

The Black & Gold



McCune Eagles

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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 5 or, you can buy them on homecoming weekend.

The drawing will be held at the Alumni Reunion on Saturday afternoon, September 24.

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

JOIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE

There are only two requirements for being a steering committee member:

- 1) You must have earned a McCune School diploma.
- 2) You must have a genuine interest in doing good things for the McCune community.

The Committee meets five times a year. Average attendance is about 30 people. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend with you. There are two more meetings this year: August 17 and October 19 at Chicken Mary's, near Frontenac, at 6:30 p.m.

Watch the McCune Alumni Website

Please check the website for the latest information about meetings and the McCune Fall Festival.

www.mccunealumni.com

All-Alumni Will Meet

The All-Alumni meeting will be Saturday afternoon, September 24, at 2:00 at the McCune School gym. The air conditioning still works and will be on if needed. The doors will open at 1:00. The 50 year class of 1966 will be the honored guests.

If you graduated from McCune High School between 1898 - 1965 and have not received a 50 year McCune Eagle pin, see Richard Parsons at the

All-Alumni Dinner Saturday, September 24

Alumni are invited to dinner Saturday, September 24, 2016, 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 16, 2016.**

Contact: Kathy Stewart: kstewie@hotmail.com or telephone 620.632.4992, or use the order form on page 5, and purchase dinner tickets along with your tickets for the drawing. A special "thank you" to all who help with the banquet.

2016 Scholarships Awarded

The class of 2011 was the last 8th grade group to finish at McCune School. After conferring with the scholarship committee, the Parsons family, and other donors, the steering committee decided to award the 2016 scholarships to 2016 graduating seniors who resided in the old McCune Rural High School District #57.

After trolling basements, scrounging through attics, and writing to state officials, a legal map of district #57 was obtained and filed in the McCune library.

Thanks to the diligence of Warren McGown, 17 eligible 2016 seniors were identified. Letters and applications were sent to each of those 17 students. Eight of them applied and qualified for scholarships:

\$1,000 Alumni Scholarships

\$1000 for each student:

Elizabeth Crumpacker

David Elkins

Melanie Hartman

Kelsey Kirby

Jordan Lunsford

Adam Martinie

Tyler Warstler

Jonathan Zimmerman



\$1,000 Science and Technology Scholarship

to be divided equally between:

Kelsey Kirby

Adam Martinie

\$16,000 Herman and Ailene Parsons

Educational Scholarships:

\$16,000 to be divided equally among:

Elizabeth Crumpacker

David Elkins

Melanie Hartman

Kelsey Kirby

Adam Martinie

Tyler Warstler

Jonathan Zimmerman

Thank you to the scholarship committee: Warren McGown, chair, Marion Kutz, Frank Page, Carolyn Michael and Sharon Leonard.

Thank you to all alumni who contribute; to our single anonymous alumnus who funds the science and technology scholarship; and to the Herman and Ailene Parsons family.

Memorials Given in 2015-2016

\$100 Or More

In Memory of Norman Sumpter

~The Wright Family



In Honor of "The Sexy 6"

~Eleanor Belew

These memorials will be listed on the certificates awarded to the scholarship recipients.

DONATIONS IN 2015-2016

\$100 OR MORE

Will Davidson

Carol Sue Clarke Duesi

Bill Hodgden

Paul Johnson

Harold Millard

Patty McGown Mustard

\$200 OR MORE

Mark Smith

The Association thanks all donors who have given so generously to the alumni funds.

Some Top Songs of 1966

1. *The Sound of Silence* by Simon & Garfunkel
2. *We Can Work It Out* by The Beatles
3. *My Love* by Petula Clark
4. *Lightnin' Strikes* by Lou Christie
5. *These Boots Are Made For Walkin'* by Nancy Sinatra
6. *Ballad of the Green Berets* by SSgt Barry Sadler
7. *Soul and Inspiration* by The Righteous Brothers
8. *Monday, Monday* by The Mamas & the Papas
9. *When a Man Loves a Woman* by Percy Sledge
10. *Hanky Panky* by Tommy James and the Shondells
11. *Wild Thing* by The Troggs
12. *Cherish* by The Association
13. *Reach Out I'll Be There* by the Four Tops
14. *96 Tears* by the Mysterians
15. *Last Train to Clarksville* by The Monkees
16. *Poor Side of Town* by Johnny Rivers
17. *Winchester Cathedral* by The New Vaudeville Band
18. *Good Vibrations* by The Beach Boys
19. *I'm a Believer* by the Monkees
20. *You Keep Me Hangin' On* by The Supremes

To the Class of 1966

~from Bob Smith, president

Hi All! If you haven't already done the math, this year will be the 50th anniversary of our graduating class. That doesn't seem possible, but reality has finally hit me.

It's now less than 6 months until this year's Fall Festival and I'd like to start things moving in order to get us all together in September. We had a pretty good turnout for our 40th, but I'd really like to encourage everyone to make it a priority to make it back to McCune for this special event. Realistically, this might be the last time when we could get together one more time. I would love to see all of you even if none of us look like our yearbook pictures.

For starters, I'd like to ask each of you to send me a note letting me know that you WILL be attending. (How's that for optimistic phrasing?). If you really can't make it for some reason, I'd still like to hear from you to let me know how you're doing and what you are up to these days.

In your note, I would really appreciate it if you can give me few things that you remember from our high school years, and especially about our senior year. These can be anything that was special or made a lasting impression on you (positive or otherwise). These don't have to be monumental events.

I personally don't remember any "monumental" events during that year unless you count getting killed in most of our football games. I suppose that memory falls into the "otherwise" category, but it was part of our senior year. I also remember being the only guy in our typing class and being truly intimidated by the speed that everyone else was achieving while I banged away.

I'm sure I'll think of something else after I send this out, but you will be hearing more about this as September gets closer.

I hope you all are having a good year (and had a mild winter). Here in Vermont we had a long and bitter cold winter last year, but this winter has been just the opposite and I'm thankful for that.

NOW, start working on your letter/email and get it sent back to me ASAP (so you won't forget).

Thanks for the help and I really hope to see all of you in September! Bob

PS. If you haven't heard, we lost one of our own, Edwin Thompson, last fall to ALS.

50 Years The Class of 1966

Carl Brunenn

Marjory Collier McCullough

Elsie Hansen Wolgamott

Gerald Kernick

Sheryl McColm Smith

Carol McElwain Best

Sharon Mishler

Dorothy Nelson Parker (deceased)

Kathy Niebaum Lamb

Maxine Niebaum Waltermier

Susan Nunn Thomas

Laverna Seibert Sousa

Robert Smith

Pat Stephens Brunenn

Larry Stewart (unknown)

Patsy Stewart (unknown)

Edwin Thomson (deceased)

Kenny Wright

Richard Wylie

The Way It Was in '66

Lyndon B. Johnson was the U.S. President. •The highest rated feature film was The Good, the Bad and the Ugly starring Clint Eastwood. •Other films were A Man for All Seasons and Alfie. •Color TV became more popular. •The Batman TV series began starring Adam West and Burt Ward •The Vietnam war continued to worsen. The mini skirt became shorter, while the conservative hemline was just above the knee. Pant suits appeared but were not proper attire for the workplace or elegant restaurants. •Bonanza was the number one TV series •Walt Disney died •Super model Cindy Crawford was born as was Janet Jackson •The 8-track was an option on new Ford cars. •The first Star Trek episode was broadcast. •The record of the year was "A Taste of Honey" by Herb Alpert and the

The Class of 1956

Jacqueline Baker Sargent (deceased)
 Robert Baldwin
 Betty Clugston Krone
 Doris Davidson Crumpacker
 Lloyd E. Dixon
 Fred Fox
 John Haigh
 Kay Han Reno (deceased)
 Herbert Harrington
 Faye Howard Larter (deceased)
 Ronald Johnson
 Rosemary Kennedy Griffin (unknown)
 Gladys Lahey Liefer (deceased)
 Arthur Maffei (deceased)
 Phyllis Mahaffey Shanks
 Mervin McElwain
 James Mechling
 Joy Miller Brintnall
 Robert Morgan (deceased)
 Sarah Olson Johnston
 John W. Overman (deceased)
 Diane Painter Hiller
 Leroy Parsons
 Richard Rauniker
 Calvin Riggs
 Clarice Riggs Jones
 Darlene Robbins Strause
 Bonnie Sartin Courtney
 Patsy Shaffer Thuilliey (deceased)
 Helen Stevens Maynard (deceased)
 John Thornberry
 Virginia Ulbrich Lanier
 Neil Wilson (deceased)
 Jack York (deceased)

Honorary

Terry Parsons

**Check out the
 McCune Memorial Park when
 you're in town.**

Class of 1946

Max Andrews (deceased)
 Helen Ruth Ashmore Sims
 Hattie Autem Turkington (deceased)
 Robert Boyd (deceased)
 Margaret Boyd Seely (deceased)
 Martha Boyd Talkington (deceased)
 Mazie Brenner Burnett (deceased)
 Mildred Calhoun Sharp
 Sharylene Clugston McColm
 Ted Cockrell (deceased)
 Bill Darland (deceased)
 Joe Davison (deceased)
 Joe Dawson (deceased)
 Dale Foster
 Margie Gilpin Burris (unknown)
 Earlyne Hanna Leslie (deceased)
 Margaret Heryford Walker
 Twyla Hickman McColm
 Earl Hollandsworth
 Marjorie Humble Hamilton
 Priscilla Kays Spade (unknown)
 Harold Kirk
 Marion Kutz
 Delores Lanfear William (unknown)
 Maxine Larcom Kozanha (deceased)
 Corinne Long O'Neal
 Wayne Long (deceased)
 Wanda McColm Westhoff (deceased)
 Dorothy McGown Zimmerman (deceased)
 Wanda Metcalf Wadlow
 Jack Middleton (deceased)
 Margie Michael DeLange
 Glora Mullen Wiscomb (deceased)
 Kenneth Murdock (deceased)
 Harold Neher
 Tom Page
 LeRoy Parker (deceased)
 Loren Powell
 Ken Seely
 Robert V. Shaffer (deceased)
 Frank Slapar
 Helen Rogers Stover (deceased)
 Robert S. Turkington (deceased)
 Ted Willenberg (deceased)

The Class of 1976

Jimmy Allen (deceased)
 Ernest Amershek
 Mark Bennett
 Linda Brown Warren
 Steve Brunenn
 Brenda Harley Smith
 Diane Johnston Abrams
 Douglas Johnston
 Gene Klingman
 Tena Lombard Burns (unknown)
 Lori Long Cole
 Jeff Neblett
 Debbie Nutt Johnson
 Karen Otto Hibbs
 Joyce Platt Goff
 Mike Riggs (unknown)
 Cindy Shanholtzer Burger
 Terry Shouse
 Greg Smith
 Tim Smith
 Debbie Van Dorn Chambers
 Bary Varner (deceased)
 Russell Varner
 Laverne Wells Cook
 Dennis Zwahlen (unknown)

Subscribe to McCune Library Newsletter

Once a month the staff and volunteers at the library put out a newsletter. 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 once a year to:**

McCune Osage Township Library
 PO Box 73 509 6th St.
 McCune, KS 66753

A Little Bit of History

It was 120 years ago this spring that the McCune High School conferred a high school diploma on its first graduate, Miss Ann Dillan. Anna became a school teacher in the McCune Schools. However, she must have died at an early age, because by 1922 she is listed as deceased on the alumni list.

Eighty years ago, the class of 1936 was the first group of McCune students to graduate from the newly certified McCune Rural High School. The forward-looking board of education, C.D. Gregg, Edward Munday and Mr. A.H.Reich with the help of Superintendent Paul Leffler realized the high school could not exist under the tax laws of that time. They drew up a map, mainly consisting of the homes of the students they were serving which consisted of parts of four counties, Crawford, Cherokee, Neosho, and Labette. The county superintendents of public instruction and the board of county commissioners in each county approved the lay out of the new McCune district. O.L.Heryford was the Crawford County Superintendent-an interesting note to many of us.

Then, a petition of the voters over 21 years old (there were more than 1200) in the marked area was circulated to call a special election. More than 850 voters signed the petition. The election was held August 8, 1935, and the proposition was carried by 776 to 77. Two weeks later, a board election was held: Rev. Daniel (Danny)P. Neher, (who married many alumni couples) president, Dr. D.S. Mckee, (who helped bring many of us into the world) clerk. H.L. Long, treasurer. The new board brought a two mill tax levy on the assessed valuation of the new district, spread among the four counties.

The Labette County Community high school caused legal action to be brought against the newly formed district to restrain them from collecting the tax in Labette county. This case wound up in the Kansas Supreme Court.

Visit The Library When You're Here

Come by and take a look at what's new. We look forward to seeing you. When it is closer to Fall Festival time, check our website, mccune.mykansalibrary.org and McCune Osage Township Library Facebook Page for library and museum hours on the weekend. Check out the refurbished school bell in front!

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, 2016.**

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.

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mccunealumni.com
We'll keep you posted on coming events.
July, 2016, 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 5. 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 2017 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 23-25, 2016

**Theme: Continuous Improvement
For A Prosperous Future**

- September 23, Friday evening after 5:00:
Bean Feed; McCune Memorial Park.
Bring your own lawn chair, dish and spoon, and money for cornbread and pie.
- September 24, Saturday morning:
Grand parade. Main street, 10:30 a.m.
(Bicycle and pet parade held before)
- After the parade:
- September 24, Saturday afternoon 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
All-Alumni and guests meeting
McCune School gym. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.
- September 24, Saturday evening:
All-alumni & guests dinner- \$12.50 per person
McCune Community Center: 5:30, eat at 6:00.
- September 27, Sunday morning:
Community Church Service: 11:00
Demolition Derby-after lunch -rodeo grounds.