

Milestones to celebrate in 2017:

10th Annual Drummer/ GCHS Greyhound Festival!!!!

Congratulations to the following classes:

- 75 yrs. - Drummer '42
- 70 yrs - Drummer '47
- 65 yrs. - Drummer /GCHS '52
- 60 yrs - GCMS Class of '57
- 55 yrs. - GCHS Class of '62
- 70th Birthday - GCHS Class of '65
- 50 yrs. - GCHS Class of '67
- 65th Birthday - GCHS Class of '70
- 45 yrs. - GCHS Class of '72
- 40 yrs. - GCHS Class of '77
- 35 yrs - GCHS Class of '82
- 30 yrs. - GCHS Class of '87
- 25 yrs. - GCHS Class of '92

Let us know of your Reunion plans and we will post the information in future issues. Thank you !!!

Want to find a classmate or friend? Check out Facebook or classmates.com or contact Carla.

*Happy Birthday / Happy Anniversary
to those celebrating in
September October*

News Snip-Its - - - - -

John Swanson '59 submitted the following: "Steve '59 and Connie Day were visiting Dick '58 and Bonnie Thomas the other day and good old Steve had a clipping from the newspaper back in Aug. 28, 1952. The headline read Insurance Team Wins Little League Title (we beat the VFW 12-3). Players included Bill Gandy, Doug Woodward, Steve Day, Dick and Jim Thomas, John Swanson, Larry Ricks, Jeff Linn, Steve Wolfe, Gale Sunderland, Jim Ropp, Ray Cline, Phil Taylor, John Noble, Dave Arens, Larry Kerchenfaut, Bill Tranos, Tom Ogles and Bob Nickrent."

Upcoming Events in Gibson City !!!

- Sept 30 to Oct 22 -Oktoberfest at Bayern Stube*
- Week of October 3rd to 8th - GCMS Homecoming*
- Friday, October 7 - Football at home vs Ridgeview*
- Saturday, October 8 - 2nd Harvest Fest (downtown Gibson) - begins at 11 am*
- Monday, October 10- 1st Annual Bennett Barbecue at the Kruse Center from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.- hosted by IL Representative Tom '74 and Kathy Bennett.*
- Saturday, November 19 - Lighted Holiday Parade*

Greyhound Sweatshirts !!!

I have been asked if I was going to order more sweatshirts with the Fall and Winter season fast approaching. If you are interested, please email me ASAP and I will get the prices and expected delivery date for you (and will publish it in the October issue). I need orders for at minimum of 24 shirts to get the best price for you. Thank you— —Carla

EDITORS NOTE

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

North Park Memorial Bricks - Rotary Club

President Steve Salyards '87 reports that the next phase of the North park Play Area is underway and that they are accepting orders for Memorial Bricks or Memorial Benches. Contact me if you are interested in participating and I will get you in contact with Steve.

Thank you to all the classes who preciously participated. All the bricks have been placed. Those included in the last project were GCHS Classes of '54, '57, '58, '59, '62, '53, '64, '65, '67, '68, '75, '77, '84, '87, 91 in addition to 6 personal bricks. Thank you for your outstanding participation !

Through the years, we have learned that dementia/ alzheimer's disease does not care about age, race or gender. I submit the following after losing our classmate to this disease and all those affected:

Do Not Ask Me To Remember

Do not ask me to remember, don't try to make me understand. Let me rest and know you're with me, Kiss my cheek and hold my hand. I'm confused beyond your concept, I am sad and sick and lost. All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost. Do not lose your patience with me. Do not scold or curse or cry. I can't help the way I'm acting - can't be any different though I try. Just remember that I need you, that the best of me is gone. Please don't fail to stand beside me, Love me 'til my life is done.

— — —Owen Darnell (author)

Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

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

Carroll Leisure -Newport, Ore. January 12, 2016. Survivors include children Karen '83 (Brian) Thomas and Joyce Leisure, grandchildren Chad (Lynne) Thomas, Christopher Wilkens, Tabitha Resler, Brandon Thomas, Casey Thomas and Bryana Akers, and 8 great-grandchildren. Also surviving siblings Raymond '57, Robert '58, Betty '61, Richard '63 and John '65.

Ronald D. Bowen '61 - Gibson City - July 21, 2016. Survivors include wife Naveen (Delk '61) and son Rick '83 (Julie) Bowen, 3 grandchildren and brother Sherman '56 Bowen. Mr. Bowen had worked in the auto industry since the age of 14.

Gene Tomes- Gibson City, IL - July 21, 2016. Survivors include wife Patricia and children Rita Myren, Sherry '73 (Gerald) Coit, William '74 (Gina) Stow Tomes, Bob Tomes '75, Jerry 79 (Cathy) Tomes, Debra (Ernesto) Navajos and 35 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Rose Ann (Bridgwater '65) Moore-Gibson City, IL.- July 22, 2016. Survivors include husband Ron and daughters Jill (Jonathon) Contreras and Jody (Curt) Nettles, 5 grandchildren and brother Jon 'Danny' '62 (Nancy.) Bridgwater. (The family noted that RoseAnn was diagnosed with dementia at age 61.)

Maxine Sweet- Louisiana. September 22, 2016. Survivors include daughters Sheryl '63 (David) Park, Maurine Sweet '65 (of Mexico), Lisa '68 (Lee) Harris, Dana '70 (Elizabeth) Sweet, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 2 brothers.

Anthony Coons- Gibson City, IL - September 29, 2016. Survivors include children Paul (Carol) Coons, Marsha '68 (Mike) Burwash, Sharon '69 Gordon, Patti Schreiber, 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Mr. Coons served in the Navy during WW2 and farmed in the Gibson area all his life.

Please remember the families and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God give you strength and peace.

10th Greyhound Festival

Saturday, July 15, 2017
(Annually 3rd Saturday of July)

Courage is looking fear right in the eye and saying;
'Get the Hell out of my way ! I've got things to do !'

"Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of your life ! "

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

Arlene (Jordan '51) Jacobs, Betty '53 Moser, Jo (Fry '54) Franz, Marvin Kumler '58, Nancy (Conover '58) List, Gary Ashmore '62, Bill Middleton '63, Mike Upton '63, Pam (Tomblin '68) Brown, MaryAnn (Walter '69) Swanson Smith, Pam (Lewis '72) Verdeyen, Tim Gardner, Vernon Roesch

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.

Respect is earned. Honesty is appreciated.
Trust is gained. Loyalty is returned.

M & W Revisited

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