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According to USA Today, Betty White turned 99 on January 17th. These are some of her secrets to a long and healthy life.

- 1 Being blessed with good health, for starters
- 2 Laugh
- 3 Stay positive
- 4 Avoid complaining
- 5 Vodka and hot dogs* (not so sure this is a good idea but she prefers them in that order)
- 6 Keep busy
- 7 Exercise your mind

From Our Graduates:

On the death of Randy Turner:

Bev Murphy Wells: "Randy's service and remembrances by his family were beautiful and knowing Randy celebrated Christmas with the King of King's was touching and inviting us all into the real meaning of Christmas and into the arms of our Lord and Savior where Randy now resides...forever!"

Linda Phelps McKee: "Wonderful tribute to a very special man. Randy will be greatly missed."

Larry Thomas: "The service for Randy was wonderfully up lifting. I wasn't close to him, but did cross paths with him several times since graduating. Will keep his family in my prayers."

On the death of Cynthia Kirkland Mazza:

Janene Loftis Jett: "Thank you for posting Cynthia's obituary and the wonderful pictures. She left a wonderful legacy through her various ministries. Our paths never crossed once we finished our freshman year at Baylor, but I knew her well as a child and through high school. She was an exceptional person and a gift to her family."

Linda Shelby Lyons: "So many of our female graduates look so pretty as they get older."

Dana Sauer Keifer: "Such wonderful memories of "girlhood" days. A beautiful life lived by a beautiful lady."

Douglas Crook: "At 5 or 6 years old, I was in love with Cynthia K."

In general:

Pat McGlaughn Dooley: "I feel so close to my school friends and hearing from and about them. I care about each and every one of them and pray for God's blessings on them and their families. Happy New Year."

Tommye Ruth Blair Toler: "I always knew that Jeanell was one of the smartest girls in WHS. She's very talented in several areas."

Bev Murphy Wells: "Really enjoyed reading about Janelle and her many talents. She not only was a trailblazer for linguistics but also for women. May her many talents offered to the world live on and, of course, wishing her well as she transitions toward other horizons"

Do not forget you can get any address of a graduate from our on-line Directory at www.whs60.org or you can send \$4 to David Dibb and he will mail you one.

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UPDATES:

Our world traveler and jet-setter graduate, **Bev Murphy Wells** has moved to The Villages, Florida. She visited last year and liked it so much, she decided to make it home. Until she finds a place to purchase, her UPS box address is:

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Pat Carpenter Turner: Pat experienced some heart issues after her latest heart surgeries; therefore, they had to shock her heart back into rhythm.

After 3 weeks, **Ralph Sparks (WHS '59) hubby** of **Kay Phillips Sparks** was released from the hospital where he was treated for COVID-19. He reports he was very glad to get home and said he got excellent care at Providence. He even reports the food was good as he did not lose his sense of taste or smell. Kay also had COVID but did not require hospitalization.

Crozier Brown and his **wife Rita** have COVID. As you know, Crozier remains hospitalized. Our latest report was today, Feb 1. Crozier was put on a ventilator over the weekend. Rita remains at home with a professional caretaker. Crozier needs our prayers- he is really struggling!!!

Malissa Starnes Baugh and **hubby Rex** both had the COVID. As of Jan 16th they had suffered with it for 14 days. She said they were masked, had been careful and had no idea where they got it. Malissa said it is AWFUL.

Betty Luedeker Gatlin: Betty reports she had the covid. She still has no taste but said she only had fever for one day. She did not experience any breathing issues.

From **Phyllis Brooks**: "At the present time I am on oxygen 24 hours a day with a 75ft cord that enables me to walk to the front door, kitchen, etc. I am still on 24 hour pain medications. I have not been out and do not plan on going out. I did enter a post on FB yesterday regarding cigarette smoking and inhaling cigarette smoke and how it can harm the body. I did not smoke but inhaled everything from pipes, cigars, cigarettes and the old fashion "roll me one". The urologist asked me several years later after the surgery if I smoked and I said no just inhaled as a small child, teenager, and adult. My oncologist also asked me the same thing. My Mother smoked, my father did not but I know my brother did. I believe some cells from the breast cancer in 1979 were not seen and have shown up causing the lung cancer. Anyway, I am fighting it. I know the Lord is holding my hand and walking me through this. I did have a surprise this last week. Several BIBLES were donated to the Gideon International in my honor. Thank you again for your prayers, cards and for thinking of me."

***For all you football players who may remember **Donnie Kimmel** (WHS '59) - Donnie recently died on January 12, 2021. You can view his obit, make a comment, or see some of his pictures on the link:**

[Donnie F. Kimmel Obituary - Waco, TX | Oak Crest Funeral Home \(oakcrestwaco.com\)](http://oakcrestwaco.com)

Birthdays for February

- 1. Don McClellan
- 4 Al Ctvrtlik
- 5 Russ Keeling
- 9 John Thomas Davis
- 10 Tommye Ruth Blair Toler
- 16 Kay Phillips Sparks
- 18 Norma Cissell Smith
- 25 Jeanne Holland Harman

A NEAT IDEA

We all probably have a lot of empty toilet paper tubes or paper towel tubes from our collecting during the pandemic. Here is an idea how to utilize some of those empty tubes:

Write the length of the cord on the tubes before you put them in a drawer or bin. It aids in quickly finding the right cord.



The Town Crier needs you...

Pictures:

From Judith Hamff Murphy:

"It's always so sad to lose another of our classmates. I am especially heavyhearted to lose my dear friend Cynthia. Cynthia and I were "good buddies" from the sixth grade through high school. We shared many good times during those years--doing whatever teenage girls did for fun in the 1950s. In August 1961 I was a bridesmaid at her wedding to Frank.

For the past several years those of us who were friends with Cynthia on Facebook have witnessed her valiant fight for life with leukemia. She fought with strength through her faith, her family, and her many friends. FYI: Cynthia's mother was 105 last August.

A photo of our North Junior High graduation is attached.

L to R: Cynthia Kirkland Mazza, Louann Hilton Brady, Judith Hamff Murphy, Diane Gilley (moved before WHS).



-John Leonard

Gary Roberts and Carol Adams Scarborough spent Christmas (and about one month) in Las Vegas. They had a good time, the food was good, and they report Las Vegas was most cautious concerning the COVID. On their way home, they visited the Grand Canyon.



Blast from the past: (circa 1955 or 1956)

Back row: Randy Turner, Bob Willingham, Pat Payne, Barbara Williams, Penne Percy

Front row: Don Herring, Ralph Gray, Ken Lipscomb, Hal Johnson, Paul Constantine





Humor:

The devil whispered to me, "I'm coming for you." I whispered back, "Bring pizza."

It's weird being the same age as old people.

When I was a kid I wanted to be older...this is not what I expected.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.

Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby.

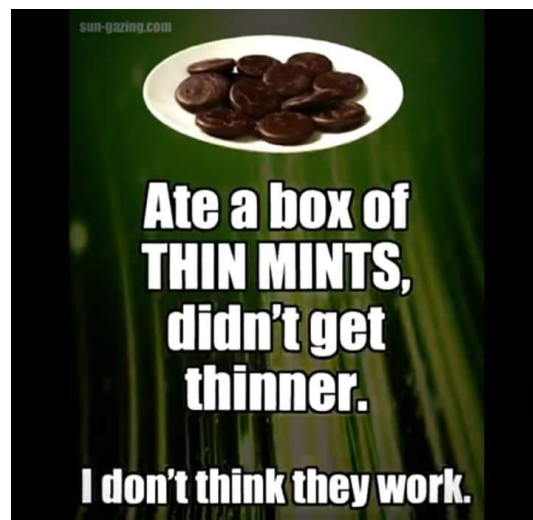
Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember...Don't sing!

During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies. Does anyone know if there is anything planned when this one ends?

I don't think the therapist is supposed to say "wow," that many times in your first session but here we are...

We can all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correctly to: 'Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?'

Hunting dog for sale



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