

## Milestones to celebrate in 2018:

- 75 yrs . Drummer Class of '43
- 70 yrs - Drummer Class of '48
- 65 yrs. - Drummer Class of '53
- 60 yrs - GCMS Class of '58
- 55 yrs. - GCHS Class of '63
- 50 yrs. - GCHS Class of '68
- 45 yrs. - GCHS Class of '73
- 40 yrs. - GCHS Class of '78
- 35 yrs - GCHS Class of '83
- 30 yrs. - GCHS Class of '88
- 25 yrs. - GCHS Class of '93

Plans are underway for the class gatherings.  
 Many will include attendance at the 9th  
 Greyhound Festival on Saturday, July 21st.

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To those celebrating in

*July / August*

*Happy Birthday*

*Happy Anniversary*

*and welcome to all the new  
 babies !!!*

## 10th Annual Greyhound Festival - Recap / Highlights— — July 15, 2017

A beautiful day greeted Greyhounds returning to Gibson city to celebrate the 10th Annual Drummer /GCHS Greyhound Festival. Actually most of the week was buzzing with stories of our High school years. Approximately 250 'hounds and guests from all parts of the US were in attendance.

Betty (Landau '42) Barth was present, celebrating as a 75 year graduate of Drummer. Other Drummers present included Doug Hager '44, Dorothy (Thomason '45) Lunde, celebrating 70 years were Drummer Class of '47 Jim McKeever from Florida, Margaret (Punke) Farmer and Marilyn (Storm) Smith. JoAnne (Storm '48) Moore and Thomas Scott '48, Maurice Fry '49 and Marion (Fasking '50) Iserman of Arizona and James Zimmerman '50 completed the Drummer participation.

GCHS Class of '52 celebrated 65 years with 8 members present.  
 GCHS Class of '56 celebrated 60 years with 14 members present.  
 GCHS Class of '62 celebrated their 55th reunion with 10 members present, including Foreign Exchange student Tua (Lindstrom) Nyberg and her son.

GCHS Class of 65 celebrated their 70th birthday with 15 members present.

GCHS Class of '67 celebrated with 13 members present.  
 GCHS Class of 68 had 10 members present....visiting and planning for their 50th reunion next year.

Congratulations were offered to Class of '72 Gary McCullough and Francie (Tjarks) Patchel on their 45th year.

GCHS class of '87 celebrated their 30th reunion, with class events all weekend, including attending the Festival.

2017 graduate Sophie Hafer sang 'America the Beautiful' at the beginning of the program, putting everyone in a patriotic mood. Veterans present were recognized when their service song was played. Members of the 'Hall of Fame' were recognized , as was former teacher Carol (Armstrong) Hutchcraft.

## 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 ! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT MY EFFORTS.!

**More highlights — — —**During the program, Tua (Lindstrom) Nyberg was awarded a gift for traveling the furthest to attend. She and her son Kim spent a very busy few days in Gibson, visiting with classmates. Following the usual recognition and gifts, MC John Carlson '68 called all former cheerleaders to the front to lead the group in the GCHS 'Fight' song, which brought cheers from everyone. photographs were taken by Melissa Photography and can be viewed on her Facebook page, as well as on Carls's home page. Our assistants this year was the youth group of Our Lady of Lourdes, led by Bruce Killian and Rob Kollross. Behind the scenes assistants were Helen Haynes and Darcy (Lage '91) Thompson. Hal Graff '65 had a display of his 18 books for those in attendance to review (they are available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)). Everyone who attended circulated the room often, visiting with friends and classmates. All in all....it was a success !

Greyhounds travelled from Finland, Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North and South Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

*Thank you to everyone who 'came home' to help us celebrate !!!*

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*Send your news to Carla at the below email address...or message on Facebook.*

*Look for more things to come !!!!*

## Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

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

**Gavin Main** - Gibson City, IL July 6, 2017. Survivors include mother Amy (rick Olsen) Borders, father Jason '89 (Kate) Main, daughter Ave Joi McGuire, siblings Ross Borders, Mason Borders, Taryn Olsen and Conner Main, grandparents Danny (Debbie) Borders, Janet Olsen, Roger (Brenda) Main, Lois Birkenbeil and Jim Birkenbeil and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Gibson City Police Chief Eric Hyatt** - Gibson City, IL ...July 21, 2017. Survivors include wife Jami (Grider '89) Hyatt, children Ashley, Shaun and Avery, and brothers Terry, Steven, twin brother Kevin. Chief Hyatt served in Law Enforcement for a total of 17 years, 6 years in Fairbury and 11 years in Gibson City, being promoted to Chief of Police in October 2016.

**Richard 'Rick' E. Sharp** - Richmond Hill, Georgia....July 23, 2017. Survivors include wife Sue, daughters Julie Moser and Faith (Dr. Terrence) Fitzgerald, son Matthew Sharp, 4 grandsons, mother Shirley Skinner, sisters Michele Nettleton, Sandy Hathaway, Heather skinner and brother Steve. Rick served in the US Army as a paratrooper with he 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. After retirement from the Army, he took on a professional position with Caterpillar, Inc. in the Defense and Federal Products division, retiring in 2016.

**Constance 'Connie' (Stacey '66) Eichelberger** Dewey, IL. July 24, 2017. Survivors include husband Steve, children Rob (Tami), Troy (Darlene), Kristy (Matt) Wolkins, 8 grandchildren, and siblings Gary '64 (Kathie) Stacey, Linda '68 (Jim) Owen, and Dan'73 (Mary) Stacey.

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, Marvin Kumler '58,  
Nancy (Conover '58) List, Ron Davis '60, Bill Dueringer '64,  
MaryAnn (Walter '69) Swanson Smith

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.

### 11th Greyhound Festival

Saturday, July 21, 2018  
(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 thing 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 ! "*

Editor's note — Well, Another Successful Festival is in the books.....with plans underway for next year ! John and I were very pleased with the attendance, hearing and sharing the stories, seeing people looking at pictures as well as reviewing yearbooks that were circulated and wearing smiles through out the event. Gary McCullough '72 treated those who could not attend with live broadcast of the program and posted it on Facebook WGKY. If it was not for YOUR support, we could never pull this off annually. We sincerely appreciate each of you !!! We hope to see you again next year ! Mark your calendars now.....July 21, 2018 ! Keep Smilin' .....Carla and John

### M & W Revisited

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Pictures to post on website - Doug Brooks '73