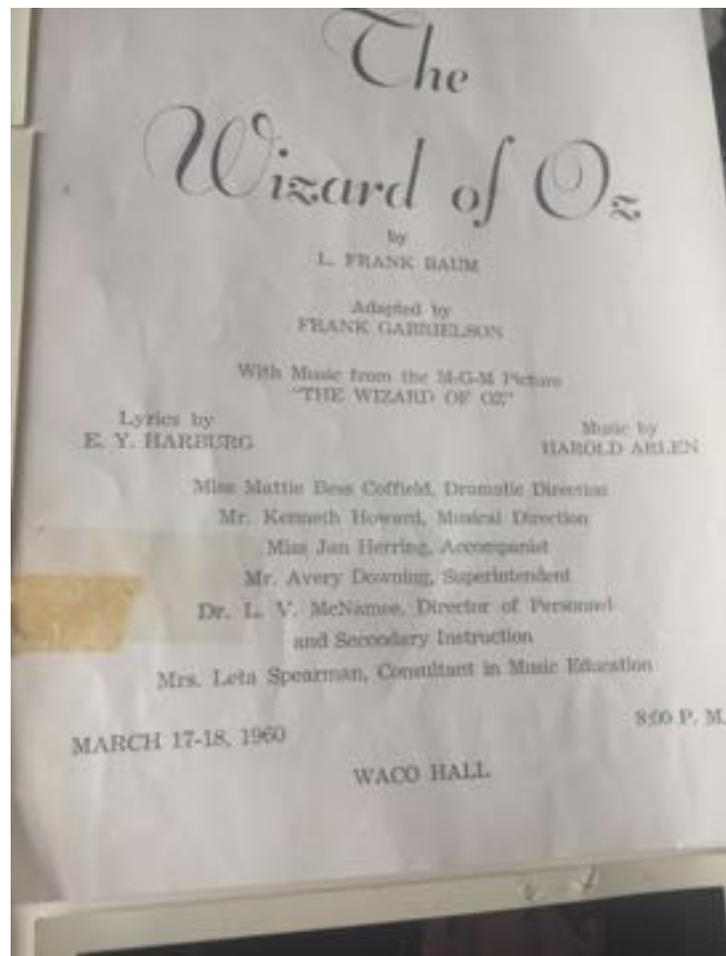
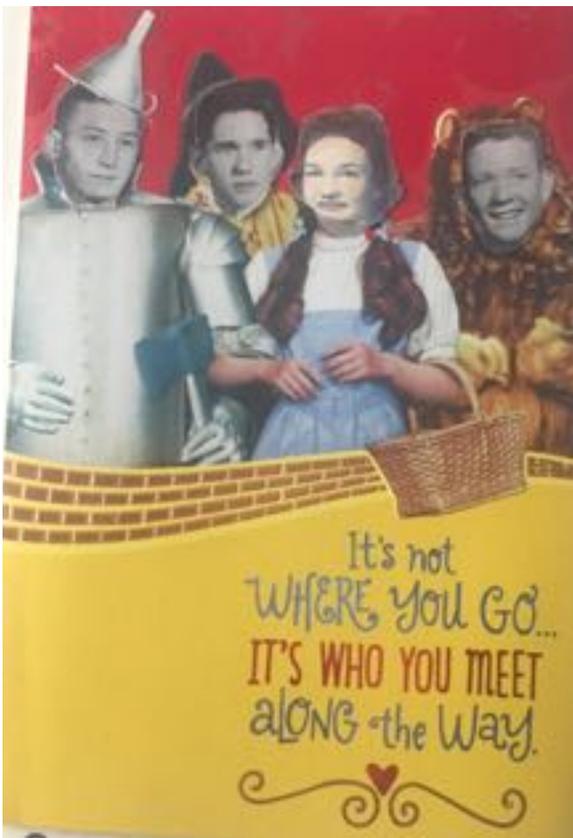


NOVEMBER 2021

I want to start this issue by taking you back to March 1960. It is a tribute to so many who made THE WIZARD OF OZ such a success. Unfortunately, many of those individuals are no long with us....teachers and students. Malissa Ruth Starnes Baugh (Dorothy) furnished us with these pictures and these precious words about the experience. She has said it beautifully:

“With the loss of our dear Russell Keeling, I have lost all of my dear friends, who traveled with me on the Yellow Brick Road to the city of Oz in 1960! First my “Scarecrow”, Noah Appleton, next my “Cowardly Lion”, and lastly my “Tin Man”, Russell Keeling have all left us. What a delightful time we shared together with the rest of the cast under the direction of Miss Mattie Bess Coffield (she scared me to death) and our delightful music teacher, Mr. Ken Howard! Many school children came to Waco Hall at the Baylor campus to enjoy the show. They gave us special energy to do our best and have fun with all of them. So many precious memories come forward, as I remember these three dear, dear friends and this special time we shared together!!! “It’s not where you go, it’s who you meet along the way!!!” “Dorothy”/Malissa Starnes Baugh



OPERETTA

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Director: MR. KENNETH HOWARD

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Aunt Em	Clara Sue Griffis
Joe, a Farm Hand	Tommy Kittlitz
Uncle Henry	Eugene Gaisser
Dorothy	Melissa Starnes
Mayor of the Munchkins	Jimmy Sutcliffe
Munchkins Farmer	Kirby Pope
Sorceress of the North	Alice Haley
Wicked Witch of the West	Anitra Harrell
The Scarecrow	Noah Appleton
The Tin Woodman	Russell Keeling
The Cowardly Lion	Dick Tooker
The Private	Tim Megarity
First General	Boyd Hampton
Oz Lady	Janell Gooch
Lord Growlie	Ronald Boulware
GLORIA, His Daughter	Nancy Guggolz
Wizard of Oz	Sandy Hendrick
Tibia	David Verdery
First Witch	Margaret Street
Second Witch	Bonnie Burson

Farm People

Berry, Jane
Blair, Elizabeth
Boulware, Donald
Casper, Zeda
Dibb, David
Farr, Gene
Glass, Betsy
Hanna, Luann
Hardwick, Linda
Hassler, Ann
Higgins, Don
Hoeldtke, Linda

Killen, Kay
Kimbriel, Ann
Matkin, Don
Moore, Robert
Muchow, Lynette
Norris, Johnny
Parke, Anne
Tindell, Frank
Vaughn, Betty
Verdery, David
Weaver, Phil
Wooten, Sandra

Munchkins

Brunett, Barbara
Davidson, Donna
Davis, Barbara
Gann, Wanda
Herdman, Charles

Kirkland, Leo
Koerth, Margaret
Milam, Judy
Moody, Ronny
Utley, Pam

Generals

Cypert, Jimmy
Dibb, David

Gray, Ralph
Norris, Johnny

Citizens of Oz

Bond, Anedith
Boulware, Donald
Caperton, Lucy
Craig, Bette
Eyssen, Amy
Farr, Gene
Gwyn, Dixie
Higgins, Don
Hodges, Carol
Holland, Jeanne
King, Virginia

Linder, Donna
Matkin, Don
Moody, Ronny
Moore, Robert
Norris, Johnny
Rowan, Jeanette
Smith, Carey Ann
Tindell, Frank
Weaver, Phil
Wilson, Pam
Wolf, Carolyn

Dancers

Haley, Alice
Haley, Susan

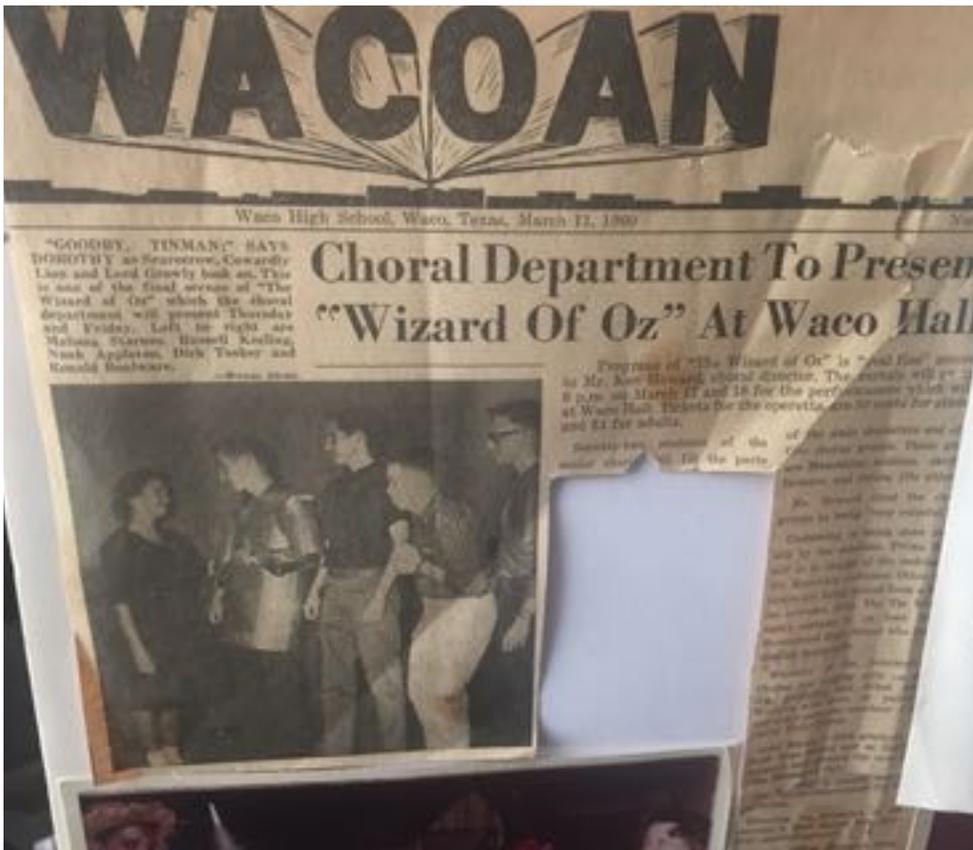
SKELTONS

Harvey, Mary Ann
Jones, Jerre

Brunett, Barbara
Davidson, Donna
Haley, Susan

BALLET

Harvey, Mary Ann
Jones, Jerre
Kimbriel, Ann



Nancy Guggolz signing autographs



Picture taken at the Live performance...



Anitra Harrell as the Wicked Witch of the West---with her unforgettable laugh!
Margaret Street and Bonnie Burson -also witches.



Live performance at Waco Hall

Regarding Life in the 50's blast from the past:

Gayla Miller Webb: "Thanks for sharing this blast from the past. It was a great time to be a young teen ager. If only our grandkids and great grands could have some of that simple life. Thanks to Tommy Ruth also. "

Bev Murphy Wells: "Thank you and Tommy Ruth for sharing the '50's memory lane musings. As my son, David, has said, "Mom, you grew up in the best of times!" And, we really did!"

Ambrosio Silva: "Wow!"

From Our Graduates:

David Dibb: "I loved the photo of Russ's plane bristling with armament."

Bev Murphy Wells: "Again, we have so many talented classmates like Elizabeth's Best in Show at the Texas State Fair...what a talented lady! It was uplifting to hear that some of our classmates have improved health even though some are still battling on. Our prayers are with you all...may you all know you are thought of and we all hope the best for you!"

Bob Easter: "As Pat Payne said, it just hurts to read another one has died. I often think of the laughter, the love, the tenderness of the individual who brightened our paths. Sadness is cleared by their forever smiles, their achievements, and the joy of knowing we called them friends. We each individually carry them forward enjoying the memories."

Regarding Jane Lucas:

Bev Murphy Wells: "Saddened to hear about Jane! I know she was a committed teacher and loved her family and all will miss her."

Betty Luedeker Gatlin: "This is so sad. I remember her at the reunions and thought she was lovely and had aged so well."

Gwen Ewing Hodges: "Condolences to all who loved her. I remember her as beautiful and kind to everyone."

Sharon McCarthy Odell: "I am very saddened by Jane's passing. We would meet occasionally for lunch in Dallas, but hadn't in quite some time. I'm glad I was able to find a photo of us at one of our WHS luncheons." - (2011)



UPDATES:

Bob Easter: I sent Bob the notes of those who sent messages to me about his complications and recovery. He is on the mend, but I understand knee surgery is very painful. Message from Bob:

"These notes uplift me and make me realize how lucky i am to have such dear and beautiful lifelong friends."

George Karahal: Sympathy is extended to George who lost his brother, Bill, on September 29, 2021.

[Bill Karahal Obituary \(1938 - 2021\) - Dallas, TX - Dallas Morning News \(dallasnews.com\)](http://dallasnews.com).

Sissie Blair Shandalow has a new phone number: **469-769-9544**

Kay Phillips Sparks had a freak fall and broke two ribs.

NOVEMBER Birthdays:

3	Jim Monnig Sissie Blair Shandalow
6	Barbara Brunett Hunt Gary Roberts
12	Carolyn Wolf Lloyd
18	Bob Easter
27	Nena Hunt Wallace

A GOOD MEMORY:



Larry Thomas had a wonderful idea!

Larry said: "At our age, we share a lot of sad news. I would like to encourage our class members to share some positive stories not only with each other, but to pass this along to our adult children and to our grandchildren. Share your earliest memories of what you remember about your grandparents and what their lives were like."

In taking his suggestion a step further, it made me think we could have a segment in the TOWN CRIER on **A GOOD MEMORY** we would like to share. It can be of grandparents, parents, graduates or teachers—just any good memory you would like to share. I am hoping this new segment will take root and grow. Therefore, our first **good memory** being shared comes from Larry Thomas:

"My Grandpa Thomas was a railroad engineer (equivalent to today's airline pilot). He purchased some land on Pelican Lake in northern Wisconsin sometime before WWII. He saw the property from his railroad route from Indiana through Chicago and northwards.

He and his four sons built 5 cabins. My early memories would have been late 40's to through the 50's. There was electricity, but no running water. There was a water well in the middle of the "Thomas Resort" as the wooded sign on the highway indicated. I recall working really hard to prime the pump and filling up a bucket of water to carry to the cabin where we stayed. Then Grandma would heat the bucket of water in the wood burning fireplace so we could take a sponge bath. Each year the boys and Grandpa would make improvements to the facility. Eventually, the outhouse was replaced with running water.

For entertainment, we would drive over to the county dump and sit in our cars after dark and wait on the bears to come out to eat the garbage. We did swim in some very cold water. Sometimes Grandpa would have to break up the ice to put the pier out before Memorial Day. I think they referred to it as Decoration Day.

He fished almost every day, usually bringing in perch and Walleye pike. About once a year, he would catch a Muskie. Pelican Lake was known as the home of the Muskie and there were always photos of the largest Muskie at the General Store.

In 1965, Grandpa retired and sold the resort and moved to Cumberland Avenue in Waco. The subsequent owner operated the resort until the end of the century. When he tried to sell it, the county made them tear all the buildings down since none of the structures met current code.

The only phone available through the 50's was the one in Grandpa and Grandma's cabin. You had to listen to the ring, our phone was two short and two long rings. If you heard another combination, it meant a call to someone else sharing the party line.

Our kids wouldn't begin to understand what that life was about. But we were a happy family enjoying a vacation on a lake, swimming, motor boating, and bear watching.

Hope this will inspire others to pass their heritage along to future generations."

-Larry Thomas

WHY FOLKS LIKE RETIREMENT:

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never-ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

QUESTION: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING. Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

PICTURES:

IT'S A SMALL WORLD.....

Sharon McCarthy Odell has a Granbury Facebook friend, Debbie Armstrong, who loves to paint and draw. Debbie recently took a holiday trip to New Mexico and posted on her Facebook page that one of the highlights of her trip was meeting **Jim and Barbara Woodson**. Debbie was in awe of Jim's art and gallery and said it was a "best day ever" for her. Of course when she made her post, Debbie had no idea that Sharon and Jim had graduated from high school together some 61 years ago. Our famous artist/graduate has surely made a name for himself! Kudos, Jim! According to Debbie, Jim and his wife were completely charming! It's a good thing Jim was behaving himself....you never know when I might get a tidbit of news and share it with our graduates!!!



Debbie and Jim

Two buddies having a good visit- October 20, 2021

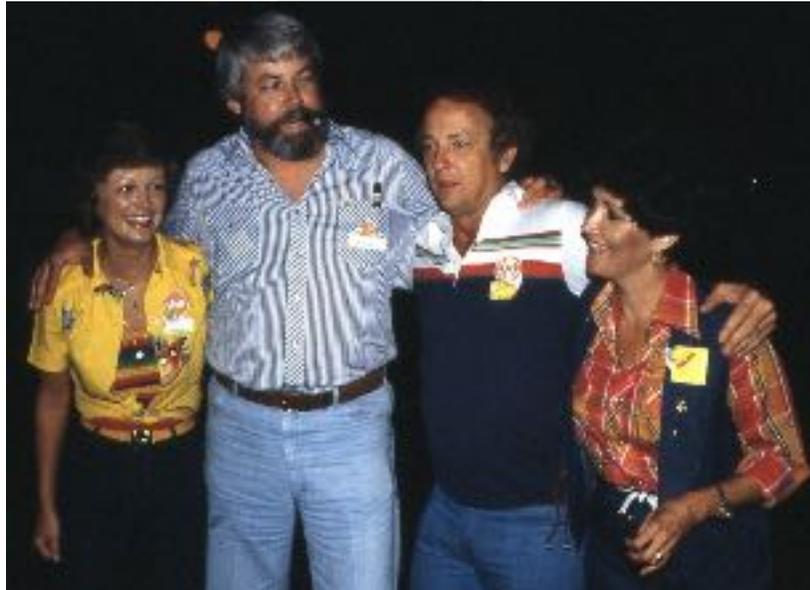
Ken Baker, David McPhail





From **Tim Lasseter Latta**: “Enjoying food, Monterey, Pacific Grove etc, but both of us working as well. I’m designing a bathroom for a couple who bought a beautiful sink in Morocco. Very fun. Spent most of last night in ER thanks to very painful gall bladder attack. Turns out I have a sizable gall stone. Surgery likely when I get back to Texas.”

1980 reunion - Pam Utley Brown, Paul Constantine, Terrell Reagan, SuEllen Golden Wilson



1980 reunion- Scott Horne, Jeanne Holland Harman



Gwen Ewing Hodges

-1980-



- 1980- Howard Dudgeon

Jokes:



89 year old Ron Chester was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

**Did some
financial planning
and it looks like I can
retire at 62 and live
comfortably for
eleven
minutes.**

Parenting tip:

When you lose your children in the house, turn off the Wi-fi. They'll come out immediately. Your neighbors may even drop by as well.