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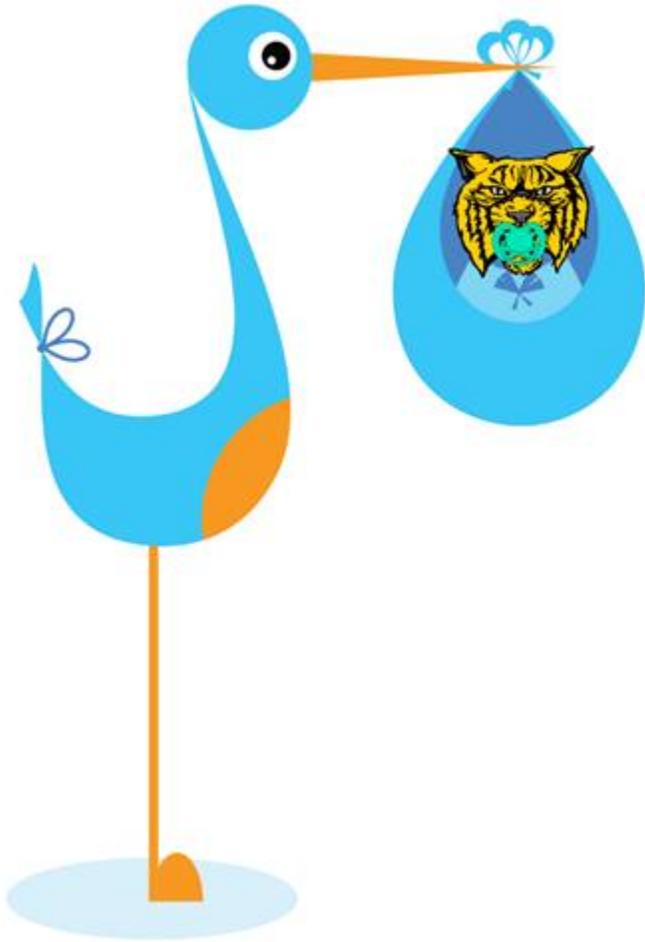
First Things First

I have a confession to make... I've been carrying around not one, but TWO secrets for a few weeks and I haven't been able to share them with you until now. I was informed recently that two of our classmates would not be able to attend the reunion in September. And although that's disappointing, their reasons are certainly justified. Both, **Maureen (Conwell) Smith** and **Jennifer (Bouris) Lukes** just gave me permission to announce that they are expecting little wildcat babies later this year. Since they both live out of town, neither one will be able to travel home for the reunion.

Please join me in congratulating Maureen and Jenn! Both ladies already have kids and are anxiously awaiting their family additions. If you're in contact with them, they'd love to hear from you.

Would anybody else care to share similar news??

TIP: If you'd like to have a June baby, the night of the reunion - September 17th – would be a perfect time to make it happen. We'll provide the music and booze, the rest is up to you. :)



I know it's a cheesy picture, I'm working with a very limited artistic skillset here. And surprisingly, there are no pre-made pictures on the Internet of a stork carrying a wildcat with a pacifier. I know... I'm just as shocked as you are!

In Other News

- Jessica (Dobos) Marsh has completed her chemo cycle and has a clean bill of health! Thank you all for continuing to support Jess and her family.
- Those of you who owe money for the reunion should have received an email yesterday from our “collections department”. At this point, we’re significantly behind with payments. But, I won’t harp on that in this email.
- We’re doing an EA Alumni (all classes) wine social at Greendance Winery in Mt. Pleasant on June 4th.
- I’ve run into several classmates recently and people seem to be excited about the upcoming reunion. We still need help contacting & convincing people though. If you have a friend who is on the fence about attending, please encourage them to join us. I’ve pretty much done all of the begging that I can do.
- If you haven’t had a chance to see our reunion location yet (Kingston Hall), you can see some pictures in the Gallery on their website. The pictures don’t really do it justice... trust me, it’s nice. And the lady that runs it is awesome! We will have both rooms – the bigger room will be dining/entertainment/dancing and the smaller room will be buffet/bar/etc.
 - Check it out: www.kingstonhallbanquets.com
- We will have another planning meeting in May (after the final payment is due). As always, anyone and everyone is welcome. It’s usually 20 minutes of business and 60 minutes of drinking/eating.
- Matt Stark pointed out that one of our videos (the Video Yearbook I think) was flagged by YouTube last week for copyright violations. I’ll look into it and see if I can get it resolved. I will definitely make it available to everybody one way or another.

- It's been a while since we've done a classmate-focused email. Stay tuned for a few upcoming ones. Jenn Bouris just suggested a great topic for one.
- One of our hardest-working committee members, Chris Goyke, has been out of commission with pneumonia, but he's on the mend now. Kristen is tired of his whining and can't wait for him to get better. Send Chris a text and tell him to get better ASAP.
- The school district had a brief financial crisis due to the state budget impasse, but it has since been alleviated with the recent progress regarding the budget.

What's New With Me (non-class related)

- My girls are doing great! And I absolutely love being a dad. They are excited to open the pool, work in the garden, and ride the tractor – summer stuff! Last Saturday started my busy season so it's a little bit crazy from here until November due to teaching on Saturdays, Tuesdays, & some Sundays. But we're still going to squeeze in a trip to Hershey Park, and plenty of days at Idlewild & Keystone.
- I made an attempt last month to put together a firearms training day just for EA alumni and offered to do it at cost (range fees only). It didn't receive much response so I re-purposed the time as a public class and filled it with non-EA people. But I still occasionally get requests from EA alumni for training. So if anybody wants to do it now that the weather is nice, let me know and it will be heavily discounted. I have classes every week year-round and can always carve out a day for a private group.
 - Please don't interpret this as a sales pitch. It's only being mentioned because people have asked for it and I'm in a position to offer a service to my friends. Similarly, I often do IT work for EA friends (usually for free).
 - Additionally, I've started a community service project where I'm doing firearms safety "town hall" style discussions (storage, kids safety, etc.) around the region. These are free events and that I'm doing to help minimize family tragedies in our communities, like the one that took a 13-year-old in my town the other day. This is not an INPAX seminar, it's something I'm doing to help educate people in my own time. I'm bringing in some friends from law enforcement and even some of my training competitors to assist. The first one will be at Roosevelt Hall in Norvelt. If you have a venue that can donate time to this effort, let me know and I'll make it happen.
 - If anybody else has any other services that they'd like to offer to the class, please let me know and I'll get the word out.

Unfortunately, these emails have been rather one-sided, and that was never my intent. I'd love to share news about YOU too. But you have to give me some info to send out. We're always looking for help with this thing. So if you want to write an email to the class, contribute on Facebook, or help out in any other way, please speak up.



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