

Book About Joe Hayes Available For Purchase

Just wanted to let you know that Leslie Monden, a local author from Stinnett, has written a book about Joe Hayes, that has just been published and released. The title is: An Unassuming Man: The Memoir of Joe Hayes. We thought perhaps some of our fellow Blackhawks might be interested in purchasing a copy of the book which is an 132-page paperback or hardback, available at your local bookstore or amazon.com (ISBN-10: 1450205062, publisher: iUniversal). Leslie's home phone number is (806)878-3256 if you need further information.



Joe Hayes and Leslie Monden (author) with a copy of his book.

Joe Hayes was born on the day that Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany. Only a few days later the United States would enter WW I. He since has lived through six wars, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl days, the Cold War, and the dawning of the nuclear age.

Forever an optimist at age 93, Joe says that every day is the best day of his life, even though he has lived alone since the passing away of his wife 20 years ago. He wants the reader to know what it was like to live in a small, wooden house with 11 other people and no plumbing. As both a parent and coach, Joe wants to share his memories of a loving family and the strong family values with which he was raised and that he passed on to his children and students.

Leslie writes a column, "Diggins", which is published weekly on hutchinsoncountyhighlights.com. It is all about the history of our area. She is also the author of another book, "Hutchinson County: A Pictorial Legacy".

"Phillips 66ers" Set Sights On Sites

"Phillips 66ers" is an appropriate moniker - for this year at least - for a group of adventurous gals from the 1962 Class, now 66 years of age (see picture below). For the past 15 years, every year or two, these nine ladies, who have remained very close and kept in touch since high school, plan a trip to and rendezvous at some tourist spot in the U S A. This past June it was Asheville, North Carolina and its surrounds. Their jaunts took them to visit such sites as the Biltmore (a huge estate), a boarding house where Thomas Wolf (famous author) lived, Great Smokey Mountains National Park and Railroad, and "Unto These Hills" outdoor drama. A few of them stayed longer and made side trips to Nashville and Appomattox Courthouse. These gals had a great time as always, talking, laughing, eating, drinking wine, and sightseeing (in that order most likely).



They are a well-grounded group of seasoned travelers, who have lived in a wide variety of locations (including overseas), and have traveled to even more places, using Phillips as their springboard. It's refreshing and inspirational to know that a group such as these, with strong Phillips ties, still bond together so well, when time and family involvement so often serve as a wedge that dissipates old friendships - it's gotta be a "male thing"!

The '62 Class Ya-Ya's. (Seated from left to right): Carolyn Moore, Louise Hill, Martha Kirkpatrick, Carol Cochran, Sandra Roscoe. (Standing from left to right): Marjo Hettick, Johnnie Morgan, Carolyn Plumlee, Deanna Flanders

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Future Homecoming Set

Be sure and mark down on your 2011 calendar the dates **July 15-16** for our HC next summer at which we will recognize and honor all of our exes who've ever worked at the Hawks Nest concession stand. Any additional genre of honorees, that and if we decide later to include, will be announced in next March's HC letter. If you have any suggestions for possible honorees that have been inadvertently overlooked over prior Homecomings, please let us know. It is anticipated that the Classes of '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, and '86 will be planning special reunions for that weekend, with the Class of 1961 the featured 50-year reunion class. *Please take notice that these dates fall on the 3rd weekend of July* (which this one time deviates from our customary 2nd weekend). This weekend was chosen because July 8-9 falls too close to the July 4th holiday for which many exes make other travel plans. Then in 2012, Homecoming will revert back to the 2nd weekend of July, and for several years thereafter.

The Class of 1971 will be celebrating their 40th. For more information, please contact **Ted Buckland**/Box 1261/Stinnett TX 79083/806-878-3027 or **Floyd Jackson**/6503 Ridgcrest Rd, Unit G/Dallas TX 75231/214-696-4345.

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58th Homecoming Anniversary

By way of introduction, maybe this expression is a little worn, nevertheless it seems apropos... "we got some good news, and we got some bad news". The good news is that we had one of the most successful and largest turnouts in recent years (nearly 500!!) with a lot of new faces, many of whom hadn't been to a HC since the granddaddy of them all in 1986 and some even since high school. The bad news is (1) that we didn't have enough time to visit with everyone we would have liked to have because the sheer numbers, given the limited amount of time, prevented such. Even in the narrower sense, a few who were here for special class reunions missed seeing a classmate or two they didn't realize was here. In fact, a record crowd was present at the WTHS Saturday morning meeting, so many that it was SRO despite that all the chairs that were available were set up, but still not enough - for this we apologize. (However, about 80 of the people there didn't let us know that they were even considering coming. That's one of the reasons we want you to mail us your Form!). The other bad news is (2) that no one looked any younger, and despite the recent/current recession we've been enduring, most everyone appeared to have been faring very well at mealtimes - lean and hungry looks were a rare sight. We used to could sit eight around each table at our Saturday morning program, but seven was a tight fit this time. Surely, we jest...surely.

Lots went on that weekend outside the planned HC activities - the Class of 1960 had two great get-togethers - at Fort Amarillo Friday evening and a dinner program at the Amarillo Club. The Class of 1965 had a dinner program at Old Sutphens in Borger on both evenings, and the Class of 1970 met at **Steve Williams'** home in Borger Friday evening. And yes, the combined

Classes of '54,'55, '56, & '57 met at **Arthur Bybee's** home on Saturday evening. For all the other exes who didn't have special class reunions, there were over 300 who attended the mixer at Fairlanes Baptist Church gym that went over really well.

As was mentioned earlier, there were many exes that hadn't come in a long time, especially from the '60 honor class. There were at least (we apologize if we're leaving anyone out) ten exes recognized at the Saturday morning program who came for the very first time since they were in high school... **Rose Mary Spann ('60)**, **Treva Baker ('60)**, **Jimmy Jacka ('60)**, **B.J. Robinett ('60)**, **Gary Rash ('60)**, **Ralph White ('66)**, **June White ('63)**, **Karen Banes ('70)**, **Lanet Erdmann ('70)**, and **Stephnie Nichols ('87)**. This year's featured 50-year reunion lunch was the Class of '60 who had 58 members present at one function or another (see page 3)...fantastic! But what was just as impressive were the 53 members present from the Class of 1970 whose active roll only totals 75 - an amazing 70 percent turnout! **Jonnie Oswalt ('60)** of Borger 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 **Gloria Musgrave ('54)** of Duncanville, Texas. We also had a very nice, queen-sized, Blackhawk quilt especially made, which was raffled off. It was won by **Janet "Tooter" Cook ('56)** of Oklahoma City, who graciously decided to donate the quilt back to the Association to raffle off again next year. FYI, this was strictly voluntary...the winner owns the quilt - it's his/hers to keep.

The 14th annual "Hawk of the Year" award went to **Sue Arthur Hooten ('63)** of Borger, who has been a faithful attendee and diligent worker for the Alumni Association Committee. Some of the other awards that were meted out to other exes were: The three cash prize drawing awardees were as follows: \$100 - **Bill Baker ('56)**, \$75 - **Joey Sutphen ('58)**, and \$50 - **Bill Barr ('67)**. Still don't know if anyone talked these three in buying his/her lunch or not...it evidently must be very tough to part with a new crisp bill that you've just won without having some quality time alone to handle and savor it. Also receiving special recognition was **Caroline Stevens Alexander ('36)** from the first graduating class. However, the oldest ex there was **Juanita Wilson Cagle**, age 95, who returned to school, while raising the

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We know of at least three exes who were unable to attend Homecoming because of recent surgeries. There were bound to be other exes who couldn't make it because of unexpected injuries and illnesses.

Mike Kimmins ('66) was unable this year to attend HC as he was in the process of getting a prosthesis for his right leg. He had to have his right foot amputated this summer after injuring his foot and ankle in a golfing accident while living in Houston a couple of years ago. However, Mike is adjusting well, stays in great spirits, and hopes to make the next Homecoming.

Donny Gaines ('58) suffered a heart attack a day or so before HC. He had emergency triple bypass surgery and some old stents removed that had plugged up. He reportedly has mostly recovered, but now is facing the looming prospect of having both a hip and knee replacement which he had originally planned on having before his heart attack occurred.

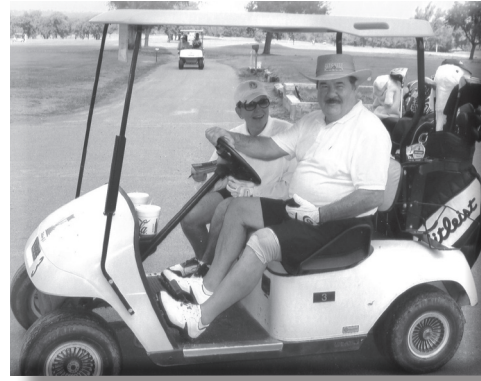
Another faithful attendee, **Mary Joe Krejci Mahan ('64)**, had to cancel her HC trip as she had to have surgery to repair a broken arm.

At the Class of 1960's reunion, several members noted how that they were not only looking older as a group, but heavier as well. So **Gary Bullard ('60)** and **Mike Caddell ('60)** have challenged each other to lose 50 pounds by the first of the year. The first one to lose 50 pounds or the most weight by January 1 wins. The loser has to pay a dollar a pound that the winner loses to the Alumni Association scholarship fund. Furthermore they have extended the challenge (but not the wager) to the rest of the class to lose a combined 1,000 pounds. The guys' contest is being reported in this issue not only to make the "cheese more binding" between the two, but to perhaps provide the rest of us readers some incentive to follow their example...or at least feel a twinge of guilt when contemplating ordering that next burger, fries, and milkshake. Brings to mind the words from Ernie Ford's old 50s song, "You gain sixteen pounds and what do ya grow, another day older and wider below. The ambulance a coming"

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Golf Tournament Results

Well, cooler heads prevailed this time around - as did cooler arms, legs and bods - as we were blessed with 70 degree temperature at tee-off time. Despite our numbers being slightly down with only 70 golfers participating, it was another great, golf scramble. This year a low team score of 54 won the Golf Scramble. Members of the winning foursome were **Larry Lewis ('65)**, **Larry Casey ('68)**, **Judge Perry ('56)**, and **Joe Hayes ('65)**. Right behind their heels, two other teams tied for second place shooting a 55. But the lady who stole the show was "**Susie**" **Wallace Somers ('57)** who made a hole-in-one on the 130-yard, par 3 Hole No. 7. Word seemed to have gotten around the entire 18-hole course before she could tee-up on Hole No. 8. She made history by becoming the first ex to "actually" ace a hole at our annual affair. All the fun, fellowship, and fancy foot wear was topped off with ice tea and pizza after everyone played through. Yes, those "purty" red, yellow, and blue cowboy boots resurfaced this year sported by none other than **Bill Baker ('56)**. The tourney was able to again donate \$500 to the Alumni scholarship fund from the proceeds left over from the sponsorship donations and player fees.



Perched inside a golf cart at the Golf Scramble, Anita Sparks ('57) and Gordon Richardson ('57) anticipating shooting a course record low.

2010 Endowment Scholarship & Heritage Center Donors (\$50 and Over)

Class of 1960

Caroline Alexander('36)
James Litchford(42)
Cozel Foster('43)
Tom Means('48)
Janice Jenne('49)
"Butch" Holmes('50)
Penny Walker('54)
Linda Kay Barbee('55)
Gary Anderson('56)
H.F. Ritchie('57)
Richard Kelly('58)
Cathy Armstrong('60)
Roy Lee White('60)
Charles Ray('63)
Sharon Flynn('64)
Rick Kimmins('65)
Jan Railsback('67)
John Hill('71)
Walter Prock('79)
Kenneth Reed('45)
Joe Hayes('65)
Ann Jones('58)
David Watkins('77)

Leslie Monden

Doyle Hughes('38)
James Sever('42)
Phyllis Reno('45)
Frank Strech('48)
James Tipps('49)
Phyllis Crupper('50)
Colleen Wilson('54)
Jerry Fenley('55)
Leon Glenn('56)
Johnny Cook('58)
Joey Sutphen('58)
Mike Caddell('60)
Mike Johnson('61)
Sandra Spearman('63)
Joan Chandler('65)
Kaye Litchford('66)
Dana Wright('68)
Steve Williams('72)
Kim Trumbly('82)
Karla Caviness('65)
Jerry Vaden('60)
Bob Malone('63)
Phillip Sweeney('45)

2010 Golf Tourney Players

Jeanne Brakebill('40)
Clytee Armstrong('43)
Betty Braden('46)
Bill Evans('49)
Ben Heckathorn('50)
Bill Heckathorn('54)
Jimmy Heckathorn('54-Dec)
Lois Winegar('55)
Joyce Sweeney('56)
Milton Hoff('58)
Mary Ellen Hull('59)
Mary Anne Ewing('60)
Delton Waits('62)
Derryl DeShields('64)
Glenn Hopkins('65)
Kenny Barr('67)
Karen Banes('70)
Judy Lemons('73)
Barbara Martin
(Jimmy Williams' widow)
John Sewell('60)
Toni Caufield('60)

Fun With The Information Form

Over the years we have received some highly suspect data facts, on returned Information Forms, from some really clever and cutesy exes - all in the name of fun though. So, for grins, we thought you might want to see a form that contains a composite sampling of several of the responses we have gotten over the years. Mind you, we've never gotten a form where all the answers are facetious (only two or three at most), so some of the information below we've fabricated and supplied ourselves to complete the form. Remember this is for fun - so don't get any ideas.

INFORMATION FORM		Class <u>Do I ever!</u>	Date <u>No - Will bring spouse this time</u>
First Name	<u>Mary A.</u>	Last Name	<u>Melon</u> Maiden Name <u>Lott</u>
Address	<u>8 Yellow Patch Circle</u>		Town <u>Gourdville</u> State <u>Desperation</u> Zip <u>Got none left</u>
Home Phone	<u>Yes</u>	E-mail Address	<u>idonthaveacomputer@homeoroffice.com</u>
Cell Phone	<u>N/A - out of jail now</u>	Spouse's First Name	<u>Harry</u> Spouse's Class (if PHS ex) <u>Has none</u>
Planning To Attend?	No <u>X</u> Maybe <u>X</u> Yes <u>X</u>	How Many?	<u>All of us</u> First Time To Attend? <u>1st grade</u>
Amount Enclosed:	Dues <u>IOU</u> Class Listing _____	Deceased List	<u>Not yet</u> Golf Fee _____ Donation <u>\$.50</u>
Donation Designation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Center	Scholarships:	<input type="checkbox"/> Williams Brothers Blanket Order <u>3 pigs therein</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> General Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (write in)	<u>Crazy Jake / Pete the Hermit</u>
Planning to move within the next year?	<u>ya never know</u>	When?	_____ Where (if known) <u>Up, up, and beyond</u>
Name of Someone Who Will Always Know Your Address	<u>Harry Melon</u>		Relation to You <u>Spouse / step-brother (my bad)</u>
Address	<u>Same, but other bedroom</u>		Phone <u>Nope- unfortunately the real thing</u>

Didn't find any \$ - please resend

Heritage Center Upgrades/Donations for 2010

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Ray Toulouse ('65) | - Small child's Blackhawk tee-shirt from 1956 |
| Jimmy Heckahtorn ('54) | - 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954 senior annuals |
| Shirley Tucker ('53) | - 50-Year Reunion Blackhawk blanket |
| Dixie ('63) & Myrna ('56) Taylor | - Blackhawk letter bracelet |
| Karla Caviness ('65) | - Her mother's (Lavon Caviness('40)) Tes Trams sponsor sweater |
| Ed Biggs ('63) | - Picture and handmade program of his first grade play |
| Phil Erdmann ('64) | - Blackhawk ribbons, 1964 Athletic Banquet program, Lee Johnson photos |
| Shirley King ('66) | - Her four high school annuals |
| Pat Burks ('53) | - Two prints of an oil painting of Phillips High School |
| Class of 1960 | - Mounted picture displays of Class of 1960 school days and later years. |
| | - Two DVD's of class interviews. |
| Class of 1970 | - Book of 40-Year Reunion class bios/writeups/pictures |

Williams Brothers Scholarship Fund Now Fully Funded

Thanks to the continuing, generous contributions that have come in mainly since March, the Williams Brothers Scholarship now is a fully endowed scholarship (fund reached \$10,000 in July helped by contributions from the Williams families in a joint venture). It started furnishing a \$500 per semester scholarship at FPC this fall like the other Ray Robbins, J.I Kimmins, Chesty Walker, Evelyn Hubbard, Ada Creel, and Lee Johnson Scholarships. Both we and FPC want to thank you very much again for your generosity...you may think you weren't donating all that much, but combined with others' donations, you can see what has been accomplished in 7 years (13 fully endowed scholarships at FPC) since we began this grand endeavor. Funding these scholarships is the best thing that we can do (1) to help another needy and deserving high school grad and (2) to perpetuate the memory of PHS and its administrators, teachers, and exes, as the scholarships will long outlive us.

We will be working on a second Williams Brothers, again a joint venture with the Williams family. Scholarship 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 now by far the leading scholarship benefactor to FPC.

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four school-aged Wilson kids, and graduated from the Class of 1952. Two other early classes exes present were **Doyle Hughes ('37)** and **Louise Glidewell Gunter ('40)**. As always, all the classes having special reunions ('55, '60, '65, and '70), and all former PHS teachers and office workers were asked to stand and be recognized. It was sure good again to see **Joe Hayes, Doug Adkins, and LaNelle White** in attendance.

Our main speaker, "**Dusty**" **Deusterhaus McGuire ('47)** had to cancel at the last minute due to a leg injury. But we had a lady in attendance, Leslie Monden, a local author/historian living in Stinnett, who gave a little talk on Joe Hayes and promoted her recent book she had written about Joe Hayes (see story on page 10). Our featured groups of all-staters, and the **geriatric** venerable group made up of the Classes of 1936 through 1949, were recognized from the audience, almost a fourth of those in attendance.

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Class of '70 (40-Year Reunion - 53 attendees)

Merri Akers	Allen Henderson	Patty Pendleton
Stacy Alford	Dwain Henderson	Donna Phillips
Karen Banas	Shari Huffine	Cliff Pruett
John Barr	Harold Johnston	Vickie Reed
Dennis Beebee	Mary Ann Kimmins	Dick Robie
Johnny Blankenship	Ronnie Klaus	Donnie Sewell
Roger Collins	Jackie Lawson	Lanny Shelton
Kay Crockett	Kevin Lillard	George Surles
Deana Curren	Jane Little	Shawn Termin
Gary Deshields	Loyd Lummus	Jerry Thompson
Carla Defries	Donna Marvel	Bobby Underhill
Paula Folks	Pam McCollum	Kathy Williams
Mary Cole Forbus	Rene Meyer	Nancy Williams
Connie Graham	Mike Morgan	Janice Wilson
Janice Green	Ronnie Morrison	Jo Beth Wood
Ronnie Gunter	Neil Noland	Gary Yoder
Myrna Hall	Elva Parkhurst	Mike Young
Debbie Hanson	Lanet Erdmann	

The '54 Class exes attending Saturday program. From left to right): Gloria Musgrave, Gil Curren, Naomi Smith, Joy Taber, Joel Kirkpatrick, Bill Heckathorn, Donald Beene. (Front row): Colleen and Evelyn Wilson. (Not pictured): Sherry Reno



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but I can't go, cause everybody knows my cholesterol's low." Famous last words.

We are indebted once more to **Richard Kelly ('58)** and **Eugene Richmond** who both for the past several years have faithfully taken pictures at the Homecoming and have furnished several of the photos used in this edition and prior publications. A big thanks goes out to the both of you for your contributions in this regard.

Ex-Teachers Deaths

June Spector, age 74, passed away in Denton, Texas in November, 2009. She taught in the elementary grades at Phillips from 1975-1986, and also in Borger.

Roy Young, age 75, passed away in Borger in November, 2009 after suffering a severe stroke. He was an educator, counselor, and coach at PHS from 1983-1987.

Elouise Skinner, age 94, died from a stroke on March 28, 2010. Elouise obtained her degree from East Texas State Teachers College. She and her husband moved to Phillips during World War II. She taught the first grade for over 35 years, and was a very well-respected Sunday School teacher. She died 2 days after her birthday.

Erma Martindale Whittet, age 100, died in April, one month before her 101st birthday. She taught second and third grades from 1942 to 1965. We reported in last fall's newsletter about her surprise 100th birthday party.

Sue Arthur ('63) winner of the "Hawk of the Year" award.



Who's Who List of Class Reunion Attendees

Class of '40 (70-Year Reunion - 1 attendee, doggone it!)

Louise Glidewell Gunter

Class of '55 (55-Year Reunion - 19 attendees)

Lillie Boyles	Bobby Freeman	Don Mercer
Buford Bullard	Donna Haddock	Pat Rouston
Juanita Burks	Tracy Hogan	Jeanen Sparks
Arthur Bybee	Burch Ingram	Reuben Thompson
Morris Creel	Wayne Lambert	Ben White
Barbara Darrell	Don Meek	Lois Winegar
Jerry Fenley		

Class of '60 (50-Year Reunion - 58 attendees)

Drew Alexander	Bryan Hampton	Lavona Paxton
Stanley Allen	Ona Lee Hedrick	Gary Rash
Don Andress	Royce Heller	B.J. Robinett
Treva Baker	Bennie Heston	Bob Roland
Brenda Barclay	Wayne Hackman	Martha Russell
Bennie Billington	Ruth Ellen Hill	John Sewell
Sandra Bowling	Michele Hunter	Bob Smith
Frank Boyles	Jim Jacka	Douglas Smith
Gary Bullard	Fredie Jones	Rose Mary Spann
Gay Caddell	Karen King	Barry Steagall
Mike Caddell	Judy Laney	Eddie Stokes
Toni Caufield	Shirley Langley	Jack Taylor
Dick Cook	Joe Livingston	Carl Toland
Kay Culver	Frank Lookadoo	Jerry Vaden
Ronald Edmondson	Don McWhorter	Bill Vandivere
Linda Evinger	Robert Montgomery	Peggy Whaley
Mary Anne Ewing	Jonnie Oswalt	Marlyce White
John Garrison	Ralph Page	Roy Lee White
Kay Gilliam	Richard Pannell	Jim Wood
Dwayne Gray		

Class of '65 (45-Year Reunion - 17 attendees)

Fred Banas	Sharon Darnell	Lynn Johnson
Tammy Barrow	Gay Lynn Edmondson	Larry Lewis
Karla Caviness	Joe Hayes	Marsha Rawlings
Beverly Cooke	Sally Hilton	Howard Smith
Carol Crabb	Glenn Hopkins	Judith Wendel
Danny Dawson	Marilyn Hughes	

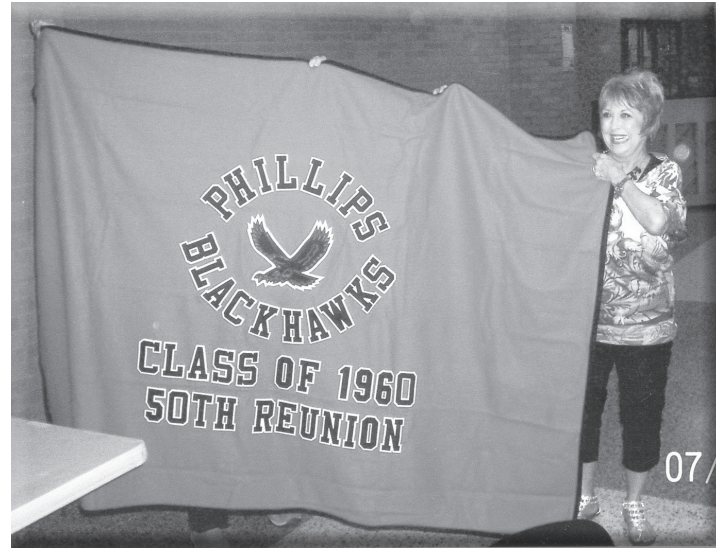
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Deceased Exes Over Past Year

David Trumbly ('74-?)
 Harvey "Pete" Wright ('69-cancer)
 Larry Carper ('57-?)
 Bud Moulton ('51-Alzheimers, heart)
 Billye Rhea Franklin ('46-heart problem)
 Paul Meek ('48-diabetes)
 Billy Bickers ('46-kidney failure)
 June Stamps ('53-?)
 Jon Coffee ('53-?)
 Judith Goldsmith ('57-cancer)
 Wilbur Smith ('44-heart attack)
 D'Aun Peabody ('73-?)
 Louise Ivey ('40-?)
 Roland Williamson ('40-stroke)
 Velma Ruth Umphres ('43-cancer)
 Jeff Holcomb ('50-?)
 John Henderson ('60-?)
 Jimmy Blackman ('50-?)
 Janet Cook ('65-?)
 Jackie McClellan ('68-multiple problems)
 Nancy Hale ('48-?)
 Billie Graybill ('44-?)
 Lorraine Poulain ('46-heart problem)
 Katherine Langen ('40-?)
 Ella Waddill ('37-?)
 Richard Draper Wright ('46-?)
 Katheryn Reed ('47-cancer)
 Carol Crockett ('67-heart failure)
 Marcel Poulain ('37-heart failure)
 Jack Gravitt ('54-?)
 Louise Vaden ('48-pneumonia)
 Inez Gunkel ('46-?)
 Bobby Jack Shields ('53-bone cancer)
 Dorothy Cox ('47-?)
 Walter Morrison ('67-cancer)
 Jack Garrett ('61-heart attack)
 Eddie Gillispie ('57-lung disease)
 Wilberine Carter ('40-?)
 Paul Poulain ('42-?)
 Harold Coss ('47-?)
 Gary Plumlee ('59-?)
 Mark Harris ('78-?)
 Linda Cochran ('66-Alzheimers)
 Glen Edmund Coss ('45-lukemia)
 Sally Lane ('67-liver cancer)
 Johnny Parker ('51-?)
 Marilyn Ralston ('44-Alzheimers)
 John Rash ('70-liver cancer)
 Jesse Williams ('59-?)
 Mark Acker ('65-?)
 Nell Quisenberry ('50-?)



*White Family Photo (left to right):
Ralph White ('66), June White ('63),
Roy Lee White ('60) and Judy White ('57)*



Jonnie Oswalt ('60) winner of 50-year Reunion blanket.



"Framed" picture at Heritage Center, Class of '60 gals. (From left to right": Kay Culver, Mary Anne Ewing, Kay Gilliam, Lavona Paxton, Ona Lee Hedrick, and Rose Mary Spann, all smiling through Blackhawks license plate frames.



Wilson Family photo (left to right): Colleen Wilson ('54), Evelyn Wilson ('54), Barbara Wilson ('56), Misty Wilson Gray (daughter of Bobby), Juanita Wilson ('52 - the mother), and Bobby Wilson ('58).



"My Most Unforgettable Character" - A Tribute to Lee Johnson

Robert Johnson ('54) sent us a copy of a chapter from a book entitled *When The Bell Sounded* (1972) written by F.M. McCarty. Chapter 27, "A Wonderful Friend Is Lost", is a tribute to Robert's father, **Lee Johnson**, former superintendent of Phillips ISD. It also gives a historical perspective on PHS. Unfortunately it is too long to reproduce in this newsletter, but can be found on the phillipsblackhawks.com web site under "Pictures/Page 1" by clicking on his name directly below his picture. Below are some short excerpts from the chapter.

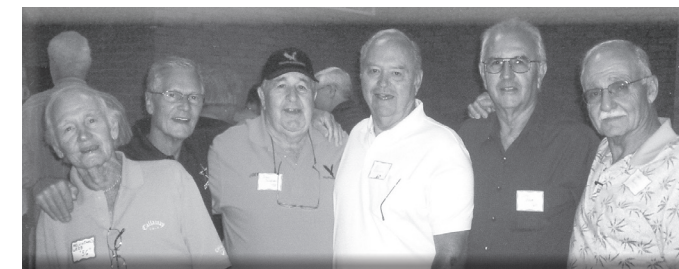
"I knew intimately many administrators during the years I worked in schools as a salesman calling on them. I had many that I thought of as being very close and warm friends. Among all of these men I was associated with, one stands out very tall. He was Lee Johnson, who was superintendent of schools in Phillips, a suburb of Borger....I must say that I thought then, and I do now, that he was the finest school administrator I ever knew.

It was a small district, areawise, but one of the wealthiest in the entire territory I worked. Phillips Petroleum Company was by far the largest taxpayer....He (Mr. Johnson) must have had a blank check from his school board to do the things he wanted to do when he came to Phillips, for he exercised complete freedom in the administration of the school...

He was one of the most genteel and considerate men I have ever met...[And] he was a keen judge of people and, having adequate funds to ensure a high salary schedule, he could employ the very best personnel. Resignations were rare, but any vacancy that could occur could be filled from a wide choice of applicants."



Don Ham ('53) and Barbara Darrell Ham ('55)



Early Memories of the Phillips Free Fair

Below is reprinted an article written by a Phillips ex for his local Lions Club in which he recounts his early memories of the Phillips Free Fair that was sponsored by the Phillips Lions Club.

EARLY MEMORIES OF THE PHILLIPS FREE FAIR

My early memories of the Lions Club date back to 1944. That summer, shortly after D-Day in Europe, the Phillips, Texas Lions Club hosted the first Phillips Free Fair. Handmade game booths and tents were erected in the school parking lot and the school auditorium became the display and judging area for canned fruits and vegetables, baked goods, quilts, and a variety of other arts and crafts entered for competition. With World War II at its pitch peak, you can only now imagine the necessity and pride with which everyone took in their ability for home food production and self-sufficiency. The competition for blue ribbons was fierce. When I was about 12 or 13, I entered a home-grown black diamond watermelon that won me a blue ribbon.

The Lions Club Phillips Free Fair became an annual event much anticipated by the whole community. A three-ride carnival was a part of the fair. A carousel, a "tilt-a-whirl" ride and a Ferris wheel ride were the delights of all of us kids growing up at that time. As I recall, the cost of the rides was around a nickel each. Another popular event was the dunking booth. Prominent community and Lions Club members took turns sitting on a board suspended over a tank of water. This board was mechanically linked to a target paddle by the side of the tank. Fair goers bought baseballs to throw at the target in an effort to dunk their good friends and neighbors. A rodeo was part of the fair for many years. I remember mowing neighborhood lawns for twenty-five cents each to earn and save three to four dollars to spend at the fair. Money went a long way back then.

The Lions Club Phillips Free Fair, followed shortly thereafter by the start of football season, were the highlights of the year for all of us in the community. My Dad was a member of the Lions Club and my uncle, Guy Chivers, was President of the Lions Club off and on for several years.

I don't remember much about the Fair after graduating from high school in 1955, but I know it continued to be an annual event for many years. It had to be a very successful fund raising event for the Lions Club to have continued it for so long.

In 1980, a huge explosion at the Phillips Refinery rocked the town and severely damaged the businesses, the schools, the churches, and most of the homes in Phillips. This was the beginning of the inevitable end of the town and school and the Lions Club Fair. In 1988, The Phillips Free Fair, sponsored by the Phillips Lions Club for the past 45 consecutive years, was held for the last time on the former Phillips school playground. In 1989 the town of Phillips officially ceased to exist.

Jerry Fenley, Class of 1955

(Left to right): Melvin Webb ('56), Bill Baker ('56), Joey Sutphen ('58), B.J. Robinett ('60), Jim Wood ('60) and Richard Pannell ('60)

Remembering the 75 Street Names of Phillips (Including Sunset Heights)

Question No. 1 - Ever wonder how your street in Phillips came to be named? Below is reprinted most of an article that appeared in the Borger News Herald last May that was nothing much more than a list of many of the street names in Phillips, and who or what they were named after. As you can see, most were eponymously named after big shots in Phillips Pet. Co. (PPC). After this identified list follows another list of the remaining streets for which the origins of their names is unknown.

Avenues A, B, and C - Easy as ABC as is plain to see
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Streets - Also self-explanatory
Adams - K.S. Adams, board of directors & president of PPC
Addinsell - A.N. Addinsell, early oil refiner
Bunkhouse - descriptive of the style of house
Byrd - Admiral Richard Byrd, early user of PhilGas
Carter - "Silent" Carter, early

oilman that talked constantly
Coble - William Thomas Coble, early rancher
Dimit - possibly named after the Masonic term meaning "to reign". Frank Phillips was a Mason.
Dupont - Eugene Dupont, board of directors of PPC
Earle - Ellis P. Earle, board of directors of PPC
East - directional name
Emery - Don Emery, general council of PPC
Endacott - Paul Endacott, board of directors of PPC
Goodwin - Mr. Goodwin, owner of Goodwin & Mitchell Grocery
Hiatt - possibly after an early Oklahoma oilman
Hamilton - R.F. Hamilton, executive secretary of PPC
Hughes - Charles Evans Hughes, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
Hull - J.A. Hull, board of directors of PPC
Hummel - Peter W. Hummel, oilfield geologist
Johnston - J.L. Johnston, board of directors of PPC

Joplin - R.C. Joplin - High-up PR man for PPC
Koopman - Henry E. Koopman, treasurer of PPC
Lemp - Charles Lemp, board of directors of PPC
Main - let you figure that one out
Meredith - after another oil company founded by Frank Phillips
North - directional name
N. State Hwy - a common Texas town street designation
Oberfell - George Oberfell, director of research of PPC
Ostrom - owner of Ostrom Grocery Store owner
Pantex - contraction of "Panhandle of Texas"
Park - after the street where Frank Phillips Mansion is in New York City
Perkins - early postmaster in Phillips
Phillips Avenue - Frank Phillips, founder and "king" of PPC
Rice - F.E. Rice, head of Gasoline Division of PPC
Riney - John Riney, early Oklahoma oilman

Santa Fe - after the Santa Fe Railroad
Smith-Caper - after the 1922 oil well on the Smith Ranch
Smoot - W. Clay Smoot, board of directors of PPC
Stark - probably named after Stark Oilfield near Beaumont, Texas
Youker - M.P. Youker, oilfield technologist
West - directional name
Whittenburg - J.A. Whittenburg, rancher and land owner (of much of Phillips) (*Streets Whose Origin or Namesake is Unknown/Unavailable*): Bishop, Caufield, Commercial, Crawford, Devonian, Finklea, Fortune, Front, Gulf, Hart, Hood, Hope, Jones, Musgrave, New Mechanic, Noland, Patton Rd, Pipeline Rd, Prairie, Ryan, Sands, Standish, Stevens, Stone, Trail, Trower, Warehouse, Woods

Question No. 2 - Do you know who ended up with any of the Phillips street signs?

Registration Desk: (Left): Susie Wallance ('57), Ralph Smith ('57) and Phyllis Johnson ('57). (Right): Gene Kubrt, Sue Arthur ('63) and Aaronda White ('73)



Stephanie Nichols ('87) the youngest ex in attendance.



Did You Know That?

1. Tes Trams, one of the three sorority clubs in high school, spells "Smart Set" backwards.
2. AFOOFA, the one boys' club in high school, is an acronym for "All for one, one for all".
3. In the 10 years prior to 1936, when Phillips' first high school opened, Phillips students finishing up junior high attended Borger, Stinnett and Plemons High Schools at one time or another.
4. Orville Roediger, Class of 1942 and now deceased, was one of the pilots assigned to the night mission that accidentally bombed Boise City, Oklahoma during World War II in 1943. For details of the bizarre story about the practice bombing raid that went awry, see the websites hubpages.com/hub/BoiseCityBombing and okwreckchasing.org/okavhist.html on the internet. In all fairness to Orville, he was not the navigator, the one responsible who lost his bearings and directed the pilots to the wrong target.
5. The 1935 "black duster", worst on record for the Panhandle area that frightened and distressed many people so much that some thought the end of the world was near, prompted Woody Guthrie to write (while living in Pampa at the time) the well-known old song "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You".
6. Jimmy Williams of the Class of 1950, Phillips' first all-state football player, led Texas Tech to a 12-and-1 season with his outstanding blocking, culminating in a romp of Auburn in the Gator Bowl in 1953.
7. In 1942, PHS girls basketball was terminated when a girl was accidentally killed crashing into a brick wall. The suspension lasted 30 years until the program was reinstated in 1972. You know the rest of the story.
8. Glen Phelps ('64) was the last baby born (on Thanksgiving Day, 1944) in the old Phillips Hospital before it was closed. It eventually reopened

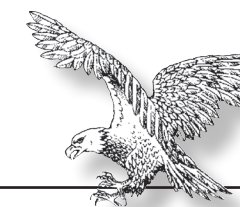
as the Community Hall, the social scene of a lot of Friday night school dances. The building was moved to Panhandle in the 1980s and later torn down and salvaged for scrap.

9. If you (as a youth) ever went to the Phillips Post Office in the late 1940s and early 1950s around March or April, the mysterious sounds of cheeping could clearly be heard from behind the PO boxes. Some parents back then used to order dyed baby chicks for their kids for Easter.
10. The Blackhawk band was invited to march in the 1960 New Years Day Cotton Bowl parade and at half-time during the Texas-Syracuse game. But unexpectedly a lot of the action took place on New Years Eve, at least for four sophomore and two freshman girls (Carol Cochran, Carolyn Plumlee, Deanna Flanders, Carolyn Moore, Karen Birch and Sandie McKenna), when the band members went to the movie "Ben Hur" that evening. Because of the full capacity crowd, these six got separated from the rest after the movie, and consequently got out too late to catch the bus that left them behind in wild and woolly downtown Dallas to fend for themselves on New Years Eve. For the details on their harrowing adventure during their trek to and while at the police station, please go visit our web site, phillipsblackhawks.com, to read about the six girls' individual recollections. Just as a teaser (no pun intended, of course), one other character is involved in this episode...Candy Barr, a notorious stripper of that day, who is indelibly etched in their memories.
11. In 1967 the Blackhawk band twirlers sported a new look from the traditional, long-pants uniform, as they were allowed to wear short skirts for the first time (prior to then, a definite no-no that probably would have gotten a girl kicked out of band, expelled from school and labeled as a whore. If our

community had been under Muslim Sharia family law, she would have been stoned with footballs.) Also in that year a "live" Blackhawk student mascot was added to the cheerleading squad.

12. Approximately one-fourth of the 4000 or so students that attended PHS now are deceased. The three leading causes of death are: (1) heart disease or failure, (2) cancer, and (3) a deadly "nervy" disorder that has a long Latin name, hypersomniacirca necroneuropathy. You can break the Latin down and figure it out, but the affliction is commonly known as hanky-panky.

If you (there's bound to be a quite a few of you) know an interesting (that would appeal to a broad age-group of readers), "believe-it-or-not" fact, or have a brief funny anecdote/recollection, about some happening while growing up in Phillips, please send it in to us to our Email address, phillipsblackhawks@yahoo.com. We will definitely take these into consideration for publishing in future newsletters.



REMEMBER!

In order to receive next year's fall newsletter and so on each year, you will have needed to send in your dues in response to the Homecoming letter mailed out to you the March before. If you wish to read any of the 14 back issues of the "Blackhawk Spirit", they may be viewed at our web site, on which we still feel that many exes have yet to avail themselves of all the wealth of information and pictures posted... Hint, Hint. Also keep in mind, that our web site is not only for viewing, but for contributing new and welcomed information.