

## Milestones to celebrate in 2019

Congratulations to the below listed classes as they celebrate their milestone this year !!!

75 yrs . Drummer '44

70 yrs - Drummer '49

65 yrs. - GCHS '54

60 yrs - GCMS '59 - Mary (Kelley) Holsten, John Swanson

55 yrs. - GCHS '64

50 yrs. - GCHS '69

45 yrs. - GCHS '74

40 yrs. - GCHS '79

35 yrs - GCHS '84

30 yrs. - GCHS '89

Let us know what your reunion plans are and we will be glad to post in the coming issues.

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*January/ February*

*Happy Birthday...*

*Happy Anniversary*

## Class of 1959 prepares for 60 reunion in 2019 !

Mary Kelley '59 Holston and John Swanson '59 are already working on their 60th class reunion for 2019. They ask that anyone in their class with email to please send an email (with your name) to either Mary or Jim. they have may email addresses, but can't identify some of them. Thank you in advance. John emails to their class, so you should be able to respond to his email.....if not, you can email me (Carla) and I will forward your message.

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### Increase postage in January !!!

As you may have heard, the first class postage increased by \$0.05 in January. We have a number of 'hounds who are on the mailing list. I am asking that if you wish to continue to receive the Newsy, please consider sending 12 stamps (that will cover 1 year of Newsy mailed to you.) You can mail the stamps to the Festival PO box. Thank you in advance.

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Although Gibson and immediate surrounding areas didn't have a white Christmas, January certainly made up for it !!! Lots of snow and unbearable cold temps, led to school and most businesses closing for at least a couple days. As we head into February, the temps are still varying, but we are hoping for the early spring that was predicted by Ponsitony Phil.

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As you may or may not know, WGCY's Gary McCullough '72 has been having health issues since August that have side-lined him for awhile. We all wish him a quick recovery and return to WGCY radio.

Please keep the McCulloughs all in your prayers.

**GCMS Distinguished Alumni Award**  
**Mark Halyards (class of 82) and a former chief Master Sergeant in the US AirForce was honored Feb. 1st at the GCHS Boys basketball game. The 2nd honoree was Conrad Longmire, (Sibley HS 1939) and a former theoretical physicist. This award is given to alumni who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments, affiliations and careers have honored the legacy of the excellence of the GCMS school district.**

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### **Library has Unique gift idea**

**The Moyer Library is selling Yearbooks from gibson city and GCMS (years 1914 - 2018 on CDs for \$25.00. Limited flash drives and CDS containing years 1914-2016 are available for \$20.00. Also for sale are postcards of Gibson City from 1871-2002 on CD. Proceeds will be used to help fund Library programs. Call the library for more information. Call Sharon Heavilin at 217-784-5343 for directions on how to purchase what you want.**

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**Whatever happened over the past year, be thankful for where it brought you. Where you are is where you're meant to be.**

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**My mind is like my internet browser:  
 19 tabs open, 3 of them frozen  
 and I have NO idea  
 where the music is coming from !!! (Ha ha)**

## Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

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

**Gladys Darlene Ryan** - Gibson City, IL - January 2, 2019. Survivors include children Kevin Ryan '73, Kenna '82 (Mike) McCall, grandchildren Tom '99 (Sarah) McCall, Jenny '96 (Scott) Davis, Chase (2006)(Kelsey) McCall, Seth (2012) McCall, Brandon (2002) (Jordan) Ryan, Dustin (2003) Ryan, Travis and Courtney Ryan, 7 great-grandchildren and sister Shelby Sommer.

**Kenneth Sprau** - Gibson City, IL - January 4, 2019. Survivors include wife Linda Anne (Allen) Sprau, children Bradley '81 and Julie '84, 3 grandchildren and sister Linda Lee Nash. He retired as Director of the Laboratory at Gibson Area Hospital after 46 years of service.

**Kathrine D Shields ('57) Jensen** - Gibson City, IL - January 6, 2019. Survivors include Julie '76 (charlie) turner, tina '84 Leffler and Randy '71 (Cathy) Keith, 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 1 sister Barbara. She was married to Jim Jensen and was secretary at Central Soya for 21 years.

**Beverly Hillary Rueck** - Gibson City, IL - January 27, 2019. Survivors include sons Dale (Shiela) Rueck and David (Kim) Rueck, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren.

**Gil Haas '59** - Elkins, West Virginia - January 27, 2019. Only survivor and caretaker is son Shawn Haas. Steve Day of the class of 59 encourages memorial cards or messages be sent to Shawn Haas, 52 Flintlock Drive, Elkins, West Virginia 26241.

**Ricky Lee Dawson '78** - Anadarko, Ok. - Feb 7, 2019. Survivors include wife Ida, several grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters.

### **M & W Revisited**

Compiled monthly and posted on our website for your viewing.

[www.greyhoundfestival.com](http://www.greyhoundfestival.com)

**NOTE** -- New address >>>>>>> **Send any news to Carla at**

**[47cmoxley@gmail.com](mailto:47cmoxley@gmail.com)**

Pictures to post on website - Doug Brooks '73

**Festival Plans and Reservation Forms will be available in March .....Stay tuned !!!**

**12th Greyhound Festival**

Saturday, July 20, 2019

(Annually 3rd Saturday of July)

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

### **Preparing for Festival Memorial Board**

**I am requesting that all classes submit your latest list of your classmates who you would like added to the Memorial Board at the Festival in July.**

**Please email your list to Carla at [47cmoxley@gmail.com](mailto:47cmoxley@gmail.com). In 2018, I set up a Memorial Board to honor and remember our classmates who are no longer with us. I would like to expand that this year to include more classes. Thank you.**

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

Jessie (Donner '41) Roesch, Betty '53 Moser, Marvin Kumler '58,  
Nancy (Conover '58) List,  
Bill Dueringer '64, Tess (Royal '67) Powell, Gary McCullough '72,  
Nancy Dueringer (wife of Tom Dueringer '74)  
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

Again I want to thank you all for your continued support of not only the 'Newsy', but the Annual festival !!!!