

DECEMBER 2021

FROM OUR GRADUATES

Pat Payne: Pat has reconnected with an old friend, Don McGown, who attended North Junior High School and the 10th grade at WHS before his family moved to Dallas. Don and Pat also attended A&M together where they shared several “adventures and experiences”. Don’s email address is: dmcgown@sbcglobal.net for those who wish to contact Don. I am sure he would love to hear from some North Junior High School or WHS buddies of long ago.



Kay & Don

Bev Murphy Wells: “The Wizard of Oz” pictures were great—so many talented people and Malissa’s tribute was from the heart and touching. What a great idea Larry Thomas has which has motivated me to finalize “My Mom” book my daughter gave to me a couple years back. Really enjoyed reading about Larry’s grandfather and memories of his younger years! Recall is such good therapy. So many of my friends are losing their memory...really sad. Agree, we need positivity recall right now! Go Baylor as they play OK next week and The Raiders the next!

Kay Phillips Sparks: I liked Larry Thomas’ memory story. I wish I had stories like that to tell, but I don’t.

Judith Hamff Murphy: Most Wacoans are familiar with Russell's pecans but for those out-of-state or town, Judith Hamff Murphy has this to say: " I couldn't make Aunt Ida's pecan pie with California walnuts or almonds--and supermarket pecans don't really have any taste. I found Russell's Pecans quite accidentally--and they're wonderful! (I thought Gholson only had watermelons.)

I've ordered Russell's Central Texas pecans for several years. Order on-line and it takes about a week. They also have lots of pecan treats--that dark package in the photo is dark chocolate covered pecans. Shipping is sort of pricey, so I order all I'll probably use this year--they freeze great! I mostly use the chopped nuts for my healthy breakfast oat bran muffins. But it just wouldn't be Thanksgiving or Christmas at the Murphy house without pecan pie!"

[Russell's Pecan Orchard and Fine Candy \(russellspecans.com\)](http://russellspecans.com)

UPDATES

Bob Easter: Bob is slowly recovering. He still has a lot of pain but is working hard at tapering off the pain meds. His complications after surgery slowed his knee recovery due to the fact he was not able to exercise the knee as is so timely important and necessary following surgery.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 9/10** Sondi Nelson Pace-
- 13** Jerry Causey
- 14** Peggy Wake Thyfault
- 16** Chinky Johnson
- 17** David McPhail
- 24** Howell Johnson
- 26** Howard Dudgeon, Joan Beaty Settle
- 28** Gayla Miller Webb
- 31** Elizabeth Bentley, Gwen Ewing Hodges

A Neat Idea:



DIY tiered hangers

Short on closet space? Use a lightweight piece of chain to stagger hanging clothing in tall closets to maximize space. Just loop the first link of the chain over the first hanger, and hang subsequent hangers on every other links after. Hang up to six shirts for the rod space of one.

In Memory of our Graduates who have died since our last reunion (Oct 2020):

Kay Albright Hofer Sept 2020

Phyllis Brooks May 2021

Crozier Brown June 2021

Donald Allen Cook Sept 2016

David Daniel Feb 2021

Carole Fisher Clingman Aug 2021

Beth Freeman Holiday Mar 2021

Perry Head Feb 2021

Leland Howard Apr 2021

Russ Keeling Sept 2021

Cynthia Kirkland Mazza Jan 2021

Pat Malone Apr 2021

Jim McDonald Oct 2020

Charles Ray Miles Nov 2020

Ann Pierce Hayes Sept 2021

Linda Shelby Lyons Oct 2021

Randy Turner Dec 2020

Sandra Wooten Overholser Mar 2021

Humor:

ADULT:

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR:

A place where women curl up and dye.

COMMITTEE:

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST:

Mud with the juice squeezed out

MOSQUITO:

An insect that makes you like flies better.

YAWN:

An honest opinion openly expressed



I'm old enough to remember when a wild night out meant skating around in circles while a DJ played music



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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