

The Black & Gold



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All-Alumni Dinner

Saturday, September 26

Alumni and guests are invited to dinner Saturday, September 26, 2020, 5:30 p.m. at the McCune Community Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00.

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

Price of the dinner: \$12.50 per person.

Chicken Mary's will be catering the dinner. Menu: fried chicken, pulled pork, bread and butter, an assortment of sides including, onion rings, cheesy potatoes, German slaw, potato salad, mac & cheese, baked beans, and green beans. An assortment of pies will be served for dessert.

Make your reservations for the dinner by

September 18, 2020

Contact: Kathy Stewart: kstewie@hotmail.com or telephone 620.632.4992. Or, use the order form on page 7 to 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 and to all who attend the festivities and donate.

Check the McCune Alumni Website

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

www.mccunealumni.org

Congratulations MHS Class of 1970!

What About Covid19 and McCune Fall Festival?

The McCune Lions Club decided at their July 2020 meeting to schedule and plan the annual Fall Festival as usual. Therefore, the alumni decided to follow suit and carry on business as usual, too. If the Festival and the alumni activities need to be cancelled due to the Corona Virus, it will be posted on the website at: **www.mccunealumni.org**



If you are traveling from a distance it would be well to check the website, or contact Kathy Stewart at 620.632.4992, or call the McCune City Hall at 620.632.4299, or the McCune Osage Township Library at 620.632.4112 before leaving your home.

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 26, 2020.

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

2020 Scholarships Awarded

Twelve 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. We are pleased to announce the recipients:

\$1,000 Alumni Scholarships

Each will receive \$1000



Isabella Crumpacker

Emma Elkins

Miranda Hartman

Abigail Long

Taylor Michael

Madison Stephens

Sarah Zimmerman

\$800 Science and Technology Scholarship

to be divided equally among:

Emma Elkins

Abigail Long

Taylor Michael

Madison Stephens

\$20,000 Herman and Ailene Parsons

Educational Scholarship

to be divided equally among:

Isabella Crumpacker

Emma Elkins

Miranda Hartman

Abigail Long

Taylor Michael

Madison Stephens

Sarah Zimmerman

In Memory

For several years Warren Dale McGown gathered the names of eligible seniors for the alumni scholarships. He was the liaison between the Association, its donors and the applicants. We will miss his insight and great sense of fairness.

Donations Given in 2019-2020

Science and Technology Scholarship:

\$1000 or More:

Anonymous donor

General Scholarship Fund:

\$500 or more:

Anonymous donor

\$300 or more:

Mark Smith

\$200 or more:

Carl Davidson

Carol Duesi

Harold Millard

\$100 or more:

Will & Adreane Davidson

Alan & Linda Hobson

Paul & Karolyn Johnson

William Metcalf

Bryan & Kim Schulz

Popular Songs in 1970

Let It Be by The Beatles; *In the Summertime* by Mungo Jerry; *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* by Simon and Garfunkle; *Everything is Beautiful* by Ray Stevens, *Close to You* by Carpenters; *Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head* by B.J. Thomas; *American Woman* by The Guess Who.

Popular Movies in 1970

*M*A*S*H*; *Airport*; *Myra Breckinridge*; *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever*; *They Call Me MISTER Tibs*; *Tora! Tora! Tora!*; *Two Mules for Sister Sara*; *Love Story*; *Man Called Horse*; *Patton*.

Popular TV Shows in 1970

McCloud; *The Flip Wilson Show*; *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*; *NFL Monday Night*; *The Odd Couple*.

***Class of 1970
50 Years!***



The McCune High School Class of 1970 Celebrates Its 50-year Anniversary

~by Mark Smith, class of 1970

Richard Amershek

Dave Atkinson

Carlita Bell (dece. 2016)

Larry Billington (dece. 2019)

Donna Brown Ammann

John Denney

John Gilpin

Allan Grandle

Galen Hiller

Terry Holcomb (dece. 1972)

William Johnson

Sheila Johnston Johnson

Crystal Jones Lovell

Kenneth Maffei

Shelly McColm Parks

Warren McGown (dece. 2020)

Gwen Shirley Kazmierski

Cheryl Shouse McClenning

Sheila Nutt

LaDonna Parker

Gloria Pool Stuart

Mark Smith

Sharon Speck Mashburn

Linda Stewart

Peggy Thomson Waxler

Wyatt Waxler

***“We all take different paths
in life, but no matter where
we go, we take a little of each
other everywhere”***

--- Tim McGraw

In the Fall of 1958, Eisenhower was President and Cadillac introduced a pair of fins with a car attached. At the same time, about thirty noisy, laughing, crying, wide-eyed kids embarked on a long journey that began in a brand-new school. The Class of 1970 was starting First grade. Thirty kids, many still only 5 years old, and one extremely patient teacher, Mrs. Riggs. A little school work, a lot of recess, lunch, a nap and walking two-by-two everywhere, even to the pop machine where a nickel and a penny would buy a cold, glass, bottle of pop. What a life.

The Class of '70 was the first to attend the new McCune Grade School for a full eight years. Mrs. Geary kept us on our toes. Mrs. Herrick played the organ while we all sang the Star-Spangled Banner. Fourth grade, Mrs. Opitz, and Fifth grade, Mrs. Ruggles, were growing years preparing us for Sixth grade, Mrs. Westervelt, which brought school sports, and cheerleaders, the county spelling bee, marching band and dances. We graduated Eighth grade, 30 class members all dressed up for the big event in the old High School gymnasium with its creaky floors, a balcony and rows of wooden chairs.

Great teachers and administrators guided us, taught us, disciplined us through our High School years. One of our English teachers became a school board member. Another English teacher got sent home for wearing a skirt that was too short. And another English teacher had a famous maiden name, Lana Turner. Coach Nance taught Typing and Drafting and was an unbelievably calm Driver's Ed. teacher. Shultzzy coached some, taught Math, and swatted students and wasps alike with the same big yard stick. Ira tried to teach us how to weld without blowing the place up; Mrs. Closs did the same with cooking. "Droopy" Druart got us interested in government and current events and also got roped into filming some football games from atop a breezy perch on a swaying light pole. Those were some interesting films.

We had three principals during High School. Dave O'Neal was kind and laid back. Jim Knox was a big man of few words. But between those two, we inherited Louis "Mr." Brunetti who had previously been the County Superintendent. Shirts got tucked in, belts were worn, skirts were not too short. There was discipline but with a kind and knowing smile. *(continued on page 4)*

Just a year before we started First grade, the Soviets had put the first satellite, Sputnik, in space. Incredibly, only twelve years later, in the summer before our Senior year, the United States landed the "Eagle" on the moon. That same summer, Warren McGown proved that a Chevelle could fly too, if only for a short distance. Took the mail box; left the post.

We have lost four classmates over the years. Terry Holcomb, Carlita Bell, Larry Billington and Warren Dale McGown will be eternally smiling, laughing and cutting up in class.

The President of the United States when we graduated in 1970 was the same person that was Vice President when we started First grade, Richard M. Nixon. Some things change and some remain the same. Faces, hairdos, hairlines and names may change but the voices always give us away. The McCune High School graduating Class of 1970 will celebrate its 50-year anniversary this year, embracing the changes and the things that stay the same.

~Respectfully submitted by
Mark D. Smith, class of '70

After the Parade!
Join the Class of 1970
at 1:00 p.m. at the school.

"A Daring Adventure"

~by *Jolene Mosler Gaier, class of 1980*

The Class of 1980 is celebrating two 40-year class reunions this year; our McCune High School class and our "new" school which we only attended our Senior year. There were 23 of us pictured together as Juniors on one page in the 1979 McCune High School annual. Most of us had been together since Kindergarten. In our 1980 Senior annuals we are pictured in no less than 8 different annuals in 5 different counties.

All of us had to change schools, some of us were the only one of our class to attend the new school, some of us were able to go with a few classmates to our new school, but we were no longer together. Some of our new schools welcomed us with open arms, while in others we were only a new face in the crowd. Oswego High School added black to their school colors to incorporate McCune Eagle Black and Gold into Oswego Indian Red and White. I went to Labette County High School in Altamont and became one of 143 Seniors. As I have said many times over the years since, it was a culture shock!

I am sure we all experienced this shock in some form or another. Gone were our lifelong friends, our teachers who had watched us mature since Kindergarten (and in some cases had even taught our parents), our starting spot on the basketball team, the volleyball team, or the football team, and the feeling of safety in an environment you could navigate flawlessly even blindfolded. Now we had new classmates, teachers who did not know us, coaches who made us play positions we had never played before, bullies to avoid, and new hallways to navigate.

However, we all made new friends, some of us even met our spouses, others were able to explore new opportunities through education or school trips, we all grew older and wiser, and we all came to appreciate that things do not remain the same forever. We even had the opportunity to have new favorite teachers, custodians, and bus drivers who touched our lives in ways we could not have imagined just months before. None of us would have willingly changed schools for our Senior year, but most of us would agree with this quote by Helen Keller, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." The Senior year of the Class of 1980 was a daring adventure.

Editors note: the Class of 1980 were juniors when the McCune High School was closed in 1979.

The Class of 1980

Roxanne Allen Sykes
Dave Baldwin (unknown)
Ginger Beeman Schulz
Patricia Beesley Taylor
Gary Dean Dixon (dece. 1978)
Regina Dixon Gaiser (dece.2005)
Rick Gaborie (unknown)
Mike Geary (dece.2015)
Christina Hartman Mallory
Clint Journot
Mishelle Kirby Kmiec
Brian Morey
Jolene Mosler Gaier
Kenny Nordyke
Steve Nutt
Linda Otto Mummert
Paul Pizzo (unknown)
Brenda Schulz Thornton (unknown)
Phil Shanholtzer
Glenn Chris Shouse
Mary Lewis Simmons
Don Sotta
Gina Stotts Rogers (unknown)
Ralph Ulery

Popular Songs in 1980:

Rock with You by Michael Jackson; *Another Brick in the Wall* by Pink Floyd; *Call Me* by Blondie; *It's Still Rock and Roll to Me* by Billy Joel; *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* by Queen; *Magic* by Olivia Newton-John; *Lady* by Kenny Rogers; *Please Don't Go* by KC and the Sunshine Band.

The Class of 1960

George Allen (Dece. 2011)
Richard Ewan
Sally Getman Carter
Nancy Harris Cashero
Leanna Howard
Sharon Huff Leonard
Jerry Kirby
Jim Monroe
Dale Moore
Robert Niebaum (Dece. 2009)
Ronald Nutt
Mary Olson Johnson
Charles Parsons
Richard Parsons (Dece. 2018)
Robert Rentfro (Dece. 1967)
Janice Sears Kirby
Karolyn Slapar Hanks
Della Ruth Spillman Frazier
Lynn Strathe
Carol Warren Jeffries (unknown)
Charles Wheatley (Dece. 2005)
Mary Ruth Wilson Allen
Loretta Wort Zuck
Connie Wright Sumpter
Honorary Members:
Carolyn Cornett Raetz
Lucille Leonard Romig (Dece.2017)
Peggy Mullen Kruger
Ramona Newman Fox
Marilyn Riggs Daggett
Carol Marie Shipman Shaw (Dece. 2020)

Popular Songs in 1960:

The Theme From "A Summer Place"
- Percy Faith & His Orchestra; *It's Now Or Never* - Elvis Presley; *Save The Last Dance For Me* - The Drifters; *The Twist* - Chubby Checker.; *Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polkadot Bikini* - Brian Hyland; *I'm Sorry* - Brenda Lee;

Deceased Alumni

Class of 1950
Ray Shaffer, Jr. (9 May 2020)
Sylvia Timson Billington, (19 Dec 2019)

Class of 1953
Veda Autem, (20 Aug 2019)

Class of 1954
Morris Kernick (Sept 2019)

Class of 1956
Lloyd Eugene "Gene" Dixon (11 June 2019)

Class of 1957
Allan Ray Baldwin (6 April 2019)

Class of 1958
Patricia Ewan Moore (22 June 2020)
Ernest James Seibert "Ernie" (30 Jan 2020)

Class of 1959
William Harvey Barnes (22 Mar 2020)
Karolyn Bell Johnson (29 June 2020)

Class of 1960
Carol Marie Shipman Shaw (2020)

Class of 1963
Leon Charles Baldwin (28 Nov 2019)

Class of 1964
David Eugene Garard (24 June 2020)

Class of 1968
Jackie Lee Kountz (22 June 2020)

Class of 1970
Warren Dale McGown (13 June 2020)

The Class of 1950

Colleen Autem Monckton (Dece. 2014)
Marion Bennett (Dece. 2014)
James Bratton (Dece. 2004)
Eleanora Calhoun Belew (Dec. 2017)
Edward D. Collins (Dece. 2005)
William Deill (Dece. 2002)
Jack Depue (Dece. 2009)
Charlene Duensing Neese
Charles Fox (Dece. 1968)
Leta Frame Clugston (Dece. 2017)
Julia Gardenshire Birkes (Dece. 2000)
Tolly Harris Gore
Allen Kelley (Dece. 2016)
Vivian Kutz Barnes (Dece. 2015)
Betty Long Schierenberg (unknown)
Dean Long (Dece. 2005)
Charlotte McColm Forth
Wilma McColm Parsons (Dece 2017)
Patty McGown Mustard
Keith Michael (Dece. 1998)
Norma Middleton Tullis (Dece. 2014)
Glenn Murdock (Dece. 2003)
James Mustard (Dece. 2002)
Ray Shaffer (Dece. 2020)
Byron Stocker (Dece. 1951)
Sylvia Timson Billington (Dece. 2019)
Elsie Ulbrich Milleman (Dece. 2013)
Don Willson (Dece. 1991)
Dow Wort
Lucy Wort Pearce (Dece. 2011)

Top Songs of 1950

The Third Man Theme by Anton Karas;
Goodnight, Irene by Gordon Jenkins & The Weavers; *Rag Mop* by The Ames Brothers;
If I Knew You Were Comin' I'd've Baked a Cake by Eileen Barton; *Mona Lisa* by Nat King Cole; *The Thing* by Phil Harris; *The Tennessee Waltz* by Patti Page; *Music! Music!* by Teresa Brewer; *Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy* by Red Foley; *Harbor Lights* by Sammy Kaye; *I Can Dream, Can't I?* by the Andrews Sisters.

2020 Seniors

Drake Ball
Isabella Crumpacker
Emma Elkins
Jenna Frisbie
Emily Grant
Miranda Hartman
Abigail Long
Taylor Michael
Bryce Peterson
Destiny Robinson
Madison Stephens
Sarah Zimmerman

Seven of these twelve seniors living within the boundaries of the old McCune District #57 applied for and received alumni scholarships. Several of them are grandchildren of McCune High School graduates.

“Like branches of a tree, our lives may grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.”

**See You
at the
Alumni Dinner
on Saturday evening,
September 26.
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.**

Subscribe to the 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

A Reunion Joke

~submitted by Roy Parsons

A widower and a widow attend their 70th class reunion, and a long-ago spark is rekindled.

At the end of the night, he asks, “Will you marry me?”

“Yes, yes, I will” she says enthusiastically.

The next morning the widower wakes up troubled. Did she say yes or no? Confused, he calls her and asks, “Did you say yes or no to marrying me?”

“I said yes! And I'm glad you called, because I couldn't remember who asked me.”



Do You Remember . . .

this saying that hung on the wall in Miss Turkington's Math class:

"There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best us, that it ill behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us."

~Robert Louis Stevenson

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. For the past several years, each applicant who met the criteria received \$1000 from the alumni.

The first Science and Technology scholarship was awarded in 1999 at \$500. It was and continues to be endowed by a single anonymous alum.

In 2008, the Parsons Educational Scholarship was added from the generous legacy of two McCune graduates, Herman Parsons and his wife Ailene McGown Parsons. Each scholarship has averaged over \$2000, depending on the number of eligible students who apply for it each year.

By September 2020, the Alumni through its donations and its memorials will have bestowed to 233 McCune area high school seniors scholarships in the total amount of \$381,600.

"We didn't realize we were making memories we just knew we were having fun."

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 18, 2020.**

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:

mccunealumni.org

We'll keep you posted on coming events.

July, 2020, Newsletter

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.

Address Changed? Addition to a class list? Something for the 2020 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 25-27, 2020

- September 25, 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 26, Saturday morning:
Grand parade. Main street, 10:30 a.m.
(Bicycle and pet parade held before)
- After the parade:
- September 26, 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 26, Saturday evening:
All-alumni & guests dinner- \$12.50 per person
McCune Community Center: 5:30, eat at 6:00.
- September 29, Sunday morning:
Community Church Service: 11:00
McCune School gym