

BHS CLASS OF 1976 35th Class Reunion!

May 27-28, 2011



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Remembering our Classmates

*We have no choice when we enter this world.
We have no choice when we leave this world.
Choose wisely in between.*



Tom Applegate



Mark Crews



Ann Daniel



Mark Ferrar



Mark Fry



Chuck Herter

Time

Don't forget time has an eraser. Have you seen someone disappear suddenly?
Don't forget time heals all wounds, yet can't it deeply wound?
Don't forget time is a friend or an enemy, which one is it?

Time might be your best friend; don't trust it.
Time rules and has taken advantage of many.
Time can be a thief; it will rob from you.

Don't waste time; you may not get it back.
Don't undervalue time; it can't be bought.
Don't take time for granted, honor it.



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What Have You Been Doing?
Working, traveling, getting old!



January 19, 1976—Jimmy Carter wins the Democratic Iowa Caucus.



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

I thought a lot of things were funny in HS ... why? A funny event was during a freshman science class when someone (?) brought in a field mouse to run a maze. Immediately after the wild mouse was dropped into the boxed maze, it jumped right out, ran across the room, and climbed up inside Terry Brewer's pant leg. Crazy!!

Favorite Quote: “Carry On” – Lynn Herzeberger

What Have You Been Doing?

Still living in Tampa, FL., and working at an all woman's hospital...wishing I had paid more attention in Spanish class so I can communicate with all the “baby daddies.” My hobbies include happy hour on Fridays, beach and boating on weekends. I also take care of 3 kids, a job, a husband, and 2 Labradors during the week.



Terri Carlton

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What Have You Been Doing?

I haven't been doing much. I still live in Beardstown and work at Cargill. My daughter attends college in Knoxville, Tennessee so I do get there a couple of times a year. I have been divorced for three years. That was a big adjustment in my life, but doing well.



March 20, 1976—Patty Hearst is found guilty of armed robbery of a San Francisco Bank.



“Just what future the Designer of the universe has provided for the souls of men I do not know, I cannot prove. But I find that the whole order of Nature confirms my confidence that, if it is not like our noblest hopes and dreams, It will transcend them.”—Henry Norris Russell



Tim Clark

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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

Being basketball and football manager, and my Dean Martin impression.

What Have you Been Doing?

Still working in Springfield—35 years with IL Secretary of State. Married for 12 yrs. We now have 3 adopted kids. Deb works part-time as a dispatcher with Cass County and babysits a lot for our friend's children.



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Best or Funniest Memory in School:

Being a member of the Ugly Manager's Club.

Favorite Quote:

"When in doubt, don't do it!"—Unknown



What Have You Been Doing?

Got married to Cheryl. Spend as much time as I can with my kids and grandkids, which there will be never enough time.



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What's Going on in Your Life?

Teaching FACS at BHS, and I'm involved with church and family.



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What Have You Been Doing?

I still work for Cass Co. Mental Health as a Homecare Aide Supervisor. I have worked there almost 25 years. Joe and I have two beautiful granddaughters. Gretchnyn is almost 3 and Raeghan is 7 months. Needless to say, they are the joy of our life. We enjoy spending most of our free time with our daughter, Missy, and granddaughters.



May 25, 1976—U.S. President Gerald Ford defeats challenger Ronald Reagan in 3 Republican presidential primaries: Kentucky, Tennessee and Oregon



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What Have You Been Doing?

In the last 5 years I have gained a son-in-law, as well as my first grandchild. I'm still working as an optician. I hope the next time we get together I will be retired. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again.



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

Helping with musicals.

Favorite Quote: “Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but how we react to what happens.” –Unknown

What Have You Been Doing?

I'm living in Superior, WI, working as a vocation's specialist teaching job skills. We travel to Houston twice a year to visit our son and daughter-in-law (no grand babies yet!). We still have two in college and living at home. I spend a great deal of time researching health issues, and much thanks to Tad C., tending my precious forms!! I'm excited to be learning bead weaving!



2006 30th Year Class Reunion
Steve Ritter, Scott Gillenwater, Joe Hyde, Jim Lewis, Mike Cooper



"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, It will be because we destroyed ourselves."—Abraham Lincoln



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:
Mr. Paveska ... and most I can't mention!

Favorite Quote: “Woo Wee!” – Winnie

What Have You Been Doing?

Using all the knowledge that came from BHS!



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What Have You Been Doing?

Eric and I have been married for 34 years now; I don't think it will ever last! We travel a couple of times a year to Mexico and Las Vegas. We now have 6 grandchildren whom I adore!! I try to help Chad & Schuyler by keeping their little ones while they are working!! I love it! For Mother's Day, Eric gave ME a pontoon boat!! I think we will be spending a lot of time of Lake Jacksonville. I'm so sorry to have missed everyone but love keeping up to date on Facebook with you!!! Have a great time this weekend and hopefully I'll be around to come the next reunion!!!!



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July 4, 1976—United States Bicentennial: From coast to coast, the United States celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



“I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.”—Abraham Lincoln



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

Lots of good memories – working on floats, prom, band trips, Spanish class, and teaching 3rd graders Spanish.

What Have You Been Doing?

I have a grandson who will be 2 by our reunion. I went to 4 days a week at work so I could babysit him one day a week. Also, by the reunion, I will have another grandson. Both of the boys have married. I am very busy working as licensed clinical professional counselor & RN, and I volunteer work through the Exchange Club. We've been very busy the last 5 years.



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

Too many great memories and can't decide what to talk about, but maybe band trips and art club.

Favorite Quote: “What will be, will be!”-Unkown

What Have You Been Doing?

Married, 2 kids – Amber now 30 yrs. old and RJ now 15 yrs. old. We have a granddaughter, Riley Jo, now 4 yrs. old. I worked as a teacher's aide but have been laid off since the accident. I'm not a lady of leisure, like to paint, and wanting to go back to work.



Brenda Elmore Halpin

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What Have You Been Doing?

I've been working for Ameren almost 35 years. Our son, Trent, got married the first of May and I became a grandma March 31. Our daughter graduates from High School May 22, our youngest is a sophomore. I've been on lots of fun vacations with my family—Myrtle Beach, Las Vegas, and a Caribbean cruise.



August 4, 1976—The first recognized outbreak of Legionnaires' disease kills 29 at the American Legion convention in Philadelphia.



*“Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go;
They merely determine where you start.”—Nido Qubein*



Scott & Debbie Hamilton

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Favorite Quote: “Live a good life, and in the end, it’s not the years in a life, it’s the life in the years.”—Unknown

What Have You Been Doing?

After teaching up north for 24 years, we returned to teach at BHS. Scott teaches Driver’s Ed and Health. Debbie teaches business and computer courses. With only 3 years to retirement, we have moved to a house on the lake at Petersburg.



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

Mr. Pigg and the library, letting us skip class, Campus Inn and playing pinball, Mrs. Hedden’s class, the girls were her favorites! And the best is "Party at the Pits"!

Favorite Quote: “Party at the Pits!”—LP

What Have You Been Doing?

I’m a nurse at CMH, and have been in the nursing profession since 1977, working Geriatrics, but have also worked in Detox and Psych units. Married to Jeff, have one son (Adam age 18). Our family built a winery in Mt. Sterling, which keeps us busy. I had cancer in 1995, and have been in remission since. I’m living life and enjoying every minute of it.



Kelly Gish Hardwick

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Favorite Quote: "At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent."—Barbara Bush

What Have You Been Doing?

Helping Mike! In the last five years S.W. and Erin have both married, and we were blessed with our first grandson, Brody!!



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Facebook is a quick and easy way to stay in touch!



Mary Jo Foster Howell

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What Have You Been Doing?

I've been married to Dave for a long time. We have one kid thru college, one thru grad school, and our last one is a sophomore college athlete. I enjoy walking, riding my scooter, traveling to ballgames. I'm addicted to iPad, and iPhone! Currently, I've been focusing on plans for Whit's June 2012 wedding. I still work full-time at Cargill.

Maybe someday I'll retire, but for now I'm perfectly content!



Richard Jokisch

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Favorite Quote:

There's more to life than drinking.

What Have You Been Doing?

Working and enjoying life!



Nancy Armbrust Klebe

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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

The fun and shenanigans during the musicals, drama club and speech class brought the funniest memories. The best memories are those of friends.

Favorite Quote:

"Today is a brand-new, never before lived in day, what will you do with it?"—

Unknown

What Have You Been Doing?

Retiring, becoming a Grandma not once but 3 times, traveling, quilting, soap making, serving at church and enjoying our family.



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

Band trips and concerts, including wearing a wig and mini skirt and singing Harper Valley PTA. Dances above the old Legion, and slumber parties afterwards.

Favorite Quote:

“Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.”—Abraham Lincoln

What Have You Been Doing?

The last five years have brought both good and bad. We lost my brother, David, in a motorcycle accident in 2008 and dad passed away in 2009. Otherwise, I’m still CFO at the bank and living the quiet life in Arenzville (except for that cruise with Scott & Debbie Hamilton last summer!).



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What Have You Been Doing?

I graduated from Homeopathy School and practice part-time, still work in Urgent Care. I’ve went to Haiti the past 7 years as a volunteer, and started blogging at gmeyer28.wordpress.com .



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June 13, 1976—Savage thunderstorms roll through the state of Iowa spawning several tornadoes, including an F-5 tornado destroys the town of Jordan, Iowa.



Sarah Cox Pohl

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What Have You Been Doing?

Finishing 26th year at Kishwaukee College – current position is Dean of Career Technologies Division. Both sons (Jake & Nick) are in college. Loyd and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in late November in Hawaii. That definitely spoiled us for winter weather! Sorry to miss the festivities! We have the H. Graduation of our dear friends to attend.



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:
When I asked, "Who is Helen Keller anyway?"

Favorite Quote: "Anyone want to go roadin'?"—Unknown

What Have You Been Doing?

I work, eat and sleep! I'm a surveyor at a firm in Iowa City and am busy with our farms. Nancy is still teaching. Gabe is a geophysicist in the Houston area. Mariah is a PE teacher & coach in Iowa City. Troyer is at Iowa State University & still playing soccer.



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What Have You Been Doing?

I've been working at Cargill. We have 3 grandchildren: Ryan, Tyler, and Jason Matthew.



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Kelly Gish Hardwick, Jan Bley Rohde,
Mary Jo Foster Howell, Bean Burrus Briody



"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."—Albert Einstein



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

Trip to New York, Trip to Bahamas, Marching Band, Chorus.

Favorite Quote:

“I care not much for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it.”—Abraham Lincoln

What Have You Been Doing?

Our son, Justin, got married two years ago, so we immediately inherited a daughter, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Daisy, 11, and Chris, 9, spend a lot of weekends and granny and grandpa’s house, and we love every minute of it. We’re looking forward to having them much of the summer.

I’m now in my 13th year of Tippey Designs / Web Design and Development, and have been writing Christian music (www.teritippey.com) since 1988, and blessed to have had some songs recorded by other artists. As an ordained minister, I enjoy teaching, and one-on-one counseling. I love trying to help people whenever I can.

I hope to continually be evolving, so I don’t see a retirement on the horizon any time soon, nor do I want to. Retirement can come when I shut my eyes for the last time on earth; simply too much to do and experience while here. I’m thankful for each day I can experience life!



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Our Host –MANY THANKS, Fern!!!



2006 30th Class Reunion

Lori Wells Rogers, Linda Petri Hanold, Lugene Fussel Watkins



*“Someday, I’ll be big enough so you can’t hit me, and all you’re ever gonna be is mean.
Why you gotta be so mean?”—Taylor Swift*



Kevin Turner

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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

No teacher made learning more enjoyable than Mr. Kight. Lots of other great memories of other classes, band, etc.

Favorite Quote:

“It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one’s mouth and relieve all doubt.”— Abraham Lincoln

“When I die, I want to go peacefully, like my Grandfather did, in his sleep—not screaming, like the passengers in his car.”—Unknown

What Have You Been Doing?

Divorced in 2007 after 15 years of marriage. In January of this year I accepted the position of IT Director of the State Board of Elections. I’m still actively playing music on the weekends and still flying airplanes as much as time permits.



Lugene Fussel Watkins

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Best or Funniest Memories in School:

I have a lot of good memories of working at the Campus Inn after school. I pretty much played the Juke Box and was either playing pool or the pin ball machines, hanging out with friends—just to think I worked there!! That was fun!

What Have You Been Doing?

I’m still working at the Post Office. My husband had to take a job on the road, so he’s gone a lot. I spend a lot of time with friends going to concerts, comedy clubs, happy hour, the beach, and cruises; just enjoying life. After 31 years of marriage and raising three kids, I deserve it!! Ha!

My stepson, Jason, is currently deployed in Afghanistan. My son, Luke, and daughter, Kelsey, are getting married in a double ceremony in July. And, I’m expecting my first grandchild in December. This is a very good year for me. I couldn’t be happier!



2006 Class Reunion
Bean Burrus Briody, Kelly Gish Hardwick



2001 - Joe Hyde, Mike Yost, Don Coil, Kevin Turner,
Greg Meyer, Tom Haider, Jerry Rohn



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Best or Funniest Memories in School: Marching band

Favorite Quote: “You are what you eat!”—Unknown

What Have You Been Doing? Raising kids, grandkids, and working full-time.



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Best or Funniest Memories in School:
Finding Jerry Rohn lying in a cemetery with a flower on his chest during a cross country meet.

Favorite Quote:
“You guys aren’t even has-beens. You’re a bunch of never-wasses!”—Coach Hembrough

What Have You Been Doing?
Still working at the bank in Virginia, and enjoying chasing after our granddaughter, Myah. She’ll be two in June.



September 24, 1976

Patricia Hearst is sentenced to 7 years in prison for her role in a 1974 bank robbery (an executive clemency order from U.S. President Jimmy Carter will set her free after only 22 months).



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Mike Yost, Carol Pilger Drawve, Mary Jo Foster Howell, Bean Burrus Briody, Joe Hyde



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Jimmy Carter was elected over Gerald Ford in 1976. His tenure was a time of continuing inflation and recession, as well as an energy crisis. On January 7, 1980, Carter signed Law H.R. 5860 aka Public Law 96-185 known as *The Chrysler Corporation Loan Guarantee Act of 1979* bailing out Chrysler Corporation. He led the plan to deregulate the airline industry. He canceled military pay raises during a time of high inflation and government deficits. He declared amnesty to Vietnam draft dodgers. He encouraged energy conservation, installed solar panels on the White House, and wore sweaters while turning down the heat.

While attempting to calm various conflicts around the World, most visibly in the Middle East resulting in the signing of the Camp David Accords, giving back the Panama Canal and signing the SALT II nuclear arms reduction treaty with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, the final year of his administration was marred by the Iran hostage crisis, which contributed to his losing his 1980 re-election campaign to Ronald Reagan.



October 21, 1976—The Cincinnati Reds sweep the New York Yankees in four games to win the 1976 World Series.

November 26, 1976—Microsoft is officially registered with the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Mexico.

December 20, 1976—Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago for 21 years, dies.



**Don't forget to let us know if your contact info changes.
We look forward to seeing you in 2016 for our
40th class reunion, if not before!!**

*“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow.
The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”—Abraham Lincoln*

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