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Park picnics, knock-knock jokes,  
Comic books, vanilla cokes,  
And homemade strawberry ice cream.  
Firecrackers, Free Fair week,  
Red rover, hide-and-seek,  
These seem like only a dream.

We were oblivious, sad to say,  
Of the privilege ours that day.  
Yes, Phillips was one of a kind.  
Having seen life elsewhere  
To which we now can compare,  
How could we have been so blind?

Now "Once a Blackhawk,  
Always a Blackhawk",  
It's been said many times, many ways.  
"Birds of a feather  
Will flock together"  
The adage still holds true today.

The town is no more,  
But we've memories galore  
And homecoming each year to share.  
With old friends we gather,  
Who else had we rather  
Be with as these times grow rare.



Linda Blackman ('63) and  
Gayle Ingram ('63)



Tommy Mixon ('63),  
Junior Beasley ('63),  
and  
Kelly Caufield ('63)

# PHS

## Future Homecoming Set

Be sure and mark down on your 2014 calendar the dates **July 11-12** for our HC next summer at which we will recognize and honor all of our exes who attended and graduated at the old high school which was destroyed by a fire in 1950. This group, at that time, will be in their early eighties and older...my, how time zips by! Any additional special group of honorees, that we may decide later to include, will be announced in next spring's HC letter. It is anticipated that the Classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, and '84 will be planning special reunions for that weekend, with the Class of 1964 the featured 50-year reunion class. **Sharon Flinn ('64)** will be heading up that effort, hopefully assisted by others in that class (hint, hint). Hope to see all of you again next summer!

**Remember, seriously consider writing and submitting a poem about Phillips for our contest and book.**

It is a way to preserve all those recollections, impressions, and experiences in written form, granted it be poetry in this instance, to be shared with others before a majority of us eventually die off and our memories with us. We do really want to be able to publish a book available for all exes.

PAC (Phillips Alumni Committee)

## REMEMBER!

In order to receive this fall's newsletter and so on each year, you will have needed to have sent in your dues in response to the Homecoming letter mailed out to you the March before. To repeat what we've explained in the past, this isn't because we want to be hard-nosed about it, but because we would go into the hole each year if we were to do a full mailout to every ex in the fall like we do in the spring. Typically only between 20% to 25% of the exes on our mailing distribution list send in their dues each year. (Incidentally, we would like to ask those of you, whom we generally only hear from once every five years when you attend your class reunion, to support our Alumni Association *each year* in this regard.) If you wish to read any of the back editions of the "Blackhawk Spirit", they may be viewed at our web site [phillipsblackhawks.com](http://phillipsblackhawks.com). They are not posted, however, until at least one year has passed after the newsletter was first mailed out to dues-paying exes.

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## 61st Homecoming Anniversary

This year marks the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Phillips High School Homecomings which were inaugurated in 1952. To commemorate this year's Homecoming at which lifeguards and alumni coaches were honored, attractive Phillip Blackhawk clear drinking mugs were distributed to every ex present at the Saturday morning program.

As usual, there were many exes who had never attended a homecoming, especially from the honor 1963 Class. First-time-ever attendees were **Lavella Thompson Salmon ('60)**, **Monroe Brooks ('63)**, **Billy Crockett ('63)**, **Avondle Barber Crockett ('64)**, **Alton Thygerson ('58)**, and **Phil Foreman ('56)**. This year's featured 50-year reunion bunch was the Class of '63 who had 39 members present at one time or another (see page 3), and pretty well cleaned up on the blanket drawings. **Carrie Jo Nicholson Barron ('63)** of Sherman 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 **Ralph Okle ('63)** of Bartlesville.

The 16th annual "Hawk of the Year" award went to **Barabara Wilson Richmond ('56)** of Fritch, who has faithfully and regularly served on the Alumni Association Committee for many years. The three cash prize drawing awardees were as follows: \$100 - **Tammy Barrow Duncan ('65)**, \$75 - **Ted Buckland ('71)**, and \$50 - **Mary Joe Krejci Mahan ('64)**. Also receiving special recognition was **Caroline Stevens Alexander ('36)** from the first graduating Class of 1936, who is just about the "last Mohican" of that class (there are two others still living we know of for sure). She is a perennial and faithful attendee. There were

also two members of the last graduating Class of 1987 in attendance, **Terrie Bridges ('87)** and **Jeff Hart ('87)**. Our honor group of exes were recognized who were former lifeguards at the Phillips pool or entered the coaching profession at some point during their career. They all came up to the front, introduced themselves, and gave some information about themselves. **Cozell Foster ('43)**, former football star (1941-1943) and coach (1972-1976) at PHS, was presented a very special coaches appreciation plaque honoring him for his entire outstanding coaching career that in several ways mirrored that of his mentor Chesty Walker. And as is the custom, all the classes having 10 or more members present who were not observing special reunions (Classes of 1956, 1957, 1959, and 1960), and all former PHS administrators and teachers were asked to stand and be recognized, which included **Joel Lynch**.

Our main speaker was **John Hill ('71)**, a former ex/coach, who delivered a very captivating as well as humorous talk, as he mainly recollected his days growing up in Phillips and related how and why he eventually entered the coaching field. He praised our former school, community, and every individual who had such a big impact on shaping who he is today and instilled in him the value system common to all of us. And as is unanimously attested by others, he emphasized the uniqueness of being raised in Phillips and the proud tradition that we all were privileged to inherit and possess. The audience also got to relive the final two-minute, nailbiting finish of the Phillips-Dalhart district game of 1970 where John made the game-winning catch in the endzone after the final buzzer sounded. Today John resides in Lubbock where he is currently the chaplain for the athletic department for Lubbock Christian College. He is also involved in conducting summer youth camps.

Next year's officers for the Alumni Assn. Committee were presented at the meeting and are listed as follows: **Tommy Birch ('61)** - president, **Sherry Bugg Hopkins ('72)** - vice-president, **Colleen Wilson Hooper ('54)** - secretary, and **Tammy Arrington Dowell ('76)** - treasurer and Heritage Center hostess. **Mike Webb ('64)**, our outgoing president, was presented a plaque from the Association honoring him for his 11 plus years of outstanding service in the office. We wish to repeat here a plea that we've made the last two years that seems to be falling on deaf ears, and that is, *we need some new members*, especially from the late 60s classes on up, to join the committee to help us

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## 2013 Endowment Scholarship & Heritage Center Donors (\$50 and Over)

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Class of 1970<br>in memory of Jane Little | Diane Chronister ('67)<br>in memory of Jane Little | Elizabeth, Gail ('68), Mike ('71), Carla ('80)<br>Armstrong in memory of Clytee Armstrong |
| Class of 1963                             | Marie Moffitt ('47)                                | Nancy Williams('70)   |
| Delton Waits ('62)                        | Frank Strech ('48)                                 | in memory of Jane Little & Joed Forbus  |
| Joyce Sweeney ('56)                       | Richard Kelly ('58)                                | Kim Trumbley ('82)  |
| Roy White ('60)                           | Gary Anderson ('56)                                | Milton & Toni Truax Hoff ('58)  |
| Teddy Buckland ('71)                      | Cheryl Adams ('63)                                 | Joe & Karla Caviness Hayes ('65)  |
| Robert Malon e('63)                       | Ralph Smith ('57)                                  | Jimmie & Jeanelle Tucker Dean ('57/'58)   |
| Stanley Allen ('60)                       | Jerry Vaden ('60)                                  | Peaches Hood ('65)  |
| Randy Wright ('66)                        | Helen Fowler ('40)                                 | Jim Raley ('58)   |
| Nancy Board ('51)                         | Jimmie Smith ('61)                                 | Mollie Grooters ('71)   |
| Billy Witt ('47)                          | Philip Erdmann ('64)                               | Johnny Cook ('58)   |
| Billy Crockett ('63)                      | Mary Kube ('65)                                    | Beal Beaver ('49)   |
| Joey Sutphen ('58)                        | Steve Williams ('72)                               | Leon & Beth Kuhrt Cowen ('73/'74)   |
| Wanda Fouty ('43)                         | Robin Barbee ('75)                                 | Harold & Katherine Blanton Wilson ('69)   |
| Charles Ray ('63)                         | David Watkins ('77)                                | Phyllis Crupper ('51)   |
| Robert Roland ('60)                       | Lynn Alexander ('64)                               | Leon Glenn ('56)  |
| Bill Baker ('56)                          | Bill Coss ('68)                                    | Sam Hollman ('46)   |
| Penny Walker ('54)                        | Gary Wendel ('67)                                  | Mary Ann Campbell ('56)   |
| Clint Hall ('43)                          | Terry Miller ('54)                                 | Doug & Barbara Tomlinson ('65/'67)  |
| Deanna Hatley ('56)                       | David Walton ('73)                                 | Cozell Foster ('43)   |
| Susan Richardson ('68)                    | Jenna Morgan ('72)                                 | Derryl & Kaye DeShields ('64/'66)   |
| Mary Anne Ewing ('60)                     | Janan Stamps ('53)                                 | Dick Jackson ('45)  |
| Melinda Kuhrt ('71)                       | Kirk Hunter ('65)                                  | Jo Carol Hickox ('61)   |
| Anita Sparks ('57)                        | Kenneth Reed ('45)                                 | Clandy, Kevin, & Kathy McClellan<br>in memory of Jim Hopkins                              |
| Sharon Darnell ('65)                      | Sara McCall ('66)                                  | Phil & Mary Joe Krejci Mahan ('63/'64)  |
| Carrie Jo Nicholson ('63)                 | Rick Kimmins ('65)                                 | Sharon Williamson ('65)   |
| Rex Young ('85)                           | Butch Rawlins ('53)                                |   |
| Terry Adkins ('63)                        | PHS Golf Tourney players                           |   |

## Golf Tournament Results

Well, our numbers were up to 55 from last year's 48 as 13 teams competed. The weather cooperated beautifully as it was an overcast morning with a pleasant 80-degree temperature at tee-off time. This year, a score of 57 was low. Members of the winning foursome were **Jeff Hart ('87)**, **J.J. Jones ('89)**, **Cooper Jones (J.J.'s dad)**, and **Mike Spradling** (owner of the Morley Theater and Wildcatters). Coming in second place with a 58 were **Larry Casey ('68)**, **Joe Hayes ('65)**, **Larry Lewis ('65)**, and **Mike Webb ('64)**. The tourney was able to able this year to donate \$1000 once again to the Alumni scholarship fund from the proceeds left over due to the appreciable number of sponsors that **Mike Webb ('64)** was able to drum up. We want to urge some of you other golfers to participate this next year, especially from the 60-year-old and younger crowd. Health issues among some of our perennial senior citizen participants are inevitably taking their toll on our entry numbers.

## 1947 Class Picture Remade

The Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips ISD school board has agreed to defray the full cost of remaking the 1947 senior class' large picture that was badly water-damaged by a ceiling leak at the Heritage Center. Not only were a majority of the individual pictures of the collage water-stained, but the entire backing had molded. The only things salvageable were the black wooden frame and the glass. Fortunately we do have the senior picture negatives from which to work with. A photography outfit in Amarillo originally agreed to remake that group picture, but mysteriously backed out after much delay. As it turns out, no one either, seems to want to, or can work with negatives any longer - everything is done digitally these days. So **Tammy Arrington Dowell ('76)** and her mother **Earlene Cleveland** took the project on themselves and remade it; they did an excellent job! Tammy has also placed spacers on the back sides of several of the senior class pictures mounted on the outer walls of the Center, so as to prevent any further water damage to them if and when another roof leak occurs.

*Joan Sellinger ('63),  
Judy Paschal ('63),  
Mary Joe Krejci ('64),  
and Virginia Pirtle ('63)*



## Heritage Center Upgrades/Donations for 2013

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Shirley Tucker ('53)</b>             | - Class of 1953 50-year reunion Blackhawk blanket   |
| <b>Linda Jones ('65)</b>                | - Hi Phi letter patch and Class of 1965 Hi Phi pin  |
| <b>Judy Laney ('60)</b>                 | - Testrams letter patch   |
| <b>Ken Hunt ('62)</b>                   | - Football and basketball letter jackets, OFA-AFO sweater, high school diploma, Phillips vs Breckenridge 6-0 victory game ball from 1960 season, football/basketball varsity team pictures, 1961 season football programs |
| <b>Glenda Bybee ('61)</b>               | - Testrams girls club sweater   |
| <b>Anne Hazlett ('68)</b>               | - Black cheerleader jacket  |
| <b>David Hazlett ('72)</b>              | - Football letter jacket  |
| <b>Deanna Birch ('64)</b>               | - SF sweater and black cheerleader megaphone  |
| <b>Vance Orr ('59)</b>                  | - Rice Street sign and two football programs from 1949 and 1958 seasons   |
| <b>Bill Smith ('57)</b>                 | - 1956 season regional Phillips vs Stamford football program  |
| <b>Sharon Wallace ('61)</b>             | - Hi-Phi girls club sweater   |
| <b>PHS Alumni Committee</b>             | - <u>The Pride of the Plains</u> book of Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame inductees  |
| <b>Ann Williamson's ('52) daughter</b>  | - Orange letter "P" from track  |
| <b>Elbert Daniel ('49)</b>              | - Track letter sweater  |
| <b>Earlee Sullenger ('52)</b>           | - Jacket patches (Testrams, cheerleader megaphone, choir octet)   |
| <b>Robin Arthur ('59)</b>               | - 1959 Phillips Pet. Co. Phone directory  |
| <b>Jimmy Williams' ('49) daughter</b>   | - Exact replica of Jimmy Williams' PSHOF induction plaque   |
| <b>Donald May's ('64) children</b>      | - Don's personal collection of Phillips 66 Pet. Co. memorabilia, high school diploma, small football picture, 1949 Phillips Fair 1 <sup>st</sup> prize blue ribbon  |
| <b>Robin, Marion, &amp; Gary Adkins</b> | - Doug Adkins' WWII P.O.W. Diary, framed picture of Doug & Wanda Adkins, and a framed tribute by the Adkins children  |
| <b>Joe Sutphen ('58)</b>                | - Picture booklet on the early days of the Sutphen family and BBQ restaurant  |
| <b>Vaunita Orr ('53)</b>                | - Blackhawk blanket   |
| <b>Marion Hazlett</b>                   | - Four school board service plaques that belonged to Elmer Hazlett  |
| <b>Frank Hopson ('77)</b>               | - 25 football spirit ribbons  |
| <b>Jim Wood ('60)</b>                   | - White PHS throw (or afghan)   |
| <b>Karen Birch ('63)</b>                | - Orange Class of '63 50-year reunion golfball  |

## Jimmy Williams Inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame

Jimmy Williams('49), 1930-2008, was named to the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame, as he became the seventh Blackhawk to receive this lofty honor, joining the elite ranks of Chesty Walker(coach), Joed Forbus(coach), Joe Hayes (coach), Jesse Williams('59), Mark Hatley('68), and Jill Rankin('76). The induction ceremony, in which he became Inductee No. 159, took place on last February 10 at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium. His grandson, James Theodore (son of Laura Williams('83)) accepted the award plaque and spoke in Jimmy's behalf. An exact replica of that plaque is displayed in the 1949 Class section of the Heritage Center.

Jimmy was born in Dodge City, Kansas, and he moved to Sanford when he was 7 years old. In 1949 he graduated from Phillips High School although he attended PHS the following fall semester.

He was the fourth of five brothers who were all members of the legendary Blackhawk football teams. Jimmy established himself as one of the top offensive linemen to come out of the Texas Panhandle, as he became the *first* all-state athlete from PHS where he played center as a three-year starter for the Blackhawks. He boxed locally in Golden Gloves and nationally in AAU, where he used his quickness and toughness as well. Highly recruited, he eventually went on to play football at Texas Tech where he was named all-Border-Conference and on the All-Texas 11 by the Fort Worth Star Telegram in 1952. He was selected to play in the Blue-Gray Game and Senior Bowl. Before attending Tech though, he played football, boxed for the U.S. Navy, and served in the Korea. In 1954 Jimmy was drafted by the Green Bay Packers, but was not able to play

because of a knee injury. Today a bust of him engraved with his name is displayed in the Raider Alley of the Red Raider Club located behind the north end zone of Jones Stadium in Lubbock.

During this period Jimmy married Christine who was born and raised in France, but moved to Borger (with her parents and grandmother) where she met Jimmy. Therefore she knew little about his athletic accomplishments, but was inevitably soon to learn. Ironically, coming from a family of five boys, he and Christine had five girls. There is double irony here in that his youngest daughter Laura was the *last* Phillips athlete to be named all-state - in basketball. After his football career, Jimmy went into the oil business. He lived in the Sherman-Denison area, Lubbock, and finally Amarillo until he died at age 77. He never lost his love of sports throughout his life.

## Deceased Exes Over Past Year

|  |  |                                       |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Gloria Flue ('57-cong. heart failure)        | Jerry Carpenter ('69-brain cancer)       | Marvin Morris ('59-asthma/pneumonia)  |
| Peggy Surles ('68-?)                         | Don Fisher ('62-MRSA)                    | Joyce Stone ('64-cong. heart failure) |
| Hugh Jackson ('42-fluid on brain from falls) | Myrtle Maple ('45-?)                     | Mary Louthan ('63-leukemia)           |
| Peggy Hargrove ('45-?)                       | Steven Simmons ('57-brain tumor)         | Kenneth Reno ('57-COPD)               |
| Bill Dees ('57-brain tumor)                  | Donald Mitchell ('54-?)                  | Jackie Selby ('61-?)                  |
| Robert Johnson ('54-?)                       | Karen Moore ('56-?)                      | Jan Brooks ('54-?)                    |
| Virginia Hamilton ('50-?)                    | Evelyn Perryman ('36-?)                  | Rickey Wood ('74-heart attack)        |
| David Cheatwood ('72-?)                      | Maxine Milligan ('38-?)                  | Cynthia Moon ('78-?)                  |
| Jane Little ('70-respiratory/kidney failure) | Narbara Scott ('56-heart/kidney failure) | Dale Oswalt ('66-heart attack)        |
| Buddy Evans ('48-cancer)                     | John Sledge ('38-?)                      | Eugene Wright ('41-prostate cancer)   |
| Paul Davis ('47-lung cancer/heart attack)    | Billie Milligan ('41-?)                  | Jim Baker ('44-colon cancer)          |
| Donald May ('64-lung disease)                | Carolyn Chaffin ('63-?)                  | Jim Hopkins ('69-heart attack)        |
| Paul Moore ('58-lung disease)                | Joanne Updike ('54-Alzheimers)           | Frank Hunsaker ('47-?)                |
| Walter Birdsong ('53-diabetes)               | Linda Carr ('62-?)                       | Anne Hazlett ('68-?)                  |
| Lynn Ford ('60-ovarian cancer)               | Terry Blankenship ('79-?)                | Mark Noe ('57-?)                      |
| Edward Ogle ('39-?)                          | Ronnie Stewart ('59-?)                   | Kenneth Sargent ('60-?)               |
| Carla Williams ('53-?)                       | Debi Cheatwood ('73-cancer)              | Ferne Savage ('41-?)                  |
| Danny Rhodes ('62-?)                         | Wanda Nash ('46-?)                       | Barbara Duncan ('58-Alzheimers)       |
| Sherry Hughes ('54-?)                        |  |                                       |



Ed Biggs ('63) and Bob Malone ('63)



Pictured left to right: Marvin Demings ('59), Rinky Chivers ('56), Ron Cromer ('58), Karen Hood ('59), and Vance Orr ('59)



Class of 1973 members celebrating their 40-year reunion. From left to right, standing: Erin Caufield, Karen Brown, Tammy Vanlandingham. Seated: Stacy Akers, Aaron White



Class of 1948 members at the Saturday morning program. From left to right, standing: Melvin Sellers, Doris Smith, Jo Ann Hubbard, Vera Sledge. Seated: Crystal Winegar, Carolyn Ostrom

## Who's Who List of Class Reunion Attendees

### Class of '58 (55-Year Reunion - 24 attendees!)

|                  |                 |                |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bobby Barclay    | Dorothy Garrett | Anita Moore    |
| Janice Benefield | Marilyn Haugh   | Sue Parnell    |
| Randall Burks    | Milton Hoff     | Jim Raley      |
| Larry Bush       | Sherry Hogan    | Joe Sutphen    |
| Donald Creacy    | Ann Jones       | Alton Ferguson |
| Ronnie Cromer    | Richard Kelly   | Toni Truax     |
| Kae Dixon        | Connie Lamm     | Janelle Tucker |
| Rose Garner      | Judy Lee        | Eddie Webb     |

### Class of '63 (50-Year Reunion - 39 attendees!)

|                  |                     |                 |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Cheryl Adams     | Polly Doughty       | Ralph Okle      |
| Terry Adkins     | Norman Flue         | Judy Paschal    |
| Kay Armstrong    | Gayle Ingram        | Dixie Pierce    |
| Barbara Austin   | Carol Litchford     | Virginia Pirtle |
| Sue Arthur       | Phillip Mahan       | Tommy Railsback |
| "Junior" Beasley | Bob Malone          | Charles Ray     |
| Ed Biggs         | Robert McClure      | Scott Rickard   |
| Karen Birch      | Russell McGough     | Nelda Ringo     |
| Linda Blackman   | Sandra McKenna      | Joyce Scroggins |
| Monroe Brooks    | Susie Mitchell      | Joan Sellinger  |
| Kelly Caufield   | Tommy Mixon         | John Sellinger  |
| Billy Crockett   | Jerry Newcomb       | P.R. Stiles     |
| Eddy Dickey      | Carrie Jo Nicholson | Brenda Summers  |

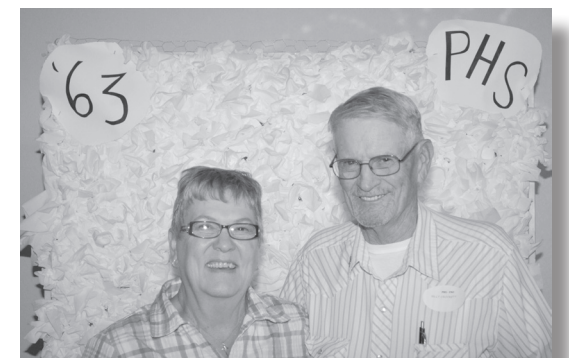
### Class of '73 (40-Year Reunion - 24 attendees!)

|               |                |                    |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Stacy Akers   | Judy Graham    | Brenda Reed        |
| Kris Bailey   | Nancy Grooters | Richard Tindall    |
| Sis Baker     | Sharon Harrah  | Linda Tucker       |
| Karen Brown   | Daryl Krug     | Kelley VanLoon     |
| Erin Caufield | Kathy Lane     | Tami Vanlandingham |
| Joe Dickey    | Judy Lemon     | Mark Wallen        |
| Shelle Foster | Mike Lewellyn  | David Walton       |
| David Freeman | Gary Mahan     | Aaron White        |

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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 Tommy a call at (806)274-2430 or Email us at [phillipsblackhawks@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipsblackhawks@yahoo.com) if you are interested. We generally meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Frank Phillips College except August and December. Meetings typically last an hour to an hour-and-a-half. Our next meeting will be in October. We have lots of fun!

Lots went on July 12-13 weekend outside the planned HC activities - the Class of 1963 had a super-successful 50-year reunion including functions at the Borger Ambassador Inn and Duke's Restaurant, where they put on an entertaining program emceed by Charles Ray. Later in August the 1963 Class made a very generous contribution to our Alumni Association and the Heritage Center. The Class of 1973 had a dinner and a dance at the Elks Lodge and a get-together at Wildcatters. The Class of 1958 met and ate chuckwagon style at Donald Creacy's home in Fritch. All the other exes, who didn't have special class reunions, either "crashed" the functions mentioned above, attended the mixer at Fairlanes Baptist Church gymnasium, or went to bed early to recuperate. The Class of 1953 is celebrating their 60-year reunion in Dallas on October 18. For further information, call Don Ham at (254)235-0928, Charles Hamilton at (214)886-2214, or Les Hembree at (510)263-8254.



Avondle Barber Crockett ('64) and Billy Crockett ('63)

## Scholarship Status Report

We are currently focusing on completing the Cecil George Scholarship and the Louise Gunter Scholarship which are both around 90% fully funded. When these two finish up next spring, we plan then to start a new scholarship in the late Joe Hays' name. Early last January a new Phillips Alumni Doug and Wanda Adkins Scholarship was created, completely and solely endowed by his son Robin Adkins ('75) directly through the college, which will go into effect the fall of 2014. The Adkins Scholarship(s) will be awarded to high school seniors to defray their tuition for taking concurrent courses for both high school and college credit. As a reminder, your scholarship donations may be made at any time of the year to any of our established scholarships and sent to Phillips Alumni Assn/PO Box 1710/ Borger TX 79008. If you wish, you may in addition make your scholarship donation in memory of someone dearly departed.

## Teacher Deaths

**June Weast Evans**, age 93 and formerly of Amarillo, passed away last January in Cleburne, Texas. She taught in the elementary school at Phillips from 1938-1943, and then married E.T. Evans, another former Phillips teacher. They settled in Amarillo after World War II where they made their home for over 60 years.

**Joed Forbus**, age 91, of Kerrville and formerly of Borger died in May at his home in Kerrville after a 3-year battle with spinal stenosis, arthritis, and finally kidney cancer. Growing up in Norton and Happy, he was always athletically and musically inclined. He was a member of the first band to play in the Texas Hall of Fame in Dallas in 1936, and he marched in the 1936 Cotton Bowl under the direction of Tommy Dorsey. He played football, basketball, and track in high school and went on to play football at West Texas State. He left school before graduating, and after serving in the Marines he returned to WTSU to finish his education. In 1943 he married Maurine

and brought her to live with him in Borger. He went to work for Phillips Pet. Co. where he made a career and held several job titles, and she taught high school math at Phillips.

The first three years he worked with PPC, his boss would let him off work early and go to PHS where he helped coached high school football under Chesty Walker. All three of those years the Blackhawks advanced as far as the team could go and won regional. Joed served on every office with the Phillips Lions Club, and on the boards at Phillips Methodist Church, Phillips Country Club, Pantex Credit Union, and the WTSU Alumni Assn.

In 1986 both he and Maurine retired. He was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1992, and they moved to Kerrville later that same year. He was preceded in death by his wife Maurine in 2003, and is survived by his daughter, Mary Cole Kerlick of the 1970 Class.

## Did You Know That?

1. To begin on a very sad note, we want to extend our deepest sympathies to and prayers for **D.L. Malicoat ('59)** for the tragic loss of his grandson last month, who was killed in an automobile accident along with four other cast members of the musical production "Texas" which is held each summer in Palo Duro Canyon.

2. **Bill Rawlings ('50)** was Phillips High School's first boy cheerleader.

3. **Rinky Chivers ('56)** made the syndicated cartoon, "Pluggers". The entry that she submitted was entitled "You know you're a plugger if you have a recipe that calls for a five-cent candy bar". It was published in late summer 2012, and on 12-26-12 it was selected #4 in the top ten of 2012. She used a recipe from the Phillips First Baptist Church cookbook submitted by Irene Reddick. The company even put the recipe in the cartoon. The company is Tribune Media Services, Inc.; Brookins Art, LLC. It is a syndicated service of newspapers in the U.S. People of our generation submit these quotations, and the staff will create the cartoon and add the caption at the bottom of it. It is quite an honor to be even selected out of the 365 entries submitted during the year, but especially so to be chosen one of the top ten in this special contest! A special thanks goes out to Rinky who played "Memories" on the piano at our program followed by the school song.

4. **Evelyn Perryman ('36)**, who was Rinky Chivers' ('56) aunt and PHS's first valedictorian, passed away this last December on Christmas Day at age 94.

5. **H.F. Ritchie ('57)** was inducted last May into the Cowtown Society of Country Music Hall of Fame of Fort Worth, which was held in Mineral Wells. He was inducted as a "Lively Hero" for his contributions in Western swing over the years. He and his band also performed at the induction ceremony, capping off the end of a memorable day. H.F. enjoyed an entourage of around 60 PHS alum - 90 including friends/family - who attended the ceremony and enjoyed a terrific weekend together! These 90 comprised at least one-half of those in attendance.

6. It's not all that uncommon for a person to pass away within a few months after their spouse has, but one's son? **Bill Dees ('57)**, who died on Oct. 24, 2012, had a step-son who died only four months later. Bill was a member of the Five Bops and a popular singer/songwriter ("Pretty Woman", "Only the Lonely", et al), who wrote for and sang backup for Roy Orbison.

7. This past year **Barbara Brown ('61)** received her Life Masters ranking in duplicate bridge. This is a prestigious honor achieved by earning a sizable number of accumulative masterpoints (over one's bridge career) by winning or placing in local bridge games and

sectional/regional tournaments. Barbara is a member of the Amarillo Duplicate Bridge Club. She became the second person in the Class of 1961 to attain this ranking, probably a rarity in itself (two people from the same high school and the same class). Is there even another Phillips ex "out there" with a bridge Life Masters? What about the game of chess? checkers? tiddlywinks? (the latter which Mr. George would refer to occasionally... and disparagingly... in both history class and on the baseball field).

8. Back in the 1950's when teachers would renew their annual contracts, they had to sign a sworn written oath that they were not a member of, or affiliated with in any way, the Communist party. We have such a signed document at the Heritage Center dated in 1953.

9. Chesty Walker was not only a great coach, he helped produce great coaches. There were at least 24 former Phillips players, coached by Walker, who went on to the coaching ranks themselves. There were also several others who were in junior high at the time Walker left Phillips who chose coaching careers because of his influence. Most, if not all, had very successful careers. One player in particular, **Cozy Foster ('43)** matched Chesty's list of achievements in several regards as he was also inducted into The Texas Football Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame, plus he has a football stadium named after him. Walker's legacy lives on.

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## Marine WW II Vet and Battleship Reunited After 68 Years

Below is reprinted most of an article about Cozel Foster ('43) that appeared last March 13 in the Houston Chronicle. Along with the newspaper article were shown two pictures of him on deck the USS Texas with his daughter Shelle in front of the ship's 14-inch turret guns, and also down below deck in the old barbershop room where he volunteered back then to give haircuts to other service men. Words of added information enclosed in brackets were supplied by this writer. Enjoy...

*Sixty-eight years had passed since Cozel Foster had laid eyes on the USS Texas battleship, and as he [and his daughter Shelle Foster Milligan ('73)] were ushered aboard the vessel Tuesday, the Marine veteran surveyed its sun-drenched decks and summed up his feelings in two simple words, "It's great!"*

*Now age 88, and a celebrated retired Eagle Pass high school football coach, Cozy was a little more than a youth when he joined a throng of other veterans - stranded in Hawaii at WW II's end - to ride the ship home to America. "It hasn't changed at all," he said. "I'm the only one that's changed, and I'm just older." Cozy, who had been "supply side" with the Marines*

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10. Before 1941 when the "new" elementary school building, still standing today, was built, there were two grade school buildings located close to each other at the north end of Bunkhouse Street in Old Phillips, right near the old Phillips Hospital. One burned down just right before the present school building opened.

11. This is one for "Ripley's Believe It or Not", and possibly for the "Guinness World Book of Records". **Tami Vanlandingham Horn ('73)** has moved an incredible 41 times in 40 years since graduating from PHS! This is what gives those of us, working with and maintaining class addresses, fits and premature gray hair.

12. **Jeff Hart ('87)**, a member of the last PHS graduating class, is now a columnist for the Borger News Herald. He has offered to give our alumni association occasional publicity in the newspaper. He already has given us ample pre-homecoming and post-homecoming

*3<sup>rd</sup> Division, is one of two passengers from that trip still living. "It was really overcrowded," he recalled of the voyage to California. "I was an excess passenger, not one of the ship's crew, down on a hammock below decks...But my best memories were of getting home."*

*The trip was momentous for all concerned. For the USS Texas, the journey was the end of the ship's career that started with its launching in 1912. [On June 6, 1944 she was flagship of the Allied bombardment force and provided fire support for Omaha Beach on D-Day. In February, 1945 she was at Iwo Jima, and in April, 1945 she bombarded Okinawa.] By 1948, the only dreadnought to have served in both world wars had been decommissioned and given to the state of Texas, which docked it at La Porte near the San Jacinto Monument.*

*For Cozy, it was a new beginning. A former high school football star in his hometown of Phillips [where he helped lead the Blackhawks to three consecutive undefeated seasons, and where he also was later head football coach 1972-1976], he enrolled in what was what was then WTSU [in 1946-1949], excelling as a 3-year letterman linebacker and*

coverage with pictures. Thanks, Jeff.

13. The terrible fertilizer plant explosion that occurred in West, Texas (near Waco) last April bore strong resemblance to, and was a grim reminder of, the tragedy that happened in Phillips back in 1980 when a giant explosion at the Refinery rocked the town. Both were small communities of around 2500 people where the plant was located right in or very near the town, the homes, the churches, and the school. The only major difference was that, miraculously, no one was killed or seriously injured at Phillips. It's hard to believe that it's already been 33 years since that event, which set into motion the eventual demise of the town.

14. Each senior class has its musical talent...at least one person. But the Classes of 1956 and 1957 seem to be especially blessed and produced several musicians: **Red Steagall ('56)**, **Bill Baker ('56)**, **Mel Webb ('56)**, **Johnny Royall ('56)**, **Rinky Chivers ('56)**, **Bill Dees ('57)**, **William Redden ('57)**, and last but not least, **H.F. Rictchie ('57)**.

*running back on the college's gridiron squad. [He began his long, illustrious, and distinguished coaching career at Stinnett from 1950-1954.] In 1955 as coach of Eagle Pass High School, he led the border town's football team to the first of many district championships. He spent most of his [remaining] coaching career at Eagle Pass where he retired in 1993 [and still resides]. [The town's new football stadium was recently named after him - "The Cozel Foster - Veterans Memorial Football Stadium".] He was most deservedly inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Fame three years later [in 1996].*

*On that Tuesday though, Cozy's focus was on the ship which he toured with an entourage of well-wishers and trailing media. Afterward he offered a somber assessment, "It's in bad repair". His tour of the old battleship came the same day that Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials announced that they had awarded a 17.5 million contract for the battleship's repair. Work will begin in April, 2013, and is scheduled to be finished within 18 months....The ship last underwent extensive repairs in the late 1980s.*

Our apologies to anyone who may have been inadvertently omitted from the list.

15. **Joel Lynch** is scheduled to undergo total hip replacement surgery on his right hip on Friday, Sept. 27. His mailing address is P.O. Box 1568 / Fritch TX 79036. Those at the Homecoming program that Saturday morning saw the unaccustomed and startling sight of him using a walker.



*Richard Kelly ('58) beside the senior ring display at the Heritage Center*

## Phillips Poems Contest

In past issues we have printed a few poems about Phillips, written and submitted by exes. This has given rise to the idea to have a contest where *all exes* are urged to compose and submit one or more poems on Phillips. A committee panel will be formed to judge all the entries submitted. At the next homecoming there will be \$100, \$75, and \$50 cash prizes awarded for the first, second, and third place winners. *All* the poems (including poems submitted in the past) will be published in a little book that will be made available for purchase. There will also be a side contest with a \$25 cash award for who can come up with the best title for the book. Just a suggestion, you don't have to write a comprehensive poem on Phillips, but may on any aspect of the town or school, if you wish....such as being in the band, playing sports, classroom reflections, the Free Fair, life in the neighborhood, summer rec, class reunions, etc. Two stipulations: keep it clean, positive, and in good taste, and by all means please don't use the words "*Roses are red, violets are blue*". All poems must be mailed to us by the deadline of June 1, 2014, when the book goes to print. Of course, all this assumes that we'll hear from *at least twenty or so participants*. To get you primed and to thinking, this writer, who had never written a poem in his life, thought he would give it a whirl and wax poetic. What's printed below, however, is not by any stretch a model poem... good poetry probably employs loftier and more figurative language. So take pen in hand - you'll do just grand! If you're planning to write a poem, please let us know up front by E-mail.

### “Days of Pride and Privilege”

by Tommy Birch

There once was a town  
Of such great renown  
That other schools dreaded to play.  
One must search far and wide  
For such spirit and pride  
And winning tradition today.

To have lived and learned  
With a heart that burned  
To be “always the best”, we'd sing,  
“May we rise to the skies”,  
Keep our eyes on the prize  
In whatever life may bring.

We were happy and blessed  
To have lived in the best,  
A small, close community.  
Neither poor, neither rich,  
Yet we all found our niche  
In that classless society.

Each house was the same,  
White shingled, wood frame,  
Front porch, elm trees, and a lawn.  
When at someone's home,  
There was no need to roam  
Their house in search of the john.

We knew all our neighbors  
Who helped with our labors,  
Good, friendly folks, and upright.  
No crime to endure,  
A place safe and secure,  
Our doors were unlocked at night.

We often would rant  
How the stink from the plant  
Would cause us to gag and sputter.  
But despite all that smell,  
We knew all too well  
The same was our bread and our butter.

When Fridays rolled around,  
We were stadium bound  
To watch the Hawks play and the band.  
Sometimes chilled to the bone,  
Yet we cheered our team on.  
Warmed up at the concession stand.

From amid the throng,  
We sang the school song,  
When the game had come to an end.  
We were happy and loud  
And mighty darn proud  
That the Hawks had just won again!

No collarless shirts  
Nor knee-showing skirts,  
Dress code for those days back then.  
No chewing gum or sass  
Nor talking in class,  
Things we look back on and grin.

But we had the best school,  
Teachers too, as a rule,  
To equip us for life we were told,  
And for college...for most,  
Of which Kimmins would boast.  
Things clearly seen now we're old.

The blackboard, the sliderule,  
The hawk in the vestibule,  
You'd think forever would last.  
Typewriters, fountain pens,  
Paddles that bust rear ends,  
Like the school, are ghosts of the past.

Our band, cream of the crop,  
Was very hard to top  
At ball games, contests, and concerts.  
But what set us apart,  
Wasn't our flair or our heart...  
The other bands' twirlers wore skirts!

At Enid's music fest,  
Our band fared the best,  
Sweepstakes could not be denied.  
Hotel capers were a blast,  
Which left many aghast!  
The sponsors were fit to be tied.

Summer days at the pool,  
A great way to keep cool,  
No worries or cares in sight.  
Then off to the park  
Where we played til dark,  
We did see our parents at night.

We hiked in the canyons  
With fellow companions  
To find treasures, and to explore.  
Watched shooting stars at night,  
Wish I may, wish I might,  
Could relive those times once more.

There were many of us,  
Who would pile on the bus,  
From the park to the Morley we'd go.  
On one measly thin dime,  
We had such a great time  
With our friends at the picture show.

At Garrett Little League Field,  
On ball skills we were drilled.  
Lots of practice, the name of the game.  
“Throw it 'round the horn!”  
And “It's a can of corn!”  
You could hear Mr. George exclaim.

Then along came the fair,  
Most everyone was there,  
Lots of booths from which to pick.  
Had our first-time big thrill  
From top the high ferris wheel.  
The tilt-a-whirl though made you sick!

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## What is a Blackhawk? An Amazing Parallel Analogy

### *(Ornithological Description)*

The Common Blackhawk, *Buteogallus anthracinus*, is a coastal bird of prey found in the SW United States, Mexico, and Central America, mainly in the lowland areas, along river courses, and dry woodlands, though there are inland populations. Populationwise the species is self-sustaining, but it is considered in conservation as threatened in Texas and Mexico, and an endangered species in New Mexico. The blackhawk is migratory in the United States but generally a resident elsewhere. Though generally considered to be fierce in nature/appearance, it is reported to be tame and easily approachable in its southern habitat, but is rare and seclusive to the north. Within the species, it is gregarious and highly protective. It likes to fly in pairs with its mate or in larger groups. A group of hawks has many collective nouns, including a “boil”, “knot”, “stream”, “tower”, and “spiraling”.

It is a large hawk, nearly all black with a white patch just behind the bill. It has broad wings and a short, broad, black tail with a thick white band across the middle and a thin white tip. The bill, legs, and feet are yellowish orange. The adult is around 18 to 22 inches long, weighs around 2 lbs, and has a 48-50 inch wingspan on average. There is no color difference between the male and the female. They are only distinguishable in their behavioral patterns and in that the female is noticeably larger in size.

The species builds a platform nest of sticks 30 to 100 ft above the ground in a tree. Nests are often reused and tend to grow bigger. The blackhawks' mating season runs from late February to late May occurring around 50 to 300 feet from the nest. When breeding, the male may swoop down and land directly on the female, or he may perch beside her for a time before mounting. Sometimes the mating ritual is preceded by their soaring together in the air with their talons touching. The hen lays relatively few eggs - from 1 to 3 (usually 1). The incubation period lasts 38-39 days, carried out by both parents. The young fledglings remain in the nest from 43 to 50 days. It's not known whether the male and female are lifetime mates.

Seldom seen soaring in the sky except during mating season, blackhawks mainly stay close to the nest perched on a nearby lofty branch hunting and waiting for unwary prey to appear. Their diet consists mainly of snakes, fish, frogs, rodents, insects, and small slower birds. The call of the blackhawk is unique - loud, high-multi-pitched, shrill whistles like staccato *whee-whee-whee-we-we-we* sounds, especially heard during mating season. This species has been observed to live over 13 years.

*Monroe Brooks ('63), Charles Ray ('63),  
Scott Rickard ('63), and Tommy Railsback ('63)*



### *(Anthropological Description)*

The Blackhawk, *Fillipaetexus aluminexus*, indigenous only to the northcentral Texas Panhandle, is a former resident of the now defunct town of Phillips and/or an alumnus of its school. Most of them have migrated from their original habitat to elsewhere in Texas and the S.W. United States. Since 1987 the breed has ceased to proliferate, and is increasingly dying out - an endangered species. They do seem to adapt well to new surroundings and are mostly very sociable, although a few can get their feathers easily ruffled, and be reclusive and hard to get along with...even fierce and downright ornery. Hence aptly named, “the Fighting Blackhawks”. They are highly loyal to each other, frequently stay in contact, and travel great distances to be together. Their groupings are called “bondings”, “functions”, “luncheons”, “reunions”, and “homecomings”.

The skin color of a Blackhawk ex is almost always white including an even whiter, often broad, behind with a telltail faint dark cleavage down the middle. Average male height is 5'10”, while for the lady it is 5'4”. At adolescence the male's average weight is 145 lbs, while the female averages 125 lbs. Well into adulthood, the averages balloon to 190 and 160 lbs, respectively. It's not all uncommon though for the female's weight and size to overtake the male's. The two sexes have different behaviors, and misbehaviors as well.

The Blackhawk usually weds outside the species, and the couple typically lives in several homes in many places over the course of the marriage. Home size seems to increase each time, the pair tending to accumulate more and more stuff. The mating season extends from early January to late December most anywhere within a 8000-mile radius of home. Early in the marriage, some foreplay is observed, but this practice seems to be discarded later on. A lot of couples marry for life, but just as many split up and then find another mate, which usually results in the loss of the nest eggs set back. The term pregnancy for females is 38-39 weeks. Their 1 to 3 kids have been known to live with their parents up to 43 to 50 years!

In later years, both sexes tend to be homebodies and sedentary. Males often sit around home waiting for the next meal. During adolescence their prey knew no bounds - wolves, lobos, eagles, rattlers, wildcats, ...even demons. But as adults, they shift to a diet of steak, potatoes, bread, and sweets. At puberty and in courtship the male voice changes to a lower-pitched, distinct, raspy, horny sound. The average life span is six times that of its fine-feathered counterpart.



*Eddy Dickey ('63) and his spouse Sharon Dickey*

## They Ain't Making Any More Blackhawks

Exes in about two-thirds of the 52 senior classes died this past year. Here is an updated table of class death numbers. A few corrections concerning class size were made from last year's table. Again, the deceased figures below are based on the information at hand, and so the actual numbers may be even higher. 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 total sizes aren't just based on the senior annual counts, but most class rolls also include exes who attended PHS at any time, even a few who only attended Phillips through junior high. Please take care and try to stay out of the righthand columns of the table, and may you live on to a ripe, old, uncantankerous age with minimal frailties.

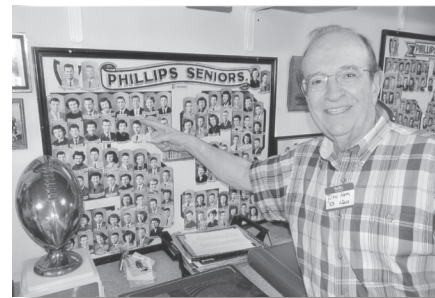
| Class | Total | Dec'd | % Dec'd | Class | Total | Dec'd | % Dec'd |
|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| 1936  | 41    | 33    | 80.5    | 1962  | 116   | 21    | 18.1    |
| 1937  | 36    | 28    | 77.8    | 1963  | 130   | 18    | 13.8    |
| 1938  | 51    | 37    | 72.5    | 1964  | 79    | 13    | 16.5    |
| 1939  | 56    | 42    | 75.0    | 1965  | 119   | 19    | 16.0    |
| 1940  | 62    | 40    | 64.5    | 1966  | 94    | 13    | 13.8    |
| 1941  | 64    | 44    | 68.8    | 1967  | 89    | 15    | 16.9    |
| 1942  | 88    | 54    | 61.3    | 1968  | 81    | 13    | 16.0    |
| 1943  | 87    | 45    | 51.7    | 1969  | 86    | 15    | 17.4    |
| 1944  | 75    | 46    | 61.3    | 1970  | 83    | 12    | 14.5    |
| 1945  | 66    | 30    | 45.4    | 1971  | 92    | 8     | 8.7     |
| 1946  | 65    | 37    | 56.9    | 1972  | 78    | 11    | 14.1    |
| 1947  | 94    | 41    | 43.6    | 1973  | 86    | 14    | 16.3    |
| 1948  | 83    | 39    | 47.0    | 1974  | 63    | 9     | 14.3    |
| 1949  | 72    | 37    | 51.4    | 1975  | 50    | 5     | 10.0    |
| 1950  | 88    | 32    | 36.4    | 1976  | 54    | 6     | 11.1    |
| 1951  | 67    | 23    | 34.3    | 1977  | 44    | 2     | 4.5     |
| 1952  | 77    | 36    | 46.8    | 1978  | 49    | 7     | 14.3    |
| 1953  | 106   | 37    | 34.9    | 1979  | 47    | 3     | 6.4     |
| 1954  | 99    | 42    | 42.4    | 1980  | 38    | 3     | 7.9     |
| 1955  | 113   | 39    | 34.5    | 1981  | 35    | 2     | 5.7     |
| 1956  | 109   | 33    | 30.3    | 1982  | 42    | 0     | 0.0     |
| 1957  | 128   | 40    | 31.2    | 1983  | 37    | 2     | 5.4     |
| 1958  | 119   | 27    | 22.7    | 1984  | 28    | 2     | 7.1     |
| 1959  | 142   | 35    | 24.6    | 1985  | 17    | 0     | 0.0     |
| 1960  | 143   | 24    | 16.8    | 1986  | 20    | 1     | 5.0     |
| 1961  | 180   | 37    | 20.6    | 1987  | 30    | 3     | 10.0    |



Virginia Pirtle ('63), Charles Ray ('63), and Karen Birch ('63)



Cozell Foster ('43) giving his acceptance speech after being presented a special coaches appreciation award from Mike Webb ('64)



Don Ham ('53) pointing out his 1953 Class senior picture at the Heritage Center



Penny Sable ('46) and her daughter Tammy Barrow ('65) posing in front of the Class of 1946 group senior picture



Class of 1964 members Mary Joe Krejci, Sharon Flinn, and Charlotte Cromer accepting the traditional passing of the clock as a kickoff for their 50th reunion next year

## Phillips Mini-Reunions

There's something special about being Phillips exes that still unites us together to this day, irrespective of age or whether we even knew each other that well (or at all) during our days at PHS. It is hard, if not impossible, for anyone who did not grow up in our unique little town or attend our quality schools *that both no longer exist*, to understand that timeless common bond that exists and attracts us together. Over the last several years two sizable groups of exes from two different locales keep the Blackhawk spirit alive by meeting together regularly during the year. Many old friendships have been rekindled, and new ones have developed and grown as a result.

One group is primarily from the Austin area, started in 2000, led, and organized by **Morris Creel ('55)**, who all get together once every quarter at a restaurant in Pflugerville (just north of Austin) for a luncheon and one heck of a time socializing over the meal. Their numbers vary anywhere from one to two dozen attendees including a few who come from as far away as Colorado, the Dallas area, San Antonio, and Waco, and vary in age spanning the Classes of 1951 to 1964. It's impossible to attend one of these get-togethers and not have a great time! Stories from the past are exchanged, pictures are shared, and everyone catches up with the latest on most everyone else. And Morris keeps everyone updated by making a few post-prandial announcements. Regular attendees include **Nancy Board ('51)**, **Don Ham ('53)**, **Max Sherman ('53)**, **Tom Covington ('55)**, **Morris Creel ('55)**, **Bill Barton ('55)**, **David Reese ('55)**, **Jerry Finley ('55)**, **Deanna Hatley ('56)**, **Rinky Chivers ('56)**, **Gary Anderson ('56)**, **Edna Quisenberry ('56)**, **Sadie Ewing ('56)**, **Sam Gaines ('57)**, **Richard Kelly ('58)**, **Toni Truax ('58)**, **Wanda Morgan ('58)**, **Billy Ward ('59)**, **B.J. Robinette ('60)**, **Dwight Reck ('61)**, **Glenda Bybee ('61)**, **Ken Hunt ('62)**, **Deanna Flanders ('62)**, **Sharon Flinn ('64)**. Morris encourages and invites anyone who would like to attend, especially those exes living in central Texas, to come join the group.

For more information, please feel free to contact him by phone at (512)931-1467 or by E-mail at [mojosct@suddenlink.net](mailto:mojosct@suddenlink.net).

The other, more recent group hails from the Amarillo-Borger area and meets

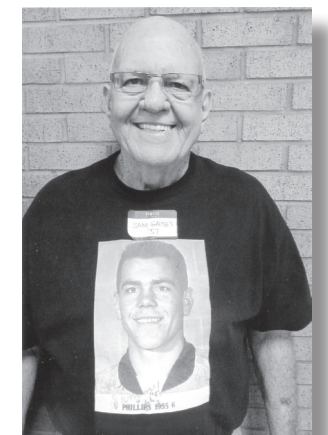


The chuckwagon used for the steak cookout at Donald Creacy's ('58) home for the Class of 1958's 55th reunion

monthly on the third Saturday, usually for lunch at a restaurant in Amarillo, but occasionally in Borger, and, like the Austin group, enjoys typically around the same number of attendees. **Martha Russell ('60)** is the organizer and leader of this group of nearly all ladies, which started out solely as several Class of 1960 lady classmates, but over the past three years has expanded to include exes from the Classes of 1955 to 1963. Now by nature, where a group is primarily ladies, there's a wealth of information exchanged at, and can be gleaned from (if you have your ears up) these luncheons. Martha makes her usual announcements and report after the meal, and sees to it that a birthday cake is available for dessert in celebration of all that particular month's birthdays. And what's neat and extra special about this group is that in December they meet at someone's house and really put on a great Christmas party! This all has resulted in a special bonding within the group. Regular attendees are **Marilyn Haugh ('58)**, **Judy Lee ('58)**, **Martha Russell ('60)**, **Ona Lee Hedrick ('60)**, **Lavona Paxton ('60)**, **Michelle Hunter ('60)**, **Kay Gilliam ('60)**, **Brenda Barclay ('60)**, **Toni Caufield ('60)**, **Gay Caddell ('60)**, **Sandra Bowling ('60)**, **Judy Laney ('60)**, **Bennie Heston ('60)**, **Treva Baker ('60)**, **Linda Evinger ('60)**, **Jonnie Oswalt ('60)**, **Lavonn Dyer ('60)**, **Barbara Brown ('61)**,

**Vernell Platts ('61)**, **Linda Lookadoo ('62)**, **Sue Arthur ('63)**, **Barbara Austin ('63)**, **Marilyn Drennan ('63)**, **Pat Russell ('63)**, **Virginia Pirtle ('63)**, **Linda Fisher ('63)**, and **Kay Armstrong ('63)**. Martha takes a special personal interest in the both the physical and spiritual well-being of each of "her gals" and keeps the group periodically informed with E-mails. At the Saturday Homecoming program the group wore special orange tee-shirts with the lettering "Proud to be a Phillips Blackhawk".

You may be asking yourself, do these groups *really* have that much fun together? Does a blackhawk have black feathers? Do feathers tickle? Do birds of a feather flock together and unavoidably tickle each other? I rest my case. This in turn naturally prompts the next question: Why don't some of you exes who live in other metropolitan areas such as Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, and Oklahoma City consider trying to get together for a meal sometimes and see how it works out? We would be glad to furnish some volunteer (or two of you working together) with available addresses, phone numbers, and E-mail addresses of those exes in your area. If interested, shoot us an E-mail at [phillipsblackhawks@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipsblackhawks@yahoo.com). Our mailing address is Phillips Alumni Assn. / PO Box 1710 / Borger TX 79008.



Sam Gaines ('57) sporting a personalized tee-shirt with his high school picture