



Glenville High School Alumni Association Reunion Newsletter

May, 2017

2017 Reunion Reception/Dinner

by John Gainer, Class of 1968

Greetings to our Glenville 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 23rd 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 Glenville State College Mollohan Center on Saturday evening, June 24th 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 received 6 applications for 1st year scholarships and renewals from Gilmer County High School Seniors and former graduates. Our Scholarship Committee met on April 22nd and conducted interviews and decided on scholarship awards and renewals. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation as it will truly help with the ever increasing tuition and costs of higher education.

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

Hannah Moore	GSC - \$3,000
Adam Moore	GSC - \$3,000
Hayley Summers	GSC - \$3,000
Kitric Moore	GSC - \$3,000
Karibee Steele	GSC - \$3,000

Mya Benson	Marshall	\$725
Amanda Frame	Wesleyan	\$725
Kassy Hickman	WVU	\$725
MacKenzie Huff	WVU	\$725
Kathern Keith	D&E	\$725

The following student's scholarship was renewed:

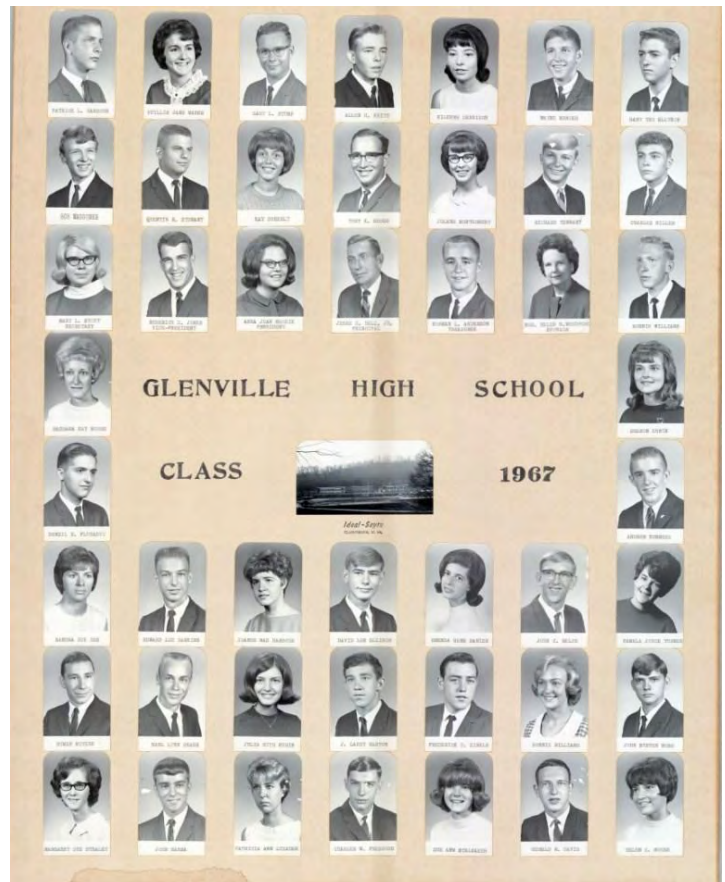
Latisha Riffle	WVJC	\$562.50
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Since our scholarship program's inception we have awarded in excess of \$300,000 in scholarship aid to Gilmer County High School seniors!

Unfortunately we are no longer giving scholarships to any college except Glenville State College. Our fund to support the other college/university scholarships is exhausted and we have not received any donations that would allow us to continue it.

Our Golden Jubilee Class of 1967

This year we will follow our tradition of honoring the 50 year Class of 1967. We will also recognize the classes of 1947 and 1957. So please indicate on your reservation form your year of graduation.



Glenville Memories

of Charlie "Checkerboard" Lewis



I'm sure many of you will recall the name of Charlie "Checkerboard" Lewis and some will recall the man himself. Charlie "Checkerboard" was a "jack of all trades" and was known by just about everyone living in the Glenville/Gilmer County area between 1900 and 1954. Charlie and his wife, Lillie, were probably the only black family living in Gilmer County at the time. Although I heard his name many times growing up, I don't recall seeing him or knowing anything about him. The following article was written by Miss Mary Elizabeth Young, who taught school at Glenville and Sand Fork for many years and lived on Mineral Road in Glenville. Miss Young thought enough of Charlie and his wife to include them in the 1976 Bicentennial Biographies of Gilmer County families sponsored by the Gilmer County Historical Society.

Charlie Hannibal Lewis, frequently called "Charlie Checkerboard," was born in the year 1877. He and his wife, Lillie Lewis, lived in Gilmer County W. VA., for more than fifty years. Much of that time they were the only Negroes living in Glenville.

Mr. Lewis moved here from Fairmont in a wagon. He was what may be called "a jack of all trades." He worked as a cook at Glenville State College and as a hod carrier. He helped build approximately twenty-one buildings in Glenville, including the college science hall, the gymnasium, the old library (Clark Hall), and some of the dormitories. He has been a mortar mixer, gardener, and butcher. He was a jockey and horse trainer at Beverly and Elkins,

W. VA. "At one time I boxed a little too," stated Mr. Lewis. "In an exhibition boxing match, I knocked out my opponent in the sixth round. I am distantly related to Joe Lewis," he claimed. Besides being a great story teller, Mr. Lewis also played the banjo and sang. At one time, he sang with a choir which played in Glenville for four weeks. "I like this town and the people," said the friendly old Negro, and I have a lot of friends around here."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were married in Tucker County, W. VA. They had two daughters, ten grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were married for about fifty-five years.

Mr. Lewis lived on a Lewis Street most of his life. While in Fairmont he lived on Lewis Street, when he worked in Charleston he lived on Lewis Street, and in Glenville his home was on Lewis Street.

Submitted by Miss Mary E. Young - 1976

Note - *Charlie and his wife, Lillie, are buried in the Stalaker Cemetery in Glenville.*

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, go to our web site at: <http://www.glenvillehighschool.com/internet/forms.pdf> print the forms out, and mail them in:

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June!

John

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

On Behalf of the GHSAA Officers:

President - Mary Lee Wiant McPherson, '56
Vice Pres. - JoAnn Huff McHenry, '65
Sec/Treas. - John D. Gainer, '68

DON'T LOSE YOUR FORMS. THIS IS THE ONLY MAILING YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS YEAR! MARK THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS.



Glenville High School Reunion Dinner Reservation Form Saturday, June 24, 2017

Name

Year of Graduation

Address

Email Address

Telephone Number

Number of dinner reservations @ \$25.00 each

Total Enclosed:

Name(s) of your dinner guest(s)

This year's alumni banquet will be held on Saturday, June 24th at 6 p.m. in the Glenville State College Mollohan Student Center Ballroom.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GHSAA AND SEND BY JUNE 20, 2017 to:

*John Gainer
20 Cabern Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526-6843*

PLACES TO STAY IN THE GLENVILLE AREA: (Make your own reservations)

Conrad Motel*	304-462-7316
Glenville Inn* (2 miles east on Rt. 5)	304-462-5511
Motel 79, Burnsville	304-853-2918
Days Inn, Flatwoods	304-765-5055
Skidmore Truck Stop Flatwoods	304-765-7341

*Special rate may be available by advising you are attending the Glenville High School Alumni Reunion.



Glenville High School Alumni Association

2017 Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

Name: _____ Class of 19_____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

(1) I wish to contribute \$ _____ to the **GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND**, established with the **GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION**. *Your contribution will be used to support Gilmer County High School seniors who attend Glenville State College.* The money awarded from this fund will be sent to each recipient's account at Glenville State College from the GHSAA Scholarship Fund administered by the GSC Foundation.

I wish to make my contribution in honor/memory of:

Due to a lack of contributions, our Association is no longer able to support scholarships to any other college or technical school.

Make checks payable to: **GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Mail to:
Treasurer
GHSAA Scholarship Fund
20 Cabern Drive
Hurricane, West Virginia 25526-6843

*Note: Contributions are tax deductible
IRS# 55-0767844*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION



Glennville High School Alumni Association

Alumnus/Alumna of the Year 2017

Nomination Form

Nominee's Name _____ Date Graduated GHS _____

Nominee's Address _____

Nominee's Phone Number _____

Why do you feel this person merits the *Alumnus/Alumna of the Year* Award?

(If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet)

Name, address and phone number of person who can be contacted for additional information

Submitted by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Return the Completed Form to:

Mary Lee McPherson
PO Box 221
Glennville, WV 26351-0221