

Milestones to celebrate in 2018:

75 yrs . Drummer '43

70 yrs - Drummer '48

65 yrs. - Drummer '53 - (Marvin Beck)

60 yrs - GCMS Class of '58 (Gail Hahn
Hutchcraft)

55 yrs. - GCHS Class of '63

50 yrs. - GCHS Class of '68 (Gary Reiners)

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. Send your plans to me and I will post a note in here. Many will include attendance at the 9th Greyhound Festival on Saturday, July 21st.

To those celebrating in

April / May

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Reunion Highlights

Members of the class of '67 are making an all-out effort for their classmates to attend the Festival, even though it isn't a milestone year. Many of them are on Facebook.....so the word is spreading fast.

Drummer class of '53 --Festival information was mailed to members in late February and have already started making their plans to attend.

Gail (Hahn) Hutchcraft reports that members of **Class of '58** (60 years) are planning on gathering for their reunion on Festival Weekend. They will meet on July 21st at the Elliott Amvets and attend the Greyhound Festival on July 22nd.

Gail reports that they have a sum of \$\$ in savings and would like suggestions on how to spend it....some kind of memorial or ??? Please start thinking and send any ideas to gail. More details will be forthcoming.

Class of 63 (55 years) and **Class of '68** (50 years) are making preliminary plans for their reunions. More information will be posted here as soon as we are notified.

While visiting Gibson, please run by City Hall to see the sculpture designed by Ken Heffley '63 for the Gibson City Women's Club. It was moved to its present location after the closing of the club. Ken passed in February of this year, but will always be remembered here in Gibson for his talents. RIP Ken...and thank you !

Facebook notes.....As you all know by now, I am on Facebook, keeping track of Greyhounds activities. (I have over 800 in my friends list and most of those are Greyhounds from all years !!!) I am pretty sure you don't have everyone listed in your list...therefore, when I see a post that I think you might be interested in, I 'share'. That is why you may see a post more than once.

GREYHOUND FESTIVAL RESERVATIONS !!!
RESERVATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY AT
LOAD RED!, ACE HARDWARE CHECK OUT,
MOYER DISTRICT LIBRARY AND WGCY RADIO STATION
DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

NOTE -- The 2018 Festival reservation form is ready and available on the website. Check out www.greyhoundfestival.com We are receiving reservations for the big day. More information will be posted as we get closer to the big weekend. Please let me know if your class is making special plans that I can post here. I also posted on Facebook and invited over 400 hounds before they cut me off.

******* Festival Assistance -- I will be looking for additional help this year closer to the Festival weekend. Please let me know if I can count on you. Many hands make for light work. AND I will much appreciate your assistance this year (as in the past !)**

Thank you to Darcy Thompson and Helen Haynes for stepping up already !!!

You either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to tear you down. The choice does not belong to fate, it belongs to you !

Thank you -- for your notes..Mike Day, John Swanson, Gail Hutchcraft, JoAnn Thomas

Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

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

James LeMoyné Fry (class of '53) - notified by Judy Glascock —more information will be posted in a future issue.

Norma Petersen (D '50) Newsome - Alexandria, VA. - March 20, 2018. Survivors include sons Rick, David, Rob and families, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Jim (retired Navy pilot), in Arlington National Cemetery.

Arlene Louise (Jordan '51) Jacobs - Palm City, Florida - March 27, 2018. survivors include husband of 63 years, Elmer Jacobs, children Lori, Gwen, Paul, Sam and their families.

Mary Lou (Sarver '59) Deason - March 31, 2018 - Gibson City, IL - Survivors include husband Ray, daughter Pam '78 (Ray) Wilson and Penny '79 (Mike) Hendricks, 4 step children, 4 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and sister JoAnn '63 (Jim) Thomas. She was preceded in death by her son Jim Fink '82, brother Douglas Sarver, stepson Chris Deason, husbands Floyd Fink and Don Miller.

John T. Scott (Drummer '44)- Champaign, IL - April 1, 2018. Survivors include children John Roderick (Molly Fay), Anne Marlene (Loarn) and Carl Attebery, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and brother Thomas Scott '48., in addition to many extended family members. John earned is Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science and U of I, was a commissioned Lieutenant in the US Army and deployed to Europe. He was well known for his work in importance of economics in farm management, and returned to graduate school majoring in Economics rather than Agronomy, taught several hundred undergraduate students, gave seminars around the world, in addition to many of his related interests.

Dylan Benningfield (GCMS) - Sibley, IL - April 7, 2018. As a result of a 2 vehicle accident. survivors include parents Mitchell and BK, brother Logan, paternal grandparents George '68 and Bonnie, maternal grandfather Anthony Voisinet and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, including John '65 and Terri Benningfield and Georgia '67 (Jerry) Lynch.

Jeffery McGuire '81 - Gibson City, IL - April 26, 2018. Survivors include wife Joi, daughters Nicole and Abby, son Wade, parents Dan '62 and Julie Taylor '63, sister Kristin '84 (Ken) Hendricks '85, 5 grandchildren and many friends.

11th Greyhound Festival

Saturday, July 21, 2018
(Annually 3rd Saturday of July)

Your value does Not decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth !!!

*"I've decided that I'm not OLD....I'm 25 plus shipping and handling !!!"
"I've reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station
.....without me !!!"*

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

Marion (Fasking '50) Iserman, Betty '53 Moser,
Marvin Kumler '58, Nancy (Conover '58) List,
Sharon Kay (Adams '64) Paynter, Bill Dueringer '64,
Robin Hoover '68, MaryAnn (Walter '69) Swanson Smith
and any Greyhounds who might be homebound,
in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
May God's peace and strength be with you.

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.

M & W Revisited

compiled monthly and posted on our website for your viewing.

www.greyhoundfestival.com

Send any news to Carla at cmoxley47@mediacombb.net

Pictures to post on website - Doug Brooks '73