

The Black & Gold

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McCune Eagles

All-Alumni Dinner Saturday, September 26

Alumni are invited to dinner Saturday, September 26, 2015, 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 18, 2015.

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.

Special Honors

The All-Alumni meeting will be Saturday, September 26 at 2:00. The 50 year class of 1965 will be the special honored guests. **Melinda Nutt** will be recognized for her many years of service at McCune School.

If you graduated from McCune High School between 1898 - 1964 and have not received a 50 year McCune Eagle pin, see Carolyn Michael at the reunion. on September 26, 2015.

About the McCune Alumni Website

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

www.mccunealumni.com

JOIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Who are the members of the steering committee?

How do they become members?

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

- 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. Lately we've been meeting at the McCune Family restaurant with about 30 people. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend with you. We have fun, and the food's great!

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.

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

2015 Scholarships Awarded

Eleven students were members of the McCune 8th grade class in 2011. All were contacted and given information about the McCune Alumni scholarships. Out of the Eleven students, only one application was received. The Alumni Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following recipient of:



\$1,000 Alumni Scholarship

Baylie Fox

\$1,000 Science and Technology Scholarship

Baylie Fox

\$15,000 Herman and Ailene Parsons

Educational Scholarship:

Baylie Fox

Thank you to the Alumni scholarship committee: Warren McGown, chair, Marion Kutz and Frank Page.

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.

The class of 2011 was the last 8th grade group to finish at McCune School.

Memorials Given in 2014-2015

\$100 Or More

In Memory of Walter Cox

~Donna Parsons Cox



In Memory of Wayne Wright

~Dorothy Wright

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

DONATIONS IN 2014-2015

\$100 OR MORE

Will Davidson

Carol Sue Clarke Duesi

Frankie Dunnick

Alan Hobson

Bill Hodgden

Patty McGown Mustard

Flo Ellen Collier Ray

\$200 OR MORE

Mark Smith

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

Some Top Songs of 1965

1. Sam The Sham and The Pharaohs> Wooly Bully
2. Four Tops> I Can't Help Myself
3. Rolling Stones> (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction
4. We Five> You Were On My Mind
5. Righteous Brothers> You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'
6. Petula Clark> Downtown
7. Beatles> Help!
8. Herman's Hermits> Can't You Hear My Heartbeat
9. Elvis Presley> Crying In The Chapel
10. Temptations> My Girl
11. Beach Boys> Help Me, Rhonda
12. Roger Miller> King Of The Road
13. Jewel Aikens> The Birds And The Bees
14. Mel Carter> Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me
15. Jr. Walker and The All Stars> Shotgun
16. Sonny and Cher> I Got You Babe
17. Gary Lewis > This Diamond Ring
18. Ramsey Lewis Trio> The "In" Crowd
19. Herman's Hermits> Mrs. Brown You've Got A Lovely Daughter

Top Movies of 1965

- The Sound of Music
 Doctor Zhivago
 Shenandoah
 The Greatest Story Ever Told
 The Sons of Katie Elder
 Cat Ballou
 Genghis Khan
 The Agony and the Ecstasy
 The Flight of the Phoenix
 The Great Race

Top T.V. Shows of 1965

- Lost in Space
 I Dream of Jeannie
 Hogan's Heroes
 Get Smart
 Green Acres
 The Big Valley
 The Wild Wild West
 The Dean Martin Show

The Way It Was in '65

The mini skirt made its appearance. •Kids loved the Super Ball and The Skate Board. •Smoking became a no-no with mandated health warnings on cigarette packs. •Hypertext was introduced on the internet. •The Vietnam war continued to worsen. President Lyndon Johnson announced his plans for the new Medicare program, and for the Great Society. •Diet Pepsi was born along with the Pillsbury Dough Boy. •The respirator replaced the Iron Lung. •Men began to grow their hair longer. •Gas was 31 cents a gallon. •New cars cost \$2,650. •A postage stamp was 5 cents. •Actress Sarah Jessica Parker was born.

From the Class of 1965

We started our first grade with 25 girls and boys. It was a little scary, but also exciting becoming McCune Eagles.

Some of the most memorable happenings during our grade school days were: going to Roeses Drug Store for candy, the excitement of sliding our desks down the hall to our new classroom in our new school building, and, the disappointment when we girls were told we could not wear can-cans to our eighth grade graduation!

Finally, we were "Green Freshmen." A few more memories include: going to the Corner Store and dancing to the music on the Jute Box, and riding the pep club bus to the games, teasing our hair on the way. (The poor bus driver had to smell all that hair spray—and we really used it!!)

The girls had the pleasure of being in Mrs. Green's phys-ed class and being made to perform in front of the whole student body in our one-piece blue gym outfit. It did not benefit our lives in any way. Four boys lettered in football that year. Eight were on the basketball team.

Our sophomore year was busy with F.F.A and F.H.A. activities, band trips, football, basketball games, and track meets. We worked on floats and hosted the box-supper.

One of the events of our junior year that everyone can relate to was the assassination of John F. Kennedy. We had just finished our English class and were going into the American History class when we heard the news.

On a happier note we hosted the Junior-Senior Prom where we performed our "famous" Can-Can dance!!

At last we were seniors. A high light for the girls in Home Economics was making spritz cookies and eating most of the dough. We always had to make several batches.

One of our important duties was the pleasure of becoming "popcorn poppers." We worked hard to avoid the disgrace of burning the popcorn.

The boys were successful that year in sports. They won 16 straight basketball games in a row and played in a state tournament.

There were 19 in our graduating class. We have lost one of our classmates, Gary Froebe, in 1972. He lived in Nebraska and lost his life in a farming accident.

The class of 1965 invites everyone to attend the Fall Festival, September 25-27. It will be so good to see all

our classmates and other alumni. Please reserve the dates. Several classes will be having reunions, so it will be a good time to share memories.

We thank the McCune Lions Club and the Alumni Committee for all their hard work and time spent in making this a successful Fall Festival. Hope to see you all here.

The Class of 1965

President—Jay Stewart

Vice-President—Earl McCalm

Secretary-Treasurer—Janie Turkington

50 Years The Class of 1965



Cheryl Baldwin Bennett

Harlan Boor

Tom Circle

Stephen Comer

Carl Davidson

Gary Froebe (Deceased 1972)

Judy Harrell Bicknell

Norita Hiller O'Toole

Linda Long Fosha

Delores Matthews Hollenbeck

Clint McCalm

Richard Monroe

Robert Monroe

Linda Morrision Bavaro

Howard Sears

Jesse Shaffer

Carolyn Shepard Moore

Jay Stewart

Zelda Spillman McCalm

Janie Turkington Johnson

Letter From the President

Dear Alumni,

Six years ago Sharon Leonard asked me if I would take the office of Vice-President for the McCune Alumni Association. She warned me that after a 3 year term as Vice-President that I would automatically become President for 3 years. I didn't know if I wanted to commit to that or not.

Well, as you know, I did. I can't believe how fast 6 years have passed. Several things have transpired in the last few years, the worst being the closing of the McCune Grade School.

I would like to thank the late Frankie Dunnick, Justin Shaffer, Tosh Kluber and Will Davidson for all of their efforts and time spent in trying to keep the school open or at least getting another school district to take it over.

The USD #247, at this time, still owns the buildings and has given us permission to hold our annual alumni meeting in the gym, as we have done in the past.

If needed, the air conditioner will be on!

All of the school trophies, annuals, and other memorabilia are either displayed or in storage at the McCune Library Museum.

I would also like to thank Roy Parsons for the time and effort that he puts into the museum. It would not be what it is without his many hours of dedication.

Please take time to visit the museum Saturday afternoon following the Fall Festival parade. Remodeling has been done in the big room with the addition of new display cases & a Roy Rogers stage and displays. Frankie Dunnick donated his Roy Rogers collection to the museum.

Thanks to all that bought the old McCune Grade School uniforms at last year's Fall Festival. We took in \$557. There are a few left. We will have them out again this year.

I have truly enjoyed being involved with the association and will continue to support it in any way I can.

Sincerely, Carolyn Michael, President

The Alumni is grateful to Carolyn Michael for her devotion as president of the Association. Her term in office was challenging, but her accomplishments went far beyond the challenges. She was the person for the times.

With her help and leadership, the community retained the school's memorabilia when the McCune School Buildings were closed. Under her watch, the Association received 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status. Thank you, Carolyn, for everything you've done.

The Class of 1975



Noreen Allen Anderson

Steven Bennett

Joyce Buzard Seiwert

Terri Dixon Davis

Peggy Egbert Stark

Randy Froebe

Connie Gilpin Rhodes

Betty Ann Hall Zimmerman

Kathy Hartman Shouse

Merlin Hiller

Terry Johnson (unknown)

Robert Mansur

Karen Myers (Unknown)

Dennis Parsons

Greg Nutt

Rick Nutt (Deceased 1998)

Carol Parker

Ann Otto Pool

Buel Pool

Ross Poteat (Deceased 2014)

Frank Ritchal

Rita Satzler Burt

Gary Shanholtzer

David Van Dorn (Deceased)

Connie West Cornell

Robert Wilkerson (Deceased)

Some Top Songs of 1975

1. Captain and Tennille > Love Will Keep Us Together
2. Glen Campbell > Rhinestone Cowboy
3. Elton John > Philadelphia Freedom
4. Freddy Fender > Before The Next Tear drop Falls
5. Frankie Valli > My Eyes Adored You
6. Earth, Wind and Fire > Shining Star
7. David Bowie > Fame
8. Neil Sedaka > Laughter In The Rain
9. Eagles > One Of These Nights
10. John Denver > Thank God I'm A Country Boy
11. Bee Gees > Jive Talkin'
12. Eagles > Best Of My Love

Welcome to Your Museum

~by Roy Parsons

At the April McCune Alumni Association, Inc. meeting, a committee was appointed by President, Carolyn Michael to meet and discuss plans for the Alumni Exhibit at the McCune Osage Township Library & Museum. Alumni members appointed were Roy Parsons, Beverly Smith, Carolyn Michael, Jay Stewart, Richard Parsons and Zelda McCole.

The committee met in early June, and it was decided to purchase display cases to protect and display the numerous MRHS and Junior High school trophies. The school graduation pictures had already been mounted on a wall by museum staff and getting lots of use by library patrons and museum visitors.

The display cases were ordered and they were delivered in a timely fashion on June 16 around noon. The pallets were supposed to fit through a thirty-six inch door, but they didn't, so Carolyn Michael showed up and we started carrying pieces from the east end of the library to the museum in the west end. Then John Michael showed up with Jon & Will Zimmerman and boy, what a relief that was. They made short work of carrying the pieces to the museum and assembling the display cases.

They finished their job and had to get back to the farm where the real work was happening. Carolyn placed a few of the trophies in a case and everything was taking shape. A few days later Kathy Stewart, Richard Parsons and Carolyn Michael came in and placed the rest of the trophies in the display cases. It looked at first that they wouldn't all fit, but with a

little squeezing here and there, they all fit. With this all completed we were able to get other historical pictures hung on the walls and make a presentable display of our school memorabilia and memories.

The Roy Rogers & Dale Evans exhibit is

completed for now and looks really nice for all you Roy Rogers fans. It was all collected and made possible by our good friend and school mate, Frankie Dunnick. He was an avid Roy Rogers fan and his collection of memorabilia certainly shows it.

The museum projects were completed just in time, the day before forty-two summer school students, K through 4th grade, and eight teachers from the Weir school came for a visit on June 25. They were given a craft to do and split up in four groups to take a tour of the library and museum. It wasn't too difficult explaining to them who Roy Rogers and Dale Evans were and they really enjoyed looking at the trophies.

They were told about the two Olympic Athletes that graduated from MRHS and also the only two Eagle Scouts that lived in McCune. They really liked the large 1926 State Spelling Champs trophy. Then we adjourned to the back room of the museum. Some of the girls really liked the Kindergarten Kitchen and felt right at home. And there was the old country school room that had funny looking desks.



Well now, here we are telling you what all is here in your museum. If you haven't visited the museum, please come by and take a look. We think you will be pleasantly surprised. We look forward to seeing you.

When it is closer to Fall Festival time, check our website, mccune.mykansasslibrary.org and McCune Osage Township Library Facebook Page for library and museum hours on the weekend.

~Roy Parsons

McCune History/Genealogy Department
McCune Osage Township Library &
Museum & McCune Alumni Historian

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

Spotlight on a McCune Graduate

We received a newsletter from the Las Cruces, New Mexico, chapter of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) spotlighting McCune graduate, Ray Neher (Class of 1943). Ray has been the chaplain of the chapter for over 23 years. This is a summary:

Ray was raised on a Kansas farm and served in the US Navy during WWII. In 1950 he completed his BS degree from Kansas State University in Agronomy and Soils Science. He went on to do graduate work at Cornell University in New York, at Nebraska State University, and at New Mexico State University. He is a Certified Specialist in all 50 states as a soil scientist and soil classifier.

Ray received numerous awards during his 28 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He mapped and worked with soils over the entire states of Kansas and New Mexico, including the White Sands Missile Range and the Mescalero-Apache Indian Reservation as well as other soil labs and engineering departments in the Southwest. In addition he served with the United States Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS). Among his many awards are: he was elected to Who's Who in the West, appeared in Personalities in America and in the Directory of Geoscientists as well as in Who's Who in the World. He is the author and co-author of several soil survey publications and studies.

Ray has lived in Las Cruces, NM, for over 40 years. He retired from Federal Service in 1983, and then went to work in the engineering department of Dona Ana County, retiring in 2001. Ray is an avid Kiwanis member, and genealogist and has been a member of the Voz Vaqueros, "The Singing Men of Las Cruces", for 42 years.

Ray and his wife, Paula, have a combined family of four children and nine grandchildren. She is a Charge Nurse of the Skilled Unit, at Las Cruces Nursing Center.

Class of 1945

Leanna Allen (Deceased)
Wayne Boore (Deceased 1997)
Harold Lloyd Brown (Deceased 1990)
Marjorie Brown Manley (Deceased 1999)
William Buchanan (Deceased 1995)
Wilma Dunnick Parsons (Deceased 2000)
Elizabeth Depue Thomas (Deceased 2009)
Luella Freeman Valliere (unknown)
Dr. John Good
Earl Graver (Deceased)
Arlene Hush Fermonti (Deceased 2014)
Wilma Huston Handshy
Robert King (Deceased 2001)
Merle McColm
Elizabeth Mishler McWilliams
Lula Belle Nutt Ross
Rose Marie Nutt Woods (Deceased 2011)
Kenneth Orem
Russell Pile (Deceased 2006)
Jack Rockefeller
Goldie Ross Cook
Robert Slapar
Paul Spangler
Betty Stocker Adams (unknown)
Harry Troop
Gordon Watson (Deceased)

Honorary

Richard Willenberg (unknown)

The Class of 1955

Gaylen Allen
Wayne Bennett
Alan Brintnall
Phyllis Brown Surridge
Patricia Calhoun Kazmerski
Billy Clark
Donna Davidson Schmidt
Janelle Edmonston Wade
James Ewan
Mavis Groff Masterson (Deceased 2007)
Karin Hiller Ratzlaff (Deceased 1998)
Beverly Holden Coons
Robert Kern (Deceased 2012)
Peggy Kious Cuthbertson
Amos Leonard
Pauline Long Tilley (Deceased 2004)
Betty Markley Henson
Karl McColm
Patricia Montgomery Crocker
Ronald Morgan
Charles Murdock (Deceased 1993)
John Quenoy
Jay Ratzlaff (Deceased 2012)
Harry Rose (Deceased 2003)
Mila Samp Dixon
Delbert Shepard (Deceased 1999)
Charles Shipman (Deceased 1962)
Betty Jo Smith Nutt
Maxine Wilson Allen

Honorary

Claudine Egbert Neer
Larry Kelley
Gloria Lloyd Morris
Robert E. Mishler
Mary Alice Nelson Bennett

There are still some school uniforms available. Check the display and take home a memento of your school days.

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

McCune School Days

~by Donna Parsons Cox, Class of 1947

My Cousin, Lyle Parsons (deceased), and I went to Mount Pleasant, an eight grade school, north of McCune, and through McCune High School. Our other cousins, LeRoy and Richard were also there, but they were younger. Another cousin, Betty Parsons, also attended high school with Lyle and me. We had 18 in our graduating class.

The Kelley brothers were in school there, younger than us. They played basketball at KU and then played for the Phillips Petroleum Company. They also went to the Olympics. My husband worked for Phillips, so we saw them play several times. It was great to see them be so successful, both from a small town.

I married Walter Cox at the Methodist Church in McCune on June 12, 1948. I had worked a year for his father in Parsons. We had many years happily married until his death, quite suddenly, on October 9, 2011.

Walter worked for Phillips for 35 years. We lived in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and then transferred to Amarillo, Texas in 1957. We loved it here.

We had three children, a girl and two boys. All graduated from college and are doing well. Our oldest son (who is also named Walter) graduated from KU. He met a girl from Dodge City, KS. They married after graduation. They both went to Texas University where Walt received his Masters and his wife received her Doctorate in German. Our other two children received degrees from Texas and Texas Tech.

I enjoyed my time in McCune School. We attended several Homecomings including my 50th.

Walter and I both played lots of golf at many wonderful resorts. I loved the game and played in many tournaments. We spent several summers in Palm Springs. Walter was retired 26 years, so we did lots of traveling.

I wish you all good wishes and happiness. I do hope you find a place to hold the Festival meeting on September 26, 2015.

It doesn't seem possible that I am now 85 years old, quite a lucky lady, content and happily settled in a beautiful ten-story apartment where everything is furnished for me. I play lots of bridge and watch time fly by.

**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 18, 2015.**

**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 = \$ _____

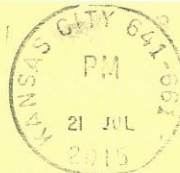
*Dues and extra donations will be placed in the
alumni fund.*

Donate Your Memorabilia

After the final days at the McCune Grade School, the Alumni Association acquired the pictures, trophies, plaques 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, 2015, 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 2016 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, 2015

- 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 27, Sunday morning:
Community Church Service: 11:00
Demolition Derby-after lunch -rodeo grounds.