

EHS Alumni Reunion  
EVARTS HIGH SCHOOL REUNION  
September 3 – September 5, 2004  
Plan To Attend and Visit With Your  
Former Classmates!

**2004 REUNION CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Agenda for Homecoming Weekend:**

Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Leadership and Career .....September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Food and Mingling.....6:00-12:00 midnight  
Reunion Bowl, Evarts vs. Harlan (at Harlan)..... 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

Registration.....9:00 a.m.  
Business Session in Gym and Halls of Honor.....11:00 a.m.  
Lunch.....12:00-2:00 p.m.  
Individual Class Reunions.....1:00-7:00p.m.  
Dance (Disco' Bill Peterson).....7:00-12:00 midnight

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> ( Please see 'Class Notes' below for exact times and locations)

Highsplint, Ridgeway, Shields and Louellen Reunion  
Ages-Brookside Reunion  
All former residents welcome. Food and drinks will be available.  
Black Mountain Reunion 1:00 p.m. at the park beside Elva's store.  
Please bring your own seating and refreshments.

**Greetings From Your Evarts High School Alumni Association**

Dear EHS Classmates,

It is with deep regret that this usually upbeat newsletter to EHS Alumni across the country must pass along terribly sad news. After some 8 years or so battling an affliction determined to rid it of life, Evarts High School finally was dealt a death blow by actions of the Harlan County Board of Education. After at least three laborious, time consuming and in-depth studies by various panels scattered through the last 8 years or so, reported and recommended to the Board either a new school, (which you will recall never happened) a committee at the board instead determined to just ignore all the

panels conclusions and request a 'waiver' from the State Board of Education to consolidate EHS, Cumberland and Cawood High School into one giant consolidated high school. Reportedly a combined support group of Evarts High School and Cumberland High School are interested in litigation in an effort to save both schools. However, unless construction of the new consolidated school proceeds along the lines of the new EHS construction approved by the Board many years back, the new school will be in operation long before any law suit would be ended.

According to reports from the 'waiver' hearing, the State Board apparently agrees that a 'Big New School' for all (EHS, Cumberland and Cawood will cure the ills of continued low test results of all three schools. Presumably the 'Bigger is better' theory will work in Harlan County, although it is basically frowned on across the country as a failure. Figures initially indicate the new school will be for about 1300 students. I am told the Ky. Board itself however recommended schools of 500. (?)

In any event, it appears that EHS, reputedly the oldest school in the state, will soon be gone. We wish all our Cloverfork students the best of luck in the days to come. We expect they will adjust to the extra hours each day of bussing to and from school to the 'near Harlan' location of the new school.

Regardless of where our Cloverfork students end up in high school, your association will continue its efforts to help 'our' students. Our organizational laws are set up to help 'our' kids and we will continue all possible efforts to do so.

A celebration of the life of EHS will again take place this coming Labor Day Weekend. Come join us as we greet old classmates, friends and Alumni, and give each other support as we cope with the passing of an 'Old, Old Friend.' (EHS 1936-200?)

Gayle G. Huff

EHS Alumni & Scholarship Assoc., Inc.

### **CLASS NOTES**

Our Treasurer now is Evelyn Philpot, she can be reached at 203 Philpot Lane, Evarts, Kentucky 40828. E-Mail: [evelynphilpot@hillbillymail.com](mailto:evelynphilpot@hillbillymail.com)

The Annual Highsplint, Shields and Ridgeway Reunion will be held Sunday, Sept. 5 at the Cloverfork Museum at Highsplint. Dinner will be held at 1:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome. For more information call Evelyn Philpot at 606-837-3220.

The Ages-Brookside Reunion will be held Sunday, Sept. 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ages School House. All current and former residents are invited.

The Louellen Reunion will be Sunday, Sept. 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Louellen Lake.

### **Disco' Bill Returns!**

By popular demand of our alums Disco' Bill Peterson, (58) will be handling the "Music & Dance" for the Saturday night festivities. We hope to have a big turnout to welcome him back. As you know Bill puts on a great show.

The Class of '58 held its annual reunion at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, the last weekend of June 2003. Once again, the class funded the "Earl Rogers" honor scholarship. Any class member wishing to add further funds to the award are encouraged to do so.

The Class of 1957 will have their 55th Reunion at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House at 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 4th, 2003.

"COOKING WITH THE WILDCATS" Cookbook and "TAP ROOTS" will be on sale Saturday.

**PRE REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: Dues \$10.00 per person; Lifetime \$100.00. If completed and returned with dues, long lines will be eliminated.

**2004 EHS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS**

Clark Woolum	\$10,000	Kevin Reed
Roy Robbins	\$2,500	Ericka McCreary
Earl Rogers Class	\$500	B.J. Fee, Ashley DeLatorre
Bill Jack Wilson	\$500	J.J. Wallace
In Memory of Katie Carter	Bonds	John Middleton, Whitney Reynolds
In Memory of Billy Browning	\$500	Ashley Cozart
EHSAA	\$2,730	Sabrina Smith
Wal-Mart	\$1,000	Brittany Wynn
Farm Bureau	\$1,000	Brittany Wynn
Clark Woolum	\$2,730	Carlo Hensley, Jill Lewis
SECC Matching		Rebecca Stewart
Clark Woolum	\$2,730	John Middleton, Cecilia Hughes
Southeast		Jessica Monhollen
SECC	\$2,730	Ashley Cozart, Stephanie White
Bert T. Combs	Full Tuition & Books	Ashley Cozart, Stephanie White, Donella Wynn

**Matching**

Harlan Co. Community Scholarship.....\$1,000

Harlan Co. Soil Conservation.....\$1000

Morehead State University.....JROTC (\$8,000)

Harlan Co. Community.....\$500  
Pikeville College.....Presidential (\$4,000 per semester)  
Pikeville College.....Walker's Scholarship (\$5000)  
Cumberland College.....Cheerleading (\$1,500 per semester)  
Bert T. Combs Scholarship.....full tuition & books  
Pikeville College.....Honors Scholarship  
Eastern Kentucky University.....Presidential Scholarship

## **ALUMNI: NEWS LETTER**

### Save Evarts High School

Fellow Alumni:

The Concerned Citizens for a Better and Equal Education, a group formed against consolidation, is still actively fighting to keep Evarts High School. They have incurred legal expenses and still have possible litigation that will add to their legal cost. Any and all contributions would be appreciated. Any funds not spent will be given to the Alumni Association for scholarships. Please make any donations to: Concerned Citizens for a Better and Equal Education at P.O. Box 70, Evarts Ky. 40828

We appreciate and thank you in advance for any contributions you make.

Thank You Concerned Citizens for a Better and Equal Education

June 16, 2004

Greetings:

The Labor Day Reunion this year will be our 21st reunion, and although there is the very distinct possibility that it will be our last reunion "At Evarts High School", rest assured that even if "our" kids are in another place for high school, and we aren't permitted to use the 'ole school for our reunion, it will still take place at some home location, as long as there are alums out there who want to 'go back home' for a Labor Day Reunion! There is no information yet on a set timetable for the closing of Evarts High School and transferring our kids to some location 'a long school bus ride' away from Evarts. There is scheduled however, on June 18th, a court proceeding on a lawsuit against the County School Board Consolidation maneuvers in getting the Consolidation decision in the first place. More on developments as we learn them.

This years graduating Seniors benefited greatly from the generosity of you and your association. The annual Nellie Ball Woolum Memorial Environmental Scholarship (\$10,000) and the Major Roy Robbins Veterans Memorial Scholarship (2500), were supplemented by additional awards of (nine) one year Scholarships to South East Community College, made available through the Nellie Ball Woolum Scholarship Funds, and matching awards by South East Community College. It is still possible for you to also contribute to the scholarship aid to our students. Checks and cash are greatly accepted in any amount. You'd be surprised how important each dollar can be to these kids going off to college. On one occasion f few years back, a \$50.00 aid check from your Association was the difference in a kid going or not going to College. "You" gave, the student went. Without the additional \$50.00 the student couldn't have gone. Every dollar does help.

Come join us for the Labor Day Reunion. Help spread the word to someone you know who hasn't been back, for a while, or ever. Bring some good news with you to relay to everyone else about their ole' school, the classmates, the teachers, the places, the times and events. It's always great to hear positive things about ole' friends and EHS alums. I've been told that my pride REALLY shows at the assemblies when I get to tell about alums; ,, like Dr. Don'Pro Mills(56) being elected President of Optimists, International, International (and the 150,000 members nationally), or Jim Stout (60) being chosen to head Brittain's Nuclear Program (not Brittain's Creek, ENGLAND), or the dozen or more alums now school superintendents all over the country, one of 'our' football players being Mr. Football 1991 in Kentucky, (Jim Russell -59, Norma Stevens – 64 = Scott Russell – 92) our 'girls capturing the Annual Miss Harlan County Pageant so often, our teachers and the academic team that went three years without a defeat to any county team (while decked out in 'cool and smart' blazers provided by the Association) our art teacher (Bob Howard – soon to take on other responsibilities, as the new Principal at EHS). Major Roy Robbins, (43) who gave to his country his services in every hostile action from 1942 thru the first Iraq Action, and on top of the 38 years service, funded the Veterans Scholarship, the many, many occasions that your association brought in dignitaries to speak to 'our students, including the first Lady of Kentucky on numerous occasions (Mrs Wilkinson) the first Lady Appeals Court Judge, Sara Combs,, Governor Julian Carrol,, Attorneys General, The (2) youngest Circuit Judges in the History of Ky (Sid Douglas and Jamie Keller (former Hall Football Players) Aspiring politicians, industry leaders, including Toyota Vice President, UPS Chairman (KY). Our own General (the late) Jim Bickford, (EHS Band 52), and the entire 101st Airborne Band, right there in the EHS Gym! The list goes on and on, and continues to grow. There are many, many others that should be mentioned in addition to our own 'folks who give us all pride in our school for the contributions made every day in their own communities that help a lot of people without ever being told, "You have done Good" I had other items to mention but,,, I'll remember them by Labor Day. Come hear them then.

Thank You

Gayle Huff

### **HELP WANTED**

We desperately need people to help us work in areas of registration, babysitting, etc. If enough people would volunteer, each could work for 1-2 hours and then go back to enjoying the reunion. As it is now, a few people work the entire time and never get to enjoy any of the reunion. If you are interested in volunteering an hour of your time, please contact Arlene Brown: P.O. Box 166, Evarts, Kentucky 40828, Phone (606) 837-3517. Please let her know as soon as possible so work can be completed.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Reserve rooms early because four other Harlan County Schools are having reunions this same weekend.

Benham Inn (Benham, KY)	606-848-2257
Best Western (U.S. 421, Harlan)	1-800-528-1234
Coachman Motel (Middlesboro)	606-248-2830
Koal Town Motel (U.S. 119, Cumberland)	606-589-2123
Cumberland Motel (East Main, Cumberland)	606-589-2181
Country Boy Motel (Big Stone Gap, VA)	703-523-0374

Holiday Inn (Harrogate, TN)	615-869-3631
Holiday Inn (Hazard, KY)	606-436-4428
Pine Mountain Lodge (Pineville, KY)	606-337-3066
Ramada Inn (Duffield, VA)	703-431-4300
Quality Inn (Corbin, KY)	606-528-4802
Best Western (Middlesboro, KY)	606-248-5630
Boone Trail (Middlesboro, KY)	606-248-1340
River Edge Country Inn (Coldiron, KY)	606-664-2612
Cumberland Gap Inn (Cumberland Gap, TN)	423-869-9172

## DECEASED ALUMNI MEMBERS

2003-2004

Alumni,

In an attempt to reduce the size on this electronic newsletter, we will not display all of the deceased alumni members. For a hard copy of this newsletter, which will include an updated list, please contact us at Evarts High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 9, Evarts, Kentucky 40828.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Graduation</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Mitchell Marlowe Jr.	1960	7-19-2003
Donnie Wesley Thomas		7-17-2003
Cora "Crouch" Cox	1933 Teacher	10-4-2003
Jack Gilbert	1954	8-21-2003
Harold Davis	1962	8-24-2003
Ricky Farley	1999	8-30-2003
Buster Clem	1944	August 2003
Mescal "Kelly" Ray	1947	9-1-2003
Kathleen "Short" Harris	1945	9-5-2003
Ethel "Tweed" Ash	1942	10-4-2003
Gene Byrd Stewart	1943	11-2-2003
Earl Stallard	1980	11-25-2003
Ray Ellis	1931	12-10-2003
Shelby Madden		12-9-2003
Jacob Ryan Smith	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11-29-2003
Barbara "Fleenor" Brock	1962	2-3-2004
Paul Brock	1982	2-7-2004
Michell Wayne Greenlee	1954	2-22-2004
Sharon "Baird" Hobbs	1983	2-27-2004
Calvin Herrin	1984	1-9-2004
William "Bill" Johnson	1960	12-16-2004
Denver Middleton	1940	1-18-2004
Kenneth Taylor	Evarts High School Teacher	2-29-2004
Ronald Wynn	1992	8-25-2003
Orville "Ott" Wynn		8-31-2003
Pauline Wilson		3-17-2004

Ralph Sheperd	1951	4-8-2004
Mitchell Kelly	1942	4-15-2004
Bobby White	1968	4-27-2004
Stanley Tweed	1946	5-7-2004
Gussie "Thomlinson" Kelly	1953	3-2-2004
Hattie Rose Burton	1943	October 2003
J.P. Nunley (Jimbo)	1955	12-12-2003
John Holden		2-1-2004
Sue Brumer Thomas		2-2-2004
Henry Shakleford		2-13-2004
Bobby Earley		3-4-2004
Karen (Pate) Saylor	1985	3-30-2004
Christine (Cridlin) Presley	1942	5-26-2004
James 'Jim' Debust	1949	6-2-2004
James Edward Nunley (JoJo)		12-26-2003

### **2004 SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS**

Earl Miller	\$100
Edith Fuson (In memory of Lee Roy Fuson)	\$50
Robert Anderson	\$25
Earl Rogers	\$100
Bill and Delphia Branum	\$100
Wal-Mart in 2003	\$500
Wal-Mart in 2004	\$1,000

### **HALL OF FAME**

Paul Collins – 1990	Brad Kirby – 1992	Ryan Vitatoe – 1996
Bill 'Ducie' Little – 1956	Michael Middleton – 1995	Scotty Napier – 1990
Bobby Ruth - 1957		

### **HALL OF HONOR**

Arlene Brown  
Jim Stout

### **CLOVERFORK MEMORY BOOK - \$30**

Over 500 pictures of people on Cloverfork

On sale in the Library or Highsplint Reunion

### **EHSAA & CYBERSPACE**

Scott Pace '92 has developed the high school web site ([www.harlan.k12.ky.us/ehs](http://www.harlan.k12.ky.us/ehs)) and is working on the EHSAA section. Information, site corrections and other data for EHS or EHSAA can be forwarded to Scott at [PACE20@hotmail.com](mailto:PACE20@hotmail.com) (or P.O. Box 749, Evarts, KY 40828). So let him hear from you. The school address is P.O. Box 9, Evarts, KY 40828.

**(Please close this window when finished viewing)**