

Medical Lake High School Alumni Association



Like Birds of a Feather....Cardinals....Flock Together

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Summer 2011

Editors Notes

Hello Everyone....Hope your summer is involving all kinds of fun activities and the weather is cooperating.

Our newsletter is a bit late, but we are transitioning from one editor to another at this time so please accept our well intended efforts to get this out in time.

The Jensen Memorial Youth Ranch dedicated a large sign in front of the property in memory of two brothers and a friend who died in the Vietnam War.....Dana and John Jensen as well as their friend Dannie Turnbull. The brothers died three days apart from each other in 1969.

The sign took nearly eight months to finish and there are still plans for its total completion. The next addition will be a black canvas attached to the back where a farewell message to visitors leaving the ranch will view. The posts on the front will likely have an animal sculpture in front of each one.

The mission of the Jensen Memorial Youth Ranch (the land was donated by Carl Grub) is to provide learning and social experiences

for youth through 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America projects. Location is at 3312 South Ritchey Road...For more info contact Carl Grub at 299 3810 or 979 5926

Committee Meeting Notes and Schedule

Board of Directors

President.....Tim House '63
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Scholarship VP.....John Musser '63
Secretary.....Linda Anne (Bumps) House '63
Treasurer.....Steve Klug '66
Trustees.....Sandy (Wood) Rohrich '63
.....Donna (Jarvis) Peterson '71

Treasurer's Report

Steve Klug '66 was elected Treasurer at the Annual Meeting in June and will begin his reporting with the fall newsletter. Welcome aboard Steve!

Summer Activities

MAY brought us the ANNUAL GARAGE SALE. This is a huge collaboration of minds and bodies!!! Again, we had the generous use of Ralph and Sharon Spilkers' yard. It enables us to set up our tents and treasures well in advance of the sale... THANKS AGAIN TO YOU BOTH!!!! The sale once again generated enough money to set up scholarships for several of our high school graduates.

JUNE welcomed our ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY / REUNION bringing friends together once again. For many this is a major commitment in time and money to travel back to Medical Lake. Those of us who take part in the 4 days of activities always leave with happy hearts.

Founder's Day

Thursday Dinner Cruise. So many times we are asked if this could be turned into some other event but the dinner is always great, the opportunity to walk around and go out on the deck (even if rain finds us ☺), and socialize seems to be the reason this event works so well.

Friday Wine Tour and Lunch. Once again we started this excursion at ARBOR CREST WINERY. Lunch was provided by Steve Klug and Sandy (Wood) Rohrich. We visited, tasted the different wines and walked the beautiful grounds, enjoying the tremendous views... There were about 22 Alumni who participated in this, again a great way to sit, walk and just visit with newfound and old friends. A small groups heads off to LATAH CREEK WINERY where we all browsed the gift shop, sampled wine, and enjoyed small talk (and laughs) with Bill Kennedy, Bonnie Kennedy, Maureen (Moe) and Bill Carl, Sandy Rohrich, Steve Klug and Sheila Whitley.

Fridays Potluck. We had about an hour to head back to Steve Klug's home and set up for the annual potluck which brings us all together, along with new faces.

Dick Tyler's Margueritas are always a hit. The party goes until almost 11pm. Remember the early up on Saturday everyone!!!

Saturday Parade. We arrive in town at 7:30 a.m. to set up our booth to sell t-shirts and hopefully add to the membership drive, etc. We see new people every year who want to join. Founders Day in downtown Medical Lake creates a lot of activity with food booths, local crafts people, and the three on three basketball challenge is always fun to watch as well as the parade. This year the cold, rainy weather brings out our winter jackets and hot coffee to warm up. The borrowed VFW tent comes down a little early this year because of the weather... we pack up and head home to warm up.

Saturday Dinner/Dance at the VFW. We always have a good portion of the VFW reserved for our group of 20 to 30 people. After the meeting, dinner is served and the live music begins... a good time is had by all and the evening ends by 11 pm.

Sunday Brunch at the Northern Quest Casino. Sunday Brunch at the Woodlands Café at the Casino brings 28+ people to eat and say goodbye. Founders Day events come to an end way too fast.

Please start to think about your plans for next year. We always gather on Father's Day Weekend... fall into step with those of us who just can't do without that four day reminiscing once a year. Many of us are also in touch during the year. PLEASE JOIN US... IT WILL BE A BRIGHT SPOT IN YOUR LIFE.

Reunion Notices

The classes of 75, 76 and 77 are planning a reunion for September 2 - 4, 2011. Log on to <https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/MLHS-Class-of-76-et-al-Reunion/194043753939093> or email Terrynabakowski@facebook.com for current information and conformations about this reunion. They plan a Friday gathering at the Wagon Wheel; Saturday – Memorial Service-Golf Tournament and Dinner (TBA) and Sunday a Fishing Derby, BBQ at the Fairchild Resort.

The following information was submitted by (Mary Hillbrick) Anderson:

The class of 1956 joined Founders Day for their 55th High School Reunion. They attended several functions made available by the Medical Lake High School Alumni Association. Thank you MLHSAA!!! In the afternoon after the parade the '56 class had a get together at LindeBee's Restaurant for talking over old times. Thank you LindeBee's for the use of the banquet room. Joining these classmates were spouses and several other MLHS class members from different years. The 1956 members attending were: JoAnn Secord Rego, Mary Hillbrick Anderson, Janice Ackerman Van Tassel, Alma Bahr Freitag, Donna Moore Rezba, Reggie Osborne Means, Leonard Griffith, Mike Nilles, Warren Cogswell, Dean Anderson and Donald Anderson. Two of our classmates, Donna and Reggie were found last summer after being lost to us over 50 years. We all had a great time....

MLHS Hall of Fame

This information was released to us by Chris Springs, the Athletic Director at Medical Lake High School. The following nominees for the Hall of Fame are as follows:

William Kennedy	Class of 1963
Kathy Glannardrea	Class of 1992
Chad Ripke	Class of 1993

Alexis Alexander Class of 2001

This years' recipient of the honor is WILLIAM KENNEDY!!!!

An announcement will be made at the Friday, September 23rd football game during half-time. There will be a get together after the game. Also on Saturday, September 24th there will be a dinner at St. Anne's Catholic Church....time was not available for this newsletter. Please contact Sandy Rohrich if you are planning on attending the dinner (all are invited) sbrohrich@aol.com or 425-483-2632. THANK YOU!

One of our Own

We have recently been contacted by Gail Smith Ackels, Class of 64. Gail is residing in Alaska. She is requesting that all class members (all years) submit their updated email address to the Alumni website, www.MLHSalumni.org. If you have not submitted a database form, you can also do that on the website. Apparently Gail had tried to contact all members of her class and most of the email addresses are not current. Remember, in order to receive the newsletter, or updated information on reunions or just "whats happening", we need current email addresses. Please check the website to ensure your email is current and those of any other alumni you are in contact with. At a minimum send an email to our data collector, Bill Carl at mandbcarl@adelphia.net.

In Memorium

Nancy Osterhout, Class of 1964, passed in November 2008 of cancer (as reported by her sister Gail Osterhout Childs).

Rosemary Parks, Class of 1947, passed March 6, 2011.

Perry Ahlf, Class of 1962- passed April 14, 2011. It's with our deepest sorrow to announce the unexpected passing of Perry on April 14, 2011. Perry was born

December 28, 1943 to Bud (Eugene) and Eleanor Ahlf and was a graduate of Medical Lake High School, class of 1962. Perry was a lifetime resident of Medical Lake where he lived and worked the farm his family homesteaded with his brother Bill and father Bud, who preceded him in death. Perry also had a long career with the Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railroad, retiring in 2003. Perry was a truly amazing man, he loved the outdoors, hunting, four wheeling, snowmobiling and being with friends and family. But most of all he loved fishing, he never passed up the chance to fish and usually out fished everyone. He was one of a kind, if you knew him you were truly honored, he loved his family and friends deeply and in return he was loved and cherished by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife; Jane Ahlf at the home. Children; Vic Ahlf and his wife, Colleen. Lynn Alderman and her husband John and Michelle Sullivan and her husband John, Mother; Eleanor Ahlf. Sister; Donna Grub. Brother; Bill Ahlf. Grandchildren Justin, Charli, Sydney, Catie, Kris, Nick and Aimee. Four nieces and one nephew. Several cousins and his trusty o'l buddy, Ossie (his dog). We lost a great man there will forever be a void in our lives till we see him again. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Johns Lutheran Church in Medical Lake in his memory.

resident of Medical Lake and was involved in many of the social clubs in the area, the Espanola Homemakers Club, the Pinochle Club, the Rebeccas, and many others.

Steve Grub , passed away on April 21, 2011. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Grub family and especially Donna during this time of loss.

Mary (Rustemeyer) Olson, passed June 16, 2011. Mary died suddenly Thursday night, June 16, 2011 at home. Mary is survived by her husband Gary, 6 children, Steven, Dan, Deanna, Eric, Ian and Jody, 15 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, mother Patricia, sister Kay, and cousin Carol.

The Cogswell Family of Medical Lake (all 4 children attended MLHS) recently lost their mother, Elsie Pearl Cogswell on July 2, 2011. Mrs. Cogswell was a long time

