

Class of '68 reunites



Photo provided

Members of the DeKalb County High School class of 1968 attending their 50th reunion are, front row from left, Neal Kight, Judy Foster Alsup, Bobbie Jeffries Young, Patti Williams Coe, Janie Pack Bundy, Kenneth Wayne Pack, Jackie Wilson Carter, Judy Hendrixson Vanatta and Carolyn Rankhorn McBride. Second row, from left, William David Frazier, Beth Amonett, Brenda Thweatt Colwell, Wanda Sandlin Scott, Karen Neely Goines, Janice Cantrell, Karen Bogle Fite, Carolyn Hildreth Agee, Dorothy League Hayes, Deborah Knowles and Annie Mai Bain Waler. Third row, from left, Gary Driver, Danny Conger, Danny Parkerson, Carol Cope Foster, Judy Robinson Sanders, Gearline George Jones, Marie Vaughn Taylor, Marie McBride Hill, Deborah Snow Magness and Wanna Finn Foster. Back row, from left, Boyd Cantrell, Steve Cope, Thomas Groom, Donald Maynard, Henri Duhot, Alice Ervin Moseley, Kathy Judkins Withers, David Burger, Joey Phillips, Bernard Houk and Kenward Griffith.

Fifty years can pass in the blink of an eye. Just ask the class of 1968 who met for its 50th reunion recently.

It was a fun evening of fellowship, laughter, catching up and reliving old memories," reported class member Kenward Griffith.

The event included some prizes. David Burger easily won the traveled the farthest award coming from Japan. Dorothy League Hayes was recognized for having been married the longest, 50 years. Brenda Thweatt Colwell has the most grandchildren with eight. The group voted Janie Pack Bundy the least changed after 50 years and Neil Kight the most changed after 50 years.

"We were also honored to have several members of the 1968 faculty attend the event," Griffith revealed, noting faculty attending were Mrs. Ann Puckett, Mrs. Ina Ruth Bess, Mr. James Cantrell, Mr. Mike Braswell, Mr. W. C. Braswell, and Coach Harold Luna. "Where have the years gone?"

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUTUMN DANCE SEPT. 14

An autumn dance to benefit the DeKalb Senior Center will be held Sept. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Mike Foster Multipurpose Center at 712 South Congress featuring the band Cripple Creek. Cost is \$5 and under 12 is free.

ROADBLOCKS ON SEPT. 14

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a driver license checkpoint Sept. 14 on State Route 56 in DeKalb County. Recognizing the danger presented to the public by drivers that are under the influence and unqualified drivers, Troopers will concentrate their efforts on vehicles being operated by drivers that violate the driver license laws of Tennessee. The Tennessee Highway Patrol has found driver license to be an effective means of enforcing driver license laws of Tennessee while ensuring the protection of all Motorists.

KARATE TOURNAMENT SEPT. 15

Center Hill Martial Arts Club is hosting the second annual open style karate tournament on Sept. 15, in the Dekalb Community Center auditorium at 712 South Congress Blvd. Smithville. Competitors should arrive at 9 a.m., doors will open to the public at 10 a.m. The event charges \$8 for spectators, and \$40 per competitor for all events. The traveling competition team will hold a bake sale, and beverages will be available. This year the tournament will be held in honor of the former head instructor Shihan Douglas Ross, who passed away earlier this year. Events that competitors may enter include fighting, forms, weapons forms, and a creative Kata division. Black Belts will compete first, then all colored

belt events will take place.

BOUTIQUE MADNESS AT NHC SEPT. 15

Boutique Madness will be held Sept. 15, 2018 from 9-5 in the back parking lot of their facility located at 825 Fisher Ave, Smithville. Several vendors will be on hand for shopping as well as food available for purchase. Admission is \$3, children five years-old and under free, and all money raised will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

REVIVAL

Revival will be held Sept. 16-21 at Smithville Free Will Baptist Church at 500 Bright Hill Road at 7 p.m. nightly with Chris Rumpf Sunday through Tuesday and Rudy Oakes Wednesday through Friday. Special singing each night.

LADY WARRIORS OF CHRIST MEET SEPT. 22

Lady Warriors of Christ will meet at noon Sept. 22 at The House of Prayer at 690 Bright Hill Road. Come as you are.

REEDER REUNION SEPT. 29

The Reeder reunion for the relatives of Julius and Vinnie Mae Reeder will be held Sept. 29 beginning at 10 a.m. at Green Brook Park. Bring a covered dish for noon lunch along with family photos.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE AUG. 31-SEPT. 29

The Alexandria and Justin Potter Library's Book Sale will start on Friday, Aug. 31 and will continue through Saturday, Sept. 29. There will be books, audio books, videos and magazines for sale at great prices. The libraries are accepting donations of books

and movies that are in good condition for their book sale. We request no textbooks, magazines or encyclopedias, please. For additional information, contact Justin Potter Library at 615-597-4359 or the Alexandria Library at 615-529-4124. Visit us on our website dekalblibraries.net or Facebook.

PAISLEE'S FOUNDATION 5TH ANNUAL CRAFT AND HOME SHOW OCT. 13

Paislee's Foundation 5th annual craft and home show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 13 inside the Kenneth Sandlin Building at the DeKalb County Fairgrounds in Alexandria. Admission is free. Booths available for \$25. Proceeds go to Paislee's Foundation to benefit families dealing with still birth and infant loss. For info call Darcie at 615-464-5139 or email paisleesfoundation@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ADCOCK CEMETERY DONATIONS FOR UPKEEP

Anyone with family buried at Adcock Cemetery is asked to make donations for mowing. Make checks payable to Winnie Petty at 235 Petty Road, Smithville, TN 37166.

LOCAL HELP CENTER NEEDS HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY

His Love Help Center has been providing free clothes, shoes, medical items and etc. for over three years to people in our community. They serve all walks of life, such as single parents, the elderly, fire victims, and more. At the current location (1100 S. College St.) the Help Center has

to pay rent, phone, water, gas and electric. In order to stay open and to continue serving our community it needs your help. If you feel you are able to provide financial help, have a building they can use or a one-time donation please stop by the help center or call 615-597-(love) 5683.

HELP WANTED - BE A CARIS HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TODAY

Do you enjoy giving support and being a good listener to those around you? If your answer is yes, then becoming a Caris Hospice Volunteer could be for you. Please contact Gail Evans, Volunteer Coordinator at 888-537-3430 or visit the website at www.carishealthcare.com for more information or to apply.

ALEXANDRIA OLE TIMERS DAY SEPT. 15

Alexandria City Ole Timers Day and 3rd Annual Alexandria Fire Department cook will be Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be food, vendors and singing!! There will also be a bike run with registration from 10-11 a.m.

EARN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA THROUGH FREE CLASSES

There are free classes held at the DeKalb County Complex, Room 119 Monday - Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is Monday 3:30 - 7 p.m. and Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon. Don't see a time that works with your schedule? Ask about special appointments. Call 855-516-0160 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Classes are funded under a grant with the State of Tennessee and the Department

of Labor and Workforce Development.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

The McMinnville Alanon group meets Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, 1024 Faulkner Springs Road in McMinnville. Local meetings are held at Haven of Hope, 301 West Main Street in Smithville on Fridays at 11 a.m. For more information call 615-597-4673.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

A Domestic Violence Support Group is held for women in the community at Haven of Hope in Smithville. For more information, please call 615-597-4673.

DEKALB ANIMAL COALITION

The DeKalb Animal Coalition will suspended its meetings for the summer but will pick back up the first Thursday in September at 6:30 p.m. in the second story of city hall.

SMITHVILLE HEAD START CENTER

L.B.J. & C. Head Start is currently accepting applications to provide free comprehensive child development services to children three- five years of age from low-income families in a full-day program. Services are also offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. L.B.J. & C. Head Start helps all children succeed. L.B.J. & C. Head Start provides children with activities that help them grow mentally, socially, emotionally, and physically. For more information contact the Smithville Head Start Center at 615-597-5168.

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