

## JULY 2024

### From our graduates:

**David Dibb:** "What a great issue. Thank you, Jeanne. Great memories by good story tellers and I laughed all through the jokes. Reading about the storms past and present makes me appreciate even more the amazing weather we have had here the past couple weeks... low humidity and Temps in the 70s. That'll change but we'll take it when we can get it."

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff:** "I enjoyed this month's 'Town Crier' so much---the article on the tornado by Howard D was really interesting. I know we all have memories of that day which will never go away. This is the first year I haven't put picture on Facebook of the event---it just slipped up on me.

Tommie Ruth's pictures of the beautiful birds were breathtaking---what a wonderful experience to see these wonders of nature as they 'travel'---most of us will never have that opportunity.

NE is still experiencing 'weather' --- but nothing like what you in Texas have had. I just pray no one is injured in storms as we go through the summer."

**Dana Sauer Keifer:** Greetings from Ohio 😊. FYI - change of address: moved from the "old folk's home" to an independent living villa -- absolutely love it!! So much to do, and it's full of so many "young people!"

**New address:** 5620 Elgin Court

Westerville, Ohio 43082

Cell phone: 614-542-7261

As far as the Waco tornado: Howard must have been in Holt's Sporting Goods about the same time my Mother, George, and I were. Remember the windows blowing in and lights going out. Since Mother had parked in the alley behind Holt's, we did not see the damage left behind; in fact, we went on to our piano lessons, clueless. Daddy was finally able to contact Mother that evening and told her what happened, To be so close to such devastation and not know it . . .!! Don't know if anyone else remembers that on that date for many years after the sky got greenish yellow -- eerie! Absolutely LOVE your newsletter!!

**Malissa Starnes Baugh:** Many thanks to Linda for continuing to arrange our "get togethers" Howard has done a magnificent job in keeping up with all of our classmates who are no longer here! BRAVO to him!!!

### Regarding Tommie Jo Burch Regian:

**Pat Payne:** "Jeanne we all appreciate so much you keeping WHS 60 in touch with each other through your monthly newsletter. While I have no recollection of Tommie it is so heartwarming to learn about her life. Like many other classmates she led such a wonderful, meaningful and what must have been a colorful life. So proud to have been a member of WHS 60. Special people."

**Tommye Ruth Blair Toler:** It is sad that we've lost another, but I must say it sounds like Tommie lived a good and rewarding life. That's a great obit.

**Jeannie Dickerson:** So sorry to hear of another classmate's demise. Thank you for letting us know.

**Richard Quick:** "I am sorry to hear about Tommie Jo."

**David Dibb:** "Very nice write up".

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff:** "-I rekindled a friendship with TJo through Facebook and was so saddened to learn of her passing."

**Bev Murphy Wells:** "It's difficult to read about one of classmate's passing. Tommie Jo had a full life and was loved by many. So glad she was so involved and as she traveled discovered her faves in our great country! She always had such a beautiful smile! My sincere sympathy to her family and loved ones."

## **Upon Meeting Famous People:**

**Robert Wilson:** "Over the years and mostly in Waco at the rodeo- then called Heart O Texas Coliseum.

My uncle Ray used to be a clown in the Rodeo and he would get us tickets down by the bulls. Sometimes before and most of the time after just outside he would introduce us to the entertainers. Listed are the ones I remember. Maybe you will remember some of them.

Roy Rogers and Dale Evens and one of the Triggers, The Cisco Kid and Poncho, Bobby Blake (Little Beaver), Dale Robertson- (He held Cheryl our oldest daughter in his arms and said how beautiful she was), Rex Allen the father of John Ritter (Three's Company), Billy Graham and his music man Cliff Barrows, Dr. S.M. Lockridge-preacher in California who grew up in East Waco, B. J. Thomas (Rain Drops Keep Falling On My Head) on the Diamond Oaks Country Club Golf Course in Ft. Worth, I caddied on the Wednesday Pro Am day at Oak Hills Country Club in San Antonio for eight years for Tim Simpson, Ian Baker Finch, Jay Hubert, Tom Kite, played 18 holes with Kathy Wentworth at Tapatio Country Club, talked to Lee Trevino and drove him to DFW airport, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Bill Bates of the Dallas Cowboys, and many others that at my age now can't remember their names."

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**Mickey Lavy:** "Dad joined JC Penney's in 1928. Mom and dad went to San Francisco in 1952 for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the company. That was the first time he met Mr. Penney. We came to Waco in 1955 and Dad started working to get Mr. Penney to come here. Dad was a store manager and area manager and reported directly to a man named Clarence Kirby, a friend of Ann Percy, Penne's mum. (You out there, Penne?)

By 1959, Mr. Penny was about 82 and traveled with a personal assistant who was a Waco boy and a Baylor grad. He was George Stone.

Just before Thanksgiving 1959, George and Mr. Penney came to Waco. George stayed with his mom and Mr. Penney stayed at our house. He slept in my room for three nights. When nobody was around, I looked in the closet at his clothes and they all had his name in them.

During that week there were several speaking engagements, Rotary Club, Kiwanis, and he spoke at the Baylor conference on American ideals. It was at Waco Hall on the campus. What I remember about it was that he had trouble reading one word in his speech, "cliques". During one of the three nights there was a reception at our house. A lot of people came and shook Mr. Penney's hand and had hors d'oeuvres and punch. Back then hors d'oeuvres were a sweet pickle on a cracker and a toothpick. After the party, around midnight, Mr. Penney sat in the kitchen with my friend Robert J Wilson and me. We had cookies and milk, and he gave us a short pep talk. Part of what he had to say can be seen in the World Wide Web referencing the golden rule. I don't remember his words, but I do remember the thought and how it made me feel. There is a Polaroid of the three of us sitting at the Chrome dining table. It's in a box in the garage probably."

**\*\*PS: Mickey said he is pretty sure he saw Elvis in George's last week.**

**Per Mickey- "Well, He said he was Elvis and he had black hair and sunglasses. Maybe It was him."**  
Typical Mickey for his humor!



Mr. Penney


**Howard Dudgeon's** mother with her famous people:

Paul Baker was chairman of the Baylor Theatre Department. Ann Baxter won an Academy Award for her performance in "A Razor's Edge" 1947. Raymond Massey was nominated for an Academy Award for his performance in "Abe Lincoln of Illinois" 1940.

I-r Tyrone Power, Paul Baker, Anne Baxter, Jane Dudgeon and Raymond Massey



## **10 Most Beautiful Cities in the World**

 Dips and Trips -by Tonya Medeiros

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| Venice, Italy          | Vienna, Austria   |
| Florence, Italy        | Santorini, Greece |
| Rome, Italy            | Barcelona, Spain  |
| Prague, Czech Republic | Budapest, Hungary |
| Dubrovnik, Croatia     | Paris, France     |

## **ALMOST KILLING RANDY TURNER**

BY Jim Monnig

“Randy and I were good friends at Waco High. We went to the University of Texas our freshman year and both transferred back to Baylor and stayed good friends and had a lot of fun. Summer of '63, I went up to the University of Colorado and spent the summer there and meanwhile Randy got married. A year or so after that, he and Cathy started a family and of course we were living very different lives. We saw less and less of each other and then didn't see each other at all for a long time.

In about 1974, I was in Dallas sitting in a coffee shop at a hotel and up walked Randy Turner. We hadn't seen each other in eight years or so. We got to talking and decided that the thing to do would be to perhaps have a few drinks. We both drank a lot at that time. We took off for that afternoon and went to some really scuzzy, dreadful bars. At about sundown we ended up at a very nice bar. It was called The Patch. It was really dark and really cold and had really pretty waitresses. They were not cheesy looking. They were just pretty, and the drinks were really cold along with the temperature in this place. We got really drunk. We were drunk when we got there, and we were really drunk by the time we left. Both of us slowed down a whole lot in our later years, but this was a long time ago.

Randy at the time had what I would guess to be a 1960s Porsche. It was what they called a bathtub Porsche in that the top of it looked a bit like an inverted bathtub. I had never been in a Porsche before, and it was fun riding around with Randy. As we left The Patch he said, “you want to drive?” I said “sure.” I jumped in behind the wheel and off we went. We were driving down a kind of a wide street somewhere in North Dallas and I guess we were doing 45 or 50 miles an hour. There was no traffic, and the street was wide, and I was having a great time. That little Porsche engine was just beautiful to hear, and it was a neat experience. All of the sudden Randy yelled out “turn left!” and boy did I ever turn left. That Porsche cornered just as flat as a board. I never saw anything like the way that car handled. I said to Randy “did you see that?” and I looked over at him. RANDY WAS GONE. The door to the Porsche was hanging open and there was no Randy. I threw on the brakes and looked in the rear-view mirror and I could see Randy back behind me getting to his feet. I put it in reverse and backed up and he got in. He said, “don't tell Cathy.” I said, “no way” and we proceeded on home.

Randy had a nice little house in North Dallas at the time and we pulled in and parked in the back and went in through the kitchen door in the back. Cathy was up in the living room doing some needle work or something like that and we went up to see her. I hadn't seen her in a lot of years, and she was very cordial and said hello and continued on with her needle work. Randy and I sat down like a couple of drunken fools and proceeded to make the kind of conversations made by drunken fools. After a while Cathy looked up and really yelled out, “Randy what happened to you?” At that point I looked at Randy and he was something to see. The whole right side of his face was scraped off and bleeding, his sport coat was in tatters, his Rolex watch was hanging by a link off his wrist, and he was just a total mess. My memory fails me as to how we explained the situation. I have no doubt that there was no truth in our explanation.

Well, the good news is that Randy did not end up dead and I did not end up in jail and he and I resumed our friendship. All the years since that time we talked on the phone regularly and often traveled together. One time, he and I and our wives went to San Francisco and to the wine country. That was also a rather epic day. That wine can sneak up on you. Another time he and I went to LA for a few days. We both loved LA and we went to Bob's Big-Boy in Burbank. That is a very cool hamburger place and even to this day on Friday nights people bring their hot rods and custom cars and there are lots of great cars to see. We also went to the Hot Rod Museum in LA, and I was able to go surfing at the Huntington Pier. The Huntington Pier is a classic in the surfing world. He and I and other guys like Jack Ewing, Bobby Easter, Bobby Willingham, Charles McWhorter, and maybe some

others would take weekends sometimes and we went to South Padre, Galveston, and Port Aransas. One time Randy and I went up to Kansas City where I was in a boxing tournament and had a good time.

He was a great guy and a good friend.

Once again, I want to thank Jeanne for all she does. When I see the Town Crier each month it brightens my day. I love the stories by David Dibb and Howard Dudgeon, the wonderful comments made by Beverly Murphy Wells, hearing about Linda Phelps regaining her health, and just all the wonderful things about all you guys. There are lots of other people who contributed, and I hate to leave anybody out, but the list would really have to go on and on. It is great the way people contribute and tell about their lives and experiences. I feel that we are all so fortunate to be in touch the way we are. Sometimes I fear that my stories are just a little bit too much.

I am enclosing another picture that is kind of funny. As it turns out, there is a junior high school in Fort Worth called Monnig Junior High. That was named after some relative of mine. One of my kids bought me a t-shirt from the Monnig Junior High school gift shop for Christmas and I wore it to the gym one day to work out. The guy that runs the place, Jesse James Leija, a two-time former world champion, really liked the t-shirt and asked me to get him one. I thought he was just kidding and so I let it go. A few days later he asked for one and some of the other guys asked for them. I ended up getting t-shirts for all the trainers at the gym and I am enclosing a picture from a recent Saturday. That gym is a big part of my life and I feel fortunate to be involved in it to the extent I am.

Please keep all the great stories coming and let's all stick together.

Much love from... Jim."

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**JIM** is the gray-haired one in the middle

## **Updates:**

**John Anderson** and friend Judy have really been traveling. They recently returned from a trip to Sri Lanka and, of course, were in Waco for the eclipse. While in Waco John visited Waco's Cameron Park, Emmons Cliff, Lover's leap,

the Dr Pepper Museum, and the Waco Mammoth Nat'l Park Monument. Their next trip is Korea, then Mongolia. Let's hope he will send some pictures!

**James Johanson:** "I have moved this past January. My advanced COPD is going through a normal pace of deterioration. I now reside with my son and made the move while still able to get around without assistance. Housekeeping became too much. Please note Countryview is one word.

**330 Countryview Street  
Kasson, MN 55944-9519"**

**Terrell Reagan:** Terrell is now living at **Brookdale Senior Living, 1915 Lohmans Crossing Rd, Lakeway Tx 78734.** At present, his apartment number is unknown.

## **Blast from the past:**



WACO HIGH SCHOOL  
CLOSING OF SECOND SEMESTER - 1959-60

SENIOR CALENDAR

- May 19, 20, or 23 Pay fee for cap and gown to Mr. Mohundro in the radio room.
- May 24, Tuesday Receive book cards from homeroom teacher.  
Caps and gowns fitted in the little gym - 7:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
NOTICE: Bring your receipt for the two-dollar fee!
- May 25, Wednesday Exemptions announced.
- May 26 and 27,  
Thursday & Friday Final Examinations  
Those who are exempt must report to the study hall at examination period.  
Seniors attend classes through Friday, May 27.  
Check in books at the last meeting of the class.
- May 29, Sunday Baccalaureate Service - 3:00 p.m. - Heart O' Texas Coliseum. Seniors report at the Coliseum at 2:15 p.m.
- May 27, Friday Clear lockers.
- May 30, Monday Receive report cards, 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. This applies to all seniors, including those who are exempt.
- May 31, Tuesday Rehearsal for Commencement - Coliseum, 2:00 p.m.
- May 31, Tuesday Commencement Exercises - 8:00 p.m. - Heart O' Texas Coliseum. Seniors report at Coliseum at 7:15 p.m.  
Senior Dance - Waco High School Gym - 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
- June 1, Wednesday Diplomas claimed - 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. - Waco High School - Little Gym.

SPECIAL NOTE

It is necessary that you meet all engagements on time.

WEAR:

For baccalaureate and commencement (with cap and gown):

Girls: Street length dresses (no full petticoats), black walking shoes. Remember you will have to walk up and down steps and across the stage. If you do not have black walking shoes, you may wear brown or navy.

Boys: White shirts, dark ties, dark shoes. (Coats

**July Birthdays:**

**1 Donald Allen Cook**

**7 Mickey Lavy**

**9 Robert Wilson**  
**10 Anita Incardona Henson**  
**13 Susan Harkness Hill**  
**15 Janell Buida Bolton**  
**19 Linda Sadler Easter, Ambrosio Silva**

**22 Sherry Robertson Nunn**  
**23 Linda Phelps McKee**  
**27 George Karahal**  
**30 Gary Lovell**

## **10 “Must See” Landmarks in the USA**



**FamilyProof** Story by Jeffrey Misenti

[10 Must-See Landmarks in the United States and Their Remarkable Histories \(msn.com\)](http://msn.com)

**Mesa Verde Nat’l Park**- in Southwest Colorado  
**Alcatraz Island**- San Francisco Bay, CA  
**Crater Lake Nat’l Park**- Oregon  
**The Rosecliff Mansion**- Newport, Rhode Island  
**The Brooklyn Bridge**- New York  
**Golden Gate Bridge**- San Francisco, CA  
**Independence Hall**- Philadelphia, PA  
**Smithsonian’s Nat’l Air and Space Museum**- Washington, DC  
**Gateway Arch**- St. Louis, MO  
**Mount Rushmore Nat’l Memorial**- Black Hills, South Dakota

## **Humor:**

People say 60 is the new 40. The cop who just pulled me over didn't agree.

**The older I get the tighter companies are putting the lids on jars**

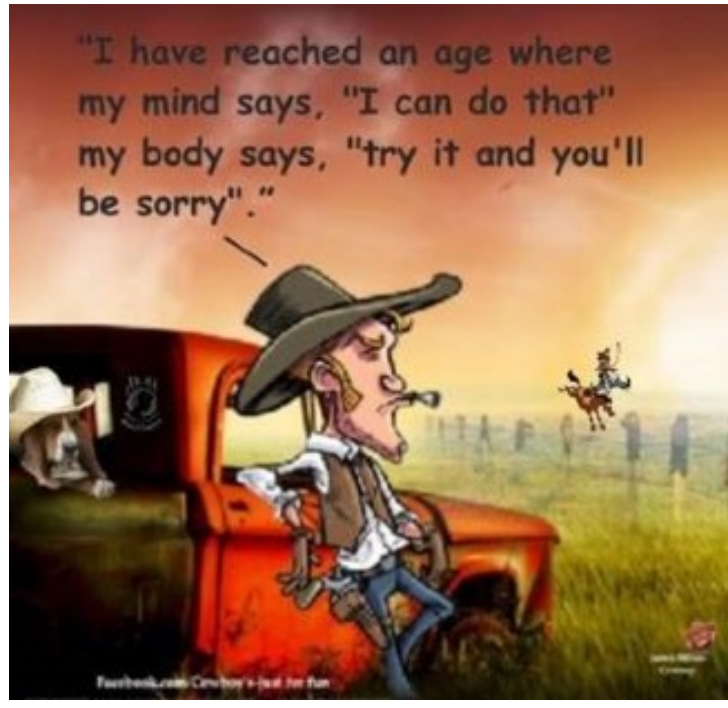
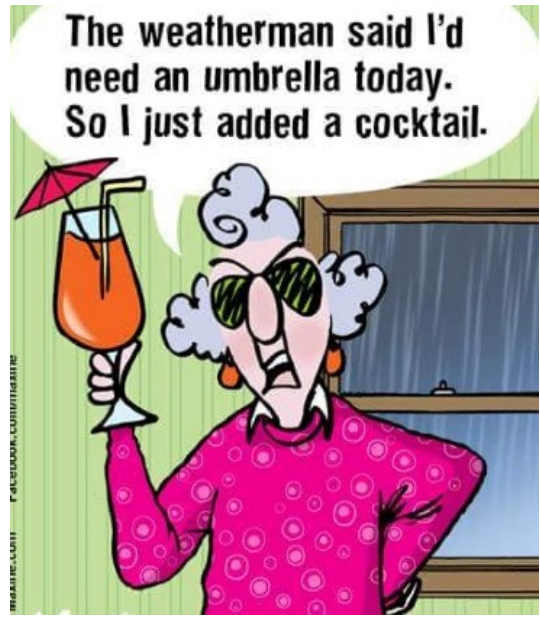


Two little boys were at a wedding when one leaned over to the other and asked, "How many wives can a man have?" His friend answered, "Sixteen... four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."



Week ago, my Mother-in-law began reading, "The Exorcist". She said it was the most evil book she ever read. So evil in fact, she couldn't finish it, took it over to the beach and threw it into the ocean off a fishing pier. I went and bought another copy, ran the faucet over it and left it in the night table drawer by her bed. I'm going to Hell

**Do you ever get the urge to start organizing and then 2 hours later you're just looking around at a mess like... what the hell have I done?**





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