

**JUNE 2023**

**From the Editor:**

Just a note to let you all know how wonderful it is that we have a WHS60 website and how grateful we are to Elizabeth Bentley and Pat Payne for making it possible. Pat provides the finances for the website and Elizabeth provides her expertise and devotion in keeping it current.

A while back Sissie Blair and her hubby moved from their home and had an estate sale. Evidently some very important items of theirs were accidentally left in a dresser. Major Criag Paulson was made aware of these items and went on a search to locate the owners. The only link to his locating Sissie and Joel was via our website. Thankfully, Sissie and her hubby were located and are now in the process of being reconnected with their items.

**FROM OUR GRADUATES**

**Stan Lennard:** A wonderful (as usual) Town Crier. Thanks.

In a past Crier, I commented on the consistent smile I remembered seeing on Pat Payne's face in high school and in the book describing the experiences of Pat's Cavalry unit in 'Nam. *He is still smiling!* What a marvelous experience he had racing 120+ mph and getting that congratulatory hug afterwards. Thanks, Pat, for inspiring us old guys to (try to) stay young and active! Age is, after all, merely a number - well, not entirely - but we know it's not for sissies!

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff:** Another great, great Town Crier--I look forward to hearing the news every month. I especially loved the reunion story and great pictures sent in by David Dibb....the pictures were priceless. The azaleas made the 'party' complete. Those of you who have never seen azaleas in full bloom have missed a beautiful experience. When we visited family in Georgia during the spring, I was overcome by the spectacular 'show' they gave us. If you watch the Masters tournament in Augusta, GA, you get an idea of their beauty. How fortunate David was to be able to have so many friends and family reunite. That was a lovely article. Thank you for sharing, David. Thank you again, Jeanne for all the work you do to keep us 'together'.

**Bev Murphy Wells:** Welcome Tom Niles...I went to Sul Ross Elementary too and then on to South Junior High. Before Sul Ross my first few years- school years- were spent at Gurley Elementary which is no longer there; not sure about Sul Ross. When flying into DFW we always stop in West on the way to Waco to get the Kolaches. Had a friend (Lillie Zarinach who was from West and we went to Four C College together and she was also in my wedding. All the stories are fascinating reading about David Dibbs 80th birthday (Happy Belated Birthday David) narrative with pictures and Pat Payne's action-packed account of his adventures. The chronicles shared are full of active 80 year-olds who are still going strong and exemplify vitality and high spirits. How encouraging! Always enjoy the fur baby stories! Fur babies are part of our family! Basking in all of your delightful contributions!

**Memorial Day:**

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff:** "Thanks to Pat. As a military family it's meaningful to think of military friends we have lost. My husband flew over Viet Nam and lost colleagues during that conflict. Over the years we have said goodbye to family members who were lost in conflict and today we think of them. Visiting Arlington when we were stationed in DC was a moving experience.

Today is about more than hot dogs and hamburgers. It's a day to reflect on all those who fought and died to give us what we have today. We celebrate them."

**Bev Murphy Wells:** Beautiful! Thank you, Pat and Jeanne! And thank you for serving, Pat!

## **UPDATES:**

**Tim Lasseter Latta** reports on her broken pelvis: "I'm walking much better and actually going out of the house, still with the walker but so much better."

**Don Busby**: Don is a new addition to the Town Crier circulation list. His email address is [busby\\_dc@yahoo.com](mailto:busby_dc@yahoo.com) 254-722-4683 8 King's Crest Drive, Wimberley, TX78676. Welcome him aboard!! It is so exciting to be able to add a graduate rather than having to take one off for reasons beyond our control.

**Bob Easter**: Bob tried infusions for a while but has discontinued them because they were not beneficial. He is not sure of the next treatment to ascertain what is attacking his immune system.

**Norma Cissell Smih** informed me that her brother, Bob Cissell (whs62) died last November with cancer. Some of our graduates may remember Bob as he played football with some of our classmates. Bob lived in Chicago.

## **Remembering Mickey Lade Perkins:**

**Gwen Ewing Hodges**: So sorry to hear this. She and John were on our 75-year celebration cruise. Condolences to all who loved her. 🙏🙏🙏

**Kay Phillips Sparks**: I'm so sorry to learn this. Mickey was quite the woman and lived an interesting life.

**Robert Wilson**: Mickey was a good friend. She lived on my paper route and I would stop afterward and we would ride her horse Nelle. Her dad was principal of Waco High.

**Betty Luedeker Gatlin**: I will miss seeing Mickey. She was always so full of life. Sad.

**Malissa Starnes Baugh**: "So sorry to hear about Mickey! I had no idea she was gone and had wondered about her! She was a dear "mess" and certainly a "force to be dealt with". She was the "life of the party" and had so much fun and thus so did we when we were around her! Mickey added joy to everywhere she went! Indeed, she has been and will be missed!"

**David and Janie McPhail**: "Thank you for sending this. I so wish we had known....she was always fun to be around."

**Tim Lasseter Latta**: "I'm sad we are just learning of Mickey's passing. I would have attended her funeral. She was such a character and a really swell person."

## **Remembering Charles Chatham:**

**Sharon McCarthy Odell**: "What a sweet tribute to the beautiful life they shared. I pray that Melynda and their family will be surrounded by love as they grieve this tremendous loss."

**Linda Phelps McKee**: "He will surely be missed. They were so cute in high school."

**Betty Barkley Flowers:** "My parents were very close friends with Charles' parents & we ate dinner at their house countless times! I knew of his lengthy illness & now he can be at peace."

**Betty Luedeker Gatlin:** "It is sad to hear of Charles' passing, but the saddest thing is that he had Alzheimer. It is absolutely insidious, and I am so very sorry that he suffered from it. I pray that we soon find a cure for it. It is so sad to watch dignified folks deteriorate in this fashion. God bless Melynda."

**Bev Murphy Wells:** "What a wonderful tribute to her husband. Melynda and Charles had a true love story and what an example for lifelong commitment! My heart goes out to Melynda and her family!"

**Robert Wilson:** "Condolences to Melynda and family. Charles and I go way back to little league. He is with Jesus now and that is what he preached for so many years. See you again one day."

**Pam Prickett Tucker (whs61):** "So sad to hear about Charles...I remember him being one of the 'good' guys in High School. Thanks for sharing."

**David Dibb:** "That's quite a love story."

**Kay Phillips Sparks:** "I am so sorry to hear of Charles' passing."

**John Anderson:** "He was a dear friend."



1. **Howard Dudgeon's facts about the old Floyd Casey Baylor football stadium:**

I was the first person along with my father to play football at Baylor Stadium. I don't think anyone else has claimed this. My parents used to take my sister and me to eat at The Chef/George's Surf and Sirloin every Sunday. One Sunday I brought a football with me, and my father and I went over and played catch on the Baylor Stadium field. The Stadium was still under construction, but almost finished. This occurred I think in the late summer of 1950. Baylor Stadium cost less than \$2,000,000 to build.

**Aubrey Stringer, Parnell McNamara and I** saw the last game at Baylor/Casey Stadium on December 7, 2013. Baylor beat Texas for the Big 12 championship.

While I was employed by Baylor, I was secretary/treasurer of the Baylor Stadium Corporation. The Baylor Stadium was set up to finance Baylor Stadium. The only duty by 1969 was to meet once a year and retire bonds tendered. The bonds matured in 1980 but Baylor would retire bonds that were tendered once a year.

2. **Trivia from Howard Dudgeon:**

- a. Both Jean Harlow and Marilyn Monroe co-starred in their last movie with Clark Gable- Harlow in **Saratoga** 1937, Monroe in **The Misfits** 1961.
- b. The movie **Annie Hall** is loosely based on the real-life romance between Woody Allen and Diane Keaton. Diane Keaton's name is actually Diane Hall.
- c. In **High Sierra** Humphrey Bogart/Roy Earle was patterned after John Dillinger
- d. The song **You're So Vain** by Carly Simon is about Warren Beatty
- e. Buck, Matt Dillion's horse in Gunsmoke lived to be 45 years old.
- f. Dolly Parton's music is on over 1100 movie and television episode soundtracks.

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

**7 Janice Player Howell**  
**Joyce Player Dorsey**  
**11 Dorothy Bryan McCook**  
**22 John Anderson**  
**28 Rod Sommer**

## **Pictures from the April luncheon:**

### **Those in attendance for the luncheon:**

Robert Wilson	Marvin & Ruth Schutza
James & Linda McKee	Mary Beth Cash McMahon
Billy & Jeanette Markum	Malissa & Rex Baugh
Nena & Bob Wallace	Tommye Ruth Toler
Gary Roberts & Carol Scarborough	Aubrey Stringer
David & Janie McPhail	Howard Dudgeon
Greg & Linda Howell	Mickey & Melody Lavy
Kay & Ralph Sparks	Mary Ann Shilling Watt
Glenn Hurta	Karon Shinault Jackson



**I-r around the table-** Glenn Hurta, Tommye Ruth Blair Toler, Karon Shinault Jackson, Mary Ann Shilling Watt, Aubrey Stringer, Howard Dudgeon, Jeanette & Billy Markum, Malissa Starnes Baugh & Rex Baugh, James McKee, David & Janie McPhail



Karon Shinault Jackson, Mary Ann Shilling Watt, Charles Sligh, Aubrey Stringer, Howard Dudgeon, Jeanette & Billy Markum, Malissa & Rex Baugh



Glenn Hurta, Tommye Ruth Blair Toler, Karon Shinault, Mary Ann Shilling, Aubrey Stringer, Howard Dudgeon



Jeanette & Billy Markum, Malissa & Rex Baugh, James McKee



Malissa & Rex Baugh, James and Linda Phelps McKee



**Robert Wilson**



**Robert Wilson, Glenn Hurta, Tommye Ruth Blair Toler**



**Gary Roberts, Carol Adams Scarborough, Melody Lavy, Mickey Lavy, Ruth Schutza**



Bob and Nena Hunt Wallace



Ruth and Marvin Schutza



Greg and Linda Howell

## **HUMOR:**



Kids exploring ancient ruins

