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Milestones to celebrate in 2016:

- 70 yrs - Drummer Class of '46
- 65 yrs. - GCHS Class of '51
- 60 yrs - GCMS Class of '56
- 55 yrs. - GCHS Class of '61
- 70th Birthday - Class of '64
- 50 yrs. - GCHS Class of '66
- 65th Birthday - Class of '69
- 45 yrs. - GCHS Class of '71
- 40 yrs. - GCHS Class of '76
- 35 yrs - GCHS Class of '81
- 30 yrs. - GCHS Class of '86
- 25 yrs. - GCHS Class of '91

Let us know your plans as the time draws near. Celebrate at the Festival !!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those celebrating in September and October !
Happy Anniversary to all those celebrating anniversaries !!!

We wish you happy days and many more blessings !

Around Town

Carol Hutchcraft may be retired from teaching, but that hasn't stopped the grandmother of 3 and former home economics teacher from impacting students at GCMS schools. Each week she can be found meeting one-on-one with a student, serving as a volunteer in the GCMS Mentoring Program. Her husband, Noel and Drummer grad Doug Hager also participate in the program which began in 1998. Activities with their appointed students vary each week, depending on the needs of the student.

Over 200 members (including children) of 4 local churches met in early September to 'pour out to serve' the community. Barb Horsch, one of the coordinators of the Poured Out church event commented that 'Church isn't what happens within the walls. It's what happens wherever we are.' Activities included, but were not limited to performing hymns at the Annex and Heritage Manor, collecting food for Shepherd's Closet, assembling hygiene kits, delivering baked goods to shut-ins and workplaces, and assisting shoppers at the County Market.

After 3 years of fundraising by the Gibson Rotary Club, the new playground at the North Park is completed and was dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 13th. Children (of ALL ages) attended the ceremony and enjoyed trying out the new equipment. It has been busy (especially on weekends) since the dedication. The first portion of memorial bricks have since been placed near the area. Bricks are still available.

GCMS Homecoming was Sept. 21-25 with many activities planned (that we all can remember). The parade was Thursday night, Friday Football against PBL, and the dance on Saturday night. At this printing the Falcon Varsity team is 8-0 ! (Yay!!!)

Questions have arisen concerning the 'benches' made from the old gym bleachers. Principal Chris Garard will let us know when more are available for purchase....

and I will post it here.

See photos of the Festival taken by CrystalDayPhotography at the link below.

<http://crystaldayphotography.com/grey-hound-festival-2015/>

or see CrystalDayPhotography.com

Memorial bricks at North Park Playground Area

It has been suggested that each class obtain a brick with their class year engraved. Example - GCHS Class of year. If you are interested, email Carla who will get you the form. The cost is not that much and Randy Ferguson tells me that they could be placed in 1 area for uniformity.

Half-time inductees to the Hall of Fame.

Those inducted this year included Brad Strebeck (class of 93), Fannie Epps (class of 2004), Roy Acree (class of '80) and Gene Everett (coach). Inducted into the 'Friends of the Hall of Fame' division was Gary McCullough (class of '72) for his years of broadcasting over 1500 Greyhound and Falcon athletic events and has hosted 'speaking of sports' segments of WGCY radio.

The Celtic Woman performed to a packed house at the Virginia Theater in Champaign on Sunday, Oct. 4th. And they did not disappoint ! Attending the performance included Jack and Susan Kollross, Gary and Ruth Reiners, Sharon and Gary Stroh, and yours truly.

Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

Christopher Jay Lee - Thawville, IL (Sept 10, 2015). Survivors include daughter Broedy Lee, parents Mike and Mary (Taylor/Jensen) Lee, siblings, Steve (Ellen) Lee, Michelle (Ryan) Johnson, and Dawn Hartke, paternal grandparents Don and Janet Jensen, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Peggy (Reynolds) Reynolds - Champaign, ILL. (Sept 10,2015). Survivors include husband Russ Derby, daughters Felicia and Beth, 3 grandchildren and siblings Juanita Doman, Gordy (Shirley) Reynolds, Terry (Corrine) Reynolds, Janice Mills, Sandy Shubert and Mona Reynolds.

Keith Lage - (class of '68) Gibson City, IL (Sept. 11, 2015) - Survivors include daughters Darcy (Tobie) Thompson and Janna (Leo) Rexwinkle, brothers Denny (Peggy Vogel) Lage and Brian (Stephanie) Lage and many nieces, nephews and step children.

Larry L. McMahon (class of 62) - Gibson City, IL (Sept 15, 2015). survived by many cousins.

Donald Heavlin - Pontiac, IL. (Sept. 20, 2015) - survivors include ex-wife Katy (Tongate '65) Heavlin, son Darrin (Patti), daughters Tina (Steve) Mueller, and Sandy (Scott) Campbell, 11 grandchildren, and siblings Delmar (Sharon) Heavlin, Larry (Florence) Heavlin, Ramon (Susan) Heavlin, Kenneth (Ellen) Heavlin, David (Trudy) Heavlin, Ralph Heavlin, Roger (Teresa) Heavlin, Jerry Heavlin, Dorothy Lilienthal, and Beverly Baker.

Durlene (Main '52) Lawless - Strawn, IL (Oct 10, 2015). Survivors include husband Jerry, children Madalyn (Kurt) Sommer, Bob (Lori) Lawless, Kathy Lawless, Theresa (Paul) Volker, Amy Bebout and Jennifer (Jeremy) Green, 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, sister Madalyn Hendren, sister-in-laws Bettie Main and Tiffany Arbogast.

James Taylor - Bloomington, IL (October 12, 2015) .(Army veteran serving in VietNam) Survivors include wife Laura, children, Christopher, Jason, Shanon, sibings Barbra (Ron) Baker, Debbie (Dale) Baker, Cindy Omstead, Tina (Billy) Crow, Connie Hall, Nancy Aabert, Teresa Hall, Kathy Taylor, Rev. Ed (Kris) Taylor, Kim (Dan) Weber and Penny (Don) Darnall.

It is not my intention to omit obituaries of our friends and classmates. Please submit an obituary that you want included, in case we miss someone. Thank you !

Always say a Prayer (ASAP)

for all of our classmates who are facing health issues
(listed here or not)

Juanita (Donner '43) Bennett, Betty '53 Moser,
Jo (Fry '54) Franz, John Peters '56, Marvin Kumler '58,
Nancy (Conover '58) List,
RoseAnn (Bridgwater '65) Moore, Pam (Lewis '72) Verdeyen,
Doug Carson '75, Tim Gardner

Editors Note: Let me know if there is anyone you want added to this list. In order to preserve privacy, only those names are printed that have given me permission to do so.

9th Greyhound Festival

Saturday, July 16, 2016

(Annually 3rd Saturday of July)

Mark your calendars now !!! and plan to join us.

He said, "There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live."

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compiled monthly and posted on our website for your viewing.

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