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# GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

Our 51st Anniversary

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**He that is of God  
heareth God's words:  
ye therefore hear *them*  
not, because ye are not  
of God. (John 8:47)**

**Verily, verily, I say unto  
you, If a man keep my  
saying, he shall never  
see death. (John 8:51)**

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

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**JOAN  
DOROTHEA  
PATTON  
DOUGHTY  
PASSES  
AWAY  
JUNE 26,  
2011**



Classmates, we now have lost another one of our own. At least here on earth. Joan was living in Hendersonville, N. C. when she died. She laid down in her favorite easy chair, where she read her Bible many times and she never got up.

Go To Page 4—Joan

## GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL GRAND CLASS REUNION

September 10, 2011 was my birthday and better than that it was the date of the Grand Glen Alpine High School Class Reunion where an estimated 700 classmates attended. I'm sure everyone there had the same problem of not being able to see everyone.

I would like to say the Grand Committee did a wonderful job organizing, **Continued P. 2**

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



## RIDING BICYCLE ACROSS PART OF STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Again, actually for the fifth time I rode my bike across parts of North Carolina. We started out from Elkin, which is north of Statesville. From there it was 70 miles to Mayodan, where we camped at Autumn Creek Vineyards. The next morning it was off to Mebane, another 70 plus miles. Early the next morning we headed east to the town of Henderson which was another 70 miles. Continuing east the next morning to Rocky Go To Page 4 riding bike

Photo by Dewey Fox



Grapes on the Vine

June 13, 2011

**LOS ANGELES (KABC)** -- Carl Gardner, the lead singer of the 1950's group "The Coasters" has died of unknown causes at 83 years old.

Gardner co-founded the group in 1955. His tenor voice powered classics such as "Yakety Yak", "Charlie Brown", and "Poison Ivy."

The Coasters became the first group to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

I'm sure you guys remember this group.

**Obituaries**

Bessie Mae Epley Holland, 89, of Holland Drive died Friday, July 29, 2011 at her residence. Born in Burke County on January 16, 1922.

She is the mother of our classmate Martha HOLLAND Gettys.

We send our condolences to Martha and her family.

Rev. Thomas Benson Deese, 98, passed away Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, after a period of declining health at Hospice of Rutherford County. He was born in Union Country, on March 9, 1913.

Rev. Deese is the father of our classmate Tom Deese.

We send our condolences to Tom Deese and to his entire family.

**In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Pro 3:6 KJV)**

**Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. (Pro 3:7 KJV)**

**NO OUTLET--**

I was riding my bike the other day and I looked to my right and saw a road sign that read "No Outlet." I immediately thought these type signs used to read "Dead End." But I guess the "Dead End" highway signs have gone out of style and replaced with the politically correct yellow sign "No Outlet." "Dead End" does read a little negative. Then I thought to myself, at least there will not be any ladies looking for shop outlets on these roads that are posted, "No Outlet."

**Mascots**



Mascots for the year 1967 at Glen Alpine High School. They were Bradley Fox and Libby Burleson.

Bradley was our first born son, born in 1960 and was Glen Alpine High School mascot at age six.



Mascots for the year 1972 at Glen Alpine High School. They were Brent Fox and Lisa Johnson. Brent was our second born son.

It some-what goes against the odds, but what are the chances of having two sons, five years apart, and both are chosen as Glen Alpine High School mascots. Well, it happened, just as recorded and pictured. Dewey Fox

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setting up and executing the Grand Reunion. I was impressed with the book that was given away at the door to everyone that came and paid their \$10. I can't imagine how much time and the dedication that made this book possible. I'm sure the cost was more than ten bucks. By the way, if any books are left, they are on sale for \$25. Get one, they are well worth it.

We all ate our fill of food, it was plentiful and good, again, all included for the 10 bucks registration fee.

Also we signed a petition as we went into the reunion that may allow us to help preserve the Glen Alpine High School building from being torn down as the other old buildings at the Glen Alpine School have been destroyed. As an update, I understand that the Burke County School Board has approved a new roof for the High School Building; that is a good thing.

There is a Facebook account for Glen Alpine High School, go to Facebook and search for the school.

Again, thanks to everyone that attended the Great Grand Glen Alpine High School Reunion.

# CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960

## I Remember –Just Barely.....Dewey Fox

- **Kicking the can down the road**—I remember many times finding an old can along side of the road and kicking it along the road for entertainment. It’s amazing what we could find in the old days to keep us busy and entertained. Now it’s video games and other high-tech games. I don’t even know what they call them. Man, how times have changed!
- **Running Bare-footed in the summer time**— I don’t know about you, but up until my pre-teen years I didn’t wear many shoes in the summer time, I would go bare-footed. Apparently our feet were a lot tougher in the old days than they are now. I can’t remember when I have seen a pre-teen ager running around without any shoes. I would even ride my bike with no shoes. But, it seems like I paid the penalty each summer by stepping on a broken glass or running an old rusty nail into my foot. Maybe kids have better sense now-a-days.
- **Poolrooms**— Do you remember all the poolrooms that were in Burke County when you were a teenager? I do. My dad was the proprietor of one of them. It was in the building at the over-head bridge in Glen Alpine. The building is still there. There were pool tables in the front and gambling in the backroom. We made our money with the games of pool and in the back with the gambling we would do what we would call “chipping the pot.” In other words we would take a portion of the betting money on each hand. Probably in those days fifty cents or a dollar, depending on pot size. The poolroom was a hangout for a lot of us teen-agers in those days. I do not know of any poolrooms in Burke County today.
- **Did not play team ball**— Most of my sports have always been individualized. What does that mean? I didn’t play as a team player in the school sports. I guess there were several reasons. For one I was a small guy, not weighting **Bottom Next Column**

## “Phrases”

### “SLOWER THAN MOLASSES”



Have you heard, I’m sure you have, “You are slower than molasses?” That may mean that we move around slow or we do an activity slow. But, one observation is that jars of molasses are not as thick as they used to be, so they are running

a little faster now-a-days. Apparently they are watered down to create more molasses to sell. Give me the thick.

**Figure of speech.** Molasses is a thick, slow-running liquid that gets even thicker when it's cold.

The root of the saying dates back to January 15, 1919 when an industrial tank of over 2 million gallons of molasses ruptured in Boston sending a wall of molasses rushing through the town at approximately 35 miles per hour, injuring over 150 and killing 21.

### The Boston Molasses Disaster Remembered After 60 Years



**Did not play**— much over 120 pounds, not the ideal person you would want on your team. Also in those days I was very shy and probably somewhat of an odd-ball. I also had a speech impediment which I have out grown to a certain extent. I was what you might say, I was in the background of most activities. Another was that my parents never encouraged me to play team sports and I had my chores to do each afternoon after school. I have rode quarter horses, mountain climbed, went hiking, canoeing, running, golf, motorcycles and now I’m into bicycling. All Individual sports.

**Foot note on Tom Deese**—I went by Sossoman's Funeral Home to see Tom Deese and attend his father's funeral. (Visitation) I figured that it would give me a chance to see Tom since I hadn't seen him since 2003, at our 43rd Reunion. He looked pretty much the same and appeared to be in good spirits. D Fox



**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Mat 6:33**

### How about these?

Q: What doesn't a ghost need in his house?

A: A Living room!

Q: Why do cows wear bells?

A: Because their horns don't work.

Q: What's the difference between Outlaws and In-laws?

A: Outlaws are wanted.

Q: How many civil servants does it take to change a light bulb?

A: 45, One to change the bulb, and 44 to do the paperwork.

Q: What does the Gingerbread Boy have on his bed?

A: Cookie sheets.

**Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.**

**(Psa 16:1 KJV)**



Florence Taylor, age 101, last September 2011 at her birthday party. As far as I know, Florence is the oldest of any living parents of the 1960 Class. Cobb Taylor, son, on left, from the 1960 Class and her daughter, Barbara Ann.

### Joan PATTON Doughty From Page 1—

A service honoring her life was held Friday July 1, at noon in Montford Cove Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Campbell officiating. She was buried in the church cemetery.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her husband William James Doughty, Sr. One daughter and four sons.

Joan was 69 at her passing. She was first cousins to our Rebecca PATTON Stamey, Clifford Lee Patton, Horace Patton Jr. and our Alfred Patton was her uncle. There were a total of five Patton's in our class.

The picture on the front page was taken at our 43rd Class Reunion in 2003.

**Continued from page 1—Riding bicycle**—Mount, which was another 70 mile day. From Rocky Mount we rode to Plymouth which was close to an 80 mile ride, the longest so far this year.

By now, for five days I figured I had rode close to 360 miles and I was give out. This was the longest ride I had ever rode on and of course I'm getting a little older each year.

On I think it was the third day into the ride, I pulled a muscle in the back of my right leg and that I had to deal with. On the fifth day I was give out, exhausted may be a better word. Also I was having dizzy spells and an unbalance feeling in my walk and riding. I first noticed it on the fifth day while riding.

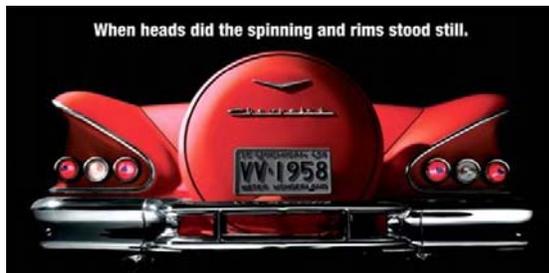
As going over it in my mind I decided that it was too dangerous due to my health condition to ride the sixth day. After all, this was going to be another 75 miles and was one of the most dangerous roads that we would ride on this trip. The main road we would travel had a high traffic count.



I also decided not to ride the last day due to the health issue. Overall it was a good trip and weather was beautiful for all seven days in the first week of October 2011. Decision for 2012?

Dewey Fox

Someone sent me an email with the front of these old classics. I couldn't resist putting them in the newsletter. They bring back a lot of memories for all of us. You may have had one at some point in your life. It was a time when it didn't matter if the car styling was the same as all the rest or not. It seemed at this period, they were all different and it was a time of some of the best car designs in automotive history. I just love the '57 Chevy and believe it is the best looking car of all times. How many can you remember?



## THE MASTERS 2011



You may recognize him, the guy in the yellow shirt. Yes, it's the famous golfer Jack Nicklaus.

Jack showed up at the practice green while I was at The Masters in April. He didn't play golf, but I think he was an honorary guest. Jack is in his mid or late sixties. It had been seven years since I was chosen for the tickets. It's like you put your name in the hat and if they draw your name, you can go with a few friends. Up to four tickets. You can try for tickets, see [master.com](http://master.com).

## Glen Alpine Grand Reunion in Glen Alpine Parade.



The Glen Alpine Grand Reunion Committee entered a float in the 4th of July parade. One of the many things they did for awareness of the upcoming event.



Looking for some where to go next July 4th? Why not, try out the "Red, White and Bluegrass Festival" in Morganton, N. C. Usually runs for five days, first day free and then reasonable entry fees for the other four days. With a big fireworks ending on the 4th of July. There are usually 30-40 bluegrass bands each year. You can also bring your camper and spend the week. The dates are usually June 30 through July 4th. I have worked the gates for the last three years.

Give it a try, you may like it.



In picture to left is one of the groups that sang their bluegrass at the 2011 Morganton Festival. Of all names, their group is "Sweet Potato Pie." How can

you not like a group with a name like that? Sweet bluegrass music, and delicious sweet potato pie.

**Those in the Glen Alpine Class of 1960 that attended the Grand Glen Alpine High School Reunion.**



Rod and Annie EGGERS Chapman

"We hadn't seen Ann since the 2003 Class Reunion."



Susan and Wayne Whisenant

"Enjoying all the old acquaintances."



Louie and Letha Hawkins

"Is this a great couple or not?"



Brenda and Richard Penley

"Next year, I believe will be their 50th."

Email from Ann EGGERS,  
Hi Dewey,  
It was GREAT to see you again last night. Had hoped to get back with you before leaving, but in that sea of people (which was wonderful) it was difficult to find anyone. Ha.

Thanks for encouraging me to go. It was a blessing and a truly heartwarming event.  
Annie

It was good to see all the faces again of the 1960 class as well as all the other folks, classmates, that I haven't seen in many, many years, in some cases over 50 years.

With an estimation of over 700 attendees it was impossible to see everyone. Especially when you are discussing old times. It's amazing to see how we each have gone our separate ways and ended up as we have!

If for some reason you were at the Grand GA Reunion and your picture is not here it is because I did not see you. Sorry for the miscommunication.



Dewey and Martha Fox

"As usual, Dewey and Martha going along with the party."



Kathy and Joe Greene

"Only 'Iced tea' in Joe's hand."



Olivia BLACK Byrd

"What a smile on a cute classmate."



Judie ARROWOOD Roper

"Sweet and lovely as ever."