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Buy Your Tickets To Win \$100

The Alumni Association has donated \$100 to be awarded to a lucky ticket holder. There will also be a second prize of \$50.00 and a third Prize of \$25.00

Tickets sell for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. You can order tickets by mail. Use the form on page 7 or, you can buy them on homecoming weekend.

The drawing will be held at the Alumni Reunion on Saturday afternoon, September 27.

You do NOT need to be present to win any of these prizes. All proceeds go to the Alumni Fund.

About the McCune Alumni Website

Thanks to Carolyn Michael, LaDonna Hartman and the SEK Regional Service Center at Greenbush, the alumni website is up and running. For latest information about where we will meet this year, check it out at

www.mccunealumni.com

Jim Frazier has again agreed to host the 2014 alumni dinner. A big thank you to Jim.

Photos Done

Vice-president Richard Parsons and helpers have completed a large photo project for the MRHS Alumni. Several early senior class photos have been added to the school's collection. They are on display at the McCune Library. Thank you, Richard and helpers.

All-Alumni Dinner

Saturday, September 27

Alumni are invited to dinner Saturday, September 27, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at the McCune Community Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00.

Jim Frazier will be Master of Ceremonies. Five \$10 door prizes will be awarded.

Price of the dinner: \$12.50 per person.

The Menu: Smoked Brisket; Rigatoni with Meat Sauce; Party Potatoes; Green Bean Casserole; Garden Salad; Rolls & Butter; Cherry Cheesecake.

Make your reservations for the dinner by

September 17, 2014.

Contact: Kathy Stewart: kstewie@hotmail.com or telephone 620.632.4992, or use the order form on page 7, and purchase dinner tickets along with your tickets for the drawing.

A special "thank you" to all who will help set up for the banquet and to helpers: Carolyn Michael, John Michael, Kathy Stewart, and Jim Frazier.

The All-Alumni meeting will be Saturday, September 27 at 2:00. The class of 1964 will be on hand to greet everyone at 1:00.

If you graduated from McCune High School between 1898 - 1963 and have not received a 50 year McCune Eagle pin, see Carolyn Michael at the reunion on September 27, 2014.

2014 Scholarships Awarded

The Alumni Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following recipients of:

\$750 Alumni Scholarships

Cameron Clark
Erika Grant
Tanner Stewart



\$500 Science and Technology Scholarship

No Award this year

\$4666 Herman and Ailene Parsons

Educational Scholarships:

Cameron Clark
Erika Grant
Tanner Stewart

Thank you to the Alumni scholarship committee: Warren McGown, chair, Marion Kutz and Frank Page. All students are 2010 eighth grade graduates of McCune School. Thank you to all alumni who contribute through donations and memorials; to our single anonymous alumnus who funds the science and technology scholarship; and to the Herman and Ailene Parsons family.

In the fall of 2014 all McCune students will move to other 247 attendance centers, and our school building will be empty. In the years to come, the Steering Committee will be developing new criteria for awarding scholarships to McCune Students. The Committee would appreciate your input.

Memorials Given in 2013-2014

\$100 Or Less

In Memory of Jack Harris & John Harris

~Tolly Ann Harris Gore

The Alumni Association appreciates the thoughtfulness of those who donate in memory of their loved ones. Those memorials will be listed on the certificates awarded to the scholarship recipients.



DONATIONS in 2013-2014

\$100 OR MORE

Hazel Shideler Douglass
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Alan Hobson
Paul & Karolyn Bell Johnson
Marilyn Treadway Millspaugh
Patty McGown Mustard
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Mark Smith
Ada Lathers Viets

The Association thanks the donors who give generously to the alumni funds. Several have given large amounts year after year. It is appreciated.

Some Top Songs of 1964

- 1 Beatles > I Want To Hold Your Hand
- 2 Beatles > She Loves You
- 3 Louis Armstrong > Hello, Dolly!
- 4 Roy Orbison > Oh, Pretty Woman
- 5 Beach Boys > I Get Around
- 6 Dean Martin > Everybody Loves Somebody
- 7 Mary Wells > My Guy
- 8 Gale Garnett > We'll Sing In The Sunshine
- 9 J. Frank Wilson and The Cavaliers > Last Kiss
- 10 Supremes > Where Did Our Love Go
- 11 Barbara Streisand > People
- 12 Al Hirt > Java
- 13 Beatles > A Hard Day's Night
- 14 Beatles > Love Me Do

15 Manfred Mann > Do Wah Diddy Diddy

16 Beatles > Please Please Me

17 Martha & The Vandellas > Dancing In The Street

18 Billy J. Kramer & The Dakotas > Little Children

19 Ray Charles Singers > Love Me With All Your Heart

20 Drifters > Under The Boardwalk

Top T.V. Shows of 1964

Bonanza (NBC)

Bewitched (ABC)

Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C. (CBS)

The Andy Griffith Show (CBS)

The Fugitive (ABC)

Top Movies of 1964

My Fair Lady

Dr. Strangelove

Becket

Seven Days In May

Fail-Safe

Fast Facts about 1964: New Dances are *The Dog, The Swim, The Frug*. The Ford Mustang is introduced for the first time. Go-Go Girls began dancing on raised platforms in many bars and discos. First year of the ZIP Code. Harley Davidson Motorcycles are at their peak of popularity.

The Class of 1964

In September of 1961, we walked the halls of MRHS with the "green freshman" feeling and look of pity from the upperclassmen. We were determined to work hard and be the graduates of 1964.

This was the first paragraph of our class history written for the 1964 yearbook by Harriett Tridle.

We started our freshman year with 20 students. Mrs. Hollis was our class sponsor. Our sophomore year we were down to 17 students. Mrs. Closs was our sponsor.

By the time our junior year ended we had only 14. Mrs. Hollis and Mr. Schulz were our class sponsors.

We did graduate with a class of 15 students in May, 1964. Mr. Schulz and Mrs. Saliba were our sponsors.

We had 6 classmates who went all 12 years together. They were: Coralie Baldwin, Barbara Barnes, David Garard, Mark Houseweart, Carolyn Stewart and Harriett Tridle.

There are 11 classmates that are contributing to a memory book for the class of 1964. We have lost 4 in the past years.

We hope to all attend the bean feed, ride in the parade and attend the alumni annual meeting and banquet Saturday.

We are like every alumni class that has preceded us in celebrating their 50th class reunion, it just can't be possible!

Carolyn (Stewart) Michael
1964 Class Secretary



50 Years The Class of 1964

Coralie Baldwin Bennett

Barbara Barnes

Kathy Barnes Vazquez (deceased)

Terry Best

Ilene Froebe Myers

David Garard

Jim Gardenhire (deceased)

Larry Gemmell

Eva Jo Getman Niegach (deceased)

Mark Houseweart (deceased)

Randy Johnson

Shirley Johnson Fiscus

Beverly Myers Shutt

Carolyn Stewart Michael

Francis Thomas – Freshman thru Junior

Harriett Tridle Ginn

All 12 years at M.R.H.S.

Coralie Baldwin

Barbara Barnes

David Garard

Mark Houseweart

Carolyn Stewart

Harriett Tridle

After the Parade!

Join Us!

Beginning at about 1:00, the class of 1964 will be on hand to greet you. The Alumni Meeting will be called to order by President Carolyn Michael at 2:00 p.m.

Check the website for the place, or call one of the officers.

Take a look at the Veteran's Memorial at the McCune Cemetery. This is an impressive tribute to the McCune community veterans.

Dear Alumni,

What a year this has been!

At our August alumni steering committee meeting we voted to apply for the 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status.

Brenda Egbert was kind enough to compile and fill out the needed forms.

It was sent to the IRS in November for declaration.

Finally, in May we received the letter stating we were declared a tax exempt organization. This will allow donations to the alumni association to be tax deductible.

A big Thank You goes to Brenda!

The web page information was given to LaDonna Hartman, who works at the Greenbush Educational Center. For a small fee to the center, she was allowed to download the information. Our web site is now up and running. The address is www.mccunealumni.com.

Thank you LaDonna!

In December the USD 247 school board voted to close the McCune Attendance Center.

We began thinking about the removal of the alumni's possessions that were in the building.

A letter for request to remove our items plus the trophies, plaques, pictures and the bell out front was submitted to the board. It was approved and we proceeded. All of the items were put on indefinite loan to the Osage Township Library in McCune.

We also purchased the old sport uniforms that Jerry Jacquinet and Steve Cooper had managed to preserve through the years. These will be for sale at the McCune Fall Festival. Please come and check them out, you may find your grade school basketball number!

The Labette bank, in McCune, has closed. The steering committee voted to move our checking account to the Exchange State bank in Girard. Frankie Dunnick, the owner and alumnus, has been very supportive of our community. He also helped organize the McCune Alumni organization.

As of the writing of this letter, we do not know where our annual meeting will be held. We do not know if the McCune school gym will be available.

We will definitely have a meeting somewhere. Look on our web page later in the summer and we will have the site posted.

Hope to see everyone September 27th at the McCune Fall Festival!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Michael, President

The Class of 1974



Susan Allen Rodin

Donna Bennett Mays

Carol Ann Best Stephens

Ellen Billington Hosier

Norman Christmore

Keith Coonrod

Duane Davis

Bonnie Grandle (unknown)

Dennis Han

Karen Hibbs Johnston

Larry Hibbs

Connie Hiller Cheney

Kim Jones Tolen

Steven McCown

Ellick Morey

Mark Pool

Red Ritthal (deceased)

Darrell Shouse

Matt Thomas

Paul Thomson (deceased)

Lorraine Wells Bayse

Some Top Songs of 1974

- 1 *Barbra Streisand >The Way We Were*
- 2 *Terry Jacks >Seasons In The Sun*
- 3 *Love Unlimited Orchestra >Love's Theme*
- 4 *Redbone >Come And Get Your Love*
- 5 *Jackson 5 >Dancing Machine*
- 6 *Grand Funk Railroad >The Loco-Motion*
- 7 *MFSB >TSOP*
- 8 *Ray Stevens >The Streak*
- 9 *Elton John >Bennie And The Jets*
- 10 *Mac Davis >One Hell Of A Woman*
- 11 *Aretha Franklin >Until You Come Back To Me*
- 12 *Kool and The Gang >Jungle Boogie*
- 13 *Maria Muldaur >Midnight At The Oasis*
- 14 *Stylistics >You Make Me Feel Brand New*
- 15 *Al Wilson >Show And Tell*
- 16 *Jim Stafford >Spiders And Snakes*
- 17 *David Essex >Rock On*
- 18 *John Denver >Sunshine On My Shoulders*
- 19 *Blue Magic >Sideshow*
- 20 *Blue Swede >Hooked On A Feeling*

The Class of 1984 (Eighth Grade)

Kim Best Harland
Danna Bitner Gideon
Shawna Clark Crumpacker
Jim Covell (deceased)
Frank Crumpacker
Beverly Ellis (unknown)
Micheal Gall
Danielle Grant (unknown)
Julie Grove (deceased)
Steven Howell (unknown)
C.J. Huff
Patricia Largent (unknown)
James Locke (unknown)
Judy Mercer (unknown)
James Moore (unknown)
Timothy Moore (unknown)
Tammy Peacock McDaniels
Beverly Schulz
Joseph Ulery
Tara Walker Stewart
Larry Waugh
Monica Wilson



Honors to Steve Cooper and Judy Naccarato

Early in the spring, the Alumni Steering Committee voted to honor Steve Cooper and Judy Naccarato.

Steve taught at McCune High School and Grade School 35 years. Judy was a communications teacher at McCune High School during the 1970's. The Alumni deeply appreciates their dedication.



District #57 McCune Schools

The first school within the limits of School District #57 was taught by Miss Mary Ball in a small log house about 1/4 mile east of McCune. There was no organized district at that time (1869) so Miss Ball taught a subscription school meaning students were charged tuition.

On August 24, 1870, District #57 was organized. Charles A. Strong, Crawford County Superintendent, officially certified the boundaries of the district which included five square miles.

In 1887, \$6000 worth of bonds were voted for the first brick building. In 1902 the district voted \$2000 in bonds and a north wing was built on the building.

In 1924 the district decided to raze the old brick building and construct the present day building. They passed a bond for \$58,910.33.

In the fall of 1935, the Board of education assisted by Superintendent Leffler, began the formation of a rural high school district, which was held legal by the Supreme Court in the fall of 1936. The boundary of this new district included parts of Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, and Neosho counties, and covered an area of 77 square miles.

In 1958, a new grade school and gym were added to the school complex. Late in the 1960's under the Kansas School Unification Law, District #57 was included in a larger district encompassing the old Cherokee, Weir, and West Mineral school districts that now is USD#247. McCune High School continued until 1979, when it was closed, and all high school students in USD#247 were sent to the high school near Cherokee. The grade school continued until the spring of 2014 when the entire school was closed, and all McCune students were sent to other attendance centers in the district.

Information taken from the 1938 McRuhiscan and the 1958 McCune Eagle

Don't Forget!!!

**Check the McCune School Uniforms display
and take home a memento of your School days.**

Some Top Songs of 1984

- 1 Prince >When Doves Cry
- 2 Tina Turner >What's Love Got To Do With It
- 3 Paul McCartney & Michael Jackson > Say Say Say
- 4 Kenny Loggins >Footloose
- 5 Phil Collins >Take A Look At Me Now
- 6 Van Halen >Jump
- 7 Lionel Richie >Hello
- 8 Yes >Owner Of A Lonely Heart
- 9 Ray Parker Jr. >Ghostbusters
- 10 Culture Club >Karma Chameleon
- 11 John Waite >Missing You
- 12 Lionel Richie >All Night
- 13 Deniece Williams > Let's Hear It For The Boy
- 14 Bruce Springsteen > Dancing In The Dark
- 15 Cyndi Lauper >Time After Time

The Class of 1944

Elmo Andrews (deceased)
Leona Bayless Hamilton (unknown)
Evelyn Beery McKinzie
Frances Bennett Smith (deceased)
Bill Bevins (deceased)
Roberta Brown (unknown)
Wilma Carnall Franklin (deceased)
Donald Chaping (unknown)
Leaford Daniels (deceased)
Mary Dunlop (unknown)
Richard Fincher (deceased)
Gloria Foster Wintjen
Vera Foster Talbot (deceased)
Eldon Goedeke
Catherine Hartman Speck (deceased)
Helen Marie Heskett Kervin (unknown)
Flora King Abel (unknown)
Bernice Kirby King (deceased)
Paul Krauter
Ada Lathers Viets
John Manning
Betty McGown Zimmerman
Doris McMillin Roach (deceased)
Emery McWilliams (deceased)
Mary Martha Mechling Sullivan (unknown)
Virginia Millard Dutton
Earl Misner (deceased)
Leon Mock (deceased)
Eldon Mohler (deceased)
Ralph M. Morris (deceased)
Donald Morrison
Nora Mae Nutt Shaffer
Wayne Pence (deceased)
Colleen Pool Manning
Murlin Pool
John (Junior) Powell (deceased)
Robert Rahorn (deceased)
Bill Rudisill (deceased)
Buford Schwarz
Noel Spangler
Donna Stewart Johnston (deceased)
Charlotte Strathe Neilson
Floyd Sumpter (deceased)
Margaret Trotnic (deceased)
Frank Ulbrich (deceased)
Bill Warren (deceased)
Ruth Wayenburg Billington
Kate Wright Gifford (deceased)


Some Popular Songs of 1944

1. *Swinging On A Star* > Bing Crosby
2. *Trolley Song* > Judy Garland
3. *Besame Mucho* > Jimmy Dorsey
4. *You Always Hurt The One You Love* > Mills Brothers
5. *Mairzy Doates* > Merry Macs
6. *I'll Be Seeing You* > Bing Crosby
7. *Twilight Time* > Les Brown
8. *It's Love-Love-Love* > Guy Lombardo
9. *My Heart Tells Me* > Glen Gray
10. *I Love You* > Bing Crosby
11. *I'll Walk Alone - Dinah Shore*
12. *I'm Making Believe* > Ella Fitzgerald & Ink Spots
13. *Straighten Up & Fly Right* > King Cole Trio
14. *Til Then* > The Ames Brothers
15. *I'll Get By* > Harry James
16. *Long Ago* > Dick Haymes and Helen Forrest
17. *Amor* > Andy Russell
18. *G.I. Jive - Louis Jordan and his Five*
19. *Long Ago* > Bing Crosby
20. *Saturday Night Is the Loneliest Night of the Week* > Frank Sinatra

Some Popular Songs of 1954

- 1 *Kitty Kallen* > Little Things Mean A Lot
- 2 *Perry Como* > Wanted
- 3 *Rosemary Clooney* > Hey There
- 4 *Crew Cuts* > Sh-Boom
- 5 *Jo Stafford* > Make Love To Me
- 6 *Eddie Fisher* > Oh! My Pa-pa
- 7 *Four Knights* > I Get So Lonely
- 8 *Four Aces* > Three Coins In The Fountain
- 9 *Doris Day* > Secret Love
- 10 *Archie Bleyer* > Hernando's Hideaway
- 11 *Frank Sinatra* > Young At Heart
- 12 *Rosemary Clooney* > This Ole House
- 13 *Eddie Fisher* > I Need You Now
- 14 *Patti Page* > Cross Over The Bridge
- 15 *Gaylords* > The Little Shoemaker
- 16 *Dean Martin* > That's Amore
- 17 *Frank Weir* > The Happy Wanderer
- 18 *Nat King Cole* > Answer Me My Love
- 19 *Tony Bennett* > Stranger In Paradise
- 20 *Doris Day* > If I Give My Heart To You

The Class of 1954

Ralph Baldwin
Larry Barnes
Ruth Ann Bratton Egbert (deceased) 
Dean Dixon
Kenneth Fox (deceased)
Robert Gardenhire
Margaret Goodhall Johnson
Larry Henderson (deceased)
Betty Huston Cares
Marvin Johnston
Verna Mae Kern Buzard (deceased)
Morris Kernick
Lee Kernick (deceased)
Leona Kious Long (deceased)
Margaret Leonard Hartman
Kenneth Long
Marie Markley Satzler
Helen McColm Wagner
Margaret McGown McColm
Maxine McMillan Braman
Maxine Metcalf Lynam
Vera Mohler Ellwood
Barbara Morgan Johnston (deceased)
Carl Morgan (deceased)
Bill Nutt (deceased)
Margaret Painter Wright (deceased)
Fred Perkins
Bess Anna Riggs Bennett
Neva Shenefelt Lolling (deceased)
Maxine Stewart Engler
Ron Tridle (deceased)
Barbara Ulbrich Caughron
Archie Ulbrich
Elsie Wort Harris
Joan Wright McManus

**Check out the
McCune Memorial Park when
you're in town. To contribute,
contact: The City of McCune
620.632.4299 or mail to
Box 87: McCune, KS 66753**

McCune School Days

~by Linda Stewart (Class of 1970)



My family moved from Iowa in 1965 to a McCune farm that my uncle owned. Dad planned to farm with my uncle. It was the best time of my life! McCune was the best school I attended. GO EAGLES! I spent 7th grade to the 12th grade there.

However, during my junior year my family moved to Erie. I didn't enjoy the Erie school at all. So, I asked my parents to go back to McCune and finish.

Although Sheila Kay (Johnston) had given me a going away party when I left McCune, I went back to where I felt I belonged--McCune.

I remember a lot from those school years: friends, a hay ride, games, proms, senior trip, and more. At noon I'd walk up town at lunch time and go to the cafe, then back to school.

After school, I'd stay with Maye Edmonston. On weekends I'd go home to Erie. On Monday, I started all over again.

I'm grateful I graduated from McCune in 1970 with my senior classmates. I still hold fond memories of them all.

Subscribe to McCune Library Newsletter

The official name of the library at McCune is: McCune Osage Township Library. Once a month the staff and volunteers put out a newsletter which includes historical articles about the area, news and notes about today's community, and other items of interest. Anyone can subscribe to the newsletter. However, the subscription fee **MUST** be sent to the library. **The Alumni Association cannot accept checks or money for the library newsletter. So, send \$6.00 to:**

McCune Osage Township Library

PO Box 73 509 6th St.

McCune, KS 66753

Telephone the library at 620.632.4112

e-mail:books@ckt.net

The library website is:

<http://mccune.mykansasl原因.org/mccune-osage-township-library-2/>

Order Blank

Remember: We are now a tax-exempt organization and all checks must be made to the McCune Alumni Association INC.

**Please clip and mail with your check to:
Kathy Stewart • Box 122 • McCune, KS 66753
by September 16, 2014.**

In Addition, please help Kathy by sending one of your return address labels (if you have some) for EACH ticket you purchase.

Name:

Address:

Phone/email:

Tickets For \$100:

Six for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each _____ = \$ _____

Reservations for the Alumni Dinner :

Cost per person = \$12.50 X _____ dinners = \$ _____

Alumni Dues (\$10.00 per alum) = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Dues and extra donations will be placed in the alumni fund.

Donate Your Memorabilia

After the final days at the McCune Grade School, the Alumni Association acquired the pictures, trophies, placques and all historical items in the building. These are on indefinite loan to the McCune Osage Township Library.

Other items at the library include pictures from the Country Schools, and McCune School yearbooks. Donations are appreciated. If you don't know what to do with those old photos, scrapbooks or collections dealing with the McCune area, talk to Roy Parsons. You can reach him at the library. Check the information on this page.

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Log on to the McCune Alumni Website at:
mccunealumni.com
We'll keep you posted on coming events.
July, 2014, Newsletter

Please Note:

If we are to continue our custom of awarding scholarships to McCune kids, we need your dues and donations. \$10.00 per alum is requested. Please use the form on page 7. Send your dues to Kathy Stewart. Why not consider a memorial donation in honor of a loved one, or as a class legacy? Contact Kathy or Warren McGown.

Address Changed? Addition to a class list? Something for the 2014 newsletter? Update for the web page?

*Contact Sharon Leonard:
295 W 570 Avenue • Girard KS 66743
620.724.8531
email: aleonard@ckt.net*

We need articles for the newsletter. Why not write about your years at McCune High, or about the town. Tell about your prom, your favorite teacher, your sporting seasons and events. Or, tell us what you've been doing since graduation, or, write good things about a McCune friend or classmate. Send your items to Sharon Leonard.

McCune Fall Festival September 26-28, 2014

- September 26, Friday evening after 5:00:
Bean Feed; McCune Memorial Park.
Bring your own lawn chair, dish and spoon.
Kiddie Tractor pull follows at 6:00 on Main Street,
(sponsored by Charles & Margaret McColm)
- September 27, Saturday morning:
Grand parade. Main street, 10:30 a.m.
(Bicycle and pet parade held before)
- After the parade:
All-Alumni and guests reception
About 1:00 p.m.
Class of 1964 will be present to greet.
- September 27, Saturday afternoon 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
All-Alumni and guests Meeting
- September 27, Saturday evening:
All-alumni & guests dinner- \$12.50 per person
McCune Community Center: 5:30
- September 28, Sunday morning:
Community Church Service: 11:00
Demolition Derby-p.m. -rodeo grounds.