

## Area Landmark Changes of Interest

As the old saying goes, "Most things never stay the same." There have been three notable, ongoing changes in well-known sites in this area in recent days that most of us have been familiar with and frequented in our youth.

- (1) The old Cedar Lane Bowling Alley in Borger (across from Sutphen's) was razed to the ground in August to make way for the construction of a new CVS Pharmacy building scheduled for later this fall. Remember bowling your first 100 game there as a youngster?
- (2) Beginning this winter, a new two-lane, 24-ft wide, Plemons Bridge will be built right alongside the old, dilapidated Plemons Bridge that spans the dried-up Canadian River between Sunset Heights and Plemons. The old single-lane bridge is being shored up and will be preserved as a historical landmark. Project completion is estimated for mid-2013. Remember being nervous while driving across it as a teenager?
- (3) The Turkey Creek Plant, located six miles south of Fritch, has been torn down and dismantled. Its piping and process equipment have been hauled to salvage yards for spare parts available to other plants. In 2005 this plant site gained some notoriety when a 9-ft 1-in, 97-lb rattlesnake was found there, a picture of which made the rounds on the internet. If finding one of these babies wouldn't get you rattled, nothing will.



Group Picture: Class of 1971

## 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 15 back issues of the "Blackhawk Spirit", they may be viewed at our web site (however, not posted until one year after the fact), 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. *Note:* The pictures in this issue admittedly are weighted a bit toward the 1961 Class and its 50-year reunion, but after 16 years of writing this newsletter, I feel it is completely justified.

# PHS



## Future Homecoming Set

Be sure and mark down on your 2012 calendar the dates **July 13-14** for our HC next summer at which we will recognize and honor all of our exes who were office workers, hall monitors, etc. Any additional genre of honorees, which we may decide later to include, will be announced in next spring's HC letter. It is anticipated that the Classes of '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82 and '87 will be planning special reunions for that weekend, with the Class of 1962 the featured 50-year reunion class (**Ray Robbins ('62)** has already begun working on it). Please take notice that these dates have reverted back to and fall on the 2nd weekend of July at which it will probably stay for the next several years.

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## 59th Homecoming Anniversary

This year marks the 75th anniversary (1936-2011) of Phillips High School which was part of our celebration emphasis at Homecoming this summer. To commemorate this occasion, orange grocery tote bags (reading "Phillips Blackhawks - 75 Years") were distributed to every ex present at the Saturday morning program, along with Blackhawk bottle openers and stress relief rubber hotdogs. The 75-year festivities brought back memories of the big 50-year Homecoming held in Phillips back in 1986 in the last year or two of the town's existence. In another 25 years it will be PHS's 100th - but who knows who'll even be around in 2136 to celebrate it, much less organize it.

Lots went on July 15-16 weekend outside the planned HC activities - the Class of 1961 had a super-successful 50-year reunion capped off with a dinner/program at Sutphen's on Saturday evening. The Class of 1971 had a dinner and a dance the same evening at the Elks Lodge, and the combined Classes of '56 & '57 met and ate at The Plaza Restaurant. For all the other exes who didn't have special class reunions, they either "crashed" the functions mentioned above or attended the two mixers at Fairlanes Baptist Church gymnasium. And then after hours, there were lots of going-ons at the AmericInn Motel including jam sessions with **H.F. Ritchie ('57)**, **Greg Jackson ('65)**, **David Quisenberry ('59)**, and **Jackie Selby ('61)** and his wife Carolyn entertaining. Even the motel owner, **Odus McClellan** (kin to the McClellans who attended PHS), joined in the music.

As usual, there were many exes that hadn't come in a long time, especially from the honor '61 Class and the '71 Class. This year's featured 50-year reunion bunch was the Class of '61 who had 42 members present at one function or another (see below).

Around 60 were originally expected, but an uncanny rash of health problems caused several to have to cancel their plans to come in the three weeks leading up to the reunion. **Joyce Chapman Shelton ('61)** of Canyon 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 **Tommy Mixon ('63)** of El Centro, Calif. This year, there was a very nice, queen-sized, Blackhawk quilt that was raffled off. It was won by **Billy Culwell ('71)** of Borger.

The 15th annual "Hawk of the Year" award went to **Aaronda White Gerow ('73)** of Borger, who has been a faithful attendee and diligent worker for the Alumni Association Committee for many years. She is the main person responsible for handling the Friday/Saturday evening mixers, particularly seeing to it that refreshments are available. She also procures the token souvenirs that are given away each Homecoming. Some of the other awards that were meted out to other exes were: The three cash prize drawing awardees were as follows: \$100 - **Mollie Grooters Holton ('71)**, \$75 - **Cindy Reed Morgan ('74)** and \$50 - **Barbara Hall Franks ('56)**. We suspect that these three ladies suddenly found themselves immensely popular as noon meal time approached. Also receiving special recognition was **Caroline Stevens Alexander ('36)** from the first graduating Class of 1936. Some of the other early classes exes present were **Cliff Edwards ('39)**, **Renda Sharp Reaves ('40)**, and **Louise Glidewell Gunter ('40)**. As always, all the classes having special reunions ('56, '61, '71, and '76), and all former PHS teachers/office workers were asked to stand and be recognized, including **Joel Lynch** whose first year at PHS was 1960. Conspicuously absent and dearly missed were **Joe Hayes** and **Doug Adkins**.

Our main speaker was **Jill Rankin Schneider ('76)** who delivered a terrific talk! The classy, but very humble, lady refused to speak about her many accomplishments of her illustrious career in sports, but focused upon the school's extraordinary winning tradition and standards of excellence set by students back in the 1940s, 1950s, and the 1960s. These had a huge impact on her high school/college playing days and coaching profession and continue to motivate and carry her through life. (Elsewhere

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## Former Basketball Star Scores Big Time!!! Rakes in the Gold

Jill Rankin Schneider ('76), former Phillips basketball player and Borger girls head basketball coach, was selected as the head coach for the 2011 Team USA Women's Under-16 National team. Jill, along with her assistant coaches, led the U-16, 12-member, girls team to the gold medal at the FIBA (an international basketball federation) America's U-16 Championships played last June in Merida, Mexico. Her team set records in the tournament for the most rebounds (322), rebounds per game (64.4), blocks per game (9.6), and steals per game (17.4) during their 5-0 run to the title. In the final, they defeated Brazil 73-40. It was, needless to say, quite an honor for Jill, who has served as the head girls basketball coach at Lubbock Monterrey for the past 13 seasons. Jill has a daughter who is on the Texas Tech Lady Raiders basketball team.

Jill is quoted as saying in an interview, "What an honor to represent your country! We talk a lot of time here at Monterrey

about representing your high school, being ambassadors for our high school. Once in a while you get to represent your state in a state all-star game...something along those lines. But to represent your country, it is far and away the greatest honor." Commenting on the title game victory, "We really came out strong. We played with purpose, and it's what we've been waiting for. We have a lot of respect for Brazil, and they played us tough. We knew we had to play well to beat them, and we did. We played very well! I'm just so proud of the team, and I'm just so proud to be a part of it. I was nervous because as a player you feel like you have more control. I'm just tickled to death to be a part of this, and I'm proud of those 12 young people."

By winning the title, the US team earned a berth in the 2012 FIBA U-17 World Championship in the Netherlands to be played August 17-26, 2012.

## 2011 Endowment Scholarship & Heritage Center Donors (\$50 and Over)

Phillips Alumni Assn	Class of 1961	Class of 1971	Class of 1972
Charlotte Litchford ('68)	Joey Sutphen ('58)	Lavona Paxton ('60)	Delton Waits ('62)
Reta Selby ('64)	Milton Hoff ('58)	Joe Hayes ('65)	Karla Caviness ('65)
Frank Strech ('48)	Judge Perry ('56)	Ralph Smith ('57)	Roy White ('60)
Charles Ray ('63)	Gary Wendel ('67)	Bill Coss ('68)	Harold Nelson ('65)
Mary Cole Forbus ('70)	Bill Gaither ('52)	Sharlene Smith ('53)	Richard Vaden ('55)
Philip Erdmann ('64)	Ann Jones ('58)	Mary Anne Ewing ('60)	La Verne Millsap ('43)
Lona Shields ('56)	Cheryl Adams ('63)	Lynn Alexander ('64)	Darrell Herrin ('74)
Cathy Armstrong ('60)	Jo Carol Hickox ('61)	Gary Anderson ('56)	Phillip Sweeney ('45)
Penny Walker ('54)	Patsy Scarbrough ('50)	Colleen Wilson ('54)	Clytee Armstrong ('43)
H.F. Ritchie ('57)	Kenny Coleman ('66)	Sheri Little ('66)	James Litchford ('42)
Mary Ann Campbell ('56)	Loretta Tomlin ('61)	Ray Robbins ('62)	Les Hudson ('67)
Gary Adkins ('68)	Jake Webb ('56)	Jerry Carpenter ('69)	Lee Kness ('58)
Joan Chandler ('65)	Johnnie Garner ('62)	Mike Johnson ('61)	Mary Kube ('65)
Jerry Fenley ('55)	Dana Wright ('68)	Deanna Hatley ('56)	Steve Williams ('72)
Richard Arnold ('48)	Sharon Williamson ('65)	David Freeman ('73)	Ricky Lyles ('79)
Terri Jett ('81)	Leon Glenn ('56)	Glenda Bybee ('61)	Kenny Hunt ('62)
Marilyn (Dec) & Jim (Dec) & Joy Taber ('54)	Carrie Braymer ('76)	Caroline Stevens ('36)	Stancy Akers ('73)
Mike Caddell ('60)	PHS Golf Tourney Players	Jo Ann Klaus ('61)	Joyce Sweeney ('56)
Richard Kelley ('58)	Nancy Board ('51)	Barbara Williams	Kirk Hunter ('65)
Rick Kimmins ('65)		Class of 1970	

## Golf Tournament Results

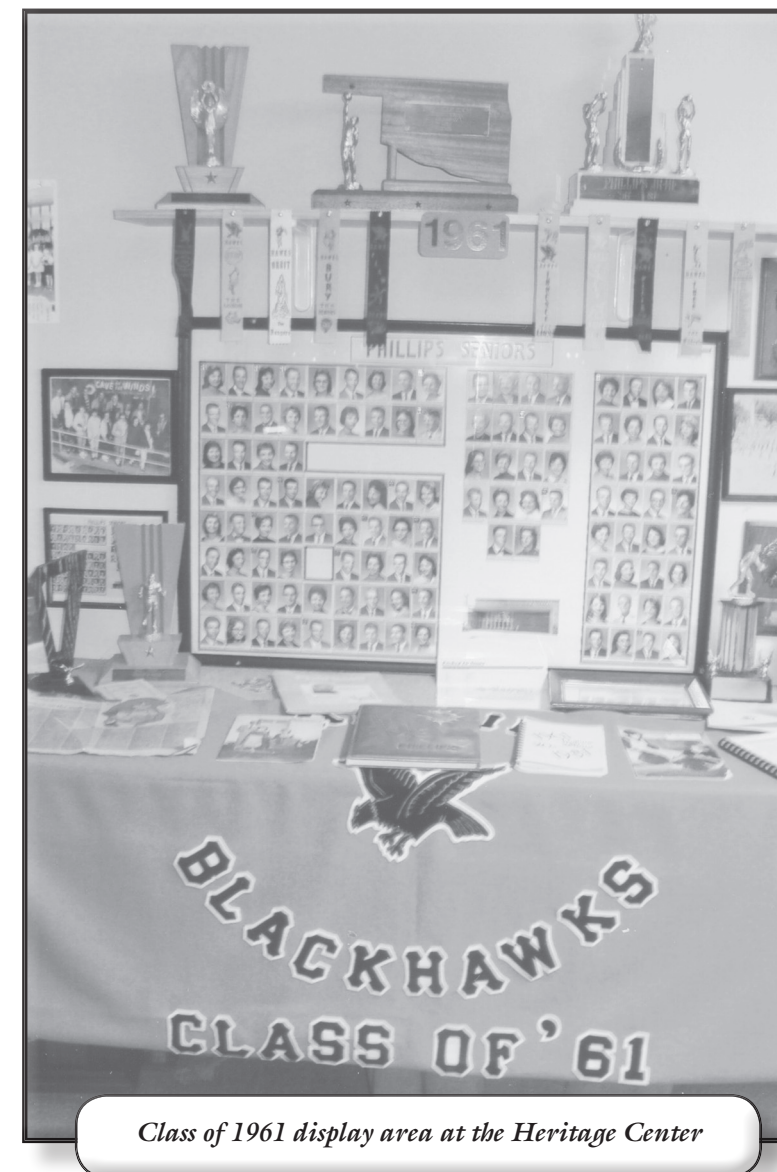
Well, some things change, and some things do not change. The weather did change from last year's 70-degree temperature as scorching weather came back with a vengeance...100-plus degrees by mid-morning! What did not change were both our winners and their same score of 54. Members of the winning foursome, who also won last year, were **Joe Hayes ('65)**, **Larry Lewis ('65)**, **Larry Casey ('68)** and **Judge Perry ('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. Our numbers dwindled again down to only 60 golfers participating. Let's see some more interest generated next year, especially from the 60-year-old and younger crowd. Health issues among some of our perennial senior citizen participants are taking their toll on our entry numbers.

## Heritage Center Loans Items to Austin Museum

Last February the Alumni Association was contacted by a representative of the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum which is located in downtown Austin. He requested that we send him some specific items from our Heritage Center on temporary loan to be displayed at their museum in a special exhibit, Texas High School Football: More Than the Game. So we sent him the six requested items which included a Phillips cheerleader outfit with pom poms and a megaphone. These are presently on exhibit until January 22, 2012. The museum is located just a few blocks north of the State Capitol Building and west of the Frank Erwin Center (the Drum). It is a fairly new and beautiful facility which we recommend you stop by there to visit if you're ever in Austin.

**Quote:** "I have traveled all over the state of Texas, and I have never seen a school display their memorabilia with such pride and passion as the Phillips Blackhawks and Phillips High School." Joe Nick Potaski, Curator, Texas High School More Than The Game.

This was told to Sharon Flinn Blythe ('64) and Mike Webb ('64) at the grand opening of the exhibit on August 5, 2011. Mr. Patoski is also a former contributing senior editor to Texas Monthly, a noted historian of Texas, and a music celebrity biographer...his latest book, Willie Nelson.



Class of 1961 display area at the Heritage Center

## Heritage Center Upgrades/Donations for 2011

- Ed Biggs ('63)**
  - Penny Walker ('54)**
  - Kenneth Benton ('46)**
  - Jo Ann Klaus ('61)**  
*in behalf of the Class of 1961*
  - Garnetta Cornelius ('42)**
  - Penny Walker ('54)**
  - Sandra Roscoe ('62)**
  - Barry Buck ('71)**
  - Peaches Child ('59)**
  - Jan Holmes ('61)**
  - Jo Carol Hickox ('61)**
  - Johnny Royall family**
  - Carol and Janet Huffine**
  - PSP ISD**
- Pictures of PHS' first football team, basketball team, and faculty, first grade workbook
  - Her father Chesty Walker's personal homecoming Blackhawk blanket
  - Phillips street sign (First Street)
  - A piece of the north endzone football field goalpost erected in 1938 by the uncle of Nancy Hallford (Class of '61)
  - Her husband Orville Roediger's band jacket and her daughter Kim's band sweater
  - 1954 Class 2A State Championship game football, and 1954 state champions football jacket patch
  - A 8"X10" picture of Sandra in her drum major uniform
  - Music Makers picture and Jr High School certificate
  - Pride of the Plains book containing article on Chesty Walker
  - 8th grade volleyball charm, band medals, 1961 Class 20-year reunion picture, 1996 Blackhawk Dallas reunion address booklet
  - Several pictures and newspaper clippings from her high school days, SF sorority booklet from 1960-1961
  - State championship football jacket, ceramic football player, framed picture of Chesty Walker presenting Johnny Royall with the Fighting Hawk Award
  - 1940 senior annual (formerly belonged to Boyd Alexander)
  - Old microscope from the biology lab at Phillips High

## Deceased Exes Over Past Year

JoAnn Wilson ('73-car wreck)	Linda Ratzlow ('65-lung clot/heart attack)	Sharon Leedy ('59-?)
Joan Farquhar ('48-?)	Carolyn Cheatwood ('66-?)	Ralph Tyler ('47-heart failure)
Joyce Deaton ('48-?)	Lawrence Vaden ('49-?)	Jimmie Hendersen ('47-?)
Billie Vaden ('47-?)	Gary Coleman ('67-?)	Betty Shuping ('53-blood disorder)
Kenneth Irwin ('54-?)	Lyle Baldwin ('49-?)	Marie Kemp ('80-motorcycle wreck)
Juanita Wilson Cagle ('52-?)	Gerald Richmond ('59-lung cancer/leukemia)	Jeanne McDonald ('59-pulmonary fibrosis)
C.R. Riggs ('53-?)	Elizabeth Brewer ('56-?)	Eilene Powers ('41-?)
Curtis Ingram ('61-colon cancer)	Evelyn Barnett ('38-?)	Cordie Turner ('61-stroke)
Betty Jo Riley ('52-?)	Clinton Brown ('62-multiple complications)	Tom Means ('48-aneurysm complication)
Nita Kay Williams ('69-ovarian cancer)	C.L. Wallice ('49-?)	Wayne St. Clair ('43-?)
Maben Hill ('42-Parkinsons complications)	Nadine Stevens ('45-pulmonary embolism)	Virginia Turner ('44-?)
Wesley Wilson ('70-?)	Ruel Barbee ('55-lung cancer)	Orville Hanna ('52-?)
Alice Willis ('57-diabetes complications)	Robert Doffer ('40-?)	Ron Copas ('55-heart problem)
Ruthie Christian ('48-?)	Arlen Brooks ('54-?)	Patricia Hansard ('44-?)
Margaret Hansard ('42-?)	Marvin Whitmire ('43-?)	Phyllis Spidy ('52-?)
Don Smith ('55-cancer)	Dean Brain ('69-cancer, et al)	Earl Dean Carter ('51-?)
Zelma Carter ('53-?)	Frances Veatch ('42-?)	Jo Ann Brown ('58-heart attack)
Kenneth Keil ('41-?)	Wesley Wyatt ('83-?)	Stella Lathrop ('58-?)
Boyd White ('59-cancer)	Nora Ann McReynolds ('47-?)	Joycelyn Cook ('62-heart attack)
Barbara Darrell ('55-emphysema/lung cancer)	Louise Glidewell ('40-pneumonia)	Beulah Robertson ('44-?)
Betty Dean ('54-heart surgery complications)		

## Notable Deaths

**Louise Glidewell Gunter**, Class of 1940, passed away last month at age 88. She lived in Phillips and Borger most all her life, and had moved from her residence in Borger to a nursing home in Amarillo after her health had begun to deteriorate a few years ago. If anyone at Phillips ever deserved the designation as "Mrs. Blackhawk", it had to be Louise, as she epitomized the Blackhawk spirit. She was a charter and perennial member of the Phillips Alumni Association Committee that was organized back in 1952, and had the unique distinction of never ever having missed a Homecoming. There's no way of knowing how many countless hours of hard work she tirelessly poured into planning Homecomings and making the association what it is today.

She was so intent and excited about

attending last July's Homecoming that her pastor, who officiated her funeral, shared this story about Louise. Last May her condition had gotten so bad to the point that he and her family were called in to be with her during her last hours. Then her pastor remarked with amazement that he had been bedside with a lot of people during their dying moments, but he'd never seen anyone defy all odds by recovering from her death bed. She surprisingly began eating again, feeling better, and talking about going to the upcoming Homecoming. Though no one has reportedly witnessed her cutting herself, everyone's pretty darn sure that if she did, she would have bled orange and black. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

Below is some "vital" information

**Annelle Smith**, former Phillips Elementary teacher from 1948-1974, passed way on August 31, 2011, at age 98. She was living in a nursing home in Texas City, where she moved to from Fritch three years ago. Nell graduated from North Texas State Teachers College. Prior to her tenure in Phillips she taught in Newport, Post Oak, and Electra, all Texas towns. Her 26 years of loving and faithful service in Phillips endeared her to many of her students, many of which stayed in touch with her through the years.

**Mauna Loa Calliham Cleek**, age 89, passed away last month in Panhandle, Texas, where she was born, raised, and lived nearly all her life. After graduating from high school in Panhandle, she attended both Texas Tech College and the University of Texas. After college she taught high school English at PHS from 1942 to 1944. Then she joined the WAVES of the U.S. Navy. At the end of the war she returned to Panhandle, got married, and had lived there ever since. She contracted Alzheimers several years ago and was living in a nursing home.

about Louise contained in the funeral program:

*Entered This Life:*

July 6, 1923 in Burkburnett

*Entered Into Rest:*

August 29, 2011 in Amarillo

*Married J.D. Gunter*

on April 1, 1944 in Phillips

*Funeral Service:*

Gateway Baptist Church in Borger

*Interment:*

Highland Park Cemetery in Borger

*Music:*

"Sweet Beulah Land"

"Amazing Grace"

*Survivors:*

Sons: Johnny ('66), Ronnie ('70), Jerry ('72), 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren

## Who's Who List of Class Reunion Attendees

### Class of '51 (60-Year Reunion - 6 attendees!)

Tom Ed Allen	Roberta Barrett	Jake Lane
June Haugh	Phyllis Crupper	John Sellers

### Class of '56 (55-Year Reunion - 23 attendees!)

Joyce Allen	Gary Anderson	Billy Baker
David Baker	Gail Benefield	Betty Blackman
Mary Ann Campbell	Rinky Chivers	Sadie Ewing
Barbara Hall	Deanna Hatley	Barbara Haugh
De Traver Ladyman	Glenna Mercer	Voyn Orr
Judge Perry	Ellen Quisenberry	Lona Shields
Joyce Sweeney	Glenda Wallis	Jake Webb
Melvin Webb	Barbara Wilson	

### Class of '61 (50-Year Reunion - 42 attendees!)

Bill Malone	Vernell Platts	Patsy Pierce
Sharon Wallace	Aleta Stroup	Bruce Mahan
Jim Word	Jackie Selby	Johnie Hatfield
Jo Carol Hickox	Marilyn Buckles	Joe McKenna
Jerry Redden	Linda Hughes	Barbara Brown
Jana Morton	Pat Abbananto	Eddie Fultz
Annette Massingill	Dave Lane	Dolores Shores
Elaine Elliott	Bill Frogge	Donna Ayling
Jimmie Smith	Glenda Bybee	Gary Morrow
Jean Wilcox	Dwight Reck	Helen Kale
James Wheeler	Rick Harbison	Margaret Conyers
Fred Alexander	Mike Johnson	Reta Phelps
Jo Ann Klaus	Tommy Birch	Ann Hatton
Sue Alford	Jan Holmes	Joyce Chapman

### Class of '71 (40-Year Reunion - 34 attendees!)

Julie Simmons	Marsha Gohlke	Debbie Gibson
Roger Brown	Teddy Buckland	Sue Collins
Billy Culwell	Debbie Odom	LaVonna Wilson
Debby McWilliams	Raymond Guest	Kim Harris
John Hill	Charmaine Wigington	Mollie Grooters
Floyd Jackson	Marie Butler	Max Lane
Sue Kilkuskie	Melinda Kuhrt	Becky Moore
Jay Poulain	Jeff Purcell	Patty Robie
Barry Buck	Caline Doughty	Rodney Wallen
Debbie Vassar	Terry Zink	James Cheatwood
Jim Williams	Hugh McGinnis	Roy Rhoten
Christy Rogers		

### Class of '76 (35-Year Reunion - 4 attendees)

Tammy Arrington	Jill Rankin	Sondra McCollum
Tanya Arnold		

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in this newsletter we sort of toot her horn for her in describing one of her latest successes and honors.) Jill made an interesting statement that many of us have probably observed over the years. It's no secret that the kids of other schools in the area hated Phillips with a passion back then. However in later life her encounters with various exes from these same schools revealed that this ubiquitous hatred and envy had turned into respect and admiration. She also shared the following with us: She apparently had the choice among three songs that could be played at her induction ceremony in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame a few years ago: "The National Anthem", "Rocky Top, Tennessee", or the PHS fight song taken from "Stars and Stripes Forever". It was a no-brainer - they played tune No. 3.

Next year's officers for the PHS Alumni Association Committee were presented at the meeting and are listed as follows: **Mike Webb ('64)** - president, **Tommy Birch ('61)** - vice-president and treasurer, **Sis Baker Harvey ('73)** - secretary, and **Tammy Arrington Dowell ('76)** - Heritage Center hostess. We wish to repeat here a plea that Mike made at the program, and that is, we need some new members, especially from the late 60s classes on up, to join the committee to help us and to infuse some new energy and ideas in preparing for future Homecomings. No one is considering bailing out and sticking you with big responsibilities. So please seriously consider this and give Mike a call at (806) 231-9166 or Email us at phillipsblackhawks@yahoo.com if you are interested. We generally meet on the third Tuesday of every month except during August and December. We meet next time in September, when we will mainly stuff this newsletter in envelopes and apply address labels.



**BLACKHAWK  
SPIRIT  
STILL LIVES**

## Past Semper Fidelis Club Presidents

We recently came across this interesting list of information from an old 1960-61 Semper Fidelis club handbook that we wanted to share with you. Here are the past presidents of that sorority from its inception in 1940 through 1961 (note that three sisters are included). If any of you have access to the rest of the presidents who followed these gals, we hope that you will be "always faithful" to pass those names along to us by mail or Email. For that matter, we'd also like to have all the past presidents of the Tes Trams and Hi Fi clubs for future publishing.

1940-41	Vangie Cree	1947-48	Norma Hatfield	1954-55	Sandra Henderson
1941-42	Stella Lanthrop	1948-49	Deanie Franklin	1955-56	Janet Tooter Cook
1942-43	Shirley Dick	1949-50	Bonita Butch Holmes	1956-57	Mary Jane Burkes
1943-44	Marilyn Ralston	1950-51	Shirley Sullivan	1957-58	Mary Jane Chandler
1944-45	Jackie Dunn	1951-52	Jeanane Chilton	1958-59	Linda Jameson
1945-46	Billye Franklin	1952-53	Bernice Franklin	1959-60	Kay Culver
1946-47	Joy Sweeney	1953-54	Donella McClellan	1960-61	Jo Carol Hickox

Class of 1961



## Request for Phillips Street Signs

In last fall's issue, we asked the question, "Do you know who ended up with any of the Phillips street signs?". Now we have a follow-up question. For those of you who may have in your possession one of these signs, which you have enjoyed these past 20 plus years or so, would you seriously please consider now donating it to our Heritage Center so that all of us can enjoy seeing it? As we stated earlier, we now have one, the FIRST STREET sign, as ironic as it may sound. It sure is lonely for some other street signs. If you have one you'd now like to donate or know who does possess one, please call Tommy Birch at (806)274-2430 or Email us at phillipsblackhawks@yahoo.com. We may repeat this request again in March's HC letter that all exes receive.

In last fall's newsletter, many of the Phillips streets were listed alongside after whom or what each got its name. We now have a few more streets to give you to add to the list as this information has recently become available. Ellis - Ellis P. Earle, board of directors for PPC, Jones - Bruce Jones(?), chauffeur for Mr. Frank Phillips, Sands - underneath which oil is generally found, Trower - H.A. Trower, early Phillips executive



Members of the 1954 season football team holding state championship game ball. Pictured left to right: Ben White ('55), Burch Ingram ('55), Art Bybee ('55), Don Meek ('55) and Jake Webb ('56)

## Deadly Statistics

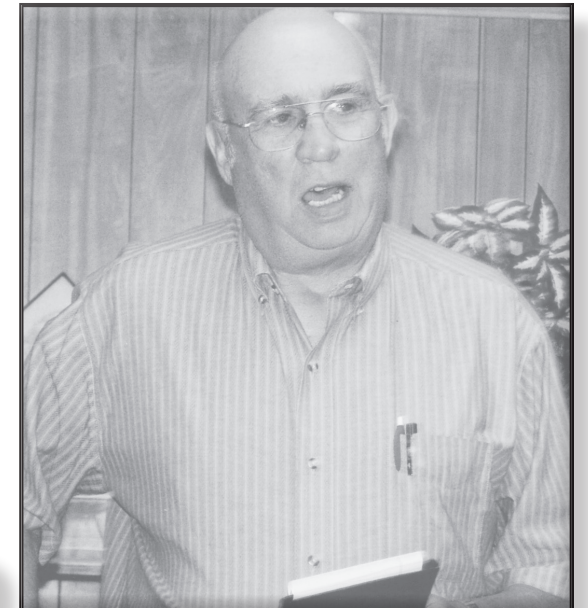
We've had a few requests for a mortality table, sort of speak, to give us an updated perspective number-wise on PHS deaths on a class basis. So at the risk of sounding morbid, albeit unintended, here goes nevertheless. The deceased figures below are based on the information at hand and so may be lower than the actual numbers. This is true because there are several exes of the early classes on our active rolls for whom we've never had addresses (i.e., who are very likely deceased), plus we just simply don't learn of all the deaths. Another clarification - the class totals aren't just based on the senior annual counts, but most rolls also include exes who attended PHS at any time, even a few who only attended Phillips through junior high. Please try the best you can to take care of yourself the coming year, so that ole Beethoven won't have to roll over to make more room for any of us.

Class	Total	Dec'd	% Dec'd	Class	Total	Dec'd	% Dec'd
1936	40	29	72.5	1962	115	17	14.8
1937	40	24	60.0	1963	130	12	9.2
1938	52	34	65.4	1964	78	10	12.8
1939	59	37	62.7	1965	119	19	16.0
1940	62	37	59.7	1966	94	11	11.7
1941	64	36	56.3	1967	89	15	16.9
1942	88	51	58.0	1968	81	11	13.6
1943	87	41	47.1	1969	86	3	15.1
1944	74	39	52.7	1970	83	10	12.0
1945	66	27	40.9	1971	92	7	7.6
1946	65	34	52.3	1972	75	8	10.7
1947	94	39	41.5	1973	86	13	15.1
1948	83	34	41.0	1974	63	7	11.1
1949	72	35	48.6	1975	49	4	8.2
1950	88	28	31.8	1976	53	5	9.4
1951	67	23	34.3	1977	44	2	4.5
1952	77	31	40.3	1978	48	5	10.4
1953	105	34	32.4	1979	46	2	4.3
1954	98	36	36.7	1980	38	3	7.9
1955	112	35	31.3	1981	35	2	5.7
1956	108	29	26.9	1982	42	0	0.0
1957	126	35	27.8	1983	37	2	5.4
1958	117	24	20.5	1984	28	2	7.1
1959	142	32	22.5	1985	17	0	0.0
1960	141	22	15.6	1986	20	1	5.0
1961	180	36	20.0	1987	29	2	6.9



Aaronda White ('73)  
"Hawk of the Year"

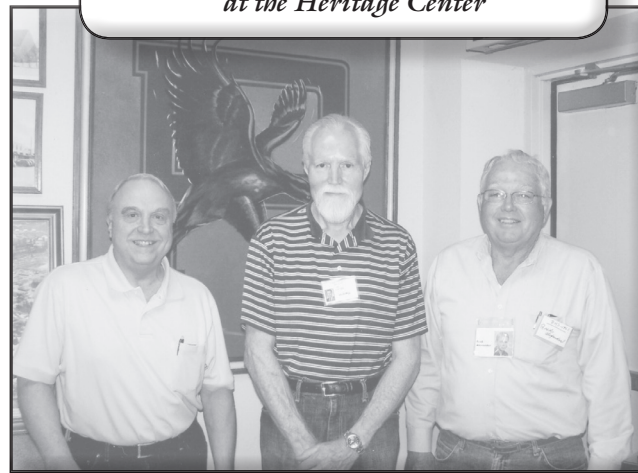
Joel Lynch speaking at Class of 1961 reunion function at Sutphens



Jackie Selby ('61) on the fiddle and H.F. Ritchie ('57) on the guitar, jamming in the motel lobby after hours



*Tommy Birch ('61), Jim Word ('61)  
and Fred Alexander ('61)  
at the Heritage Center*



*Members of the Class of 1961 holding reunion poster.  
Pictured from left to right: Patsy Pierce ('61), Dixie  
Pierce ('63), Glenda Bybee ('61) and Tommy Birch ('61)*

## Second Williams Brothers Scholarship and Maurine Forbus Scholarship Funds Nearing Completion

We never cease to be amazed at the continuing, generous contributions that have come in mainly since March. Both the second Williams Brothers and the Maurine Forbus Scholarships are closely nearing the status of fully endowed scholarships, the former helped by contributions from the Williams families in a joint venture. It is anticipated that both funds will start furnishing a \$500 per semester scholarship at FPC the fall of 2012 like the other present Williams Brothers, Ray Robbins, J.I Kimmins, Chesty Walker, Evelyn Hubbard, Ada Creel, and Lee Johnson Scholarships. Not only we, but FPC wants to thank you very much again for your generosity...you may think you weren't donating all that much, but combined with other exes' donations, you can see what has been accomplished in 8 years (13 fully endowed scholarships at FPC since we began this grand endeavor...soon to be 15). Funding these scholarships is the best thing that we can do (1) to help another needy and deserving high school grad out and (2) to perpetuate the memory of PHS and its administrators, teachers, and exes, as the scholarships will long outlive us. Our scholarship recipients have been unanimously most grateful for this financial help. We receive thank you notes and a photo from each of them and their parents.

After these two scholarships are fully funded, which we expect by this coming spring, we will start working on the new Cecil George Scholarship, named after practically everyone's favorite U.S history teacher (1948 -1970) and every Phillips little leaguer's most unforgettable baseball coach. Also, in light of her recent death (see page 8) and in memory, we are starting the Louise Gunter Scholarship initiated by the Class of 1970. Your scholarship donations may made at anytime of the year and sent to Phillips Alumni Assn/PO Box 1710/ Borger TX 79008. The Phillips Alumni Association continues to be by far the leading scholarship benefactor to FPC. In fact, it's beginning to be kind of an embarrassing, but nevertheless pleasantly proud, experience for our association reps to be present and repeatedly recognized at the annual FPC Scholarship Banquet/Program.

*Barbara Wilson ('55) and Sue Arthur ('63) holding a commemorative tote bag*



*Class of 1951 group picture*



*Jill Rankin ('76) and Mike Kimmins ('66)*



*Members of the Class of 1961.  
Pictured from left to right: Sharon Wallace, Annette Massingill,  
Margaret Conyers, Bill Malone and Jo Carol Hickox*



*Class of 1971 gals.  
Pictured from left to right: Kim Harris,  
Becky Moore, (unidentified), Mollie Grooters,  
Patty Roby and Marsha Goblke*

*Pictured left to right: Marvin Demins ('59), Vernell  
Platts ('61), Sharon Flinn ('64), Karen Birch ('63)  
and Ed Biggs ('63)*

