



Times Remembered
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Graduation '68

147 freshman started the 1964-65 school year as frightened, green-horn Freshman. I thought Estill County High School was the largest place I had ever seen, compared to our elementary school.

The first few weeks were different; we were changing classes and having several different teachers for each class. My favorite class was English I with Ms. Luddy for a teacher. She taught one Freshman English Class and the rest were Senior English classes. I learned so much from her, we gave oral book reports, speeches and I learned to speed read. She was strict, but fair. I remember that she would let us talk for the first five minutes of class and then we got to work. We were to get down to business and I mean business! She didn't allow any foolishness.

The next favorite class was PE, Physical Education. I liked physical activ-

ity of any type. We played volley ball, basketball, dodge ball, had exercise class, and ran races. Many of the girls hated gym class; they would try to get out of class by saying they were sick or they didn't want their bee hive hairdo messed up.

Another highlight of my high school days was making the "B" Team Cheerleading Squad as a Freshman, and then making the Varsity Cheerleading Squad as a Sophomore. I was thrilled to be a cheerleader; I loved basketball and school spirit. I lost my voice nearly every game yelling so much at the ballgames.

My Algebra I Class was probably the most fun with Mr. Rose as teacher. Many of my friends and fellow cheerleaders were in that particular class. The class was during our lunch time so we got to eat together and catch up on the latest news.

Prom was another exciting time, especially when Juniors and Seniors got to choose their date, even though they were Freshman or Sophomores. The prom was finally open. The first year I went to prom was my Sophomore year. The theme was "Polynesian Night." Tropical flowers, Palm trees and grass skirts turned the gym into a tropical paradise. It was decorated by Junior Class that year.

Every year our enrollment numbers dropped, from 147 to 130, our Sophomore year. Several of the freshman girls got married and quit school, or moved out of state,



Estill County High School "B" Team Cheerleaders for the 1964-65 school year.

and others quit to work. The beginning of our Junior year started with 104 and our Senior year we only graduated 85.

It has been 50 years since 1968 when we graduated high school. Sometimes it seems like yesterday and other times it is difficult to believe. I am 68 years old; a far cry from 18 when I graduated high school. Many things have changed, especially in the electronic and technical fields with computers, smart phones and copying machines to name a few. Remember mimeograph machines and correct-a-type?

Many were drafted for the Vietnam War, some got married and worked in factories, farmed, went

to college or worked in offices.

I regret to say that we have lost several to death over the past 50 years. I counted 17 classmates who are deceased. All the numbers are based on yearbook stats and newspaper articles. I could have made a mistake; I apologize if I have.

Remember the Class Reunion on June 30! Our 50th Class Reunion will be held Saturday, June 30th, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Michael's Restaurant, 100 Third Street Ravenna, KY. \$15 Buffet Style Dinner will be available. The dress is casual. Come on out and reminisce about our school days. Would love to see everyone!



1968 Estill County High School graduates Dennis Pasley and Clela Roberts.

Worst case scenario: Husband prepares for his wife to come back home



America's Heartland

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I sometimes wonder if I'm just too easily amused, but I got a big kick out of the old joke about a fellow who showed up for work visibly upset.

His coworkers gathered around and asked what was wrong.

"My wife has been missing for about a month, and the detective working the case came by the house this morning and told me something that hit me like a ton of bricks. He said my wife has been missing long enough that I may want to prepare for the worst."

"I was just floored," he continued. "I hadn't considered that. So, when he left, I drove down to Goodwill to get her clothes back."

There's an old saying that we should prepare for the worst and hope for the best. It would seem that the Apostle

Paul might have lived by that mantra. He would go into cities that were hostile to Christianity to preach the gospel. He was undeterred by what could go wrong. Instead, he pressed ahead, proclaiming the gospel of Christ everywhere he went.

Paul also urged all believers to get prepared for the spiritual attacks they'd surely face when they present Christ to a lost world.

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:13-17).

In Paul's faith journey, he faced all manner of hardships. He was imprisoned. He was beaten with lashes and with rods. He was stoned. He was shipwrecked.

"I have been in danger from rivers and from bandits, in danger from my countrymen and from the Gentiles, in danger in the city and in the country, in danger

on the sea and among false brothers, in labor and toil and often without sleep, in hunger and thirst and often without food, in cold and exposure" (2 Corinthians 11:26-27).

Paul was prepared to face whatever hardship he faced in this life, because he had prepared for a better life to come yonder in Glory Land. Those preparations were made the day he met Jesus and committed his life to Him.

People everywhere need to make those same preparations by asking Jesus into their hearts and lives.

Too often, we're like the fellow in the old joke who hadn't thought to prepare for the worst.

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