



Joplin Eagles

# "JHS Class of '64"

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## The Spring/Summer Issue

### "May Celebrated Cinco de Mayo, Corona Anyone?"

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Not much will be in print in this issue on the Coronavirus as we've had more than our share of reading and hearing about this and the predictions and prognostications that change almost hourly

We will say that we hope and pray that all of you and yours remained healthy and striving to see this through until the end and we are blessed with a vaccine so it will ease our routine.

Here we are in May. For those that had time on their hands, tackled chores around the house or yard and reaped the awards from your hard work, with flowers & veggie gardens

I saw mine as I spent 4 solid days putting in a garden and all that started with the tilling of plant rows, then a little of nature's additives like bovine manure. I then plotted out what I would plant and ended up with tomatoes of various kinds, and the same with peppers so did yellow squash & Zucchini as well as strawberries. Then the complete back row of twenty feet or more is wildflowers from Missouri.

Now the general rule is to pick one's first tomato on July 4th, so we shall see. If it happens it will most likely be a grape or cherry tomato as the warmth of Mother Nature is sparse.

Weather was amazing in Northwest MO for the month of April, then May rolls in and started off rather nice but then Mother Nature went berserk. We had lows in the mid-'30s with frost and we're still 10 to 12 degrees below normal and rain for the rest of this 3rd week.

I hope your downtime from the norm was as productive.



Not many high school classes have what the JHS Class of '64 has. I came on board with the committee for the 40th class reunion and my offering on the committee was to get the class directory printed. Then there was the planning for the 45th reunion and from the 45th to the 50th we grew a little as committee members. Some had dropped off and some came onboard. Of course we've always had the stellar folks from back when and that is Jim Christiansen and Carol Corbin Buck and also the class treasurer Stephanie White Everitt, Sharon Peters Arnold and Mardell Thomas Rouse were members. We welcomed back Phyllis Payne Sapp and added Connie Culton Cox and a few weeks later Jeanne Lind McAferty. After few planning meetings in came Jeanne Looper Smith and a few meetings after that Ross Smith came on board. We started the planning of the 50th class reunion 4 years out and then three years out we had made hotel reservations and secured the pricing for the foods that were served at the Meet & Greet and the Saturday night Banquet. We then formed sub-committees for projects and the results were phenomenal and that can be verified by anyone attending the 50th reunion, just ask them.

As we started planning for the 55th reunion life takes some funny turns at times. Jeanne & Ross moved to Florida where Jeanne came to Kansas City from and Phyllis Sapp was on overload with all her volunteering that she does and Mardell became a busy lady so we're down 4 like BAM, to quote Emeril Lagasse. June Duvall Cota volunteered to come on board and the planning started. Shortly after our first few meetings Jeanne Lind Roach came down with a health problem that needed her sole attention and she had to drop off. So your committee was formed and that is Connie, Carol, Dave, Jim, June, Sharon and Steph that made the 55th one memorable event.

Since then, June found it necessary to drop off, but you still have Connie, Carol, Dave, Jim, Sharon and Steph and we have a few classmates that have said they didn't want to do it fulltime, but if you need help, just let me know and some have been there to help, like the car show events and we deeply thank those classmates for their help.

As you all know or should know if you read the class newsletter that comes out every four months, we are blessed with a class email address and a class website. Something about the class website, it's updated now and will remain at the mercy of updates by classmates. We're asking y'all to don't be ashamed or bashful about helping us to update with any pictures or stores or family reunions, trips or vacations when we're back in the saddle again.

The new website contains several pictures going back to the 10th reunion that are under the "Classmates" tab then the "Class Reunion," then "Photos" and you can pick 10th, 45th, 50th & 55th. So if anyone has pictures of the 5th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th please share and we will place on the website. There are also picture under the "Photos" tab and that contains four sections. Some of those I'm sure are past reunions but we weren't given what year, but that's okay, we got them on the site so feel free to to give it a look-see.

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After the completion of updating the link it was sent to me for observation. I went through this puppy and caught a few things and noticed that when I use my Chrome browser on my laptop I had problems with the "Photos" drop down screen disappearing before I could click on it and the same with the "Headers" tab. So, I tried Microsoft Edge, Firefox & Opera browsers and they all worked just fine. I then came up to my office and used my desktop and all went well, even Chrome worked great using my desktop. I then sent the website out for trial to 6 people and letting them know about the Chrome problem. I had one person that had the same problem I had using Chrome on my laptop and one saying that the drop down window can disappear quickly. I mentioned this to Brian, our web page designer and he added in the upper right corner of the home page an "Easy Navigation Tab" and that takes you to all tabs to be clicked, so one can use it.

"So here you go, give us try, see if it works and a little feedback will be great:"

<http://www.kpko.org/joplinmo64/index.html>

You will also notice under the "Videos" tab that the 50th & the 55th have been linked there for your viewing. The videos & pictures are also mobile friendly.

We have now voiced a verbal contract with Brian Frazer for a 5 year commitment for the website and for Brian to do minor updates, like the newsletter and any add on or deletions we may need. Great work Brian, we so appreciate you.

### Lifting the Lockdown, Then What?

[Phyllis Whitten](#) I was supposed to go to AZ Friday for a girl's trip with my daughter, but that's not happening. Hotels and our tour guide is not available at this time. Hopefully in October

[Donna Powers Hansen](#) I will go to Iowa to see my daughter, grandkids and friends. I had a ticket to go tomorrow but I am not ready to get on a plane.

[Janice McBride Bond](#) Just going to work everyday thru all of this shut down. Working and going home.

[Beverley Kluthe](#) Road trip somewhere, anywhere, when things open up enough to find accessible "ladies rooms".

[Judy Greenwood Muhr](#) I will go to Joplin to see my sister.

[Carol Corbin Buck](#) I did Crafts.. Made 4 old Hubcaps into flowers & painted the stems and leaves & hung them on our wooden fence.



If by chance you would like to own a 55th Class Directory with 55th DVD included it can be yours for the tidy sum of \$12. Our cost for handling and shipping is well over \$2.00 and by the time you add the copy and printing of the DVD you are closer to the \$5.00 range, we make about \$7.00 off the sale, not counting the time and effort put in and runs to the post office. So, again we offer a bargain.

Our class treasurer, Ms. Stephanie White Everitt has the directories, DVDs and mailers, just send a check for \$12 to 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804 she will jump right on sending it out to you to enjoy. Here are comments on the 55th DVD.

**Larry Munn:** Thanks to the committee and all the people that made it happen. Lots of work putting everything together. I try to be in Joplin a few times a year to visit my brother, and hope to make it to the next reunion if I can stay somewhat healthy. Time will tell.

**Mardell Thomas Rouse:** I got the DVD! Thank you so much. Excellent job I really enjoyed and appreciated it!

**Larry Don Williams:** I can only say I am overwhelmed by the DVD. It is so very well put together. It almost takes you back to the student lounge at JHS. It makes one feel remarkably down to earth and shows a comforting ambiance of the event and reflects the shared, and heartfelt camaraderie of all of our classmates. I don't think you could "beat them with a stick!" The entire 55th event was over the top and one of the two most enjoyable times of my long, and many, many times, thrill-filled life so far. The other was the 50th. They are the real deal.

**Steve Langford:** I received the directory and DVD on Tuesday and got to view the video last night. I want to commend you on a job well done in producing the video. I know it took a lot of time and effort to shoot, edit, and produce it. Even though I did not make it to the reunion the video made me feel as if I had. Thank you for a job well done.

**Everitt French:** Great! Thanks for all the hard work!

**Rich La Near:** To all of the tireless workers on the committee, thanks for all you have done and all you continue to do. God bless.

**David Stinson:** Thanks, for all the hard work

**Sharon Harrison Downs:** Wow is such an understatement. You all are the best!

**Jill Longenecker Sawyer:** Very nice job. Really amazing work!

**Mike Mullenix:** Thank you. We all owe the committee a huge amount of appreciation for all your friendship and devotion. Kudos! And again many thanks.

**Mike & Juanita Conner Carper:** Thanks for all for your hard work.

**Paula Mills Bartlett:** I received my DVD and watched it. Thank you so much.

**Karen Trenary Hix:** I am so impressed with the quality of the DVD content, the music, and the inclusiveness. The committee did another outstanding job of putting together a quality reunion.

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks, wishing everyone stays free and safe.

### **From Mike Greenstreet**

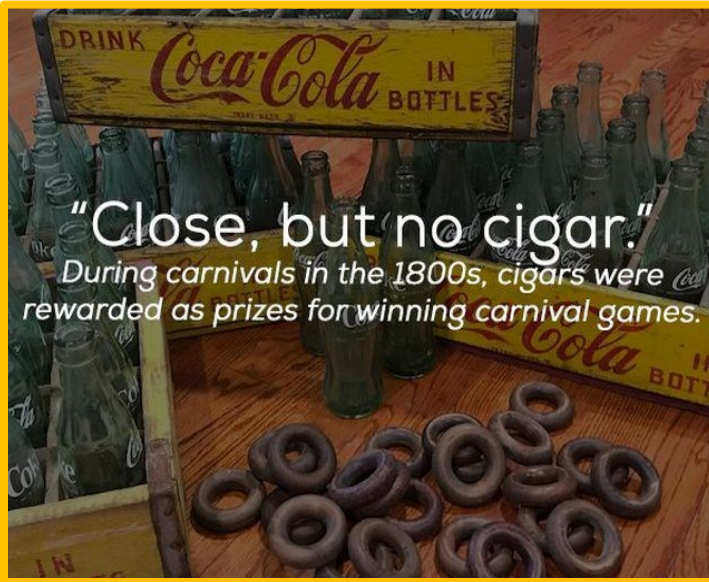
For those that would like a copy of the CD, please contact me and I would be happy to send them one. Just mail the donation that you can afford plus a shipping cost of \$3 and send to:

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

Any questions or concerns feel free to email me at [mlgsr@att.net](mailto:mlgsr@att.net)

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

*Mike Greenstreet Class of '64*



### "Close, but no cigar."

During carnivals in the 1800s, cigars were rewarded as prizes for winning carnival games.

### "In the Nick of Time."

Through the 18th century, businessmen often kept track of debts owed (and interest that built on loans) by carving nicks on a "tally stick." When someone arrived to pay off their debt before the next nick was carved, they'd save that day's worth of interest - hence, 'nick of time.'

### "Burning the Midnight Oil."

In a time before electricity, candlelight or lamp oil was used for lighting. When you stayed up late to work, you literally burned the lamp oil at midnight.

### "Best Foot Forward."

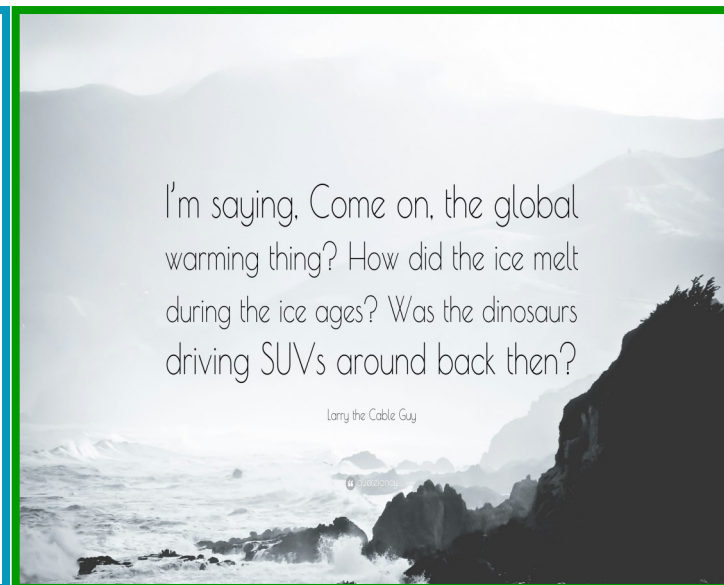
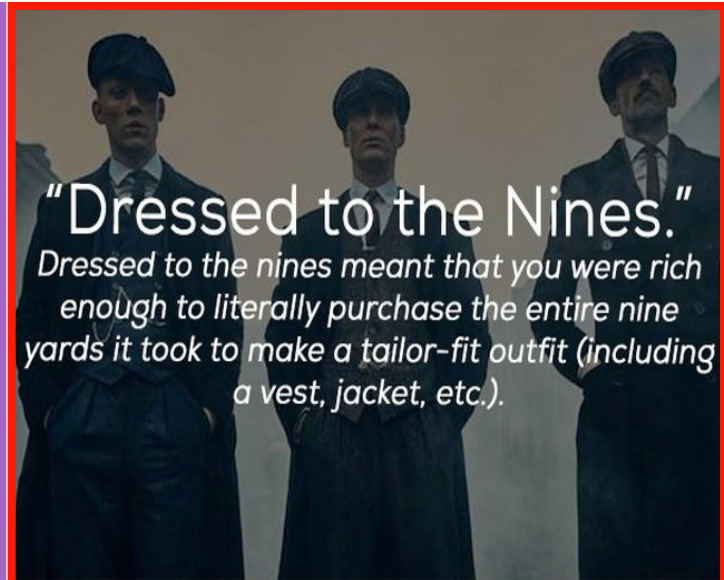
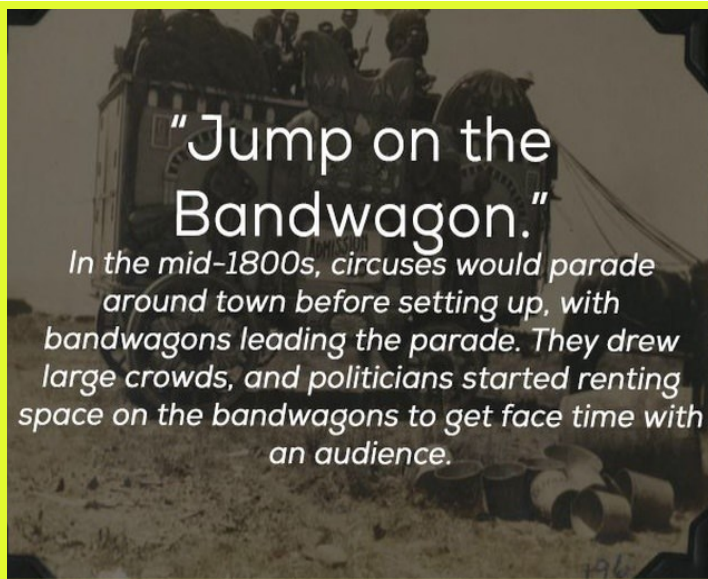
When bowing to nobility, a gentleman would literally put his best foot forward, extending his leg to take the bow.

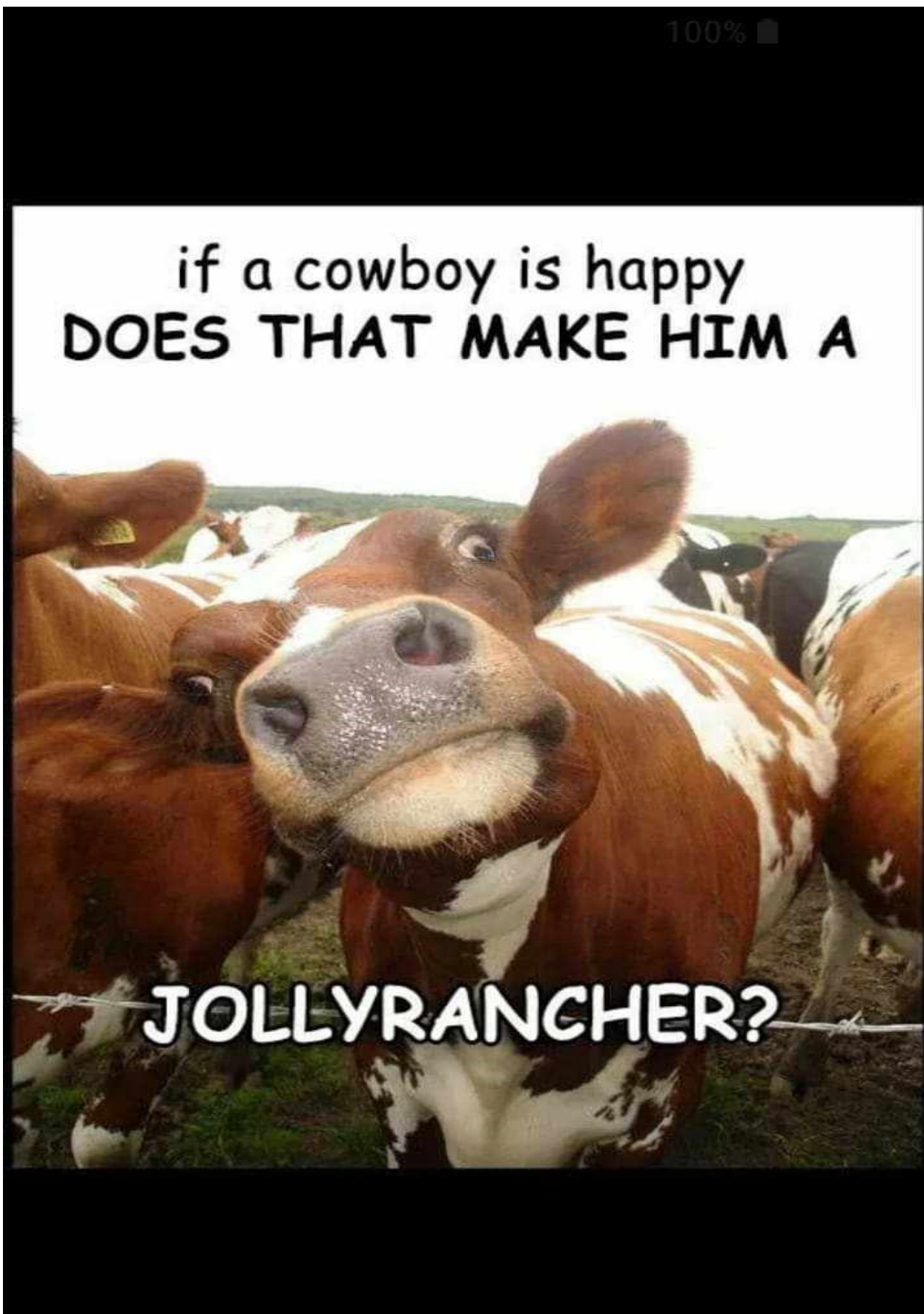
### "Pull Out All the Stops."

This originated from back when organists would literally pull the stops from every pipe on an organ in order to play at maximum volume.

### "At the Drop of a Hat."

Instead of a gunshot to indicate that a race had started, in the 1800s it was customary to drop a hat to signal the start.









**Home Is Where Your Heart Is**



Although we picture the Founding Fathers as old men, many were quite young. By July 4th, 1776, Aaron Burr was 20, Alexander Hamilton, 21; James Madison, 25; John Jay, 29; and Thomas Jefferson, 33.



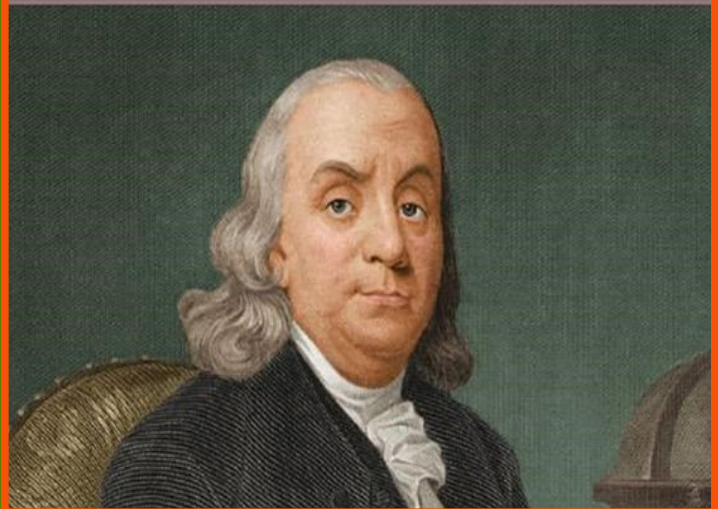
**The men who wrote the 2nd Amendment hadn't just finished a hunting trip.**

**They had just liberated a nation.**

Every night, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence are lowered into a bomb-proof safe.



Benjamin Franklin wasn't trusted to write the Declaration of Independence as it was feared he would put a joke in it.

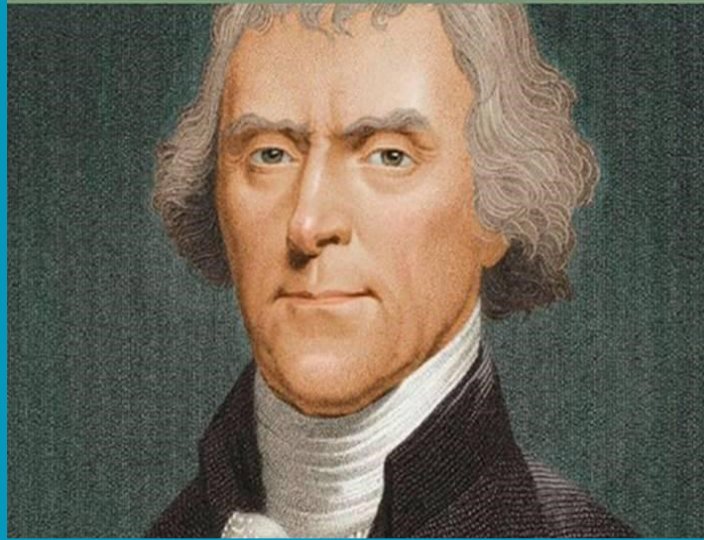


A good speech should be like a woman's skirt: long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest

— *Winston Churchill* —

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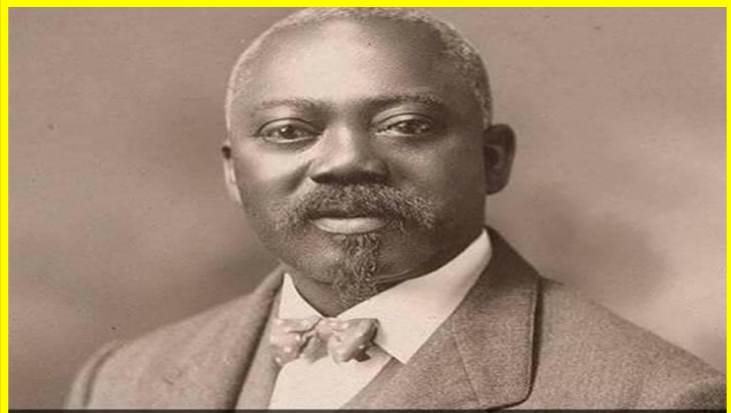
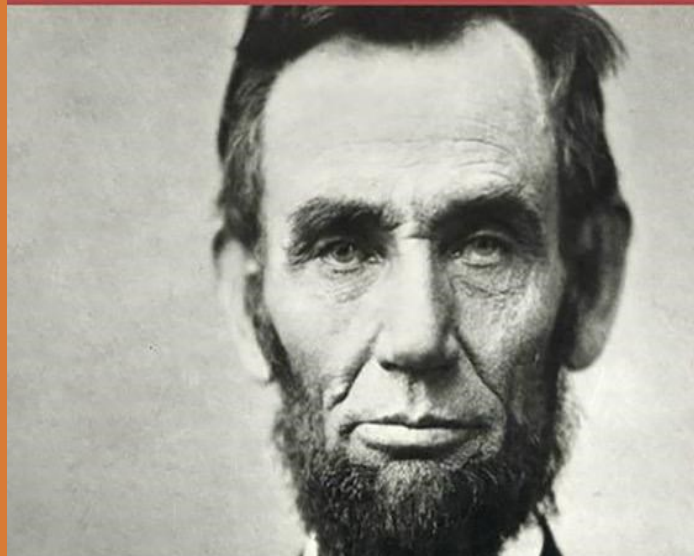
Ice Cream, Macaroni and Cheese, French Fries, and Champagne were all popularized in or introduced to America by President Thomas Jefferson



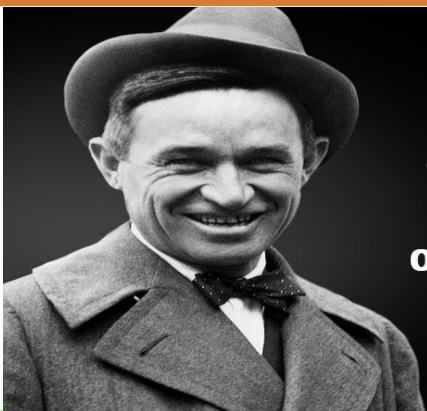
By law, no US officer is ever allowed to outrank George Washington, and he was posthumously promoted to "six star general" to make sure.



Abraham Lincoln created the secret service just hours before he was assassinated.



THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF HONOR IN THE CIVIL WAR WAS SGT. WILLIAM HARVEY CARNEY WHO, DESPITE BEING SHOT IN THE FACE, SHOULDERS, ARMS, AND LEGS, REFUSED TO LET THE AMERICAN FLAG TOUCH THE GROUND.



There are **three kinds of men.**  
The one that **learns by reading.**  
The few who **learn by observation.**  
The rest of them **have to pee on the electric fence** for themselves.

- Will Rogers

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

We extend our sympathy to her family in the loss of our classmate Vicki Jones Cornman <https://www.fohnfuneralhome.com/obituary/6927271>

Our prayers and sorrow go out to the family of our classmate Sally Watson Lansaw on her passing [https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/12495593/Sally-Jane-Lansaw?fbclid=IwAR1Yva5TzFu817pOoGHI2U5OWc1rH90C5b-iso\\_y\\_V2bhv3wADaGuFiNBES](https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/12495593/Sally-Jane-Lansaw?fbclid=IwAR1Yva5TzFu817pOoGHI2U5OWc1rH90C5b-iso_y_V2bhv3wADaGuFiNBES)

Our sympathy goes out to the family of our classmate Sharon Johnson Lawrence on her passing. [parkermortuary.com/obituary/sharon-lawrence](http://parkermortuary.com/obituary/sharon-lawrence)

**Larry Don Williams Quote:** True friendship does not mean you have to hang out every day with someone. Friendship never goes away once you make it. The Class of 64 is so bountiful with real friends and they always rally round and circle the wagons when one of our own is down or in difficult times or in need of spiritual support. We are a cut above I do believe. LD

**Dogs waiting to enter the hospital rooms of sick children for animal therapy.**

We still have 17 classmates unaccounted for. If you have any idea where these classmates could be, feel free to share with us so we can update our class directory. The blue font is where they were living when we lost contact with them.

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

**Gary M Colvin**

**Rayma Jean Coy (Tulsa, OK area)**

**James "Jim" Hilton**

**Clair Howard**

**La Donna Miller**

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

**Emma Nunn**

**Judy Osborne (Gardner) (Joplin)**

**Richard Lee Pearson**

**Patty Riley (Brewer) (Joplin)**

**Naomi June Shelton (Possibly Deceased)**

**Drucilla Short**

**Robert Joe "Bob" Smith**

**Jack Sneed**

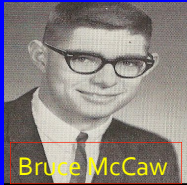
**William "Bill" Ray Stow**

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

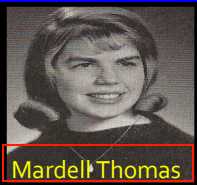
Please help us out. Don't forget to include us on any changes in your contact information. If you should move or change telephone, snail mail address or email address please let us know. It's very easy and you may do so by clicking on the following link [joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com](mailto:joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com),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

**European Plastic Bags**

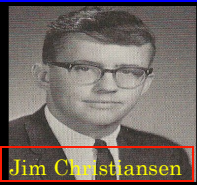




Bruce McCaw



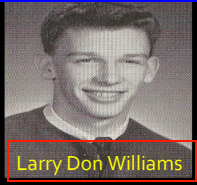
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Jim Christiansen



Sharon Peters



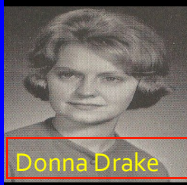
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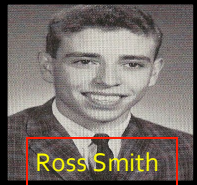
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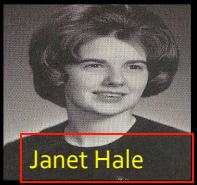
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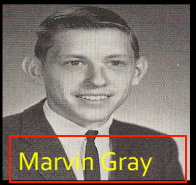
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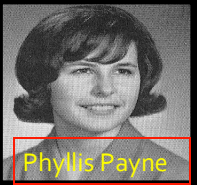
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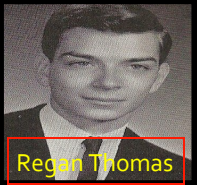
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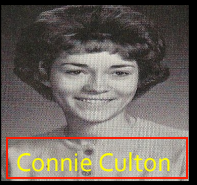
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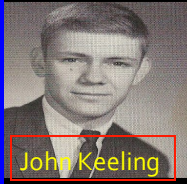
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Regan Thomas



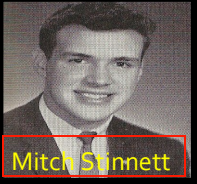
Connie Culton



John Keeling



Joyce Tillman



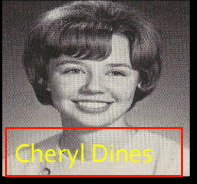
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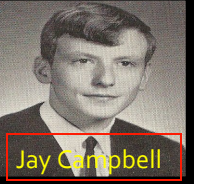
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Mike Mullenix



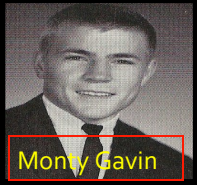
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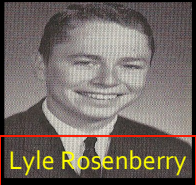
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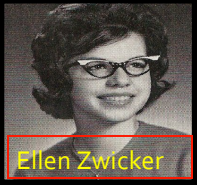
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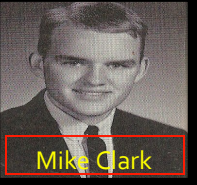
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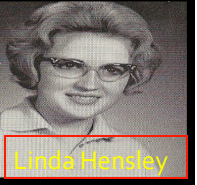
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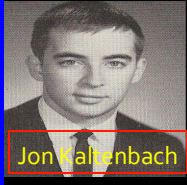
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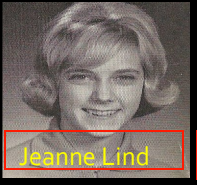
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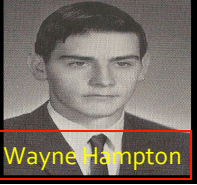
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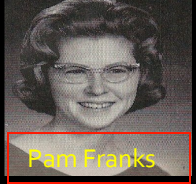
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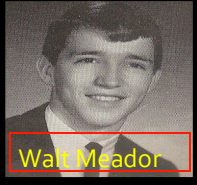
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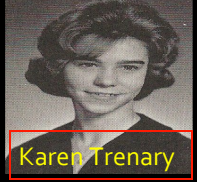
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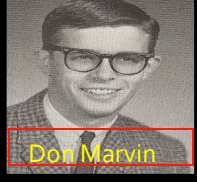
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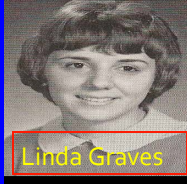
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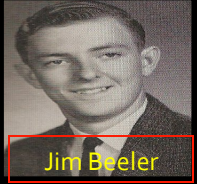
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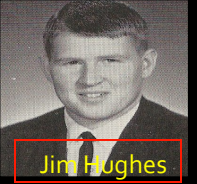
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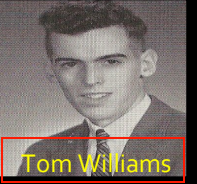
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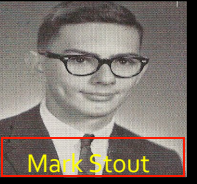
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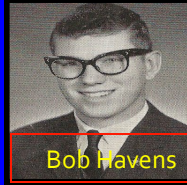
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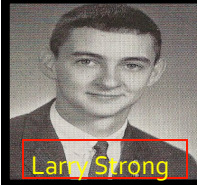
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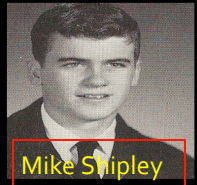
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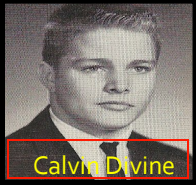
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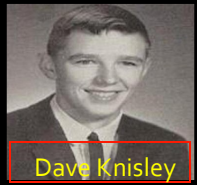
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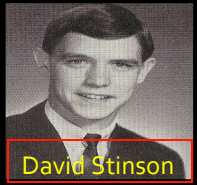
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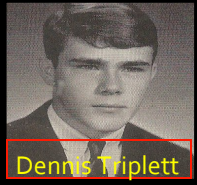
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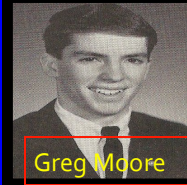
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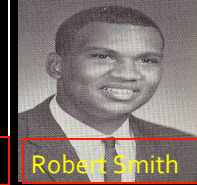
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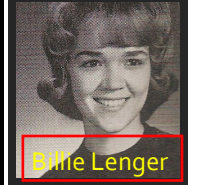
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Greg Moore



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"

This is a reminder that after we counted the replies about having a class reunion every three years instead of every five years and that was a 100% vote of YEA! "I will be looking forward to it" was the majority of responses we got.

So, the last committee meeting we decided that we will stick with June since we've had such great success with that month and we decided on the 10th –12th at a location TBD.

Several factors go into picking a place for the event. Of course, the top priority is cost and we took that prize for the 55th with a \$20 fee for the Meet & Greet loaded with appetizers and the 3-Meat Saturday night banquet and the \$99 hotel fee, and having done this for years for special events, believe me, this was beyond a bargain.

Several of the requests that we had the travelers wished to stay and have the event at one location. That pretty much limits us in Joplin as we have two choices, the Holiday Inn and the Downstream Casino & Resort which is run by the Quapaw Nation. I met with them for the 55th and not even close to the cost of the Holiday Inn and things may be different in 2022, we shall see. The old Holiday Inn that was to become a Hilton Doubletree facility sunk as it was requiring more investment monies that what the group from Kansas City wanted to invest in. So idle it has set for about five years and has been placed on the market for sale. Who knows what that may bring in two years' time.

We also realize that there are other places that are available for the event and like the Elks Club and they have food preparation or you can rent a hall like the Scottish Rite temple, but then all your food and drinks are catered in and that ain't cheap. I am thinking that later this summer we will rally the committee and set a low-cost game plan than may just shock the world.

We would like to remind you that we still have the Class Directory and the 55th DVD for sale and it may be purchased for \$12 and send to our class treasurer Stephanie White Everitt at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804. This is a treasure as the online DVD will not be forever and this one is. Keep in mind that it costs us \$2 + for packaging & mailing, so we feel this is another bargain we offer. I would also add that the John Keeling/Mike Greenstreet CD that honors our three classmates that gave their all is well worth a donation of your choice, plus \$3 for shipping. Please consider a modest donation, all info is on page 5.

We hope that you enjoyed the read in this edition of the class newsletter and pray this finds all well.

Take care and as always, your comments, replies, and/or suggestions are always welcome.



*Dave Knisley*