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# C of E NEWS

## IT'S COMING TOGETHER

Plans for the October 8-10 "C of E, Red White and You" reunion are firming up. This promises to be a very special event. One added item is an informal open house for attendees who arrive in Emporia on Thursday. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at the home of **Jim and Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70**, located at 1127 Rural Street in Emporia.

Friday morning will be the golf outing. Instructions for sending the \$40.00 payment to **Paul James, A61, FF**, can be found on the reunion registration form that appears elsewhere in this issue. If you are planning to attend and have not as yet registered, please do it right now while it is at the top of your mind.

Registration will be held Friday and Saturday in the renovated Anderson Memorial Library. Alumni will appreciate the opportunity to see this fine building looking as good as ever. Also tours of the fully restored Kenyon Hall, now known as Kenyon Heights, will be available to reunion attendees on Saturday.

The E-Club meeting is slated for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Holiday Inn Express. Previously announced featured guests will be former football coach **Tom Stromgren, A58, FF**, and Elaine Schnebel, wife of late football coach **Bill Schnebel, FF**. As always in E-Club meetings, stories, updates and memories will be freely shared.

Plans are now in place for the quilt raffle. The winner will receive a special one-of-a-kind C of E themed quilt, handmade by Marcia Kraft. Tickets are now on sale for \$5.00 apiece or five for \$20.00. Entries are available to both reunion attendees and to those who will not be able to attend. If the winner is not present, the quilt will be mailed to them. Tickets can be purchased today, with all proceeds going to the alumni association scholarship fund. Simply mail your request for tickets along with your check made out in the appropriate amount to C of E Scholarship Fund to **Kent Craft, A68**, 3752 S. Brummett, Wichita, KS 67215. Note that your alumni association is a 501c3 organization. Contributions are tax deductible. A full color picture of the quilt can be seen in the 2021 reunion section of the alumni association website [www.c-of-e.org](http://www.c-of-e.org).

The Friday evening mixer with a buffet and cash bar will be held in the impressive Granada Theater. Saturday evening will find us at the newly opened Lyon County History Center where we will be treated to never-before-seen exhibits of C of E artifacts and memorabilia. In addition to a great dinner and dancing, the evening will include the presentation of your alumni association's Lifetime Achievement Awards and the drawing for Marcia Kraft's extraordinary handmade quilt.

On Sunday morning the reunion will wrap up with a church service in the Sauder Center on the Emporia State Campus. Immediately following the service, there will be a farewell lunch buffet and fellowship opportunity, also at the Sauder Center.

## President's Letter

When John, our illustrious editor, asked me about writing this letter, I immediately said, "sure", without thinking for any time at all about the fact that I had no idea what to write about. But the more I thought about it, an idea came to me. I have been involved with the C of E Alumni Association for about 10-11 years now, and I have been so impressed with the people I've worked with who have been so dedicated to the success of this organization.

I know that I'll probably leave someone out, but I will try to highlight some of those people who have impressed me the most. Take **Clancy Howland, A59**, may he rest in peace, who managed our Scholarship Committee with such care and concern that you would have thought it was his life's work and in some way, maybe it was. The committee is now in the capable hands of my good friend, **Jim Brooks, A72**, who, along with his bride, **Joanna (Mutchler) Brooks, A71**, have also been consistent supporters and active in this association. Jim actually served as our President for two consecutive years and Joanna is co-chairperson of our website sub-committee.

I was fortunate enough to get to know **Les Palmer, A63**, as I gave him a ride to and from a couple of semi-annual meetings. Despite his significant physical challenges, he has never wavered from staying involved and going above and beyond as our membership chairman. His experience and wealth of knowledge has been immeasurable. **Sue (Roberts) Nispel, A59**, has also been tireless in her efforts to keep up the rosters and the minutes for the meetings as well as being chairperson for the incredibly successful 2016 reunion.

And I can't forget our talented editor and president elect, **John Acomb, X64**. John does such a great job of getting this newsletter out on a timely basis and his comments during our board meetings are always on point and welcome. I also can't omit our immediate past president and current reunion chair, **Mary Jayne (Barnes) Gamble, A70**. It's great to have someone that lives right there in Emporia and who, like so many others, has this wonderful association at the top of her list of priorities. Another facet of our organization is the outstanding memorabilia collection which has thrived under the guidance of **Linda (Sadler) Myers, X62**, and **Chip Barger, A74**.

Like I said, I know I'm leaving people out but there are literally too many concerned, conscientious people who are diligent in their efforts to guarantee that this organization continues to thrive and they do so without recognition --- just for the pleasure of our continued success. I'm thinking, for example, of **Ray, A65**, and **Roger, A71**, **Sager, Olivia (Medina) Moore, A64**, **Carolyn (Cruikshank) Day, A60**, **Jim, A61**, and **Barbara (Brenner), X63**, **Mathis, Norm Tice, X61**, and some years ago, **Maxine (White), A54**, and, of course, **Dean Jack, A59, FF**, Mitchell.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to these people and others as we are all dedicated to keeping this association alive and well for as long as possible. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our reunion in October. Thank you for the honor of serving as your president.

**Roger Klein, A72**

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## Half Million

Webmasters **Joanna (Mutchler) Brooks, A71**, and **Megan (Isaac) Evans, A70**, reported at the January Alumni Association meeting that we are approaching a half million separate visits to our [www.c-of-e.org](http://www.c-of-e.org) website. Total visits at that time were 482,119. A few of these visitors were from other countries.

If you haven't visited lately, come back and be prepared to spend some time. The website has a bright, bold new look with eye-catching graphics and new information. Look for the writeups about each of the individual members of the Athletic Hall of Fame, newspaper clippings about the college over the years, names of scholarship winners and recipients of Lifetime Achievement Awards. You can find information about your alumni association and back issues of this newsletter. Also look for inductees into the Athena Society, a history of our college, photographs,

traditions and more. Updates on this October's Emporia Reunion, including a PowerPoint presentation, can now also be found on this website.

Our website is a rich presentation of our college. Fascinating nuggets of information can be found throughout. The graphics are professional and well designed to catch and hold the visitor's attention. Check it out.

## Keep Us Informed

Please send us news about yourself. We want to hear from you. E-mail John Acomb, newsletter editor, at [jacomb2@mac.com](mailto:jacomb2@mac.com) or Les Palmer at [lepalmer@aol.com](mailto:lepalmer@aol.com). If you prefer, please write us at P. O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405.





Legendary C of E football coach **Gwinn Henry, FF**, was inducted posthumously into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. Shown here at the induction was Gwinn's son "Bub" Henry who is holding a photograph of his father. Standing behind Bub are three of his sons, Gwinn's grandsons.

Gwinn Henry coached football at C of E 1918-1923. His outstanding record as coach of the Fighting Presbies was 30 wins, 4 losses and 4 ties in 5 seasons of football. The "cemetery" where C of E students held a ceremony to bury their defeated rivals is named for him.

An athlete himself, Henry, a track star, once held world records in the 125-, 120 - and 75-yard dashes. He was selected to represent the United States in the 1912 Olympics, but he was unable to participate due to his wife's illness. After C of E Henry coached at the University of Missouri, University of New Mexico and Kansas University. He even had a stint coaching a professional football team, the St Louis Gunners. He is, of course, in the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame.

## Machine Gun Kelly's Last Stand A Book Review

**Stanley W. Hamilton, X55**, completed his journalism degree at KU and then worked as a reporter for the Kansas City Star. In 1957 he moved to Washington, D.C., where he lived and worked in journalism, trade association and government positions for 47 years. After retirement he returned to Kansas and wrote *Machine Gun Kelly's Last Stand*.

This non-fiction book is a complete account of Kelly's criminal career with photos of Kelly, his victims, his arrest and trial. We learn about his trademark machine gun (a.k.a. "Chopper" or "Chicago typewriter") and the claim that he "was so expert with his new weapon that he could pop walnuts off the top of a fence at thirty feet."

Kelly was a notorious depression era gangster whose 1933 kidnapping of well-known Oklahoma City businessman Charles Urschel created a media sensation. In fact, this kidnapping triggered the most intensive manhunt ever seen in the US. Kelly was already well-known for carrying a machine gun during some of his successful bank robberies. Public interest in both the FBI and well-known criminals was high. The FBI actually aided in publicizing

the criminals' exploits in order to add to the significance of their capture. FBI wanted posters warned that Kelly was an "expert machine gunner."

This is a well-written exploration of the life and times of a famous gangster which gives the reader a window into the attitudes, biases and media coverage of the era, when gangsters were often folk heroes. We also learn about Kelly's wife who aided him in his criminal exploits and took on the role of his publicist. Included in the book are mentions or narratives about other notorious gangsters from this era including Ma Barker, Bonnie and Clyde, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, John Dillinger, Alvin "Creepy" Karpis and "Baby Face" Nelson.

For an historically accurate depiction of aspects of popular culture, media practices and law enforcement during the depression era, this book, available only in a hardcover edition, is highly recommended. It is available from its publisher, The University Press of Kansas (a part of KU) or from other new and used booksellers such as Amazon.

**Mary (Congdon) Alderton, A39**, of Chicago, IL, died December 30, 2014 at age 97. She was predeceased by her husband, **Rev. R. Lewis Alderton, A38**, and her sister-in-law, **Irene (Alderton) Lodwick, A38**. Three children, ten grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren survive her.

**Robert "Bob" Page, X48**, of Lenexa, KS died January 3, 2021 at age 94. A US Navy veteran, Bob worked for the Bendix Corp (now Honeywell) and then for Seaboard Corp. He was very active in the Southridge Presbyterian Church in Roeland Park, KS, serving at various times as deacon and elder. His wife, **Roberta (Fullerton) Page, X49**, and two children predeceased him. His son and three grandchildren survive him.

**Marjorie Ann (Fisk) McKee, A51**, of Manhattan, KS passed away December 21, 2020 at age 91. Musically multi-talented, she taught elementary school music for many years. She also volunteered as organist, pianist and bell choir member in Manhattan's First Presbyterian Church. Her husband, four children and nine grandchildren survive her.

**Calvin M. Murray, X55**, of Folsom, CA passed away March 12, 2021 at age 87. As a child growing up in Emporia, Calvin sang with a religious singing group called Children of Moses. He continued with this group until he left C of E in 1952 and joined the US Air Force. While serving in military intelligence with assignments in various parts of the world, he managed to complete his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Omaha. This got him into Officer's Training School, graduating as a Second Lieutenant. While he continued his rise in the ranks, he earned a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling and a Ph.D. in Leadership and Human Behavior. He ended his 36-year career in the Air Force as Commander, 6920th Electronic Security Group in Japan. Subsequently, he taught and served as an administrator at Chapman University in California. His wife, three children and two grandchildren survive him.

**Peg (Morelan) Griffith Smith, X59**, of Humboldt, KS passed away June 10, 2020 at age 82. She worked for almost fifty years in banking in various responsible positions. A graduate of the Graduate

School of Banking, in Madison, WI, she at one point in her career assisted with the merger of two banks. She was an outgoing and active person. Her first husband and a son predeceased her. She is survived by her second husband, her brother, **James Morelan, X60**, and his wife **Miryllis "Milly" (Romo) Morelan, X59**, a daughter, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**David A. Braymer, A65**, of Ellwood City, PA passed away March 26, 2021 at age 78. Dave had a 36-year career as a teacher and coach. He was active in his community and in the C of E Alumni Association. He was a key worker putting together the East Coast reunions and the large collection of photographs, displayed at reunions, that were taken at C of E during the mid-1960's. He served his church, the Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church, as trustee and elder. His wife, three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive him.

**Edwin Harris Fort, A66**, of Willow Grove, PA passed away May 9, 2021. Before retirement, Edwin owned a placement agency and volunteered as a fireman. His wife, two children, three grandchildren and his sister, **Judy (Fort) Nolan, A69**, survive him.

**Beverly (Fuchs) (Gelfont) Jones, X66**, of Philadelphia, PA died October 2020 at age 76. She was formerly married to **Carl Gelfont, A64**. Three children, nine grandchildren and a great grandson survive her.

**Kathryn "Kathy" (Thompson) Kuiken, X70**, of Wayne, NJ died March 29, 2019. Her husband, **Kenneth Kuiken, A70**, two children and two grandchildren survive her.

**Linda (Fulks) Tolliver, A73**, of Christopher, IL passed away November 16, 2020 at age 77. Her husband, **William "Bill" Tolliver, FF**, survives her.

**James "Jimbo" Cappiello, X74**, of Brigantine, NJ passed away December 8, 2020 at age 68. Jim arrived at C of E in the fall of 1970 and transferred to Emporia State when C of E closed. He taught and coached for thirty years. A highlight was leading his girls' basketball team to the 1984 NJ State Championship. Two sisters survive him.

**THE COLLEGE OF EMPORIA – REUNION 2021 – REGISTRATION**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup> – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**ALL-INCLUSIVE REUNION PACKAGE: \$165/Person**

Registration “Welcome” Package  
 Touring Anderson Library and  
 Kenyon Heights  
 Friday Night: Emporia Granada,  
 Mixer Buffet/Cash Bar  
 E-Club Meeting  
 Saturday Evening:  
 Lyon County History Center –  
 Dinner/Dance with Cash Bar  
 Sunday Worship Service  
 Sunday Brunch

**Reunion 2021 Website**

<https://cofereunion.wixsite.com/reunion2021>

**Presby Pete’s Reunion 2021 E-mail**

[Cofereunion2021@outlook.com](mailto:Cofereunion2021@outlook.com)

*Registrations Should Be Received by  
 September 15, 2021*

**OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES – ADD ONS**

Thursday Evening Open House  
 C of E Memorabilia and Auction  
 Emporia Bus Tour  
 Lake Kahola BBQ

Saturday Afternoon is for putting on a your “Red and White” and getting outside and taking in the crisp Autumn air, enjoying the weekend: tour Emporia, walk around C of E Park, hang out with “old” friends, or sing with the Reunion 2021 Choir.

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**Friday Morning Golf Outing \$40**

**Make checks payable to: “C of E” Reunion 2021/Golf**

Send Checks to:

**Paul James**  
**1603 Berkeley Rd**  
**Emporia, KS 66801-5561**

**HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION, PRICES, & DEADLINES**

**Make Reservations at the Hotel of Your Choice at these Numbers. Mention “C of E Reunion” Group Rate\$.**

<b>Hampton Inn</b> (\$119. by Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> ): 620-412-9040	<b>Holiday Inn Exp.</b> (\$89. by Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> ): 620-343-1111
<b>La Quinta</b> (\$89. by Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> ): 620-342-4445	<b>Mainstay Suites/Candlewood Suites:</b>
<b>Best Western</b> (\$89. by Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> ): 620-342-9700	(\$89.99 by Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> ): 620-343 7756

**REUNION 2021 REGISTRATION & NAME TAG INFORMATION: (Please Detach & Print Clearly.)**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nickname, if preferred:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alum (Yr.):** \_\_\_\_ **Former Student (Yr.):** \_\_\_\_ **Faculty/Staff (Yr.):** \_\_\_\_ **Other (C of E Relationship):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address/ P.O. Box:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code + 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home PH#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell PH#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C of E REUNION 2021 REGISTRATION**

Registration Fee **\$165.00 /Person** for \_\_\_\_\_ Attendee(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Assoc. Dues for \_\_\_\_ Yr.(s) @ \$15/Yr./Person: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Includes 3 Newsletters / Yr.)

C of E Alumni Association Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Make Checks Payable to: "C of E Reunion 2021" and Mail to:*

**C OF E Reunion 2021, c/o Jim Brooks, 425 Sundowner Ridge Ct., Wildwood, Mo 63011**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 – REUNION 2021 REGISTRATION IN ANDERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

*Your Name Tag will be given to you upon your Check-in at Reunion 2021 and will be your “Ticket” into all Reunion 2021 Events.*

## COVER: It's Coming Together

This is a weekend that you don't want to miss. Your registration form can be found in this issue. Please fill it out and send it, along with your check in the appropriate amount, today to **Jim Brooks, A72** at the address provided on the form.

Please note that for everyone's health and safety we hope that all attendees will be fully vaccinated before the reunion takes place. The reunion committee is requesting that a proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test be presented at registration. Proof of vaccinations may be photocopied and mailed in with your registration form. Thank you!

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## Reunion Lodging

There are a number of lodging options in Emporia for those planning to attend our October reunion. In some instances, we have arranged for a special rate for reunion attendees.

Make a reservation before September 15 and pay just \$89 a night at either Best Western (620) 342-9700, Holiday Inn Express (620) 343-1111, La Quinta (620) 342-4445 or Mainstay Suites/Candlewood Suites (620) 343-7756. A stay at the Hampton Inn (620) 412-9040 will cost \$119 per night with a reservation

made before September 7.

Other local options without room blocks reserved for reunion goers include Quality Inn (620) 412-2535 and Rodeway Inn (620) 412-9040. Note that Rodeway inn is currently advertising rates of \$58 per night. Another option would be the stately Guffler Mansion Bed & Breakfast [www.gufflermansion.com](http://www.gufflermansion.com),

Make your reservation early in order to assure your ability to get the lodging choice that you prefer.

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## Calling all Singers

Were you in the College of Emporia Chorale? Toppers? Do you sing in your church choir? In the shower?

You are warmly invited to join the choir for Sunday morning worship at our reunion! Singing spouses and partners are invited also. If you are going to the reunion and would like to sing, please let us know, and also

please tell us if you sing Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone/ Bass. (We find that some of us sing in a different range than we did 50 or more years ago.)

See you in Emporia!

Barry & Jeanette Roberts - [barryroberts07@comcast.net](mailto:barryroberts07@comcast.net); Joe & Selena Keesecker - [joeselena@yahoo.com](mailto:joeselena@yahoo.com)

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## It's our Legacy

The C of E Alumni Association's scholarship fund will continue after we are gone to provide funds for college education to descendants of our college's students, faculty and staff. Prospective recipients will continue to learn about the availability of these funds through increasingly

sophisticated on-line search engines.

When you fill out your registration form for the October reunion, please note the line for you to write in your optional contribution to the scholarship fund. We urge you to recognize our legacy and to be generous.

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## Editor's Corner

By chance I came across a quote that struck me as relevant in the context of our coming October reunion. The quote from best-selling British author Sir Terry Pratchett reads, "Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving."

C of E was a beginning for every individual who went to school there. Then leaving and experiencing new things changed each of us in sometimes unexpected ways. Nevertheless, we always were to some extent influenced by our learning and experiences at C of E.

Returning to the former campus and reuniting with classmates allows us to bring our current selves back to examine both our growth and that of our classmates. None of us are the same. The campus will look different yet familiar. Our friends will have some of the same interests that we remember and some unexpected new perspectives.

This reunion offers an excellent opportunity to update and expand our horizons. You will want to be there.

# Membership Information for the College of Emporia Alumni Association, Inc.

Please write legibly. Make checks payable to the C. of E. Alumni Association.

Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Initial                      Maiden Name                      \*C. of E. Class

Spouse's Info                      Spouse's First Name                      Middle Initial                      Maiden Name                      \*C. of E. Class

Street/Mailing Address                      City                      State                      ZIP + 4

Phone #                      E-mail

\*C. of E. Class is the graduation year of the class with which students were associated, whether or not they graduated. Please use prefix "A" for alumnus, or "X" for former student or non graduate. "O" here means did not attend.

Membership dues (\$15 per year per member): Number of memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ For Years \_\_\_\_\_

Total for Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund (Voluntary) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

C of E Alumni Association, P.O. Box 405, Emporia, KS 66801-0405

## Hometown Hero

Local newspaper *The Oberlin Herald* did an April 7, 2021 "Hometown Heroes" profile of **Rusty Addleman, A60**. Rusty's life centered around his Oberlin, KS hometown. He was an outstanding high school athlete and later the owner of a successful local business. Between those two milestones, he became one of C of E's most celebrated athletes. He earned an incredible seventeen varsity letters in football, track, baseball, basketball and golf. He is in the C of E Athletic Hall of Fame.

Most notable was his football career. He was named an NAIA All-American for football in 1959, leading the Fighting Presbies to victory in the Mineral Water Bowl. He was invited to play in the All-American Bowl in Tucson, AZ where the NAIA and Small College All-Americans played the All-Americans from the major colleges. The hard-fought game was surprisingly close with the large schools eking out a 14-12 win. After the game, Rusty was signed to a professional contract with the Green Bay Packers. Rusty calls it a "great honor" to have been coached by football legend Vince Lombardi.

Rusty survived to the final cut but he couldn't beat out future Hall-of-Fame running backs Paul Hornung, Jim Taylor and Elija Pitts. Rusty still has the canceled paycheck from the Packers, signed by Coach Lombardi. Many years later, at the E-Club meeting at the 2016 C of E Alumni Reunion, former Presbie coach Norm Short talked about the "ferocious running by Rusty Addleman, who was the best running back he had ever coached and maybe ever saw play."

After C of E Rusty earned a pharmacy degree from KU and later on a Master of Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota. He joined the US Air Force where he served in the Medical Service Corps for nine years. He left the service with the rank of Captain.

He then returned to Oberlin and purchased the Addleman Drug Store from his father in 1977. Times change, and in 2009 Rusty retired and closed the store after 103 years of it being the family business.

Rusty has served as President of your alumni association and as a leader for many local initiatives in his hometown.



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## Short Decade

In our newsletter a year ago, alumni association members were given the opportunity to renew their membership “for the entire decade (2020 through 2029) for only \$150.00.” Amazingly, some have not as yet taken advantage of this extraordinary opportunity. So we now offer a sweeter deal whereby you can renew your membership for the remainder of the decade (2021 through 2029) for only \$135.00. You will still count as a “Decade Member.” Again, we promise you our gratitude along with some sort of recognition at the October reunion.

Don't miss this opportunity. Turn to page 7 of this newsletter and copy or cut out the membership renewal form, fill it out and mail it today. Thank You!

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