



A Special Newsletter by and for the
Kirksville High School Class of 1957

KHS '57!

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Columbia, MD – I was glad to see the very welcome and interesting communication from Chuckie (Nelson) Hospers in Ted's latest "Special Newsletter" (Vol. I, No. 3). It reminded me that not all members of our class graduated with us but are certainly members all the same. It also reminded me of some information I've been meaning to pass along for some time now.

Robert (Bob) Leininger (1939-2018) was part of our class in junior high school and I got to know him pretty well, probably because he was with me in Miss Swartz's Home Room 213. He was also with us during our first year of high school and there's a good photo of him on page 45 of the 1955 "Regit" yearbook. I think he ultimately graduated at Novinger.

Bob was living in Shreve, Ohio at the time of his death, on June 26, 2018 at the age of 79. An obituary was posted on-line by the McIntire Bradham & Sleek Funeral Home of Wooster, Ohio. It mentioned his ownership of several businesses, including the "Red Baron Disco," as well as his love of flying an ultra-light plane and dancing. His listed survivors included five children and a number of other descendants. The obituary also noted that "inurnment" would be in Novinger, Missouri. His death was the subject of a brief "Memorial" on page six of the "Novinger Renewal News" for Winter 2018/19 (Vol. 33, Issue 1) and a memorial donation in his name was recorded on page two.

I remember Bob Leininger as a cheerful, friendly guy with a lively imagination, during the relatively short time that I knew him. He should not be forgotten and I regret that I have been so tardy in passing along to the class this sad but important news about him.

– Dean Linder

Culver City, CA – Raintree, where I live in Culver City, is a woodsy enclave of homes built around a small lake. Before 1974 it was the backlot of MGM, where movies like Wizard of Oz were filmed and the streets are named after some MGM movie titles.

Here's a puzzle for all that spare time you have during isolation. I've listed the names of some of our streets below. See if you can name the movie tie-in.

- Salem Village Drive
- St. Louis Court
- Butterfield Court
- Velvet Lane
- Cimarron Lane
- Timberlake Terrace
- Showboat Place
- Bounty Lane
- Tara Terrace
- Cascade Court
- Rainbows End

– Nancy (Casner) O'Neill

Williamsburg, VA – We were finally able to sit with some friends on the patio of a local craft brewery yesterday afternoon. Not that we have gone without sitting with friends or enjoying the output of local craft breweries, but our governor forgot to change his mind again on Friday, so some businesses were able to open at least partially over the weekend.

One of our other haunts, the Cheese Shop, did so much business on Saturday that they had to close again on Sunday because they were out of food! So things are getting back to something better, if not actually normal.

Dean's note reminded me that he and I were fortunate enough to share the ultimate trifecta: Greenwood Elementary, Home Room 213, and the KHS Class of 1957. Sorry about the rest of you!

– Ted Mittler