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McCune Eagles

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All-Alumni Dinner Saturday, September 24, 2022

Alumni and guests are invited to dinner Saturday, September 24, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the McCune Community Center. Dinner will be served at 6:00.

David Han will be Master of Ceremonies. Several \$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 17, 2022**

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 at the afternoon alumni meeting.

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The McCune Alumni Association is on Facebook
and at
www.mccunealumni.org

Join us at the Park

The McCune Lions Club will be cooking beans on Friday Sept. 23, at the demolition derby grounds just north of town on highway 126 and will begin serving at 5:00 p.m. The Alumni Association has reserved the park and plans to serve ice cream for dessert there until it's gone. It is suggested that you pick up your beans, eat them there, or bring them to the park. Come and enjoy the dessert provided. You will need your own serving dishes, containers, spoons, and a lawn chair.

Buy Your Tickets and Win \$100

The Alumni will once again be selling tickets for the drawing during their meeting on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24 at 2:00. Drawing prizes are \$100, \$50, and \$25. Tickets sell for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. **You do not need to be present to win.**

Special Honors

The 50 year class of 1972 will be the special honored guests at the alumni meeting on Saturday afternoon, September 24, 2022 at 2

If you graduated from McCune High School between 1898 - 1971 and have not yet received a 50 year McCune Eagle pin, see Jeff Han.

Donations Given in 2020 - 2021 Science and Technology Scholarship:

\$2,000 or More:

Anonymous donor

\$1,000 or More:

Anonymous donor

General Scholarship Fund:

\$300 or more:

Mark Smith

\$100 or more:

Ramona Fox

Brian and Denene Flaharty

Alan and Linda Hobson

William and Linda Hodgden

William Metcalf

Memorial Donations:

\$100 or more:

Philip Comer in memory of James and Berga Comer

\$20,000

Herman and Ailene Parsons Scholarship

**By Terry and Marian Parsons and
their son Dr. Mark Parsons**

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

Honored at the 2021 Alumni Meeting

An appreciation plaque was awarded at the meeting in 2021 to the McCown family in honor of Warren Dale McGown who worked diligently on the alumni scholarship program for many years.

An appreciation plaque was also awarded to Terry and Marian Parsons and their son, Dr. Mark Parsons, who have funded the Herman and Ailene Parsons Educational Scholarship for many years.

2022 Scholarships Awarded

Eleven 2022 high school graduates in four different highschools, reside in the former McCune #57 school district. All were contacted and given information about the McCune Alumni scholarships. Six of the students applied. We are pleased to announce the recipients:

\$1,000 Alumni Scholarships

Each will receive \$1000



Caleb Ball

Hunter Bennett

Grace Best

Machia McGown

Cassie Swezey

Tristen Wells

\$600 Science and Technology Scholarship

to be divided equally among:

Caleb Ball

Cassie Swezey

Tristen Wells

\$20,000 Herman and Ailene Parsons

Educational Scholarship

to be divided equally among:

Caleb Ball

Hunter Bennett

Grace Best

Machia McGown

Cassie Swezey

Tristen Wells

In Memory of

Roy Parsons

Roy was the historian for the McCune Alumni for many years. His dedication to the preservation of the class photos, trophies and other McCune School items is greatly appreciated. His careful cataloging and storage of documents, items and year-books will preserve them as treasures for years to come. We will surely miss him.

From the Class of 1972

~by David Froebe -class of 1972

In August 1960 a new group of young boys and girls infiltrated the halls of McCune Rural Grade School. Being a rural school a number of these youngsters rode the bus. I was a fortunate one that had older siblings riding the bus to watch over me. Then the full class didn't meet each other until we were all like little chickens nestling under the protective wings of Mrs. Riggs. I wish I could remember the looks on all these youngsters' faces sizing each other up. Problem #1- I was small in stature and my feet would not reach the floor when sitting in my desk. Mr. Otto Brown, a janitor, was summoned and he made a footrest and attached it to the desk. I used that the entire 1st grade year. A perk of being a first grader was having a personal rug to lie on to take a nap. I'm sure Mrs. Riggs needed the nap as much as we did. There were only four boys in the first grade class. All had the same middle name, (Eugene).

Some of the national events that occurred in 1960 were:

- The U.S. entered the Vietnam War.
- John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon to win the Presidency.
- Chubby Checker started a new dance craze called *The Twist*.
- Aluminum cans were used for the first time.
- The Beatles were formed.



In 1961 we moved on to the second grade being taught by strict Mrs. Geary. We survived.

- The Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba was an unsuccessful endeavor by the United States.

In 1962 we move to the third grade that was taught by a friendly and happy teacher, Mrs. Herrick, what a relief.

- Sam Walton opened the first Walmart in Arkansas.

In 1963 we moved to the fourth grade being taught by a stricter teacher than Mrs. Geary. (Mrs. Opitz). A student in the class did not have their homework done on several occasions and on one particular day she asked this student for that day's homework and the result was the same. Mrs. Opitz proceeded to slap this student across the face. This student didn't tell the parents. The rule of the time was if you got in trouble at school, you also got in trouble at home. Think what would have happened in today's society.

- President Kennedy was assassinated.
- Martin Luther King gave the *I Have a Dream* speech.
- The mail zip code was introduced.

In 1964 we moved to the fifth grade taught by Mrs. Johnson, who was another teacher much like Mrs. Herrick. My memory is fading and I don't remember anything about the fifth grade.

- Ford Motor Company started producing and selling the Mustang. The first Mustang's were not like the muscle cars that they developed into.

In 1965 we were introduced to the sixth grade, I believe Mrs. Sizemore was the teacher.

- President Lyndon Johnson signed the voting rights act.
- The miniskirt was designed in London and became a fashion craze.

In 1966 we were beginning to feel like we were upper classmen, being in the seventh grade. Mr. Neill was the teacher. He drove a Studebaker.

- The first episode of Star Trek aired on television.

We became king of the hill eighth graders in 1967 with Mr. Thomas being the teacher. The biggest event happening in school that year was the spanking of a seventh grade student. Mr. Brunetti was the principal, and he and Mr. Thomas did the deed with Mr. Brunetti actually doing the deed. This particular student knew the principal's office well. The spanking occurred just out-

side the eighth grade room. The whole eighth grade class cheered when the spanking was done. We heard every swat.

- Thurgood Marshall was the first African American appointed to the Supreme Court.
- The first super bowl was played, and the Packers defeated the Chiefs 35-10.
- A South African doctor Christian Barnard performed the first heart transplant.
- The 25th amendment to the constitution was ratified.

In 1968 we moved south to the high school. Uh-oh we are the lowest class on the totem pole again.

- Martin Luther King was assassinated.
- The civil rights act of 1968 was signed into law.
- Richard Nixon was elected President.

In 1969 we climbed the ladder to make up the sophomore class.

- Apollo 11 landed on the moon.
- Woodstock music festival was performed.
- Sesame Street debuted.

In 1970 we were beginning to feel like the end of school was near, but we had to start thinking about what we were going to do after high school.

- President Nixon signed the Voting Rights Amendment lowering the voting age to 18.
- The average price of a house was \$23,600.
- Gas was \$.36 per gallon.
- Nixon ordered the invasion of Cambodia.
- The Beatles broke up.

1971 was finally here, the start of the senior year. We were now at the top of the totem pole. Rules were changed allowing girls to wear slacks.

- The U.S. Supreme Court ruled busing could be ordered to achieve racial desegregation of schools.
- Anti war militants attempted to shut down the government in Washington. At least 12,000 protestors were arrested.

1972 was the final stretch of our schooling at McCune Rural High School. Goal: graduation May 1972.

- The Watergate scandal started.
- Eleven Israeli athletes killed at the Munich Olympic games.
- U.S. planes bombed North Vietnam on Christmas day.

SENIORS CRITICIZED

In the 1972 yearbook Mr. Knox (the principal) criticized the senior class for not having any leadership. I recommend you read his comments to agree or disagree.

I believe that leaders are developed by leaders. If he'd held a mirror up to himself could he have said that he encouraged the students whom he thought should be leaders to take leadership roles? I admit that I personally was very immature at the time. Most of that was due to being very shy and lacking self esteem. He was correct that the class was made up of average people of average intelligence with a few intellectuals. The role of educators and administrators is to bring out the best characteristics in all students.



50 Years The Class of 1972

Edward Alford (unknown)

Bette Allen Mead (unknown)

Dee Allen Daugherty

Marietta Boor Tonn

Debra Davis Long

David Froebe

Frank Kralicek

Pat Loche Snow

Larry Morey

Valerie Markley Harris

Debbie Nutt Shaffer

Kathy Parsons Coonrod

Brenda Pool Curnutt (unknown)

Mareta Shaffer Jameson (unknown)

Rick Shaffer

Dennis Shouse

Dayna Waxler Herring

Cindy White Henderson (unknown)

Stephen Winiger (unknown)

Clifford York (decs. 2004)

Some Top Songs of 1972

Popcorn - Hot Butter

Without You - Harry Nilsson

Heart of Gold - Neil Young

The First Time Ever I saw Your Face

- Roberta Flack

Beautiful Sunday - Daniel Boone

Alone Again (Naturally)

- Gilbert O'Sullivan

Brand New Key - Melanie

Song Sung Blue - Neil Diamond

The Happiest Girl in the Whole USA

- Donna Fargo

I Ain't Never - Mel Tillis

The Top Movie of 1972 was The Godfather



Deceased Alumni

Class of 1946

*Helen Ruth Ashmore Sims

1 Jan 2022

*Sharylene Clugston McColm

19 Oct 2021



Class of 1960

*Janice Sears Kirby

25 Nov 2021

*Lynn G. Strathe

9 Feb 2022

Class of 1961

*Tim Housewheat

22 July 2021

*R. Dean Rose

29 Jan 2022

Class of 1962

*Roy Parsons

21 Jan 2022

*Arnold Stevens

9 Feb 2021

Class of 1963

*Nikki Bell Kasjaka

2 June 2022

Class of 1941

*Anna Marie Warren Rose

3 Jan 2022

Class of 1942

*Elizabeth Calhoun Scott

13 Jan 2022

Class of 1944

*Ruth Wayenburg Billington

3 June 2022

Class of 1945

*Merle Gene McColm

20 July 2021

*Robert Slapar

14 May 2022

Class of 1948

*Margarette Ball Clugston

13 Nov 2021

*Paul Asa Troop

11 Feb 2022

Class of 1953

*Carl Bronson

11 Feb 2022

Class of 1956

*Rosemary Kennedy Griffin

8 July 2021

Class of 1959

*Harvey Davidson

5 Dec 2021

*Richard Ironside

18 Jan 2021

*Mary Ann Rauniker

17 Nov 2021



Class of 1952

Max Duane Allen (decs. 2019)

Lynn Baldwin (decs. 1997)

Lorna Jo Barnes Grinder (decs. 1992)

Jack Bateman (decs. 1994)

Jerry Cares (decs. 1993)

Alice Lou Davison Farmer

Theodore Gardenhire

Raymond Hartman

Donald Henderson (decs. 2011)

John Hiller

Anna Mae McElwain Slapar (decs. 2014)

Helen McGown McDonald

Norman McMahan (decs. 2014)

Jack Medlin

William Metcalf

Harold Millard

Jack Moore

Phyllis Painter Bowcock

Barbara Parsons Austin

Ann Riggs McBee (decs. 1996)

Charles Shanholtzer (decs. 2013)

John T. Spendal (decs. 2001)

Bonita Stewart Fitts

Raemae Stewart Hammonds (decs. 1997)

Benjamin Tillman (decs. 1993)

Marjorie Ulbrich Pape (decs. 2012)

Emory Francis Weber (unknown)

Honary Member:

Dean Murdock (decs. 1985)

When You Are in Town Visit. . .
The Memorial Park
The Veteran's Memorial
The Library/Museum
The refurbished GAR Memorial

The Class of 1962

Merle Allen

John Barnes

Maybelle Circle

Bob Depue (desc. 2015)

Calvin Flaharty

Carol Froebe Smith

Tom Haigh

Robert Hey (desc. 2016)

Wanda Hiller Houck

Beverly Jackson Housewheat

Linda Johnson Bever

Koleen Kernick Demoss

Keith Kirby

Janice Kountz Harryman

Philp Long

Betty Maffei Van Leuween

Dixie McKenzie Terrill

John Michael

Connie Montee Depue

Larry Morgan

Roy Parsons (desc. 2022)

Treva Silc Nicols

Arnold Stevens (desc. 2021)

Marilyn Stevens Kirby

Honary Member:

Sally Mansfield McKenzie

By September 2022, the Alumni Association, through its donations, endowments and memorials, will have bestowed to 242 McCune area high school seniors, scholarships in the total amount of \$431,800.

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 \$10.00 once a year to:

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

Alumni Association Partners with Community Group

-by Jason Han

The City of McCune maintains the McCune City Cemetery. There are donations for this maintenance as well as some funding from the Osage Township Board. But, as are many times in life, the cost of this maintenance is more than those totals. And, as are many times the case, the Pavilion at the cemetery has come into some disrepair. This structure was privately funded in its original construction and after its completion was maintained by the funding described. This included updates and repairs including a new roof and ceiling in the last few years. However, the repairs on the walls have become fairly large. It was at this point an idea was presented to the city council to form a citizens' committee to see if there was enough interest to rebuild or replace the existing structure.

Early in April of 2022 a simple meeting was held at the city park. Fifteen citizens attended the first meeting and it was a pretty fast decision to replace the building. Working from a very rough open estimate from a local builder, a goal of \$50,000 was set. After much discussion about fund-raising options, it was suggested to reach out to the McCune Alumni Association. Representatives of the pavilion committee attended the April Alumni Association meeting. Once the idea of a partnership was presented and a debate of positives and negatives was discussed it was voted in favor that the McCune Alumni Association would partner with the Pavilion group. This partnership allows the Pavilion group use of the non-profit status for tax deductible donations as well as the post office box as a point of donation. The McCune Alumni Association is the fiscal sponsor maintaining the donations in a separate account. **If you would like to donate, make note that it is for the cemetery pavilion so it can be placed in the correct account.** If you would like to help in any planning or any other way please follow the McCune Osage Township Library newsletter or the McCune Alumni Association Facebook page for updates and meetings. All of your help and ideas would be appreciated. The McCune Citizens Pavilion Committee.

*Your tax - free donations can be given or sent to Kathy Stewart,
treasurer, PO Box 122, McCune, Kansas, 66753.*

**The Theme selected by the McCune Lions Club for the 2022 McCune
Fall Festival is:
Community Service . . . One Small Step to a Better World**

Members of the class of 1982 were freshmen when the high school closed in 1979. Most of them completed their high school education in one of the four high schools in the area: Southeast at Cherokee, Oswego high school, Girard high school or St. Paul high school

The Class of 1982

Elaine Allen Witt

Mary Beesley Long (unknown)

Evert Bolinger (unknown)

Dusty Bronson (unknown)

Lloyd Christmore (unknown)

Edward Crumpacker

Carl Davis

Karen Ellis Heady

Kevin Fox

Tim Hey

LaDonna Jacquinet Montee (unknown)

Annette Jones (unknown)

Shelly Kirkwood Stafford

Charles Lewis (unknown)

Rodger Long

Christine Mosler Parsons

Kelly Parsons Farrell (decs. 2010)

Robin Rogers (unknown)

Michelle Sotta Riley

Rhonda Tridle Dugone

Pat York

During World War II, five women, graduates of MRHS, enlisted in the various branches of the US service:

Class of 1927

Bernice Harley Pickering

Class of 1937

Mary Ball Schultz

Class of 1938

Elsie Thomas Reynolds

Class of 1940

Helen Tuttle

Class of 1941

Donna Andrew Magby

Lost Alumni

The association has no address or status for the Alumni listed below. If you can help us out, please email Sharon Leonard at: aleonard@ckt.net or mail to Kathy Stewart.



1953

*Helen Larcom Brown
Jo Ann Tredway Eigsti*

1955

Patricia Calhoun Kazmerski

1956

Betty Clusgston Krone

1957

Judy Baker Ware

1959

Jo Ellen Baker

1960

*Mary Olson Johnson
Carol Warren Jeffries*

1963

*Kay Tridle Bishop
Betty Rose Craig
Helen Riggs Grove*

1964

*Barbara Barns Perry
Beverly Ann Myers Shutt*

1965

*Harlan Boor
Linda Morrison Bavaro*

1966

*Lavera Seibert Sousa
Larry Stewart
Patsy Stewart*

1967

*David McQuire
Mavis Markley*

1970

*Dave Atkinson
Crystal Jones Lovell
Sharon Speck Mashburn
Sheila Nutt*

1971

*Dave Amos
Linda Silc Daniel
Terry Ritchal Jackson
Daniel Lee O'Neal
Gail Essary Stringer*

1972

*Edward Alford
Brenda Pool Curnutt
Cindy White Henderson
Mareta Shaffer Jameson
Bette Allen Mead
Stephen Winniger*

1973

*Paula Grandle Thornburg
John F. Turkington*

1974

*Lorraine Wells Bayse
Bonnie Grandle
Ellick Morey*

1975

*Carol Parker
Connie West Cornell
Terry Johnson
Robert Mansur
Karen Sue Myers
Connie Gilpin Rhodes*

1976

*Tena Lombard Burns
Debbie Van Dorn Chambers
Mike Riggs
Brenda Harley Smith
Gregg Smith
Dennis Zwahlen*

1977

*John Autem
Judy Shouse Butler
Ginger Bunn Harris
Charles Hazen*

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, 2022.**

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) tax free = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

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 -

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Log on to the McCune Alumni Website at:

mccunealumni.org

We'll keep you posted on coming events.

July, 2022, 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 2023 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, 2022

•September 23, Friday evening after 5:00. Bean Feed.

The alumni has reserved the city park for alumni and all guests. The beans will be cooked by Lions Club members and available at the derby grounds just north of McCune on highway 126. You are encouraged to eat your beans and join us at the park for dessert. Some members of the alumni are furnishing ice cream. Bring your, lawn chair, dishes, spoon, and container for picking up the beans.

•September 24, Saturday morning: 10:30

Grand parade. Main street
(Bicycle and pet parade held before)

•September 24, Saturday afternoon 2:00 to 3:00

All-Alumni and guests meeting

McCune School gym. Doors open about 1:00 p.m.

•September 24, Saturday evening: 5:30, eat at 6:00

All-alumni & guests dinner- \$12.50 per person
McCune Community Center

•September 25, Sunday morning: 11:00

Community Church Service
McCune School gym