



# Glennville High School Alumni Association Reunion Newsletter

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## 2016 Reunion Reception/Dinner

by John Gainer, Class of 1968

Greetings to our Glennville High School brothers and sisters alums! We are in the midst of preparing for another successful GHS reunion and banquet. It will be held this year on Friday, June 24th with our reception at the Gilmer County Senior Citizen's Center starting at 6 p.m. (*Please bring a covered dish or desert to share if you can*)

The festivities will culminate with our banquet at the Glennville State College Mollohan Center on Saturday evening, June 25th at 6 p.m. Prior to the dinner, starting at 5 p.m., we will have a social reception with light snacks, wine, and soft drinks. Please try and arrive early so you can visit and socialize. We hope to see everyone there. The form for your dinner reservation is included in this mailing.

Also find enclosed a form to nominate someone for Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and a form to donate to our scholarship fund. Speaking of the scholarship fund, this year we have received 10 applications for 1st year scholarships from Gilmer County High School Seniors. Our Scholarship Committee will meet on April 23rd to conduct interviews and decide on scholarship awards. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation as it will truly help in the ever increasing tuition and costs of higher education.

Last year we awarded the following students first year scholarships in the amounts indicated:

Tia LaGrone	GSC - \$3,000
Matthew Montgomery	GSC - \$2,000
Austin Ratliff	GSC - \$1,500
Trevor Wright	GSC - \$3,000
Katie Benson	GSC - \$3,000
Latisha Riffle	WJC - \$ 750

The following student's scholarships were renewed as indicated:

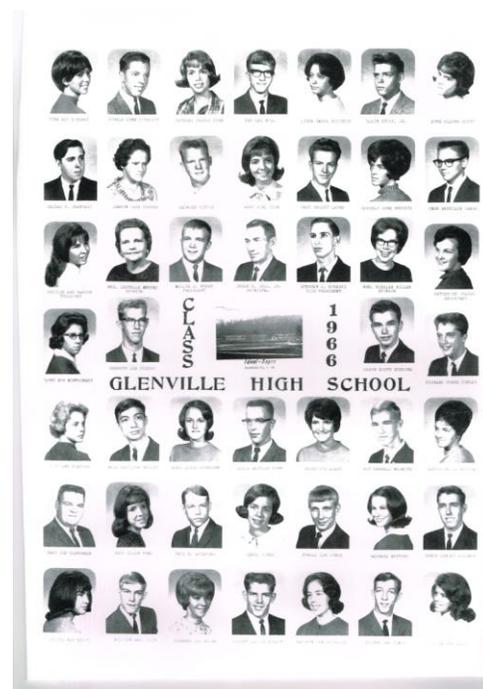
Elizabeth Coombs	GSC - \$ 375
Sara Coombs	GSC - \$ 562.50
Tara Evans	GSC - \$ 562.50
Allison Fisher	GSC - \$ 125
Hannah Roberts	GSC - \$ 562.50

Since our scholarship program's inception we have awarded in excess of \$275,000 in scholarship aid to Gilmer County High School seniors!

Our President Stephen Koreski is presently caring for his wife Becky, who recently had surgery. She is expected to make a full recovery and I'm sure it will be hastened with Steve assisting her. I will be helping Steve with his duties until he is available.

The Democrats and the Republicans are not the only ones having an election this year. Our Association will be looking for new officers as well. The pay isn't that great, but being a part of continuing the legacy of Glennville High School is rewarding. Please step up and volunteer to help continue our Association's annual reunion and our very important scholarship fund!

## Our Golden Jubilee Class of 1966



This year we will follow our tradition of honoring the 50 year class of 1966. We will also recognize the classes of 1946 and 1956. So please indicate on your reservation form your year of graduation.

Everyone has some fond memories of Glenville when they return for our annual reunion and drive through town. Bill Gainer shared some of his memories of 50+ years ago below:

## **Glenville Memories**

*by William F. "Bill" Gainer, Class of 1959*

It's Reunion time again as I enter Glenville on Route 5 and drive up Main street. As I go past where Bud Currey's Log Cabin service station used to be I remember vividly the locals who had reserved seating on the benches, like Oak Horner, Ross Stern, and Howard "Big Foot" Taylor, to name a few. One could learn a lot about life sitting a few minutes beside them and listening.

Adjacent to the Log Cabin was Wanda Reed's mother Dovie Bailey's Blue Ribbon Restaurant where she served her delicious fish sandwiches!

I remember the Ford garage that was first owned by Ralph Shaver and later by Rube Stump. I remember Don Barker, Bruce Summers, and John Cain who all worked there.

Then the R.B. store where I worked for 65 cents an hour supplied groceries and feed to the community.

There was also Carmel's Shoe Shop where many young men completed an apprenticeship shining shoes and helping in their repair.

You could always depend on the Glenville Midland, Dalton's, and Howe's department stores for quality clothes at a fair price.

I'll never forget Bantz Collins' and Gene Ellison's barbershops where you not only got a hair cut but received supplements in life's education. I also shined shoes at Gene Ellison's when I was very young.

Then there was the State Liquor store where everyone seemed to enter and exit very quickly.

On the corner was Nottingham's pool hall where I learned to shoot pool at an early age until a City Policeman reminded the owner that some of us were too young.

Esty Berkhouse would get irritated with us kids when we went into his drug store only wanting a cup of water, but he supplied it nonetheless.

The G & D store owned by "Little Doc" Stalnaker and his wife Grace was where John Lorentz and I mopped and waxed the floor to earn extra cash.

I think of the young banker at Kanawha Union Bank, Tom McPherson, who loaned me money to buy my first new car even though I didn't have a down payment.

The Grill, owned by J.W. "Wib" Beall, was where I worked throughout college. We sold sodas, sandwiches, Greyhound bus tickets, and collected for the T.V. Cable company.

I remember offices for Drs. Smith, Stalnaker, Hoefler, and Bartram, who also made house calls.

Finally, I have fond memories of Bennett's Sport Shop where many of us watched our first major league baseball game on TV.

Some of the buildings may no longer be standing and the businesses may be gone, but my memories are vivid as I drive down Main street for our annual GHS Reunion.--*Bill Gainer*

Call, e-mail, or text your friends and classmates and urge them to come home to Glenville this year! Fill out your forms today before it slips your mind! However, if you misplace the forms, you can go to our web site, print them out, and mail them in: <http://www.glenvillehighschool.com/internet/forms.pdf>

Looking forward to seeing you all in June!

*John*

John D. Gainer, Class of 1968  
GHSAA Secretary/Treasurer

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