



Lost Us or Moved?

Be sure to let us know or you will miss out on the good news! Hint: If you forget Kay or Ron's Email go to web page and bookmark it! Then drop notes from either of the mail drops!

HHS CLASS OF '61 Web Page:

www.kansasconnections.com/reunion/reunion_time.htm

or to Kay: klmr@sbcglobal.net

Thanks for Newsletter articles, notes & photos:

Hutch news, Whats Up Hutch, Charles Hyter, Karen (McCue) Herdt & Steve Stout.

Remembering in Sympathy:

Sadness Correction:

Bessie (Coleman) Bell

11-3-1920 ~ 6-6-2009

Remembered in June Newsletter info was CORRECT, BUT this should have been the '61 yr/book photo. So sorry for confusion & thanks to Karen McCue Herdt for helping me get it right.



GOOD NEWS - No Known Class Sadness as of this date. Please help us stay current. Calls & Emails are welcome on this or any other item of interest.



Visit our class web page for full personal information, click on URL for obit access.

'Think about giving to our Memorial Scholarship Fund!'

It sure would be nice to see healthy a balance so we can begin giving scholarships out on our 50th. Don't forget that's only 2 yrs away!!! Also start sharing ideas as they come to you & start planning to be there!

We need You to make it a Great Event!

To make donations to our Class Scholarship Fund: Make checks to 'Hutchinson Community Foundation' and mark them for 'HHS Class of '61 Memorial Scholarship' Mail them to;

Hutchinson Community Foundation
1 N. Main, Hutchinson KS. 67501

These donations are tax deductible.

I'm Rich...

This morning I searched my wallet.
It was empty.
Then, I checked my pockets
I found a few coins
I then searched my heart and found you.
Then, I realized how rich I really am.

Thanks for being my friend and e-mail buddy!
May you be as rich as I am
Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass
It's about learning to dance in the rain.

Kansas State Fair Site: <http://www.kansasstatefair.com/>
Plan to attend from out of town you need to find place to stay with family or friends!!! Hotels are Full Up, for miles around!

Seen & Heard In or Around Hutchinson:

Microburst hits Hutchinson, 6-17-09

Newsletter had pretty much just gone out with many reports of local weather & damages when another microburst hit Hutch. Lots of downed power poles, trees, glass breakages and even flattened metal building near 2nd & Monroe. Stores & graphic photos: <http://www.hutchnews.com/Localregional/losepower> & <http://www.hutchnews.com/Nextdaylead/morewind>

Latest update on Memorial Hall (Convention Hall)

<http://www.hutchnews.com/Todaystop/memorialhall>

Many have felt for a long time it was a money pit & likely is but...she remains a Grand Ole Gal with great acoustics & space for large gatherings. ☺
This is corrected story!



Reports on The Big 3rd Thursday Happening of 6-18-09:

What's Up Hutch: To see photos & videos:

<http://www.whatsuphutch.com/What-s-Up-Hutch-Pic-of-the-Week/Third-Thursday-Pics-and-Vids/menu-id-1.html>

Kudos to Committee: Donna (Dehart) Brigman & Alice Jane (Reed) Hayes & Jennifer Randals.

For future happenings check: <http://www.hutchchamber.com/>

' Shop, See the Art, Listen to the Music, or People Watch, but'
"Come Share Our Space!"

Online Sites of Interest: 2009 Custom Car Show

Hutch & lots more see:

<http://www.hutchrodrun.com/index.asp>

Hutchinson Magazine can be found & read on line:

(Sunflower Pub <http://www.sunflowerpub.com/>)

See all New: **Summer 09 (Current)** Issue is filled with must see & read goodies, from Hedrick's Exotic Animal Farm to The Anchor Inn:

http://issuu.com/sunflower_publishing/docs/hm09su_issuu?mode=embed&layout=http%3A%2F%2Fskin.issuu.com%2Fv%2Fdark%2Flayout.xml&showFlipBtn=true

Check out these sites frequentation for new happenings & news events on local site.

Hutchinson News: <http://www.hutchnews.com/> <home site

Whats Up Hutch: <http://www.whatsuphutch.com/> <home site
(lots of local/Hutch color, tid-bits & blogs of interest & happening photos and video clips if you search)

New Happenings/Events:

Expanding Downtown Hutch enthusiasm is working! Recent times we have had a burst of Car Shows, Historic Walks, Openings, Festivals, 3rd Thursday and most recently, Explore Hutch. This event started as a venue for the Cosmophere even but turned in to city wide chance to enjoy, learn & show off some of Hutch's businesses and attractions: *(plan to hear more in the future)*

<http://www.hutchnews.com/Localregional/ahours>

Building up Education, School uncovers Buried History:::

Time capsule (Mason Jar) from 1947 class secrets uncovered:

<http://www.hutchnews.com/Localregional/Schoolhistory>



Classmate Highlight'



Lonny McCurdy

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#### Life with father:

If that retirement date ever arrives, the business will pass into the hands of Braden and Megan.

"One of the really big things has been seeing my kids develop," McCurdy said. "I know they're good workers, and I know they're honest."

It was easy for Braden to make the transition into work with his dad; a little tougher for Megan to enter a traditionally male-dominated occupation.

"For a long time, I didn't think I would, actually," Megan said. "But the auction business is something that hooks you, gets in your blood."

"It's been a fun industry, a fun business," Braden said. "You see something different every day."

Both were hooked by their father's enthusiasm and love for the business.

"You see what he's done, the business he's created," Megan said. "My dad's very committed to doing things the right way, and you don't see him do anything questionable."

"There are auction houses out there that aren't real reputable, and he's strived to give this business a good name."

"He's just an energetic, good people person," Braden said.

"There's a fair amount of a dose of entertainment working with him. He's funny, witty, and he's got a great ability to lighten the mood at any moment. He's really talented at problem-solving."

The biggest factor pulling McCurdy away from his life's work are two grandchildren: his son Scott's kids Addison and Jude.

"That looks awfully good to me, being able to spend a little more time with those grandkids," McCurdy said, smiling broadly.

If Addison and Jude win out over auctions — and it sounds as if they eventually will — McCurdy wants his legacy to the profession to remain constant.

"I want people to know that at one of our auctions, it's a fair and true process," he said.

"The auction business is one of the last true free enterprise businesses in the world. I hope everyone realizes that you have to be honest, have integrity and be transparent or you won't last in the auction business."

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Home Address: 7008 E. 14<sup>th</sup>, Wichita KS 67206

Read full article & see video of Lon in action for those of you who missed our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Auction.

Lon brought all his equipment inc. sound system.

He & Doc Gingerich shared auctioning duties along with Lon's daughter Megan, who took on a few of the Class related Items. Megan's definitely following dad's passion.

<http://www.kansas.com/business/story/876335.html>

Lonny in action below & w/Megan >>>



## Your Corner:

I had note from Steve Stout says he had recently brought a contingent of Chinese to his home town after hearing they'd like, "to see a glimpse of main street USA so I thought what better place than Hutchinson, Kansas. They flew in to Wichita by private jet and I met them there. They were most impressed with our shopping mall, The Cosmosphere, grain elevators, and farm country.

One of the Ladies particularly enjoyed meeting my 90 year old aunt who lives at Good Samaritan."

Too bad they did not get to see & enjoy the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.

Steve works for Liberty Hardware & travels extensively.

To contact Steve: [sstout@libertyhardware.com](mailto:sstout@libertyhardware.com)

3001 Peninsula Dr., Jamestown NC 27282 or 336-6881799-C

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Cancellation Notice – CO. Springs HHS Multi-class Reunion

Due to a lack of positive response & conflict with scheduled dates, the multi-class reunion of Hutchinson High School alums is being canceled.

They stated that they have not given up on putting on another multi-class reunion. Next time will try to do a better job with the planning & execution phase.

For those of you who did register, your check will be returned to you immediately.

Thanks for your interest & sorry for the inconvenience.

Dick Miller, Diane Kirk Wengler, Jim King, Co-Chairpersons
"If you have interest in receiving their direct E-mail info.

Contact: Dick Miller" dickmiller2000@earthlink.net

This note has been edited for space.

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### **Retirement: Kent Ewing:**

Kent sent me brief note. "I finally retired

after 39 yrs. working for Cessna Aircraft

Company. Wife Marti & I plan to travel &

visit the 3 grandkids in Indiana. My

retirement date was 6/19/09 and since that

date I have played 126 holes of golf." (note rec'd June 26<sup>th</sup>)

After a few notes back 'n forth, as well as request for photos, of event or just recent times, I have decided he is v-privately enjoying his retirement and we all wish he & Marti all the best with many happy times!

Contact Kent & Marti: 3313 North Pershing, Hutch 67502

620-662-9961 or [kentandmarti@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kentandmarti@sbcglobal.net)

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Retirement: Ron Montandon:

Ron retired from Hutchinson Police Dept

after ___ yrs. He then went to work at the

prison or HCF (Hutchinson Correction Facility)

on June 5th. He says he took off a week &

started a new job as Bill Collector. OMG! During his week off he says Shirley had a 'Honey Do' list for him and he says, "he did not know how he had time to work" ...oh well, at least he now

has regular hours. He is working days & sleep nights rather than shift change every few months or working nights at prison.

Ron is & continues to be our Web Host & Web Master. He maintains & updates the site at no charge to us.

Kudo's & thanks for all you do Ron!

Contact Ron & Shirley: 3104 N. Halstead, Hutch 67502

620 513 0381 or rmontandon@cox.net or from 2nd mail drop on web page.

WhooooWhooo, Way to Go Guys! Congrats Guys!

Neither would share more info...☹ ... too shy I guess?

**Had more local interest stuff but can only do 2 pages, so stay tuned for next month!

Don't forget to share your interesting happenings too!

Be Safe & Be Happy!