

## APRIL 2023

### From our graduates:

**Tommye Ruth Blair Toler:** I thoroughly enjoyed Pete and Repeat. Keep 'em coming, David. Howard has an unbelievable memory. Wonder if he remembers what he was doing three days ago? I remember lots of things from years ago but my short term memory leaves something to be desired. Something tells me Howard isn't bothered by that.

**SuEllen Golden Wilson:** Loved reading David Dibb's article on Pete and Repete. What a heart warming read. Also Howard's story on going to Betty Barkley's house for refuge. Reading about Betty's Dad, Red Barkley was a favorite... he was a Dear Man.

**Bev Murphy Wells:** Really enjoyed David Dibbs' story about Pete and Patricia, and then later about Pete and Repeat and the beautiful photos. David can really tell a good story! Our animals are part of our family! It's always good to hear the comments from the various classmates too! I am still golfing or trying to!

### UPDATES:

**Lana Neal Zahirniak** has new contact info:

Phone: 254-732-3992 Cell: 254-229-6825 Email: [lanazah99@gmail.com](mailto:lanazah99@gmail.com)

**Bob Easter:** Bob had a little set-back, went to rehab to work on his strengthening and walking, but is home now. Bob is thinking he has an autoimmune disorder that is attacking his body. He is now seeing a Holistic doctor. So far, he has had 13 different regular doctors and the Mayo trying to diagnose his problem. Let's hope this new approach can cure!

**Al Ctvrtlik:** Al has a new phone number. 254-902-8930

**Janene Loftis Jett:** correct phone number is 417-439-1109. Please correct your directory.

**Anita Incardona Henson:** "We moved and got the most glorious apartment overlooking the Hudson River. It is 468 Riverside Drive and we are on the ninth floor- Apt. 91. It is around the corner from Barnard College. It is large and we have five windows overlooking the Hudson"

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 **Edgar Gatlin**
- 6 **Pam Wilson McCamish**  
**Nancy Guggolz Rogers**

### A NEAT IDEA



Make a small-parts clamp by wrapping a rubber band around the jaws of needle-nosed pliers. The rubber band keeps the jaws close together to hold the small objects. It works especially well for getting nuts into inaccessible places.

## FUR BABY STORIES:

**Howard Dudgeon** tells his story about **SPOT**, one of his dogs:

I had four dogs named Spot, three Beagles and a mongrel. Spot was the name of the dog in my first grade reader Fun with Dick and Jane.

My grandfather used to take me on medical calls. On one of the calls my grandfather's patient gave me a mongrel puppy who became the first dog of mine named Spot. Spot lived at my grandparents' house at 2200 Gorman for about a year until we moved out to Cameron Park to 600 Fitzpatrick in June of 1949.

In June 1954 my parents took my sister and me to New York for two weeks. Spot went over to my grandparents' house while we were gone. When we got back, the first thing we did was go to pick up Spot. Spot had run away the first day that we left on vacation and hadn't been seen since. We looked for him, but couldn't find him. When we got home to 600 Fitzpatrick, Spot was there. He had only made a to and from Gorman to Fitzpatrick trip one time before.

### My dogs:

1. Blackie (Cocker Spaniel) my first dog- 1946 or 1947.... Blackie ran off.
2. Queenie -My second dog, 1947/1948 -I don't what happened to her
3. Spot, the mongrel 3rd dog: I got him Easter weekend 1949. He was the first Spot and made the trip from 2200 Gorman to 600 Fitzpatrick in June of 1954. He died in the Spring of 1962.
- 4 Spot 2- 4th dog: I got him in the Summer of 1962. He got run over in the Summer 1963.
- 5 Spot 3 - 5th dog: I got him in the Fall 1963. He lived until 1974.
- 6 Spot 4 -6th dog- I got him in the Summer of 1984 and he lived until 1998. Spot 4's father was an AKC registered beagle named Howard Rush Dudgeon.



Howard and Spot #3 who lived until 1974

**Tommye Ruth Blair Toler** tells about **Freckles**, her fur baby:

Years ago I adopted a dog I named Freckles. I guess I should say that she adopted me. She was a runaway or was dumped, I guess. A neighbor found her on a country road, shaggy and dirty with burrs and tangles in her coat. She had no identification and no collar. He took her to his house, but his three dogs didn't welcome her and in the night she ran away. She came to my house. I lived at Lake Limestone at the time, 15 miles from the closest town of Jewett. She was hungry and I fed her. And she stayed. She was a large, long-haired dog, about 60 pounds and her color was a mix of black, brown, and white. The next day I bathed her and brushed out the burrs and tangles. I found that she had had puppies recently because she was still slightly swollen with milk. The next day I took her to a vet and got her vaccinations. I learned she was an Australian shepherd, possibly a mix. He estimated she was about 2 years old. Most Aussies have docked tails but hers was a long plume and waved like a flag when she walked or wagged. When she was cleaned up and brushed, she was beautiful. She made herself at home in the house and was well behaved. She was afraid of thunder and didn't even like the rain. Her safe place was in the bathroom, lying between the toilet and the tub. She even slept there at night. She was quiet and hardly ever barked but one day a few weeks after she came, we were out in the yard. She looked up the driveway and saw some cows across the road. She barked and took off up the drive, across the road, through the barbed wire fence, and began rounding up the cows. Aussies are herding dogs. I finally got her back home. That was the first time I heard her bark. She probably barked a half dozen times in all the years I had her. A few years later I moved back to Waco and Freckles quickly adapted to a new house and yard. I started taking her to Stilwell Retirement Center, and to a nursing home to visit with the residents. Freckles was so gentle and she loved the attention. She would go from one to the next and get a lot of loving pats. We also went to Lake Waco Montessori School to visit 5 or 6 classes of special needs children. Many were in wheelchairs and Freckles would put her front paws up on the arm of the wheelchair so each one could see her better. Some were on mats on the floor and she would crawl up and lie right next to them. She got a lot of love there. We started doing it as a service to the school but Freckles and I were blessed by the reactions of those children. I made friends with the teachers and aids and still see some of them today. Freckles crossed the Rainbow Bridge years ago. She touched many lives during her lifetime. I still miss her and I guess I always will.





### 1 Jim Monnig has started getting pedicures. Here is his story:

"A good friend of mine recently passed. He was a district judge and greatly loved and admired. I thought it a little funny how much he loved pedicures. He was always extolling the virtues of them—how great they felt how relaxing, etc. He kept trying to get me to get one. I kept telling him I had lived a long time without a pedicure, had been reasonably happy without one and was not about to get one now. One night we were out to eat with our wives, and he showed up with a gift certificate (see attached). I gave up and scheduled an appointment to see Thao. My old friend, Sol, wanted to go together so he also made an appointment (talk about a couple of weirdos). As I was leaving the house, Mimi called out that I could get my toenails painted if I wanted to. She was joking. I swear that in all my 79 years at the time such a preposterous thing had never crossed my mind. But, it was July 2. I got there and asked Thao to do them in a very patriotic red, white, and blue. She was in Heaven as were all the other ladies in the shop. I love to show off, so had a great time. Mimi was a little shocked when I got home and showed her what I had done. I pointed out that it was her idea. The funny thing is that I loved the paint job. I would get up in the morning look down and feel really good and have a laugh. Along came Halloween and I got them in orange and black. Christmas was red and green with a little white. Easter approaches so please see Easter eggs. I asked Thao to use her artistic abilities and she picked out the Easter egg colors and arrangement. Sol passed suddenly on December 7 and it was a huge funeral. They closed the courthouse for half a day which is unheard of. One of the great honors of my life was to be one of his pallbearers. Thao loved Sol. Once she told him that what she liked to do on Sunday was work in the yard and then sit under her tree and drink a Keystone Light beer. Last time I went to see her I brought her a 15 pack of Keystone Light and so will carry on Sol's tradition. It is really cheap beer, but she likes it. Thanks for reading my stories. It is fun to write them. Much love to the Class of '60 from...Jim"



certificate



Thao and Jim





4<sup>th</sup> of July nails

**“Got these done last Saturday. The Vietnamese ladies love it when I appear.” (for Easter)**



**2 [Howard Dudgeon](#) sent a picture of himself with his first dog, Blackie. Howard was 5 or 6 years old in the picture. He said he still has the chapps. Howard had 4 dogs named Spot--His parents had fourteen cats who were named after their friends.**



Howard and Blackie



### 3 Aubrey Stringer is a very good friend of Parnell McNamara who is the sheriff of Waco.

Parnell is a cousin to Taylor Sheridan, the writer of **YELLOWSTONE** and other great hits. Taylor decided to have a campaign party for Parnell who is running for re-election and Aubrey and Phyllis Wieser were invited. The movie **HELL AND HIGH WATER** that Taylor also wrote was based on the character of Parnell, of whom Taylor has always admired. Jeff Bridges, the main character in Hell and High Water, made many calls to Parnell for advice on how to dress for the part and for Parnell to tell him the characteristics of his persona as a lawman. Below are some pictures that Phyllis took at the party.

Aubrey, Phyllis



Taylor, Parnell-- on stage



At the party Taylor tells of growing up in Waco and his great admiration for Parnell and Parnell's brother, Mike.



Mo, Aubrey, Phyllis, Parnell

#### **Who is Moses Brings Plenty on Yellowstone?**

Playing the role of Mo, Moses Brings Plenty is now a series regular on Taylor Sheridan's Yellowstone. He's Thomas Rainwater's (Gil Birmingham) right-hand man, fixer...



## The horseman, Taylor Sheridan



## 5<sup>th</sup> grade at North Waco Elementary

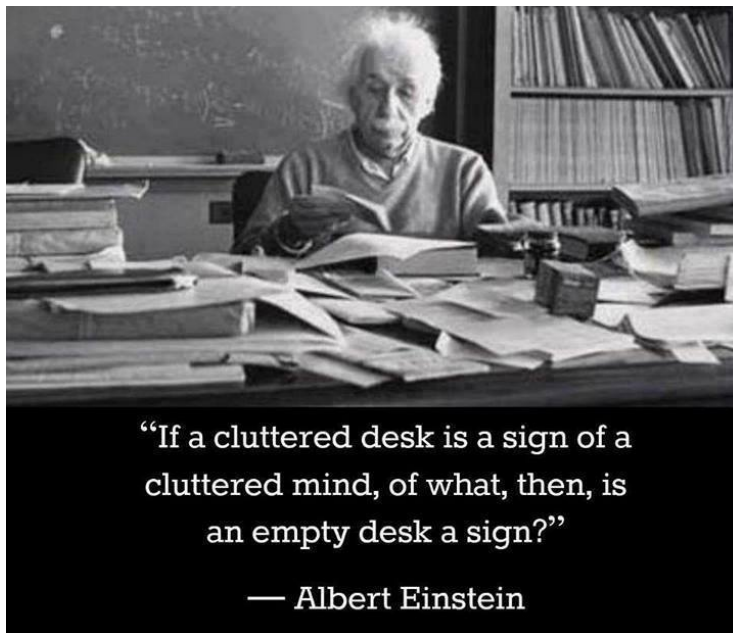
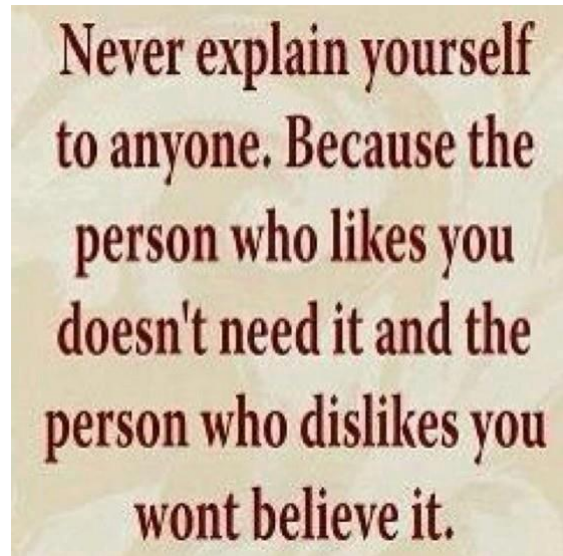




**Can you recognize anyone in this class?**



## Words of Wisdom:



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Do not forget that you can click on our **website** at any time to read current and past Town Criers. Also, our **directory** is on-line. After pulling up our site-- click on the directory, open it and you will have a classmate's contact information at your fingertips. Utilize our site! Pat Payne provides the financing for the site, Elizabeth Bentley keeps it current, and David Dibb maintains our directory. Our gratitude is extended to all three of these graduates.