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The Black & Gold



McCune Eagles

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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 22.

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

Thank You Richard Parsons

Early in April Richard Parsons resigned his position as the alumni president due to major health issues. The Association thanks Richard for his dedication and service to the alumni. There were about six months left in Richard's term of office. Jeff Han has moved from the vice president's position to being president. A new vice president will be appointed soon. Best wishes to Richard, and again, we express our appreciation to him.

Check the McCune Alumni Website

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

www.mccunealumni.com

All-Alumni Dinner Saturday, September 22

Alumni are invited to dinner Saturday, September 22, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at the McCune Community Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00.

David Hand will be Master of Ceremonies. Five \$10 door prizes will be awarded.

Price of the dinner: \$12.50 per person.

The Menu: Chicken Alfredo; Roast Pork with Peach Glaze; New Potatoes; Pasta Salad; Garden Salad; Rolls & Butter; Fruit Cobbler; Tea, Lemonade, Coffee.

**Make your reservations for the dinner by
September 15, 2018.**

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 help set up and decorate for the banquet.

Special Honors

The 50 year class of 1968 will be the special honored guests at the meeting and at the banquet.

If you graduated from McCune High School between 1898 - 1967 and have not yet received a 50 year McCune Eagle pin, see Jeff Han at the reunion on September 22, 2018.

2018 Scholarships Awarded

Fourteen graduating seniors, from three different high schools, reside in the former McCune #57 school district. All were contacted and given information about the McCune Alumni scholarships. Seven of the students applied. The Alumni Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients:

\$1,000 Alumni Scholarships

Each will receive \$1000



Ryan Gath
Caitlin Low
Alaina Martinie
Sydney Nippoldt
Josie Smith
Eric Underwood
Mary Zimmerman

\$500 Science and Technology Scholarship

Each will receive \$250

Sydney Nippoldt
Eric Underwood

\$16,000 Herman and Ailene Parsons

Educational Scholarship

\$16,000 to be divided equally among:

Ryan Gath
Caitlin Low
Sydney Nippoldt
Josie Smith
Eric Underwood
Mary Zimmerman

Top Ten T.V. Shows of 1968

- Rowan and Martin's Laugh In*
- Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.*
 - Bonanza*
 - Mayberry R.F.D.*
 - Family Affair*
 - Gunsmoke*
 - Julia*
- The Dean Martin Show*
 - Here's Lucy*
- The Beverly Hillbillies*

Donations Given in 2017-2018



\$500 Or More

Anonymous

\$200 to \$500

Carol Sue Clarke Duesi
Harold Millard

\$100 to \$200

Ramona Fox
Alan Hobson
Bill Hodgden
Paul & Karolyn Johnson
William Metcalf

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

Number One Hits of 1968

<i>Hello, Goodbye</i>	The Beatles
<i>Judy in Disguise (With Glasses)</i>	John Fred et al
<i>Green Tambourine</i>	The Leomon Pipers
<i>Love Is Blue</i>	Paul Mauriat
<i>Sittin' On The Dock of the Bay</i>	Otis Redding
<i>Honey</i>	Bobby Goldsboro
<i>Tighten Up</i>	Archie Bell et al
<i>Mrs. Robinson</i>	Simon & Garfunkel
<i>The Guy's in Love With You</i>	Herb Alpert
<i>Grazing in the Grass</i>	Hugh Masekela
<i>Hello, I Love You</i>	The Doors
<i>People Got to be Free</i>	Young Rascals
<i>Harper Valley P.T.A.</i>	Jeannie C. Riley
<i>Hey Jude</i>	The Beatles
<i>I Heard It Through the Grapevine</i>	Marvin Gaye

Some Popular Movies of 1968

2001: A Space Odyssey • *Bullitt* • *Funny Girl* • *The Love Bug*
• *Night of the Living Dead* • *Oliver!* • *Once Upon a Time in the West* • *Planet of the Apes* • *Romeo and Juliet* • *Rosemary's Baby*, *Yellow Submarine*

A Famous Quote of '68

"You've come a long way, baby"

—Virginia Slims Cigarettes

From the Class of 1968

The class of 1968 will be celebrating their 50th class reunion during the McCune Fall Festival. Our weekend will start by enjoying beans and reconnecting with old friends and classmates at the McCune Memorial Park. The bean feed will be Friday, Sept 21st starting at 5:00 pm. Then Saturday, September 22nd, we will enjoy the parade. We will be honored and presented our 50 years pins at the school Alumni meeting at the gymnasium. Our day will end with the evening banquet at the Community Town and Country Center.

Our class has fond memories of studying our lessons, surviving dodge ball, celebrating birthdays, suffering through an epidemic of mumps, standing in line for our smallpox immunizations, eating the sugar cube for polio. We laughed and cried and looked out for one another. Class parties and dances were planned, and we enjoyed sports events.

We were lucky to have great teachers and a beautiful safe school. Our classrooms had no air conditioning but never really felt super hot. We witnessed history being made and welcomed the British invasion "The Beatles". Our class remembers space events, and the world series being watched in the multipurpose room on a small black and white 24-inch TV.

A Funky Paper Dress was ordered and intended to be passed around, starting with the tallest girl and cut to fit the shortest. The boys carried their hunting guns in their vehicles to school, what a different world. We also remember the times when our class seemed to be blamed for other classes hi-jinks, (remember the famous mercury spill). Just a few of our memories, hoping to share many, many more.

To quote Dr. Seuss, "Sometimes you will never know the value of something until it becomes a memory". We hope the class of 1968 is able to share old memories and make new ones at this year's McCune Fall Festival. Ewei, Kathy, Joyce and Dixie

50 Years The Class of 1968

Frank Amershek (Deceased 2010)



Randy Baldwin

Gayle Best

Gary Brown

Tim Davidson

Linda Getman Odom

David Han

Debbie Jacquinot Pierce

Jack Kountz

Colleen Maffei Defreese

Kathy McColm Stewart

Kenny Nutt (Deceased 1991)

Donald Rehmert

Joe Sears

Jack Shaffer

Luther Smith

Joyce Stephens Caratura

Evelina Stewart Wright

Wayne Wells (Deceased 2002)

Larry White (Deceased 1995)

Dixie Zwahlen Alvord

The Way It Was in "68

•Debra Barnes from Moran, KS, was Miss America.
•Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were assassinated. •The Detroit Tigers won the World Series. •The Green Bay Packers were the Superbowl II Champions. •Popular female movie and t.v. stars were: Ann-Margaret, Carol Burnett, Goldie Hawn, Barbra Streisand, Elke Sommer, Sophia Loren, Lola Falana, Elizabeth Montgomery, Marlo thomas, Twiggy, Raquel Welch, Catherine Deneuve.

It Wouldn't Be Fall Without It

~by Sharon Leonard

It's Monday, after the 2016 McCune Fall Festival. I believe it was the 70th anniversary of the event. I can count on one hand the number of times in those 70 years I've not been there to watch or be a part of the festivities.

I grew up on a farm northeast of McCune. During my school days, Fall Festival Saturday was the only time I was allowed to spend the whole day in town.

The week before the Festival in the late 1950's, schoolwork was often laid aside so that students could spend hours stuffing napkins into chicken wire to make float skirts or surrounds. I remember using red and white napkins for the FHA float, blue and gold for the FFA float, and of course black and gold for the Fall Festival queen's float.

It was a small-town, magical weekend. Just as it does today it began on Friday evening with the Lions Club Bean Feed. Next came the football game at the school with the crowning of the Fall Festival Queen. A senior football player crowned her during the half. In those days, it was the only time a boy was allowed to kiss a girl in public.

On Saturday, at the parade, there were always several high school bands with flashing twirlers. There was an Honor Guard with flags flying. The Fall Festival Queen and her court wore beautiful formals and glittering crowns and carried huge bouquets of fall flowers. And, of course, there were all those floats.

While in grade school, I was one of a pack of urchins that traveled the three blocks of the main street from the park to the school at least 50 times on Fall Festival day. One of my chief buddies, Mary Ruth Wilson, (now Allen) was right there beside me. She was so lucky. She lived at the north end of the main street, one block from the school. Her mother was a saint. We would stop off at her house for sodas or to make a pit stop. We were always welcomed.

Mary Ruth and I graduated from MRHS in 1960. She was the Valedictorian of our class. Had I studied, I might have given her some competition, but I really didn't care. We both went to Pitt State and roomed together for a year. Then she left school to marry George Allen and start her family. We didn't see each other often. However, except for a very few times, we always got together at the Fall Festival.

Last week, Mary Ruth called and wanted to know if I would make it to McCune this year. George had passed away in 2011. She knew Amos, my hubby, wasn't well. I made arrangements for grandson,

Cody, to stay with Amos, and went to McCune in time for the parade.

Of course, everything in McCune is different. The stores are gone, many of the sidewalks have disappeared, the school is gone, and our parents are gone.

However, we were there! After the parade, we walked together, one block, with a group of old friends to have lunch, the same group that were a part of that pack of urchins 60 years ago. We didn't travel too fast. Some of us had just had knee surgery. Others needed it. We sat in the cool of the Community Center, laughed, ate fried chicken together, and rested up so we could walk one more block to the school for the Alumni Meeting.

For us, the glitter of past Festivals lies beneath the sod that covers the brick sidewalks of McCune. But, it is still a magical time, it is still fun, and it wouldn't be fall without it.

Subscribe to McCune Library Newsletter

Once a month the staff and volunteers at the library put out a newsletter filled with local news of McCune and its history.

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

MRHS Class of 1948

Wylie Bronson (Deceased 1996)

Margaret Ball Clugston

Joan Carns Fernandez (Deceased 2014)

Ruth Collins James (Deceased 2017)

William Gardenhire

Harlan (Jack) Harris (Deceased 1987)

Patsy Downum Hevel (Deceased 2011)

Clayton Long (Deceased 1997)

Richard Martin

Martha McLaughlin Derby (Deceased 2001)

Catherine Jean Middleton Woods (Deceased 1996)

Esther Mohler Ho (Deceased 2010)

Donna Mullen Darland (Deceased 2017)

John Mustard (Deceased 2009)

Lillian Neher Bromley (Deceased 1954)

Dorothy Nutt Garland (Deceased 2010)

Phyllis Orem Osborne (Deceased 2010)

Charlene Page Parsons (Deceased 2017)

Betty Parsons White (Deceased 2007)

Norma Shanholtzer Andrew (Deceased 2013)

Verlin Shepard (Deceased 1987)

Barbara Spental Mooney (Deceased 2011)

Betty Strathe Bratton (Deceased 2005)

Marie Treadway Cook (Unknown)

Paul Troop

June York Allen (Deceased 2009)

Vivian Zook Morris (Deceased 2014)

MRHS Class of 1958

Clayton Allen

Phyllis Allen Brainard

Janice Baker Presson

Jean Baldwin Hall

Vernon Egbert

Patricia Ewan Moore

Anita Green Mason (Deceased 2014)

Peggy Groff Benelli (Deceased 2017)

John Harris (Deceased 2002)

Carol Henderson Dean

Bonnie Hodgden Grossnickle

Ronald Holden

Kaye Howard Tompkins (Deceased 1997)

Barbara Jackson Egbert

Paul Johnson

Betty Kern Davied (Deceased 2018)

Lorn Lahey (Unknown)

David Long

Bobby Markley (Deceased 2012)

Margie Martin Quenoy

Marietta McGown Munding

Wanda Mechling Gantt

Kathleen Montee Lahey (Unknown)

Carl Olson

Sally Overman Robison

Maxine Quenoy Wilson

Richard Rose (Deceased 2011)

Sandra Samp Dixon (Deceased 2011)

Larry Sartin (Deceased 1999)

Chauncey Shepard

Ernest Siebert

Patty Stewart Wilms

Tommy Stocker

Larry Tridle

Bill Trotmic

Dixie Van Slyke Sizemore (Deceased 2011)

Donna Wheatley Riggs

Joyce Willson Meyer

Loren Zuck

Thank You!

Jean Baldwin Hall

Jean Hall, an avid genealogist and dedicated researcher, has located many of the obituaries, death dates and burial sites of deceased McCune Alumni. This information is in the process of being added to our database. Her work has done much to make our records more accurate. We appreciate it, Jean.

Black and Gold

Black and Gold!

Black and Gold!

Emblem of glory,

Black and Gold.

Black and Gold we salute you

Each day with a cheer,

Striving new honors

To record every year.

You inspire us to victory,

Uphold our defeat.

We will proudly sing,

Let our voices ring.

M.H.S. our pride and glory.

Black and Gold.

~Helen Carol Walker '25

McCune Eagles Fight Song

McCune Eagles, let's fight tonight..

Fight, fight, fight, fight

with all your school behind you.

Black and Gold will always be true.

Let'em know you mean it,

when you fight, fight, fight, fight

let's have a victory, HEY!

M-C-C-U-N-E

McCune Rural High says

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y

it's victory, it's victory, it's victory

tonight

RIGHT!

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

After the Parade!

Join Us!

Beginning at about 1:00, come to the gym to visit, and meet old friends

**McCune High School
Class of 1978**

Connie Alford (unknown)
Chris Allen
Laura Bennett Markle
Kim Darland Clausen
Debbie Fox Neblett
Mark Gilpin
Tim Hazen (unknown)
Jim Kluber
Janet Kramer (unknown)
Thomas Maffei (unknown)
Tony Morgan
Bernard Otto
Paul Reed
Dorothy Shanholtzer Parker
Janet Shouse Leech
Mike Snider (Deceased 2002)

**McCune Grade School
Class of 1988**

Adam Davidson
Melissa Circle Mullinax (unknown)
Sandra Crumpacker Martinie
Mike Edwards (unknown)
Nettie Henson Beck
Rebecca Holroyd
Susanne Howell
Lori Lacky (unknown)
Amy Lawyer (unknown)
John Maffei
Amanda Markley Williams
Joey Marshall (unknown)
Mike McGown
Vickie Parsons
Jenifer Pender Yuza
Jessica Shaffer (Deceased 1993)
Mark Sand
Trevor Short (unknown)
Jamie Stephens
Natalie Thomas Battitori
Becky Winger Mengarelli

**McCune Grade School
Class of 1998**

Michael Allen
Laney Barkdoll
Trey Bennett
Seth Bowin
Abby Cheney Carter
Eric Clawson
Sarah Napier Davis
Brandon Figura
Josh Figura
John Fuentez
Jared Han
Jeromy Heiskell
Amanda Kern (unknown)
Trinity Kluber (unknown)
Zachary Ledwich
Smantha Lohoff
Cassey Marshall
Trent McGown
Michael Reed (unknown)
Derrick Rider
David Sellers (unknown)
Larissa Shaffer
Casey Smith
Ryan Stewart
Meghan Thomson (unknown)
Nathan Warren

**See You
at the
Alumni Dinner
on Saturday evening,
September 22.
Ask Kathy Stewart to
reserve a table
for your class at the
dinner.
We have a lot of fun,
and each year there's
something different.**

**McCune Grade School
Class of 2008**

Morgan Blanchard
Brittany Bradley
Ariel Everett
Heather Han
Jesse Owen
Sheibre Staley
Darin Steeby
Kyle Stewart
Amanda Ulmer (unknown)
Adam York (unknown)

**2018 Seniors Living in
McCune District #57**

Ryan Gath
Andrew Gomez
Coston Karstetter
Caitlin Low
Henry Lute
Alaina Martinie
Syney Nippoldt
Carrissa Peacock
Josie Smith
Wyatt Smith
Smantha Spielbusch
Jacob Trayer
Eric Underwood
Mary Zimmerman

Seven of these seniors applied for Alumni Scholarships. Several of them are grandchildren of McCune High School graduates.

Dig out those McCune Letter Sweaters and Letter Jackets and wear them to the Homecoming festivities in September--even if they're a bit moth eaten or a little too tight!

Did You Know that in 2018. . .

- There are 2423 names in the McCune Alumni Database
- That the status of 310 of those alumni is unknown?
- That 999 alumni and staff are listed as deceased?
- That the Association was begun in 1989 by the class of 1939?
- There were 33 on the class roll for the class of 1939?
- As of September 2016, only five of the class of 1939 are believed to be living?
- Between Sept 23, 2017 and July 2018, eighteen alumni are known to have passed away?

Presidents of the Association

Frankie Dunnick 1989 - 1991

Mary Ann Gemmell Simpson 1991- 1994

Roland Dalrymple 1994 - 1997

Sheila Johnston Hensley Johnson 1997 - 2000

Evelina Stewart Wright 2000 - 2003

David Han 2003 - 2006

Paul Troop 2006 - 2009

Frank Page 2009 - 2012

Carolyn Stewart Michael 2012 - 2015

Richard Parsons 2015 - 2018

Jeff Han 2018 -

Scholarships Awarded Through the Years

The first scholarships from the Alumni Association were awarded to five students in 1992. Each senior received \$200. Ten years later, in 2002, eleven seniors were awarded \$300 each.

The first Science and Technology scholarship was awarded in 1999. It was and continues to be endowed by a single anonymous alum.

In 2008, the Parsons Educational Scholarship was added from the legacy of two McCune graduates, Herman Parsons and his wife Ailene McGown Parsons.

By September 2018, the Alumni through its donations and its memorials will have bestowed to 221 McCune area high school seniors scholarships in the total amount of \$332,320.

**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**

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 15, 2018.**

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 Donation (\$10.00) _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

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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Log on to the McCune Alumni Website at:
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We'll keep you posted on coming events.
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Please Note:

If we are to continue our custom of awarding scholarships to McCune kids, we need your donations- \$10.00 per alum is suggested. Send your donations 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 2018 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 21-23, 2018

- September 21, 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 22, Saturday morning:
Grand parade. Main street, 10:30 a.m.
(Bicycle and pet parade held before)
- After the parade:
 - September 22, Saturday afternoon 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
All-Alumni and guests meeting
McCune School gym. Doors open about 1:00 p.m.
 - September 22, Saturday evening:
All-alumni & guests dinner- \$12.50 per person
McCune Community Center: 5:30, eat at 6:00.
 - September 23, Sunday morning:
Community Church Service: 11:00
McCune School gym