

Blackhawk Wins State Championship As Coach

Kyle Lynch, a member of the Class of 1983 and son of Joel Lynch, has made quite a name for himself, not only in Canadian, Texas, but in football circles around the state. By virtue of leading the Canadian Wildcats to the Class 2A state football championship title with a 15-1 record, Kyle was chosen by the Amarillo Globe-News sports writers as Coach of the Year along with the player selections for Golden Spread Super Team across all classifications. Shortly afterwards he received the statewide honor of being named "Class 2A Coach of the Year" by the Texas Association of Sportswriters. Kyle and his coaching staff implemented a spread offense during the off-season, and after losing in overtime in their third game, his team won 13 straight games, including 6 in the playoffs, and captured the school's first state championship. The Wildcats were underdogs in their last four playoff games. They defeated Elysian Fields 40-25 in the finals. Kudos go out to you, Kyle, for quite an outstanding accomplishment and for being the latest in a line of excellent coaches who graduated from Phillips. In fact, Canadian became the first 2A school from the Panhandle to win the state championship since Phillips did back in 1954.... and ironically it was a Phillips ex who led Canadian to the state title. But wait! - that isn't the end of the Phillips connection. One of Kyle's assistant coaches is Bruce Bryant, son of **Marvin Bryant ('57) and Gwen Arthur Bryant** (she attended Phillips Elementary) of Dimmitt.

Update: Kyle's team is undefeated so far this 2008 football season and is ranked No. 1 in the state, this time in Class 1A. Canadian was reclassified into Class 1A in the UIL realignment. Hoping for a repeat state title.

Phillips Ex Receives Statewide Tennis Recognition

Ona Lee Hedrick Johnson ('60) was honored in Fort Worth with the Community Service Award from the Texas section U.S. Tennis Association. This award goes to an individual who provides outstanding contributions in promoting and conducting recreational tennis programs for adults and/or juniors, and for her volunteer work in the area. Under her leadership, the Amarillo Area Tennis Association has been named the "Best All-Around Community Tennis Association" for three consecutive years.

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STILL LIVES**

Mini-Reunion Held

On October 8 several exes, mostly from the Austin area, met in Pflugerville, Texas to enjoy lunch together, but mainly to socialize. Pictures were shared, and stories were swapped, and as you might expect, some of the conversation was about other exes (absent, of course) who are presently experiencing some serious health problems or have recently passed away. Attending were **Joey Sutphen ('58), Jerry Fenley ('55), Rinky Chivers ('56), Tommy Birch ('61), Ellen Quisenberry ('56), Sadie Ewing ('56), Sam Gaines ('57), Richard Kelly ('58), and Morris Creel ('55)** - along with several of the spouses. This is a mini-reunion that is held 3 or 4 times a year at a restaurant in the Austin area which is organized by Morris. If you would like to attend the next one (TBA for sometime in late January or February) or a future luncheon, please contact Morris by emailing him at mojosct@suddenlink.net.

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Future Homecoming Set

Be sure and mark down on your 2009 calendar the dates **July 10-11** for our HC next summer at which we will recognize and honor any and all of our exes who received all-state honors in any sport, music, or scholastic endeavor. It is anticipated that the Classes of '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, and '84 will be planning special reunions for that weekend. The '59 Class has already had its first planning session and mailout for their upcoming 50th, taking to heart the obligation of the traditional passing of the "50th clock" at the Saturday morning program. You can't ever start too soon!

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56th Homecoming Anniversary

And... it still keeps on gettin' "gooder" and better! From the feedback we've received, everyone had just as good a time - if not better - than at any prior Homecoming in recent years! There was a good mixture of newcomers and perennial attendees, food, laughter, pictures, and old stories - all that made up a successful Homecoming weekend. Lots went on that weekend - the Class of 1948 had a lunch at Sutphens and a cookout at Jo Ann Hubbard Kuhr's home, the Class of '57 had their BBQ cookout/hayride/dance in Stinnett at Milton Hoff's home, the Class of '63 put on a fun program at the AmericInn and had a bowling party at the Wildcatter's Alley, the Class of '68 met at the Lake Meredith Harbor Clubhouse for dinner, and the Class of 1973 met for a cookout at Joe Dickey's home. For all the other exes who didn't have special class reunions, there was the mixer at Fairlanes Baptist Church gymnasium

that went over really well - it was our biggest Friday evening turnout in quite some time! All the motels in Borger were full, as the Borger Class of 1958 was celebrating their 50th Reunion as well. If you were not here, we won't go so far to say "shame on you", but it was certainly your loss.

As was the case again, there were several exes that hadn't been back in a long time, especially from the '58 honor class. There were seven exes recognized at the Saturday morning program, at least we're aware of, who came for the very first time since they were in high school... **Nita Ogle McMillan ('49), Jana Morton Cobb ('61), Harvey Cobb ('58), Lee Kness ('58), John McEntire ('58), Ralph Light ('63), and Jennie Riggins Tuschman ('63).**

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Several Class of '58 members display 50th Reunion Blackhawk blanket.

Anniversary...continued

This year's featured 50-year reunion bunch was the Class of '58 who had 42 members present (see below)... fantastic! **Joey Sutphen ('58)** of Eules was the winner of the special Blackhawk blanket drawing, awarded to someone attending their Big 5 0. Winner of the Blackhawk blanket, awarded to a dues-paying ex, was **Gordon Richardson ('57)** of San Antonio.

Some of the other awards that were meted out to other exes were: The 14th annual "Hawk of the Year" award went to **Mike Kimmins ('66)**, who has been in on organizing his '66 Class reunions for the past several times, and has been one of the very generous, leading donors in recent years for the Phillips Alumni Association's endowment scholarships... and, by no means, not just to his dad's fund. This honor had to be unexpectedly awarded in absentia (See story below). The cash award prizes awardees were: \$100 - **Ralph Smith ('57)**, \$75 - **Erin Caufield Lacy ('73)**, and \$50 - **Mary Joe Krejci Mahan ('64)**. These three were very popular during the lunch time that followed. Some of the early classes exes present were **Marcel Poulain ('37)**, **Clyde Edwards ('38)**, **Louise Glidewell Gunter ('40)**, and **Renda Jean Sharp Reeves ('40)**. Of course, all the classes having special reunions ('48, '58, '63, '68, and '73), and all former teachers were asked to stand and be recognized. It was sure good to see former exes/coaches **Cozell Foster ('43)** and **Dick Jackson ('45)** in attendance. Also recognized were the former band and choir members. Those, who made all-state honors, were asked to come and stand at the front. We had two alumni speakers - **Rinky Chivers Sanders ('56)**, a representative for the choir program; and **Aaronda White Gerow ('73)**, who represented the band program. They both gave excellent talks on how the music programs played such an important part in their lives, and each lady shared several precious memories from their experiences. As an extra treat for the audience, they both played a couple of piano selections. This time around, Rinky also provided the piano accompaniment for the Blackhawk school fight song at the end of the program - RAH! RAH! Henry Lay, a former choir director, also spoke on the choir program and emphasized that the Phillips schools were very unique in that there was exceptional support of all programs from parents, the churches, and the community, and that the students were highly self-motivated.

Toward the end of the program, the traditional '50-year reunion clock was passed down from **Bobby Wilson ('58)** to **Karen Hood Karr ('59)** and **Linda Jackson Hatton ('59)**, signifying time is ticking away and that a class can't start too soon on organizing the big 5 0.



Louise Glidewell Gunter ('40) who has never missed a Homecoming event.

Heritage Center Upgrades/Donations for 2008

Ben Gollehon (former band director at Hereford) - 8-mm recording reels of Phillips band concerts taken in the 1950s and 1960s. These will be transferred to CD's.

Karen Brown ('73) - manager/trainer's Blackhawk white coveralls

Stephanie Termin ('68) - Cheerleader jacket and Semper Fidelis (SF) pin

Mike Hughes (son of **Billy Hughes ('49)** & coach) - 1949 Commencement program and 1961 annual

Neva Flinn ('63) - German Club pin - **Mike Harris ('73)** - 1939 Philnews issue

Mary Brooks (daughter of Dr. Brooks) - 1941 annual

Marie Moffitt ('47), **Jerry Vaden ('60)**, **Barbara Klepper ('65)**, **Sue Parnell ('58)**, **Juanita Wilson ('52)**,

Anita Flinn ('62), **Amy Kindle ('72)** - cash

Endowment Scholarship Donors (\$25 and Over)

Class of '48

Mike Kimmins ('66)

Colleen Smith ('47)

Leon Cowan ('73)

Jack Taylor ('60)

Mary Kimmins ('70)

Marvin Morris ('59)

Joey Sutphen ('58)

Gordon Richardson ('57)

Phyllis Johnson ('57)

Joyce Sweeney ('56)

Frank Strech ('48)

Tooter Cook ('56)

Jim Raley ('58)

H.F. Ritchie ('57)

Gary Anderson ('56)

Carla Armstrong ('80)

Cozel Foster ('43)

Harvey Hilbert ('62)

Robert Johnson ('54)

Neal Wood ('64)

Richard Vaden ('55)

Vernell Platts ('61)

Beth Kuhrt ('74)

Walter Prock ('79)

Jesse Martin ('66)

Renda Sharp ('40)

Kara Selman ('68)

Rinky Chivers ('56)

Kim Trumbly ('82)

Ray Robbins ('62)

Richard Kelly ('58)

Johnny Cook ('58)

Jackie Gray ('62)

Naomi Sweeney ('43)

Penny Walker ('54)

Bill Coss ('68)

Wanda Fouty ('43)

Dorene Drake ('57)

Vicki Stone (Morris Creel's daughter)

Nancy Board ('51)

Milton Hoff ('58) & Toni Truax ('58)

Myrna Hall ('70)

Linda Blackman ('63)

Rick Kimmins ('65)

Colleen Wilson ('54)

Janet Morris ('77)

Carol Roland ('58)

Ralph Smith ('57)

Edda Waddill ('37)

Bill Gaither ('52) & Sharlene Smith ('53)

Dana Wright ('68)

Leon Glenn ('56)

Doug Tomlinson ('65) & Barbara Barbee ('67)

Roy Lee White ('60)

Joe Hayes ('65) & Karla Caviness ('65)

Johnny Ussery ('49)

Tony Vaughn ('48)

2008 Golf Tourney Players

Melanie Scruggs (Bert Creel's daughter)



Golf Tournament Results

We had another pleasant tournament weatherwise. The 9:00 am starting time seems to be working out real well, taking advantage of the cooler morning temperatures. It was another great, close golf scramble. A near-full contingent of 84 golfers participated this year. This year a low team score of 53 won the Golf Scramble. Members of the winning foursome were **Junior Beasley ('63)**, **Mike Webb ('64)**, **Richard Hale ('58)**, and Bob Shields (*not an ex*). Each player received \$50 in golf merchandise of their choosing. All the fun, fellowship, and exercise was topped off with pizza, this time after everyone played through...with seven pizzas left over! Some of you other exes should have come out to visit and help us eat the pizzas! The Tourney was able to donate \$500 to the Alumni scholarship funds from the proceeds left over from the sponsorship donations and player fees.

The following scholarship donations were made in memory of the late Jimmy Williams ('50)

Naomi Beene ('49)

Mike Johnson ('61)

Sandra Downs ('61)

Myra Fisher ('56)

Bill & Ruby Martin

Joed Forbus (ex teacher/coach)

Billie Williams Family

Bobby Williams Family

Bruce & Joan Gordon

Norma Kelly

Bill & Glenda Schlucter

Jim Birdwell

Rosetta Baker Dunigan of the Class of '58 at the Heritage Center.



Deceased Teachers Over Past Year

Betty Chandler (95 years old)
Bill Clemmons

Homecoming Tidbits - This and That

Mike Kimmins had to have his "Hawk of the Year" award mailed to him. A perennial attendee and participant in the golf scramble, hear tell he was practicing his golf swing at a local golf course the day before leaving Houston for Borger. He tried for one of those 330-yard drives during which he collapsed to the ground writhing in pain. Doctor told him that he had badly strained the tendons and ligaments in his hip, and reminded him that he wasn't a 60-year-old Tiger Woods. Unfortunately this wasn't the only malady that sidetracked Mike's plans to attend Homecoming. Very soon afterwards he also contracted what was later diagnosed (after many days of tests) as viral encephalitis which left him completely listless and temporarily affected his short term memory. He was proscribed a month of much needed bed rest and is currently at home convalescing - getting ready for a move to Canyon sometime later this year.

Since both Phillips exes, and Borger exes from the Class of 1958, had accommodations at the AmericInn Motel, there was bound to be a resurgence of the interschool

rivalry. Though there was much intermixing and camaraderie and good times shared between both school's alumni in the after hours congregating in the lobby, there was however a slight altercation that did break out between some 70-year-olds (no names mentioned) as to which school was the best, and currently is the best because it has an active alumni association. No fisticuffs broke out however, and all harmony was quickly restored.

A big thanks goes out to **Richard Kelly ('58)** and **Eugene Richmond (husband of Barbara Wilson ('56))** who the past several years have faithfully taken pictures at the Homecoming and have furnished several of the photos used in this and prior publications. FYI, Richard has suffered a run of bad luck both at and since Homecoming. First of all, his very-nice-a camera was accidentally dropped and broken beyond repair at HC. But even worse, he slipped and fell, severely reinjuring his "bad" knee while vacationing in Colorado the week after HC. During his senior year in football he tore his knee up about

as bad as anyone could and was taken to Oklahoma City by Coach Walker himself to undergo some serious surgery. A recent progress report from him indicates it's still troubling him, but he's in good spirits. Whether surgery will be required hasn't been decided yet.

Sammy Gaines ('58), another faithful attendee at Homecomings, suffered a heart attack a week after and had to have quadruple bypass surgery. He says that he is recovering just fine.

Learned at Homecoming that **Bobby Wilson ('58)** recently was chosen to attend a ceremony in Washington D.C. where deceased peace officers were honored earlier in the spring.

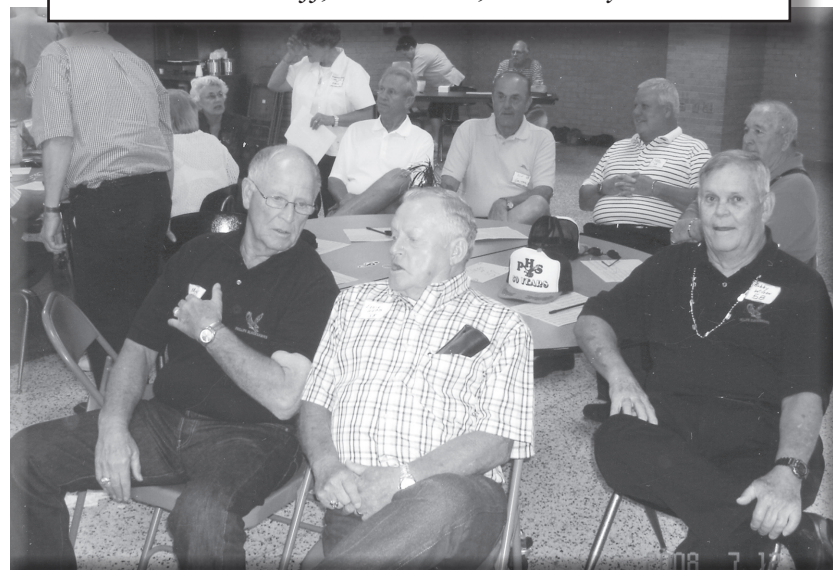
We don't hand out fashion awards for the most zany, gaudy, etc. attire, but if we did, there was a definite winner this year who replaces **Billy Baker ('56)**, who usually wears his *red & blue & yellow* golf cowboy boots. If we did, then this year's dubious honor goes to **Joey Sutphen ('58)** who sported a Mohawk haircut wig a lot of the time.

Cotton Bowl Bands Inquiry

The Alumni Association Committee would like to know if any of you former band members who participated at the New Years Day Cotton Bowl halftime (the years 1960 and 1967 that the PHS band participated that we know about for sure) have any pictures or film that was taken. If you do, we would like for you to lend them to us so that we can put them on the Phillips Blackhawks web site. They will be promptly returned to you. Please respond to our web site master, **Marjo Hettick van Patten ('62)** at:

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Some of the '58 class exes gathered around the table at Saturday program. In the foreground, pictured left to right, are: Milton Hoff, Eddie Webb, and Bobby Wilson.



Who's Who List of Class Reunion Attendees

Class of '48 (60-Year Reunion - 13 attendees)

Carolyn Ostrom	Vera Sledge
Bud Evans	Crystal Winegar
Doris Smith	Beverly Rice
June Reno	Richard Arnold
Jo Ann Hubbard	Melvin Sellers
Wilma Hill	Frank Strech
Myrna Tietz	

Class of '58 (50-Year Reunion - 42 attendees)

Ronnie Baker	Milton Hoff
Rosetta Baker	Sherry Hogan
Bobby Barclay	Richard Hogue
Janice Benefield	Ann Jones
Bill Brown	Richard Kelly
Neil Bundrick	Lee Kness
Randall Burks	Connie Lamm
Travis Cheatwood	Judy Lee
Harvey Cobb	Shirley Mason
Johnny Cook	John McEntire
Phyllis Corley	Anita Moore
Donald Creacy	Wanda Morgan
Ron Cromer	Sue Parnell
Janice Kae Dixon	John Paul Reese
Donnie Gaines	Loyle Richmond
Rose Garner	Carol Roland
Richard Hale	Lucy Eva Stinson
Dorothy "Dot" Garrett	Joey Sutphen
Harold Haren	Toni Truax
Janet Hatley	Eddie Webb
Marilyn Haugh	Bobby Wilson

Class of '63 (45-Year Reunion - 28 attendees)

Joan Sellinger	Karen Birch
John Sellinger	Susie Mitchell
Junior Beasley	Charles Ray
Norman Flue	Neva Flinn
Ralph Okle	Tommy Railsback
Eddy Dickey	Kelly Caufield
P.R. Stiles	Virginia Pirtle
Phillip Mahan	Judy Paschal
Sue Arthur	Sandie McKenna
Linda Blackman	Ralph Light
Brenda Summers	Jennie Riggins
Linda Lee	Jimmy Spencer
Ed Biggs	Linda Rhodes
Robert Sprowls	Jerene Hester

Class of '68 (40-Year Reunion - 26 attendees)

Margaret Pennington	Robert Gassaway
Marlene Gafford	Ray DeShields
Kathy Blanton	Stanley Moore
Kara Lee Selman	Leon Brown
Stephanie Termin	Craig Hunter
Linda Means	Ralph Pumphrey
Jackie McClellan	Bill Barber
Tari Vanlandingham	Gary Bishop
Gail Armstrong	Gary Adkins
Carlene Yoder	Billy Coss
Kanita McMillan	Mike Keller
Larry Casey	Garry Hunter
Mike Acker	Penny Hensley

Class of '73 (35-Year Reunion - 20 attendees)

Mike Harris	Gary Mahan
Joe Dickey	Cathy Kilkuskie
Sis Baker	Daryl Krug
Karen Brown	Danny Beebe
Richard Tindall	Keith Reed
Erin Caufield	Mike Lewellyn
Kris Bailey	Stephanie Benton
Billy Reneau	Judy Graham
Tami Vanlandingham	Aaronda White
Betty Wood	Mark Wallen



Toni Truax Royall Hoff ('58), Wanda Morgan Reese ('58), and Janice Dixon Wise ('58).

Deceased Exes Over Past Year

Donald Dickey ('59-rare muscle/nerve disease)
 James Harold Glenn ('58-lung cancer)
 Bill Fisher ('36-heart attack)
 Bill Ramsay ('48-cancer)
 Cheryl Campbell ('64-?)
 Phil Smiley ('53-cancer)
 Carol Combs ('53-cancer)
 Bob Pickens ('46-leukemia)
 Marlene Gideon ('66-cancer)
 Glynn Carpenter ('53-cancer)
 Stanton Koop ('55-heart attack)
 Riley Troth ('39-?)
 Dee Boulter ('39-brain tumor)
 Joe Bob Newman ('49-lung cancer)
 Donella McClellan ('54-cancer)
 Bobby Wooldridge ('55-?)
 James Lewis Bain ('44-Parkinsons)
 Shirley Sullivan ('52-?)
 Karren Stevens ('67-heart problem)
 Roy Crutchfield ('48-heart problem)
 Robert L. Cooper ('41-?)
 Darlene Hoff ('56-Alzheimers)
 Eugene Kossey ('56-?)
 Dan Cambern ('53-?)
 Dorothy Young ('51-?)
 Alma Waits Rodgers ('49-?)



Kelly Steiner ('55-heart attack)
 Richard Bowery ('49-?)
 Jimmy Williams ('50-pneumonia)
 Billy Rawlings ('50-heart attack)
 J.L. Martin ('42-?)
 Lillian Stull ('40-heart attack)
 Pauline Brown ('39-stroke/heart failure)
 Leola Brooks ('43-stroke)
 Dwain Nicholas ('63-?)
 Paula Woods ('68-cancer)
 Bobby Wall ('84-motorcycle wreck)
 Jeane Winters ('66-?)
 Arthur Bell ('66-?)
 Barbara Webb ('58-?)
 Betty Lowe ('41-?)
 Boyd Lemons ('49-?)
 Dwain Winton ('54-?)
 H.C. Stewart ('42-heart attack)
 Harriet McCall ('64-MS complications)
 Alice Webb ('60-liver cancer)
 Charles Stiles ('56-diabetes/broken back)
 Norman Kendrick ('56-kidney failure)
 Carl Laughery ('62-blood clot)
 Aneise Hunt ('52-cancer)
 Mike Foust ('60-?)
 Marilyn Mills ('59-?)



Class of 1973 group picture at Joe Dickey's home.



Coca-cola break at Milton Hoff's home. Pictured left to right are Mike Dixon ('66), Donna Gohlke ('66), Ron Cromer ('58), Johnny Cook ('58), Toni Truax ('58), J.P Reese ('58), Janice Dixon ('58), Joey Sutphen ('58), Neil Bundrick ('58), Deanna Hatley ('56), and Pat Rouston ('55).



Robert Gassaway ('68), Gail Armstrong Hamilton ('68), Stephanie Termin Mullens ('68), and Larry Casey ('68)



Class of 1973

Lee Johnson Scholarship Fund Now Fully Funded

Thanks to the continuing, many generous contributions that have come in mainly since March, the Lee Johnson Scholarship now is a fully endowed scholarship (fund reached \$10,000 in August helped by a sizable contribution by his son **Robert Johnson ('54)**). It will start furnishing a \$500 per semester scholarship at FPC like the other Ray Robbins, J. I. Kimmins, Chesty Walker, and Evelyn Hubbard Scholarships. We on the Alumni Committee thought it realistically wouldn't become fully endowed until this time next year in 2009. So thank you very much again for your generosity... you may think you weren't donating all that much, but combined with others' donations, it didn't take long for it to all add up. Funding these scholarships is the best thing that we can do to (1) help another needy and deserving high school grad out and (2) to perpetuate the memory of PHS and its administrators and teachers. We now furnish scholarships to both a boy and girl high school senior from WTHS (Stinnett), Fritch HS, and Borger HS. In addition, there is both an athletic and a music scholarship.

It was announced at HC that we are now starting on a new music endowment scholarship to be called the Ada E. Creel Scholarship proposed by her son **Morris Creel ('55)**. He has agreed to match contributions to this particular scholarship fund dollar for dollar. So when the amount of donations received totals \$5000, Morris will match it (donate the remaining \$5000) which will make it a full-fledged endowment scholarship. Once this happens, then beyond that, Morris has agreed to match dollar for dollar any donations that are made to his mother's account towards forming *another* \$10,000. Donations may be made at anytime of the year and sent to Phillips Alumni Assn., PO Box 1710, Borger TX 79008. The Phillips Alumni Association is easily now the leading scholarship benefactor to FPC.

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Exes who won all-state honors in band and/or choir recognized at Saturday program.



Darla Caviness Howard ('69) and Kara Lee Selman Ford ('68) at Lake Meredith.



Class of 1968 group picture.



Visiting on the sofa from left to right: Gary Adkins ('68), Kanita McMillan Riggle ('68), and Craig Hunter ('68).