

Milestones to celebrate in 2016:

70 yrs - Drummer Class of '46

65 yrs. - Drummer 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 - GCHS 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

Plans are underway for the class gatherings.

Many will include attendance at the 9th Greyhound Festival on Saturday, July 16.

To those celebrating in

January/ February

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

and welcome to all the new babies !!!

News in January

North Park Memorial Bricks - 4 x 4 Class bricks ordered include GCHS classes of '54,'57, '58, '59, '62, '63, '64, '65, '67, '68, '75, '77, '84, '87, and '91. A 4x8 brick was also ordered for 'Drummer/GCHS Greyhounds'. Several additional bricks were ordered by individuals /families.

Sue Everett will notify us as to when the bricks have been placed. Additional bricks can be ordered in the Spring of 2016. I'll announce it when the time comes, for those interested.

Greyhound Sweatshirts- The sweatshirts that were previously ordered were delivered in time for Christmas. I will be ordering more Sweatshirts in late March for those who want to order with this batch.

Greyhound (50/50 blend) Crew Style sweat shirt

Sizes : Med, Large, XLarge - \$22.00

2X large - \$24.00 3X large - \$26.00

Greyhound 50/50 blend Hoodie

Med, Large, XLarge - \$25.00

2X large - \$27.00 3X large - \$29.00

Please add \$5.00, if you want the shirt shipped.

Send your order and payment to Greyhound Festival, Box 482, Gibson City, IL 60936 by March 19th.

Marilyn Riblet '56 reports that her class will be celebrating their 60th reunion at the Festival. Notices are forthcoming.

Marsha Riddle '66 reports that her class is working on making contacts for their 50th reunion. More information is forthcoming. Other classes are making plans, but we have nothing to report at this printing. Please send your news for upcoming issues.

Greyhound Festival registration forms and information will be available March 1st.

GREYHOUND NEWS !

PLEASE FORGIVE THE EDITOR FOR ANY EXCLUSIONS OF NEWS DURING THE PAST YEAR. I AM HOPING TO IMPROVE ON MY REPORTING IN THE COMING YEAR !

More January News !!! Co-owner Scott Irps of 'Burgers and Beer' opened for business the first of February, as the newest eating establishment in Gibson Yard signs to support GCPD are being sold by the GCMS Red Army to support the GC Police Department. The signs are \$15.00, with \$5.00 from the sale of each sign going to the Police Department for the future purchase of body cameras for the Department.

Chief Cushman reports that the new squad car has arrived from Anderson Ford.

The 'Doris Benter Memorial' is allowing the 'English Wing' at GCMS to decorate to inspire a love for literacy.

The former Advertiser is now named 'The Target Shopper' and the former Paxton Record is now the 'Ford County Record'. The Record is available online with more news of Gibson City, since the closing of the Gibson Courier.

FEBRUARY NEWS !!!

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus kicked off the Lenten Season with the 1st of 4 Fish Dinners on Friday, February 12th. Additional dates scheduled are Friday, Feb. 26, March 4th and March 18th. All dinners are served 4:30 to 6:30 pm. at the Father Kirk Hall.

The Gibson VFW also served a fish dinner on Feb. 12th

GCMS senior Nick Muenier recently received a congressional appointment to West Point and signed his letter of intent with a full football scholarship.

As this issue is being prepared for print, it is Feb 14th and it has been snowing ALL day ! I, for one, am SOOO ready for spring !!! Enough of this cold and unpredictable weather !

Thoughts and Prayers to the families of:

May God grant you strength and peace during these difficult days.

Robert Dale Sedberry - Foosland, IL - Jan. 5, 2016. Survivors include wife Clara (Aldrich '63) Sedberry, son Gary (Stephanie) and daughter Michelle Sedberry, 2 grandchildren and his sister Barbara. Mr Sedberry was a US Air Force Veteran.

Jerry A. Hood (class of '84) - Foosland, IL - Jan 5, 2016 - leaving wife Eva Jane (Kelley) and children Kathleen, Christopher and Emily. Also surviving are his parents Jarry and Pam (Carlson) Hood and sisters Michelle (Jason) Cliff and Lorri (Steve) Schelhorn and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

William Cornelius, Sr. - Rankin, IL - Jan. 7, 2016 - survivors include sons, William and Gary, and daughter, Paula (Lance) Moxley, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Mr. Cornelius was an Army Veteran during the Korean War. He also had the opportunity to participate on the Land Of Lincoln Honor flight on August 25, 2015, accompanied by daughter Paula.

Gene Berck, (Drummer class of '49) - Jan 7, 2016, Centralia, MO. Survivors include children, Steven (Julia), Curtis, LuAnna Cather, Charles (Patty), Todd (Becky), Kathryn, Krista, 1 stepdaughter and 1 stepson, brother Wayne Charlotte), 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and several cousins, including Shirley (Fasking) Jackson of Gibson City. Gene served in the US Navy 1949-1953.

Emily Sawyer (Drummer '44) Gibson City, IL - Jan. 9, 2016 Survivors include 1 niece, numerous great-nieces and great nephews, cousins Donald (Janet) Jensen, Wilma (Bob) Dlouhy, and Bob (Betty) Brown.

Karen Riley Rhodes - Gibson City, IL /Palm Harbor, FL -Jan. 10, 2016. Survivors include husband Ed Rhodes, son Rick (Ruth), daughter Judy Fischetti, 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. While living in Gibson City, Karen worked for the Unit Office of Gibson Schools for more than 30 years, and served as Gibson City Mayor 1988 - 1997.

Marilyn Verkler -Gibson City - Jan 29, 2016. Survivors include daughters Donna Evans and Nancy (Randy) Coile, son Mike (Vicki) and 7 grandchildren. Marilyn worked for the Gibson Area Hospital for 26 years in the Nursing Department, in addition to working part time as Wil-E-Makit antiques and Melodee's Catering following her retirement.

Always say a Prayer (ASAP)
for all of our classmates who are facing health
issues (listed here or not)

Betty '53 Moser, Jo (Fry '54) Franz,
Marvin Kumler '58, Nancy (Conover '58) List,
RoseAnn (Bridgewater '65) Moore, Pam (Lewis '72) Verdeyen,
Doug Carson '75, Tim Gardner

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)

F.E.A.R. has 2 meanings
Forget Everything And Run !
OR
Face Everything And Rise !

Question of the Day !!!

How many plastic bottle caps does it take to make 1 pound?
SueAnne (Woodward) Styck's grandson is collecting plastic
bottle caps for a class project.....needing 500 pounds !

M & W Revisited

compiled monthly and posted on our website for your viewing.

www.greyhoundfestival.com

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