

Hot Springs High School

Newsletter

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In Memory



Sue Rachilla, Class of 1960

Dates to Remember:

June 4, 2005 at noon: Ladies "Out to Lunch Bunch" at Mollie's Restaurant, 538 West Grand.

July 9, 2005 (Second Saturday this month) at noon: Ladies "Out to Lunch Bunch" at Fisherman's Wharf, 5101 Central.

August 6, 2005 at noon: Ladies "Out to Lunch Bunch" at Doe's Restaurant, 4904-B Central

September 23, 2005: Friday night social for Class of '60 Reunion. Other classes invited. \$5.00 at the door. Let Don Short know if you plan to come.

September 24, 2005: Saturday morning memorial service, lunch, evening social for class of 1960. If you need more info email Don Short.

Letters:

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From Judy Holden

I guess this will be consider news. I retired on March 31 from the Garland County Conservation District after 29 years. I loved my job and all the wonderful people I worked with, but now not getting up and heading out each day is an adjustment. It's hard, but I think I am going to make it. Right now I'm just jumping from one thing to another. Who knows, I may end up as a Wal-Mart greeter.

From Pat Berryhill

I have just completed three computer classes at our Hot Springs Senior Net: Excel, Word, and Intro to the Internet. I have met some great 'seniors' there.....I even saw Alice Keith Collier ('60), Sherrod ('58) and Judy Livingston ('60) Thompson, and Lena Spencer Creasey ('59) signing up for courses. Classes begin again in September & Alice and I have already signed up for another class or two!

I am a 'big' gardner! I have several tomato plants this year. I had a bumper crop of grape tomatoes last year with just one plant -- so I planted different varieties this year. My hobby is still pressure canning home grown Kentucky Wonder pole green beans.....if I can find someone to plant, water and harvest them for me I can do the rest!

Our children will be moving soon.... dunno when nor where exactly. Dewitt has been promoted to a General Manager for the Cheesecake Factory, they have lived in the Dallas area for six years.

My new e-mail address is: pbmuse@sbcglobal.net and/or patmuse@sbcglobal.net
Pat Berryhill Muse (58)

1959

From Leon Hobgood

Don Short et al; am'nt going anyplace this summer as am gonna have surgery next month (July) so will spend much of summer recovering or what ever....I have a large garden in and doing well... Cantelope, green beans (blue lake) green beans (kentucky wonder) cucumbers, corn (peaches & cream) yellow squash, tomatoes, speckled butter beans, okra, baby lima beans, beets, 1015 texas sweet onion, sugar snap sweet peas, ichiban egg plant (for making franke's eggplant casserole), bell peppers, pepperchini peppers, jalepeno peppers, pruple hull beas, chic peas (black eyed peas)...Am gonna can most of this, will make tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, salsa, catsup (sugar free), eggplant casserole, okra& tomatoes. I like to can and freeze but don't freeze all that much....keeps me busy and out of trouble...plus I enjoy gardening....flowers, veggies, etc...after all this stuff is packed away for later...and for fall crop I will plant collards, mustard, turnips, kale, rape.....as this comes in I can it also... will use cantelope as they come on and ripen.....

I am go to Texas or Louisiana later for a short red fish, fishing trip with my son and nephew..... as some of you may know my sister was very ill (hepatitus C) but she is much better now...but I still drive down to Houston at least one every two months to visit....she and I both sold our class A motor homes...and now am very glad what with the price of fuel....what a gouge....

I would like to come to Hot Springs for the gathering in September but don't know when or where?

Hope all have a WUNERFUL summer, stay cool, be cool, and love your significant other...You are all in my prayers....

as always

Leon

P.S. thank all of you for sending me your e-mails etc...it helps me over the humps and keeps me from getting down....again luv you all
Leon

From Stephanie Buchanan

I had my big trip in April. We went to Texas for two weeks. I hadn't been back there for more than 30 years and it was great.

I own a yarn shop these days and keep it open during the summer so that limits my travels although I am open fewer days. We own a cabin in the Adirondack Mts. (upstate NY) that's about 1 1/2 hrs north of where we live, so I like to spend part of each week up there.

In mid-June we will be going to Ohio so I can attend a trade show. The bonus is that we have one daughter in Buffalo, NY and another in Toledo so we'll get some good family time in.

Stephanie Buchanan Olivo 59

From Lena Spencer

Well OK if you insist. Here it is for Lena Spencer Creasy to date.

Still instructing computer classes and looking forward to a summer break which Al and I plan to use catching up on some of our Family History research, golf, travel, VBS, and whatever else we can find to get into mischief doing. Of course we have to make time to enjoy the grandkids who are all teens now and go about their own lives with little time for us, so that makes what time we do get even more precious. And the doctors and hospitals will be getting a fair share of our time since we seem to be in that age group that people call OLD Heaven forbid that we admit to that though.

Hope all the gang who read this are having a wonderful and full life and we get together soon for another reunion. Take care for now,

Lena (Spencer) Creasy **Class of "59**

From Verna Hicks

After graduation, I worked for NRI in Hot Springs for 21 years until the plant closed and moved back to St. Louis. I went back to school in 1980 and got an Associate in Electronic Technology from GCCC. In 1983, I moved to Little Rock to go to work for AT&T, but got laid off after 5 years. Remember the "divestiture"? Decided to go to UAMS in 1987 and get a degree in Biomedical Instrumentation, but quit school the last semester to go to work for IBM - they NEVER laid off... That job lasted 6 years until they had their first-ever "downsizing"... See the pattern here?

In 1993, I went to work for UAMS as a Help Desk Consultant for the Information Technology group. Figured (hoped) healthcare would be a safe bet... It was.

I retired on December 31, 2004 from UAMS after 11 years. My last job there was to teach endusers how to buy for their departments using the SAP financial system. Before that, I was the LAN Administrator and desktop support for the Finance department. Just gotta love those computers!!

But back to retirement. I finally got moved to Fairfield Bay and love it. My back deck has a nice view of Greers Ferry Lake so I am spending a lot of time just rocking, drinking iced tea and enjoying the scenery. Last night a little deer was munching grass along the side of my yard. So relaxing. (But it DID almost scare my cat to death!)

I plan to join some clubs and volunteer for the Fire Department - not putting out fires, mind you, but data entry. FFB just built an 18-hole miniature golf course so I plan to brush up on my putting there before tackling the regular course. It has been a few years since I played golf so I need to practice - a lot. There are lots of activities here to keep a person busy. Right now, I am planting flowers and have a small garden - if I can keep the deer out of it. I will decide on the knitting and painting classes, etc. later...

Was back in Little Rock over the weekend to see my daughter, Jennifer, graduate with a Masters in Social Work. She is working for the Coalition for the Homeless and her husband, Michael, works for Pinnacle. So they both are in the social work environment.

All in all, I am doing great! I am planning a trip to Ireland in September, which is what retirement is all about. Enjoying life, having fun, and seeing the world. Verna Hicks Class of '59

1960

From Loretta Anderson

I now have 7 grandchildren. Four of them over the last eighteen months. Rachel, Montana, Matthew, Avery, Eli, Sophie and Madison!!! Quite a group. I am going to Texas to see the twins, Eli and Sophie for the first time this summer. They were born last August. I moved to North Augusta, South Carolina, but I still work in Augusta, Georgia. Finally got a new car so I am hoping to be able to get to Atlanta more now to visit my brother (Bob Anderson). That is, if I can ever catch him at home. He travels a lot!! He became a grandpa for the first time last year. Needless to say he adores her!!! I look forward to seeing everyone in September.
Loretta Anderson 60

From Margaret Ruiz

We are still on the road, here in lovely Pensacola, where Ivan hit last year. You would not believe the devastation here, and still here a year later. Only to know that in a month or so Hurricane season shall start again.

My sister and her family are coming round to normal as soon as they can get carpet back in their house. Some people will not get back to normal. Some have put everything up for sale and moved on with their lives.

We managed Mississippi and took in the "no-see ums", darn those bugs anyway. Next time we will go a little more inland. We did meet some wonderful folks at the Alpenlite Spring Hospitality Meet.

Louisiana was wonderful for it's old plantations, wish we could have stayed longer. If anyone ever travels, please take in St. Francisville, Louisiana. Absolutely gorgeous plantations and a lot of history. Gives you an idea of how our Great Grandparents lived and maybe why and if they made it to age 50 or 60.

If you like crawfish, shrimp, fish, especially creole or cajun food, this is the trip for you. I have never eaten such good seafood and the gumbos are out of this world..

Next to Arkansas and maybe I can get back to salads. Luv ya'll.....

Margaret Ruiz (Ephrom) ' 60

From Rick Saunders

B.J. and I will be traveling a lot this summer due to conferences and meetings having to do with both Education and Legislative duties. We will also get to spend a week with Daughter Stacy and Grandson Braxton. We're in good health and don't take it for granted so we'll get the "most" out of our time and be grateful for it. My sister Vicki, who a lot of you will remember, just retired from teaching. She lives with her retired Marine Corps Colonel husband in Slidell, La. and she and family are doing great.

I'm excited about our 45th and looking forward to seeing and being with everyone. Sorry that I missed the planning meeting but intend to attend the others and will help do anything to make our 45th a success.

Thanks, Rick(y) Saunders

From Nancy Henderson

Husband Paul and I will be flying our new Top Cub from Vancouver, WA to Arkansas and Louisiana mid June. We have put off getting the float package, so will be on wheels. We have several visits to relatives and friends planned before returning by July 11.

Mother and I will be attending the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival again this year the last two weeks in July. I will be studying Storytelling, Drums, Tai Chi, and Voice. I also have great plans to re-catch that huge fish I released last summer. Nancy Henderson Frith 60

From Betty Carol Morgan

I recently had a great visit with Susan Goltz and her family ,just in time to attend the ladies lunch group. That was the first chance I had to lunch with the girls. It was a fun time seeing how the town had changed and all the activity around. I checked out " art exchange" where they manage my art on the net. It was a good looking gallery and I enjoyed meeting everyone there. I attended the gallery walk among the crowds of people. What a place to live. I went to Garvin Gardens to see the sights and missed the best part.....Susan had invited me to go to a birthday party she was going to but instead I said I would go to the gardens to take some photos to paint.....thinking I would be nice and not be in the way.....well, guess what? Later Susan and I were sitting there recalling our day, I said: " I even asked Barabra Erwin (by email)to come have lunch since I would be here but I guess she couldn't make it.....to which Susan replied,"she was there this afternoon." I thought she meant at the lunch and I said ,"no she wasn't.....Susan meant ,at the birthday party! I was so flabbergasted that I had missed a chance to visit with my good friend Barb, I nearly cried. It was late by then but we picked up the phone and called Barbara and told her of the strange event.....her computer was on the blink and she had not gotten the email and did not know I was in town. Next time I'll use the phone. I know it is a lot of work to get a reunion together but I sure hope you who can will get it done so that all of us who come can enjoy another wonderful time together. Thanks , Betty Carol

From the Garner Twins

The Garner twins are heading to Canada on the 29of June for a few weeks of smallmouth bass fishing . We have been going for several years now and it is like going back in time. It is even better than Lake Ouachita was 40 years ago and the scenery is stellar. The wildlife is everywhere, Bears, wolves, deer and the loons at dark are extremely peaceful. We will check you city types at the reunion. Del Garner

From Jerry Hatfield

My wife and I are truly experiencing "empty nesting" as we no longer have a son in the Northwest. Ryan, 32, our youngest has been in California for five years; now our oldest, Chad, 35, has moved to Arizona. In preparation of retirement in two years, we have purchased a home in Moorpark, CA and another one in Phoenix, AZ. As an ex-Boy Scout, be prepared..... chase those kids, especially the grandkids, only two to date.

No major travel plans this year as I am recovering from a vein blood clot in leg following surgery to repair a tendon in foot. After 15 months, it appears all is now working again.

After losing my parents and my brother Bob, we have not been back to Hot Springs in several years. One of these days, we may surprise you at a reunion....maybe 2010 for our 50th.

Jerry & Joetta Hatfield
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From Jerry Gunter

Today is our first 100 degree one ,and it is hot. All is well with the Gunters, meaning Christine's school year is about to end, Claire is completing her masters' in Fine Arts at the U of Barcelona, Alan broke his fibula on my Suzuki SV650s, and I am a commisssioner on the Cherokee Nation gaming Commission and enjoying the work a lot. We started dealing cards in January and March

was our first month to net over \$10 million, all of which belongs to the tribe. Sure wish you would sell us bath house row.

Go to www.cherokeecasino.com and virtually tour our best facility in Tulsa. The second best is in West Siloam Springs. We have a total of five casinos and one racetrack, Will Rogers Downs in Claremore. All are under construction/expansion, and I strongly suspect that the Choctaws want to sell us Blue Ribbons Downs in Sallisaw.

Over two years ago they told me that I would live 1.4 years, but the prostate, colon, and two liver tumors were all primary and dealt with individually. I am feeling great and doing fine, but presently have four more on my liver that they are going to chemoembolize. My liver transplant will be done in early 2006. Your prayers have been and will be appreciated. Don, feel free to delete this paragraph if it is depressing, but as they say "There's more old drunks than there are old doctors, so ..."

See you in September. wa-do, Jerry Gunter

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From Mary Moran

My husband, Doyle, Son & daughter-in-law and I are going to take a cruise to Alaska in August. We can't wait! We will also be taking several trips to Dallas to watch our granddaughter, Elizabeth, play fast pitch softball. She just turned 13 and already pitching 60 MPH. She had her first no-hitter today. Our daughter, Diane, is starting a new job soon. She has had enough of the teaching field and is ready to try something else. We are excited for her.

Hope everyone has a great summer.

Mary Moran McKinney 61

From Patty Jones

I would love to say we are off to some exotcic island; however, that's not the case because we haven't retired yet! Our summer will be filled with watching a lot of "little league" baseball and visiting our other son and family in the Hill Country of Texas and watching his children swim competitively. Jim will get in as much golf as possible and when the temperature isn't 100+ degrees. Our trips will be long weekend visits to northern Arkansas to visit the Atchleys and I hope to get to Hot Springs at least once--Roberta and I have talked about it! We conduct four freshman orientations so I will be spending a fair amount of time at work and visiting our cheerleaders at SMU summer camp--that is one of my areas of responsibility. I tell them I had the agony of defeat when I didn't make 7th grade cheerleader! We continue to be blessed with health, as well as having 9 healthy grandchildren. I look forward to spending more time with them in a couple of years. I love seeing all the pictures from the reunion in June. I thought I might come this year, but our choir "Americana" concert is that weekend.. Have a great time and I look forward to seeing all the pictures this year.

Patty Jones Atchley 61

From Fran Cockman

Well, not much excitement in my life right now--but that could be a good thing--considering some of the things that have happened. I am dropping to part-time at work (Lowe's) and hope to have time and energy to pursue my hobbies which are photography and poetry. And of course, there are children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I am planning a trip to the northwest part of Arkansas to try out my new digital camara that I am still trying to learn to use. My youngest daughter (28) graduates nursing school in a few weeks so maybe I'll have my own private nurse for my retirement years.

Wishing everyone peace and happiness.....Frances (Cockman) Diles --1961

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From Ron Cheek

Ron Cheek has a new grand daughter [picture]. This beauty's weight at birth was 8 lbs, 10 oz. and 20 inches long. Her name is Pleazure Ashlynn. In additional, mother and daughter Faith, just completed a 2 year associate degree from Garland County Community College. SEE! You can accomplish a lot if your heart desires.



Ron Cheek's daughter and granddaughter

From Doug Linington

The pendulum has swung (pardon my cliché) and the time has come to address [with repartee and some trepidation] the quasi-mutual admiration society provided by the HSHS Newsletter. If only it could be as in days of old, huh? Nah maybe not, it did have its tacit inequities, injustices, abuses and absurdities but if anyone would care to finely ferret out the fugacious flummery that existed years ago it would surely be most moot. I notice they are screwing up the renovation of the old HSHS High School and instead of making it an original landmark worthy of its distinction it is become a project worthy of a mammon-esque travesty. I said mammon not mammary - pay attention. It of course is being renovated into an apartment building unworthy of its ignoble desecration. It is of no surprise - the city of Hot Springs indeed screws up most of what it tries to improve - namely the city. It has always been the same – innumerable dalliances of such proportions tantamount to an exponential multiplicity of the Three Stooges. No matter only divined intervention can stop it now-this cachet is on the brink an ineluctable destruction. Our only extant salvation can hopefully be derived from the ghosts of former classmates that will haunt the hallowed halls of those new apartments and wield an excoriating justice to those mercenaries that have shown such outrageous insensibilities. I see the web site (Classmates.com) is garnering quite a following of HSHS old school chums. I am wondering why the many are not connecting to this newsletter. Probably failing memories (aging) being unable to

recount whether or not their halcyon days included some hideous untoward behavior of which they now would be ashamed. I am aghast what has happened to all that energy and passion that once availed itself during HSHS classmate's adolescence years of long ago. Zounds! This odyssey saunters down its trail of tears haltingly it seems. The only personal news that I can add to this nonsensical expository blather - I am saddened for I have yet to receive my invitation to the Playboy Mansion. Ah, lest I forget most of my family has gone the way of "kings and counselors" but with much less heraldry and a legacy of unassuming circumstance.

From Stephen Brown

Don, I am retiring from higher education after 33 years and going into the real estate business. We are planning to remain in Bella Vista. This place is "exploding" with people (Wal-Mart connection), so traffic is interesting and the price of homes keeps going up. Come see us if you can!

Steve Brown

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