



NORTH & SOUTH
Hagerstown High Schools
Class of 1957
Online Newsletter



January 2014 Edition

Get Well Wishes

❖ Our get well wishes and prayers go out to classmate Jone Burket Bowman who is hospitalized in Hagerstown.

January Birthdays

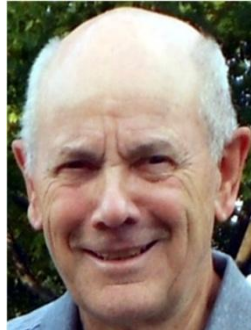
JoAnn Copenhaver



Arlise Weaver



John Urner



Bob Westphal



Jim Nichols



Francis Norris



Sybil Speck

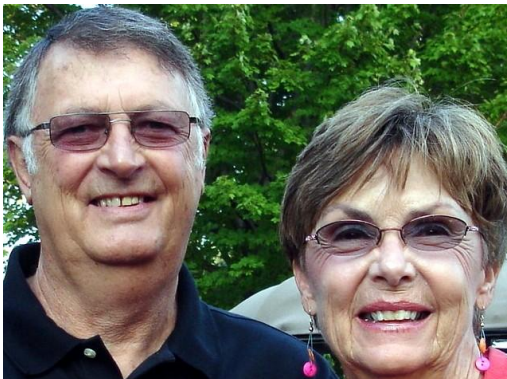


Betty Horn



January Anniversaries

Dick & Nelda Baker



Bob & Arlise Weaver Cianelli



Larry & Nancy Nunamaker Weber



Carroll & Jane Wright



Bob & Audrey Smith



Class Activities

Jone Burket

OUR GRANDDAUGHTER SAMANTHA EBERSOLE

FROSTBURG, Md. - Frostburg State University recognized and celebrated the achievements of its December 2013 graduating class during its 143rd commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 21. Dr. Jonathan C. Gibraltar, FSU president, conferred degrees on graduates from the colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences. Featured student speakers for the winter commencement were Samantha Ebersole, College of Business; Kathryn A. Molander, College of Education; and Richard G. Eby, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. (See below for photos from the day.)



Ebersole of Hagerstown, Md., graduates with a major in business administration and a concentration in small business/entrepreneurship. During her enrollment at FSU, she has displayed leadership skills, initiatives and strong-team orientation in course-related work as well as extracurricular activities. She has consistently placed on the Dean's List, served on the leadership team of the Marketing Club and College of Business Student Advisory Council and has been inducted into the International Business Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma. Last year, she took the opportunity to study in China where she gained valuable experiences and perspective. "Leaving high school I never could have imagined that I would study abroad in China, become an active member of a campus organization and be accepted into a prestigious business fraternity," said Ebersole. Ebersole also completed an internship program at a Hilton Hotel where her immediate supervisor described her as being a great team player, respectful

and responsible. Reflecting back on her time as an FSU student, Ebersole said, “I truly believe that Frostburg encompasses the slogan, ‘One University, A World of Experiences’ and has endless opportunities for each student who attends.” She credits her success to the support of her family.

Our grandson Justin Anderson also graduated from FSU. He wasn’t a speaker but did very well in all his classes and was named Marketing Student of the Year.

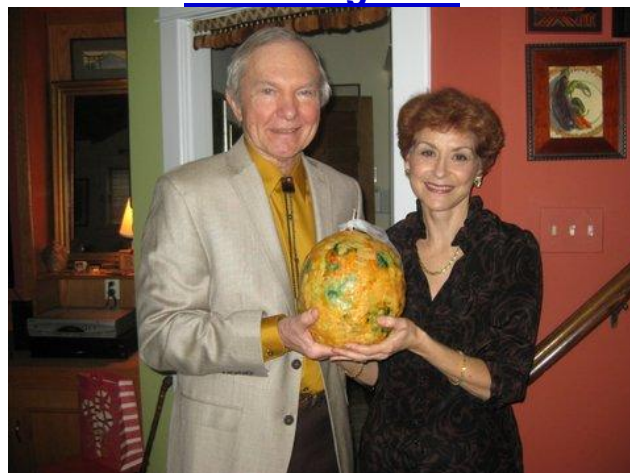
Don and I are two very proud grandparents.

Jo Ann Copenhaver



Our family at Family Recreation’s Cowboy Christmas. We had a wonderful time. It was the day after Thanksgiving.

Dave Braqunier



Before we were married, my wife Sara and I had been together for almost four years and the subject of marriage had never come up. Unfortunately in the summer of 1983 things turned a

little sour and Sara moved out and into an apartment on Capital Hill. We were apart for two or three months and it suddenly occurred to me what a mistake I had made letting her go.

The next morning there was a musical rehearsal at the Kennedy Center that we were both playing and I thought this would be a good opportunity to talk with her. We met at rehearsal and I asked her to lunch. Over the course of the lunch I told her how much I wanted her back and that if she came back I would go for the "whole ball of wax", and that was my marriage proposal. She recalls what I had conveniently forgotten was that her answer was "But I don't want a ball of wax." In any case she came back and we were married on December 22nd. Ever since then the "ball of wax" has come up from time to time. (Sometimes joking and sometimes not) Since this December 22nd was our 30th anniversary, I decided it was high time that I should make good on my promise of a "ball of wax"

I commissioned a candle maker in Oregon to fashion one, and shown in the photo is the final product. The candle maker was very excited about the project. It weighs 8 or 9 pounds and is a thing of beauty.

As you can imagine, Sara was as deeply touched by my 30th anniversary present as she had been 30 years ago by my proposal.

[Betty Horn](#)

Kennedy qualified for States and National meets for pole vaulting at Leigh University. She cleared 11' 6" and finished # 1. She will vault again early in January.

[Bob & Arlise Weaver Cianelli](#)

Our youngest grandson, Brady, visited Williamsburg, Jamestown, Monticello, UVA, Mt. Vernon, Marine Corps Museum, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, Capital, other memorials, museums and historic sites in and around Washington D.C. Each year the entire 8th grade (84 students) of his school travels from CA to spend a week touring in and around Washington. Their tour is conducted by the Smithsonian. (It was a coooooooooold morning in Arlington for two old people!)



[Wreath Laying – Arlington National Cemetery](#)



Arlise & I met a young lady and she told us that her grandfather was buried in Arlington. She gave me his name, birth and death dates. I told her that I would make sure his grave received a wreath this year. You are permitted to place a wreath out of the designated areas that are scheduled to receive wreaths if you have someone you want to remember. After searching the data base, I found her grandfather's grave was in Section 11, site 173-2. It was the last section in the southeast corner of the cemetery. The specific gravesite was quite a challenge to find. There is no rhyme or reason to the numbering scheme in the older sections. After walking the rows for about 30 minutes I found the grave.

If you plan to attend next year, allow plenty of time to park and walk a distance. They changed the parking in the cemetery on wreath laying day to only handicapped and families with passes. All others are directed to the north parking lot of the Pentagon. I went on the Ft. Myers base and parked in a lot adjacent to the back of the cemetery. I put a short video on youtube you can view by clicking on the pic of the grave.

Cleaning up the 146,000+ wreaths is scheduled in January. If you are interested, let me know and I will send the time/date.

Editor's Comment: I know, I know, you are old and have a bad back, hips, legs, knees, etc. but it will do wonders for those aches and pains as well as give you a warm feeling.

[Class Christmas Luncheon](#)

Editor's Note: Jo Ann was kind enough to send me a blow-by-blow of the luncheon. Below are her comments. Betty Horn was also a great help and sent pics of the luncheon. Click on the pic at the end to see more pics of a lot of old people.

We had a wonderful time. Phyllis gave me a final count after she figured out the people that did not sign in. We had 71. Whoopee. I think our biggest turnout aside from one picnic event.

Highlights of the luncheon:

1. Jone Lou and Don came and stayed the entire time. We were sure blessed by her smile and cheerfulness.
2. We tried to send you a video and we all yelled something. I forget what it was. Something like, "You will pay for not coming to the luncheon". Betty Horn took many pictures that she can send to you.

3. Dave Bragunier was terrific. He took over the singing and doing the 12 days of Christmas. He had us tell about our favorite and not so favorite gifts at Christmas. He started with his own story – Back in 1957 (I think) he bought his mother a Sunbeam mixmaster for Christmas. He said the look on her face was priceless. He did not know she did not like to cook. Everyone laughed. It was hard to hear everything because of the lowlight below.
4. Several people told about various gifts – but the one that stood out among all of them was said by Richard Clem. True story: He told about a poor girl in the South End in junior high school that purchased two pencils for 5 cents. The only money her mother could afford. She took them to school as part of a gift exchange. Of course, her gift was not popular and whispers behind her back were heard. The teacher had to talk to the class about manners, etc. Years later Richard told this to his brother and saw him tear up. Richard’s brother said he had gotten the pencils in the exchange that day and it was the best gift he ever received because she gave all she had.
5. I received a carved owl pin from Gary Stenger.
6. Many came up and said they were moved by the stories and enjoyed the meal.
7. I told them about your statement that you wanted to be with young people and they laughed. I then said to them, “You are the youngest people I know”. That was a big hit.
8. Harry Barger gave a nice prayer.

Lowlights:

1. The speaker did not work. I could have kicked it. It meant that we had to talk so loud for everyone to hear. Dave has a strong voice like yours so we did OK.

Editor’s Note: Some people may appear blurry in the luncheon pics. It is not the fault of the photographer or processing, these people look like that in real life!



Education Section

"THE BACK NINE"

I FIRST STARTED READING THIS FAST UNTIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED AND STARTED OVER READING SLOWER AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD. IT IS VERY THOUGHT PROVOKING.

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is - the 'back nine' of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember vividly seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that 'I was only on the first hole' and the 'back nine' was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is . . . my friends are retired and getting grey. They move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but, I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant . . . but like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore . . . it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the 'back nine', and I'm not sure how long it will last, this I know for sure, that when it's over on this earth . . . it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done . . . things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the 'back nine' yet . . . let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the 'back nine' or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life . . . so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember, and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY! Remember, "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. LIVE HAPPY IN OF 2014 AND BEYOND...!"

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- ~Your kids are becoming you . . . but your grandchildren are perfect.
- ~Going out is good . . . Coming home is better!

- ~You forget names . . . But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!
- ~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything . . . **especially golf.**"
- ~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore!
- ~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- ~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
- ~You tend to use more 4 letter words . . . "what?" . . . "when?" . . . "???"
- ~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
- ~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"!
- ~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- ~Everybody whispers.
- ~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet . . . 2 of which you will never wear.
- ~~~But Old is good in some things ~~~ Old Songs, Old Movies, and best of all, **OLD FRIENDS**

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS!

[Click on "Reflections" For Some Pics You Will Enjoy](#)

Comedy Section

Editor's Comment: I hate to see the Christmas season end, so

