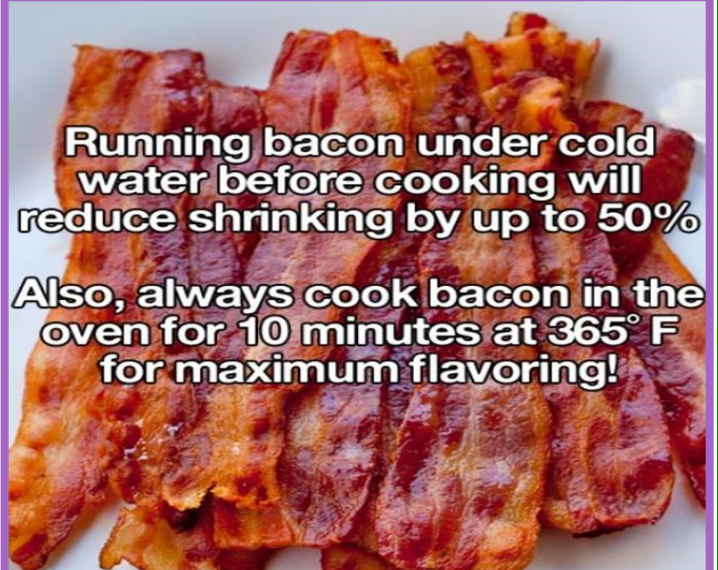
Please help us out. Don't forget to include us on any changes in your contact information. If you should move or change telephone, snail mail address or email address please let us know. It's very easy and you may do so by clicking on the following link [joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com](mailto:joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com),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

**Remove fake drawer underneath the sink and install a paper towel holder.**



**Running bacon under cold water before cooking will reduce shrinking by up to 50%**

**Also, always cook bacon in the oven for 10 minutes at 365° F for maximum flavoring!**







Bruce McCaw



Mardell Thomas



Jim Christiansen



Sharon Peters



Larry Don Williams



Stephanie White



Jeanne Lewis



Donna Drake



Ross Smith



Janet Hale



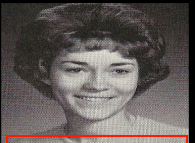
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Phyllis Payne



Regan Thomas



Connie Culton



John Keeling



Joyce Tillman



Mitch Summett



Sheryl Reese



Mike Mullenix



Cheryl Dines



Jay Campbell



Jeanne Looper



Monty Gavin



Carol Corbin



Lyle Rosenberry



Ellen Zwicker



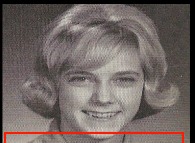
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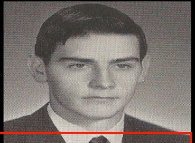
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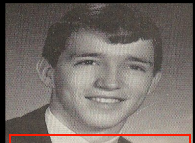
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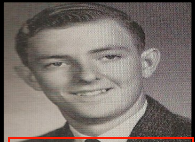
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Don Marvin



Linda Graves



Jim Beeler



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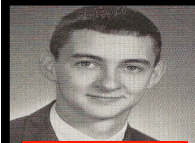
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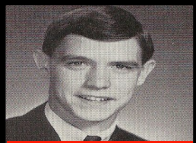
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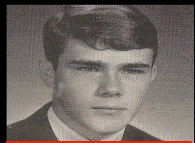
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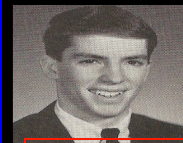
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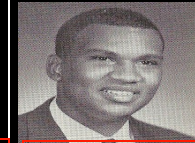
David Stinson



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?**



## "It's A Wrap"

Hey! Have you heard anything about the 55th JHS Class of '64 Reunion?

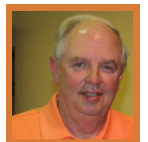
Well, it's June 7th thru the 9th and all events will be held at the brand spankin' new Holiday Inn.

I also heard there is a Meet & Greet on Friday, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Appetizers galore.

Also a golf outing at Schifferdecker will tee-off at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. "Fore"

Then someone mentioned that a big banquet on Saturday, starting at 6:00 p.m. will knock your socks off. A live band will let you boogie down.

There are raffle items galore, photos will be taken and placed on class website and a DVD of the entire event will be available at a later date, thanks to Dick & Dot Espy. I also heard that a monetary donation is desperately in need to make all this happen, so one can chip in at GoFundMe <https://www.gofundme.com/joplin-class-of-64-reunion> Or a check made out to Class of 64 & sent to Stephanie Everitt at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804. Be part of making it all doable.



*Dave Knisley*