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GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

Our 50th Anniversary

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This 1960 Class Newsletter is an attempt to keep in contact with our classmates and update their happenings in life.

Website to Browse:

www.deweyfox.com



Mary Powell has been found by the efforts of Wayne Whisenant. He knew of her and had some dealings with her brother in the past. Wayne had the brother's phone number and was in turn able to get in touch with Mary.

Mary now lives in the mountains of North Carolina in the small town of West Jefferson. She spent most of her working years in Charlotte and moved to West Jefferson after her husband died last December.

I talked to Mary on the phone. She said that she has two children, a son and a daughter and **GO TO PAGE 2**

WILLIAM AUSTIN JUSTICE
"LOCATED"

William Justice went to Glen Alpine High School for a short time. As a matter of fact his name only shows up in the freshman annual with no picture. We are trying to locate all the classmates that show up in the annuals.

By the efforts of Wayne Whisenant we have been able to locate the whereabouts of William. William died in 1988 at the age of 59. The best I can tell is that William **GO TO PAGE 4**

Please send me any news you may have and your email address for faster updates.



THREE MORE CLASSMATES HAVE BEEN FOUND

Thanks to Carolyn WALKER Cook for coming up with the addresses and phone numbers of three more classmates that once was lost, but now FOUND. I put out the plea in the last newsletter and it has been fruitful.

The first one was Charles Smith who showed up for the last time as a listed freshman, but no picture to see what he looked like in 1957.

Charles left Glen Alpine around **See Page 3**

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GAHS Class of '60

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Photo by Dewey Fox



Sunflower from Garden

FROM PAGE 1 Mary POWELL Spewachek three grandchildren.

She quit Glen Alpine High School her sophomore year and got married. She later finished school with a "GED" and went on to college and graduated from UNCC in 1984.

The reason Wayne remembered her is that he said he had a crush on her when they were about 10 or 12 years old. Also Mary's father was the Pastor of the church that his parents went to and their children were raised in.

Anyway, we are so glad that Wayne gave us the contact information and happy to welcome Mary to the Glen Alpine High School Class of 1960. Her contact information is below.

Mary POWELL Spewachek
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West Jefferson, N. C. 28694

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After writing this overview, Mary emailed me her bio. Here it is below. Enjoy!

MARY ELLEN POWELL

(Outlaw, Dec. 1958 - Spewachek, Sept. 1987)

Born in Burke County, NC, out on Hwy 181 between Morganton and Oak Hill, near midnight of March 7, 1942. We had about 3 acres to roam on, as well as the nearby woods and valleys. Life was barefoot and carefree for a while. There were trees to climb and cool powdered red clay paths. Grapevines to swing on, cow pastures to dodge things in when rolling downhill. And runs down the highway to Mull's or Leonard's store that gave many scraped toes on those bare feet, but sometimes was rewarded with a penny bag of candy.

I began my first years of school at Oak Hill Elementary. We often watched the school bus pull away as we topped the hill from home, then had to run for miles to school, getting close enough to hear the bell ring and know we were late. Those were the days!

When I was about 12 years old Dad took a church to pastor near Aulander, NC, down

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Crossnore High School Class of 1960 50th Anniversary Reunion

I had the opportunity to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Crossnore Class of 1960, which would have been the class I would have graduated in if I had not moved back to Glen Alpine for my senior year.

A friend called me a few days before the reunion and invited me to attend, which I graciously accepted. My name had been dropped somehow off the regular mailing list.

How did they get in touch with me? Well, Bill Dellinger from Crossnore was in Linville Falls in a restaurant eating and over heard a couple from Morganton talking. He chimed right in and asked about me. To his surprise they knew me and gave him some details so he was able to find me. I don't know who that person was, and Bill didn't remember his name.

As most of you know I attended Glen Alpine most of my life, but moved to Crossnore after my freshman year and then moved back to Glen Alpine my senior year.

There were maybe 25 Crossnore classmates at the reunion and there was only one that I recognized. Of course it has been over 50 years since I had seen or heard tell of them. He was one of my best friends while I was in Crossnore. He has been living in Texas and had his Texas outfit on and had lived in Texas long enough to acquire that Texas draw.

Out of the graduating class of 59 classmates there have been 14 that were deceased, mostly of some disease and cancer. That is close to 24% of the class. Wow, are we getting older?

Crossnore School graduated there first class in 1927 and the last graduating class was 1968. Crossnore has an Alumni Reunion the third Saturday in July each year. All graduates are invited and each year the 50th Anniversary class is spot-lighted as we were. The oldest class member present graduated in 1942. Each year the numbers get a little smaller with the deaths of the class members.

Dewey E. Fox

CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960

“I remember, Just Barely.....” by Dewey Fox



The above picture is what is left of a country store that my parents operated for several years. I think it was the years 1952-54. I remember it quiet well. We operated the country store and had a building in the back that we lived in. The old store building is located on Hwy 181 North, about 2-3 miles beyond Oak Hill School.

Even though I was in the Oak Hill School district I never went to school at Oak Hill. Me and my siblings continued to go to Glen Alpine since we didn't want to change schools.

My best friend while I was in Oak Hill was a black boy that we all called "June Bug." Not sure how he got this name. I remember that we spent a lot of time together, and please note that this was back when the country was segregated. We became close friends while I lived in the area. After moving back to Glen Alpine, we lost contact. I think about 12-15 years ago he and I crossed paths, but I didn't realize who he was until after he was gone. I think he was still using the name, "June Bug." I don't remember his given name.

I do remember that I had a couple of hound dogs that followed me around. They were what was known as "black and tans." It was tragic, but I had to witness my dog getting hit and killed by a car. We were next to the road and for some unknown reason the dog



darted across the road in front of a car. Have you ever heard that sound of a car hitting an animal. It's one sound you won't forget.

From Page 1, Charles Smith - 1958 when he was seventeen. He had lived on Conley Road near the Pleasant Ridge Church. He moved to Thomasville, N. C. which is about 100 miles east of good old Turkey Tail.

I called Charles and regretfully he didn't remember me, but he did remember a lot of names that he hadn't seen or heard tell of in 50 plus years. He remembered Jug Wilson, Tom Wells, Henry Abernathy, Colin Brittain, Charles Mathis, Ann Eggers and Pat Deaton, to name a few. Quiet a few names for 50 plus years.

After leaving Glen Alpine he opened a tire store where he was employed for 40 years. Now he is semi-retired and spends a lot of his time drag racing. He goes all over the southeast. He is proud of his '70 Chevrolet Nova. The car runs in the 6 second class.

I asked about his family, and he has 2 boys and 1 daughter with six grandchildren.

He was excited about me calling and said he was looking forward to the 50th Class Reunion and promised to be there.

As a footnote, Charles is the son of Carolyn WALKER Cook's sister, Ruth Smith. Carolyn would be his aunt.

His contact information is below.

Charles Smith
914 Cunningham Road
Thomasville, N. C. 27368
Phone (336) 472-9080



We have found that Carolyn SHOOK Peagler has been living in Summersville, South Carolina for the last 30 plus years. We found her through a contact of Carolyn WALKER Cook. You could tell she had been living in the deep-south for a while based on her speaking that southern charm.

I spoke to Carolyn on the phone and she told me she has 2 children, (1 boy and 1 girl). Also has eight grandchildren (5 boys and 3 girls). **Go to Page 6**

**The News Herald on July 27, 2010 in
"50 Years Ago in Burke County"**

"Supporters of ANNE EGGERS, Miss Morganton, attended the Miss North Carolina pageant in Charlotte. They were Tommy Shuping, Betty Abee, Sue King, Walt Setzer, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rhodes, George Snow, Bobby Rhodes and Braxton Melton, Miss Eggers's escort.

**The News Herald on August 16, 2010 in
"50 Years Ago in Burke County"**

Burand's held a fashion show featuring back-to-school clothes. ANNE EGGERS and Sandra Walker took part in modeling the latest fashions.

We are starting to run out of 50 years ago. It's even passing us by.

"Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, Who walk in the law of Jehovah. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, That seek him with the whole heart. Yea, they do no unrighteousness; They walk in his ways." (Psalm 119:1-3 ASV)

Class Rings,

I don't know how many of the 1960 class rings are still out there, but I ran across mine some-time back. I don't know how I have kept up with it during all these years. For anyone that doesn't have one or hasn't seen one for a while, I have photos below for your review. ENJOY!



Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; Let the field exult, and all that is therein; Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy (Psalms 96:11-12 ASV)

When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is the beginning of the end of any nation. --Anonymous

FROM PAGE 1, William Austin Justice

went to the army in his younger days. According to his tombstone he was SP3 U.S. Army and served in the Korea war. He later came back to Burke County and continued his education for at least one year of study at Glen Alpine High School. Not sure where, but he continued his education and graduated from high school. It may have been Morganton since that is where he lived. Later I am told that he graduated from Western Piedmont Community College. During all this time he was working 3rd shift in a local hosiery mill. He worked in the hosiery mill until his death in 1988, some 30 plus years.

William left behind his widow, Rosa Lee, who is still living and lives in Morganton in the same house they lived in while married. Also they had one child, a daughter.

I didn't realize it at the time, but I worked with William and his wife Rosa several years on third shift at the old Morganton Hosiery Mill. I don't remember ever discussing Glen Alpine High School, but maybe we did. I didn't remember this until Wayne told me who he was. Wayne has stayed friends with them for all these years. Thank you Wayne for getting this information.

William Austin Justice

Birth Date 10/20/1929

Death 02/11/1988

Buried in Burke Memorial Cemetery
Morganton, N. C. 28655

You may go to class website and see a list of all deceased. Go to www.deweyfox.com, click on "GAHS Class of 1960" and click on "Deceased Classmates."

Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart. (Psalms 97:11 ASV)

From Page 2—Mary Powell -east where the land is flat and farming reigns, or did, not sure if it still does.

I was in the middle of a school year when we moved back to the hills, to Glen Alpine. I remember having to switch from math to algebra and made my first "D" ever. Oh well, live and learn, hopefully. Life was a bit of a blur after that, becoming a teen in a new place, etc. We first moved into a small house on the side of a hill, within walking distance of Mindora Leonard's home. I enjoyed spending time with her, writing poetry and talking, probably about boys. I had my first date with a senior football player during that first school year. Was in the afternoon on a Saturday I think. Mama and Daddy had to meet him, of course, then we went for a drive and circled "the drive-in". I remember being very tongue tied and shy, needless to say he never asked me out again. Such is life, it changes but stays the same.

Tragedy struck that summer, my mama had a massive heart attack and was gone. When school started in the fall I made lots of friends, for whatever reason, I got elected as a sophomore attendant for May Day. Another event to remember!

Summertime once again and my two younger brothers and I were sent to stay with our married sister back at Aulander, NC, while Dad selected a new wife. I met a man there, Harold Outlaw, who would become my first husband, then came back for school and a new stepmother in the fall. To shorten this tale a bit, I decided I was never going to college so why not get married. So, I did...December 1958, left school, had two children, my son Chris in January 1961, then my lovely daughter Lorna, in July of '64. Chris lives and works in Hickory. He and his first wife gave me a grandson and a granddaughter. Lorna works in Charlotte and lives at Tega Cay, SC with her husband and son.

I worked in various jobs; factories, telephone operator, etc., one day decided there had to be more to life, took the GED test, was commended by the director for my score, got better jobs, took the kids, left husband number one and moved to Charlotte, NC. A neighbor there talked me into going to CPCC where I got a degree in advertising design. Worked at that for a while, decided I really needed **Next Column**

From Previous Column—more education, enrolled at UNCC, got a bachelor's in art, worked some more in advertising, met my second husband, John Spewachek, we were together for 30 years until he died this past December from his second battle with cancer. We sold our little house in Charlotte after his first diagnosis and surgery, and bought a little place on a mountainside at West Jefferson, NC. He went back to work as soon as possible and stayed with the company he had been with for many years. So we also got a condo in Charlotte near his work. I had retired and when he died I put the condo on the market, by that time it was worth about half what was owed on it anyway...I put almost everything we owned in storage and moved to my mountain.

So here I am, putting myself back together in some fashion. I must add that I'm not sure how I feel about a reunion, it's somewhat exciting and scary but also very sad...but look how far we fortunate few have come. Best regards to all of you.

Mary POWELL Spewachek

Mary also emailed me the May Court picture below. Mary highlighted on right top of picture.



“So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.” Psalm 79:13 RV





This picture is James Leroy Benfield when he was in the 9th grade at Glen Alpine High School. It took me a while to find him after getting a tip from Carolyn Walker Cook. Leroy as we all knew him died 2/5/1999 and is buried at Zion Baptist Church, north off Highway 181.

I had to do a lot of detective work to find our classmate Leroy Benfield. I heard that he may be buried at Zion Baptist Church. So I went to the grave yard one hot August day to find if his tombstone was there. I found a tombstone that read "James Leroy Benfield," that confused me even more since he was only known in school as "Leroy." But for some reason I suspected that James Leroy and Leroy was one and the same.

Since I now had a date of death, I would seek out an obituary for other details. I never like to print anything until it is confirmed by more than one source. As the Bible says, "two or three witnesses."

I traveled to the Carolina Room in the Morganton Public Library to see if there was an obituary for Leroy. And "low and behold" I found one and it listed his parents and siblings, but nothing about Glen Alpine School. I noticed that it said his wife was Louise and I had heard that this was his wife's name. The pieces were starting to come together.

I decided to call the Zion Baptist Church since he was buried there, I thought he may have some kin-folk there. I called one Wednesday afternoon and the lady that answered the phone said that his sister was there and could help me. But, when she called me back she was his second cousin so had very limited information. I decided to take a chance and call a sister that was living in Hickory and bingo, that was his sister. According to his sister Hazel, he worked at Breeden's for a short time and after that he worked in the logging business in spite of the gout in his feet. He died of cancer. He came from a large family, 2 brothers and 6 sisters. His brothers are deceased as well as 3 of his sisters. He had no children of his own.

He was raised at home, but moved into South Mountain Institute somewhere around his freshman year which is when he was in school at G.A.H.S. He was there for only a short time before quitting school.

From Page 3— Carolyn Shook—Carolyn said she quit school her sophomore year at Glen Alpine High School. She has been self-employed in the cleaning business most of her working years.

She remembered Trixie Freeman and Barbara Biggerstaff, but said that was a long time ago. She still has a sister that lives in the area. We welcome Carolyn to the Classmates of 1960.

Her contact is below.

Carolyn SHOOK Peagler
681 Lincoln Avenue
Summersville, S. C. 29485

Phone; (843) 832-8429



Edith DAVES Hall has been found living right here in Morganton, off Jamestown Road. Actually she is living on the old property that had Brittain Dairy on it and where Colin Brittain was raised. Carolyn Walker Cook knew her sister, so we were able to get in touch with her.

I spoke to her a few days ago and got some information. She didn't finish school, but got married and her and her husband moved to Pennsylvania where she went to school. Her husband, Cloys, was in the construction business. She didn't graduate from Glen Alpine, but did go later on to Western Piedmont Community College and got her GED.

She is retired now. I asked about her children; she has five children (4 boys and 1 girl), and a house full of grandchildren and great-grandchildren for a total of 15.

We would like to welcome her back home and as a classmate to the graduating class of Glen Alpine High School Class of 1960. Hoping she and all the others will be at the 50th Anniversary Reunion on September 24-25, 2010. Her contact information is below.

Edith Daves Hall
3667 Harry Brittain Drive
Morganton, N. C. 28655

Phone Home (828) 584-3393

Email— cloysshall@att.net



This can only happen in North Carolina. A road marking company marked this school zone in Guilford County by reversing the H and C . Of course it was soon corrected, probably due to some complain by an English teacher; wouldn't you think so! What kind of example would this be?



Jesse Glenn Henline— We lost another one of our classmates, Jesse Glenn Henline. He lost his battle with cancer at 9:55 A.M. on August 18, 2010 while in Hospice Care.

This picture above left is Jesse when I think he was in about the seventh grade. Jesse went to school with us the first eight years and then moved to and graduated from Nebo High School.

The story teller tells the story well. I don't remember the exact story, but he and Mr. Whitener, the school principle, had a few words and Jesse thought he was being wronged so he went to Nebo High School instead of G.A.H.S. and graduated there.

Jesse was sick for several years, but he never lost his good attitude and his kind spirit. I visited him several times during the later stages of his cancer. When Joe Greene and I were there several months before he died we told him that we wanted to see him at our 50th Class Reunion, but his reply was, without breaking stride with his words were; "Well they tell me I won't be around then." That was Jesse, telling it like it was and drawing no punches, even about himself.

Joe Greene and I went to the funeral where we met his two daughters and they both had the kind spirit of their father and mother. I'm sure this is a great earthly lost for them, but we can all be united with eternal life in the hereafter. We will miss him!

This picture taken around December '07



Herman Lee Wood—FOUND



After much searching and a tip from J. P. McCurry, Herman Lee Wood has been found. He died July 8, 1996 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Hickory. I found his obituary in the Hickory Daily Record dated July 10 1996.

I was also able to locate his widow, Linda Elrod Wood, who still lives in the Hildebran area. She told me that Herman was in South Mountain Institute for boys and girls at the age of 9 and was there until he was 17 and ran away and joined the navy. He was in the Navy for 4 1/2 years. He later worked at Pepsi and then Coca-Cola and was working at Century Furniture when he had a heart attack that took his life. He was only the young age of 54.

He had three children and now four grandchildren.

For all the classmates that have died, you can go on the class website for all the details of each one.

Annie Laura Simpson— FOUND

Found Annie Simpson Bradshaw right here in Burke County, living in the Chesterfield area. She is now divorced, but has one daughter, Rita Perkins and she has one child. Annie quit school in the 9th grade and has been a housewife most of her life. Annie now has a number of health issues and a lifeline device for emergencies. She does not get around very well.

Annie Laura Simpson's name was in the Freshman Annual, but no picture. Her mailing address, which is daughter's is listed below. "Thoughts and Prayers"

Annie Simpson Bradshaw
124 Sherwood Road
Morganton, N. C. 28655

Billy Dellinger— FOUND

Billy Dellinger has been found by the efforts of Louise Norman Owens who remembered his brother Paul and wife Avis; which is where we got the information. I've not been able to reach him for more details. What I have for contact information is below.

Billy Dellinger
900 Davis Town Road
Old Fort, N. C. 28762
Phone (828) 668 4764

50th Reunion Class of 1960 Friday Night Saturday Agenda

50th Itinerary

Friday– September 24, 2010

6:00 P.M.

Reception/Social/Dinner
Timberwoods Restaurant
Dutch

Spouse's/Guest's Welcome
Located Exit 106 Interstate 40

Saturday—September 25, 2010

Old Glen Alpine High School
Spouse's/Guest's Welcome

11:00 A.M.

Walk through Old High School

12:00 Noon

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 P.M. till 6:00 P.M.

Free Time

Relax-Socialize-Visit-Golf

6:00 P.M. to Until

Glen Alpine First Baptist
Dinner (Included)
Entertainment



You undoubtedly have heard of this man before, “ELVIS PRESLEY,” the so called King of Rock and Roll. How well do you know him? A little trivia below, just 20 questions. How many can you answer?

1. When was Elvis born? _____
 2. What city was he born in? _____
 3. What was his father’s occupation? _____
- Elvis had a twin-brother that died at birth.
4. What was his name? _____
 5. What was Elvis’ favorite type of music? _____
 6. What record company did he first sign? _____
 7. What was the date of first song? _____
 8. And what was title to that song? _____
 9. What years was he in the Army? _____
 10. Who was the first DJ to play his songs? _____
 11. How many movies did he star in? _____
 12. What 5 types of music did he sing? _____
 13. What was name of Elvis’ first movie? _____
 14. While in the Army what foreign country was Elvis in? _____
 15. What was his occupation in that country? _____
 16. Where did Elvis begin his Army training? _____
 17. Elvis’ mother died when? _____
 18. What age did she die? _____
 19. When did Elvis die? _____
 20. What age was Elvis when he died? _____

ANSWERS: How many did you get right?

1. January 8, 1935, 2. Tupelo, MS. 3. Share-cropper,
4. Jesse, 5. Gospel, 6. Sun, 7. 1954, 8. “That’s All Right”, 9. 1958-1960, 10. Dewey Phillips, 11. 33,
12. Blues, Pop, Gospel, Country and Rock and Roll,
13. “Love Me Tender”, 14. Germany, 15. Truck Driver,
16. Fort Hood, TX. 17. August 14, 1958, 18. 46, 19. August 16, 1977, 20. 42.

I find it odd that Elvis and his mother died in the same month, 2 days apart. How about you?