

MARCH 2025

From the editor: "Thank you so much for all your responses to my new email lists. I had 108 out of 147 to respond. The list now consists of those who want to be here. I appreciate so much all of you and hope you will jump in and provide us with interesting news, pictures of what you have been doing, your travels, or anything you remember or run across that will be of interest to our class. Let us know about a lucky day or experience, how you met the love of your life, something crazy that you did or that someone else did. Be sure to let me know if you have a change in your contact information. We must keep in touch! Again, thank you so much for your interest in the Town Crier and for your responses! "

FROM OUR GRADUATES

Regarding service Clubs:

Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff: "There was a question about service clubs....I don't remember much. I do remember you 'requested' or signed up for one, along with other clubs, I think. I didn't request membership until I was a senior, and I believe an invitation was sent when I was 'accepted'.

All I remember is that the group came to our house to 'take' me to a meeting during the night. I remember I usually slept in old pajamas, and I had been out and when I got ready to go to bed, Mama had laid out a cute set of red nylon baby dolls I had gotten for Christmas....i didn't know why--seemed strange to me.

The club came to get me and we went to someone's house for an initiation---don't remember much but think there was a truth or dare game--not sure what else.

I think I still have my Forsgard pin somewhere....we had meetings and maybe a service project, but that's about all I remember."



Judith Hamff Murphy: "I have a bit to contribute to the memories of the service clubs--

This is a photo of the Forsgard Club's formal initiation. Per the back of the photo: It was at Anne Glasglow's house on October 13, 1958.

Membership was assigned once the prospective members met the requirements. I can't remember the exact requirements but I'm sure they included some grade standards.

I can't remember doing much service work—but I do remember some formal functions and a come-as-you-are Saturday morning wake-up/breakfast party which my parents of course, knew about and were expecting when the girls came to get me out of bed. "



l-r: Sandra Cochran, Donna Sue Linder, Betty Craig, Darby Boyd, Linda Phelps, Cynthia Kirkland, Sharon Robertson, Judith Hamff

GENHEIMER



Row 1: Paule, Moore, Gann, Allen, Klaras, Murchison, Meadows, McGinnis, Holland, Cissell, Fason, Shelby
Row 2: Goerdel, Easter, Dunson, Myers, Kimbriel, Gwin, Glass, Bayer, Thompson, So Relle, Moore, Wallace
Row 3: Levy, Phillips, Golden, Parker, Pracock, Henke, Blain, Fitzgerald, Muchow, Brunett, Taylor, Stringer
Row 4: Richardson, Belcher, Ellison, Johnston, Prickett, Schatz, Kirkpatrick, Landfried, Leskin

REGARDING ANNA LOUISE LOGAN

Nanci Stiteler Felice "So sorry to hear of Anna Louise's death. My parents and hers were friends and so during WHS years we were together through our families on many occasions. I remember very well a picnic with both families and Anna Louise and her brother Fred at our family farm near Bruceville. Her mother was a substitute teacher in a history class I think at West Jr. High, and she was a very well-liked sub who later moved into that teaching spot permanently. I remember there was a graduation party at the Logan house which was well attended by other WHS seniors. Lots of little memories. We both went to Baylor and both graduated but I lost track of her after college as I moved away from Waco. I remember her well as a nice but quiet person. I'm glad she had a teaching career of her own.

My condolences to all who knew and loved Anna Louise."

Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff: "I visited Anna Louise several times when I came 'home' during summers. She often took our kids out for ice cream and a movie---she was a sweet lady. Her mother 'Logan' was a dear friend of my mother who always just called her 'Logan' when they taught together at Lake Air Jr. High. I am saddened to learn of her passing. Thank you for sharing".

Betty Luedeker Gatlin: "So sorry to hear this. She was a very sweet person."

Bev Murphy Wells: "Regrets to hear about Anna Louise. I always loved her name because my Grandmother's name was Anna and my Mother's name was Louise. I know being a teacher she impacted the lives of many. Rest in peace sweet Anna Louise 🙏"

REGARDING NORMA CISSELL SMITH:

Barbara Brunett Hunt: "Condolences for Norma Cissell Smith. Norma fought such a hard battle for many years and now she can rest. What a beautiful person! She was a wonderful friend—since grade school—she was my closest neighbor and we shared many good times. "

Regarding Linda Welch, sister of Larry McMurray

Robert Wilson: My condolences to the family. Linda was a good friend . We were close back at Highland Baptist Church in the 50's. I pray for comfort and peace for all the family. Linda will be missed.

Bev Murphy Wells: Sorry to hear about Larry McMurray's sister, Linda Sue, passing. Yes, very difficult for loved ones. It seems our aging contributes to learning about lots of "good-bye's!" Heartfelt sympathy to family and loved ones!

UPDATES

We want to welcome **Ronnie Campbell** who graduated WHS in 1961. Ronnie said he knows a lot of our classmates and his email address is: roncampbell43@comcast.net. You can contact him if you want additional contact information.

Betty Tusa, wife of **Vince Tusa**: "Vince is still working "half days", or whatever it takes to take care of his patients and the rest "trimming trees or picking up limbs" (gotta keep this farm landscaped!). He has given up gardening-- could not hold up to keep it picture perfect! and picked! We are doing well, for our age!"

Tom Hafford has a new address:

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College Station, TX 77845

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GOOD LUCK- by Bill Alexander

“I have been blessed with good luck my whole life including good health and loving supportive parents, but here is a more dramatic example:

When I was teaching in Ghana it was my habit most evenings just before going to bed to turn out all the lights, go sit on my front porch, smoke a last cigarette, and listen to the night. One night I decided I needed something (I forget what), so I turned on the porch light to go back inside. At the door I turned back and saw to my horror a large Gaboon viper inches from the chair where I had been sitting. This snake is highly venomous.

The snake was coiled, head back, ready to strike . . . in the other direction!

Sitting on the low stone wall that surrounded the porch was a young stray cat, tensed ready to pounce on the snake (stupid young cat). They were frozen, eyes locked. Apparently, the snake considered the cat more of an imminent threat than it did me. I eased back inside, fetched a pitchfork, and killed the snake. That commotion scared off the cat.

I will always believe that cat wandering by at that moment saved my life.”

Larry Thomas will share his lucky day in the April issue.
WHEN WAS YOUR LUCKY DAY or Experience??

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. | Karon Shinault Jackson |
| 7 | Glenn Hurta |
| 14 | Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff |
| 17 | Jane Berry |
| 18 | Jim Johanson |
| 19 | David Dibb |
| 25 | Larry McMurray |
| 28 | Douglas Crook |
| 31 | Stan Lennard, Malachi Kelly |



Rodger Kuhl: "I think West Jr. beat North Jr our freshman/9th grade year, 21-7.

Howard Dudgeon: "I remember that Roger Kuhl won the 150-yard dash at the city junior track and field championships in the Spring of 1957. RK said he was the high point at the meet, and he raced against John Davis and Ken Lipscomb. I remember him doing that 66 years later so I must have been impressed."

Jim Monnig: " It was good to see the picture of Rodger Kuhl and Ken Lipscombe. Rodger was the fastest guy at North Jr and Ken was the fastest at West. I can't remember who was the fastest. Maybe Howard will let us know. When we played West, I figured we were unbeatable. We had Rodger, Vic Anderson, Charles Chatham, Joe Ratcliff, Glenn Hurta, Johnny Norris, David McPhail and a bunch of other real champions. If I had \$5.00, I would have bet it on North. I sure am glad I didn't have \$5.00. Great memories."

In Olden Days:

Country Computer Technology

1. Log on - Make the wood stove hotter.
2. Log off - Don't add no more wood.
3. Monitor - Keep an eye on that wood stove.
4. Download - Getting firewood off the truck.
5. Ram - The thing that splits the firewood.
6. Hard Drive - Getting home in the winter.
7. Prompt - What the mail ain't in the winter.
8. Window - What to shut when it's cold outside.
9. Screen - What to shut in black fly season.
10. Byte - What the black flies do.
11. Bit - What the black flies did.
12. Megabyte - What the BIG black flies do during trout season.
13. Chip - Munchies for TV.
14. Microchip - What's left in the bag after you eat the chips.
15. Laptop - Where your drink spills when you pass out.
16. Software - The dumb plastic knives and forks they give you at McDonalds.
17. Hardware - Real stainless-steel cutlery.
18. Mouse - What makes the holes in the Cheerios box.
19. Mainframe - What holds the house up, hopefully.
20. Enter - The only way to win those magazine ad sweepstakes.
21. Web - What a spider makes.
22. Website - High corners of the ceiling and walls.
23. Cursor - Someone who swears.
24. Search Engine - What you do when the car dies.
25. Screen Saver - A repair kit for the torn window screen.
26. Home Page - A map you keep in your back pocket just in case you get lost in the woods.
27. Upgrade - Steep hill.
28. Server - A waitress.
29. Mail Server - A male waitress (very few in these parts).
30. User - The neighbor who keeps borrowing stuff.
31. Browser - A problem moose in the Garden or Blueberry Patch.
32. Network - Mending holes in the fishing net.
33. Internet - Complicated fish net repair method.
34. Online - A good sign that there'll be clean clothes next week.
35. Offline - The clothes pins let go and the laundry falls on the ground

Pictures:

Janie McPhail sent this pic of **Ken Baker** and **David McPhail** on one of their past travels to El Paso when they went to see the UTEP girls' basketball team play. Ken's son was coach there from 2017-2023. Ken and David have been good friends since junior high school. Janie said they surely could tell some good stories.



Sondi Nelson Pace sent some pictures of her with her great-grandchildren



Whit and Barbara Brunett Hunt
enjoy Holland and Egypt



Barbara Brunett Hunt: “2024 was a fun filled year for us. In April we embarked on a trip to the Netherlands to see the country and tulips. How spectacular!! We didn’t know much about Holland and the tour guides with the Viking cruise did a wonderful job conveying information about each port. We were taken to a tulip farm and that was certainly enlightening. The bulbs are planted and dug up and sorted each year—nets are used to harvest the bulbs. The highlight of the trip was to Keukenhof garden. I was not aware that it is privately owned and open to the public only five weeks a year. The beauty can’t be conveyed in pictures, even the rain didn’t dampen our spirits.

Then in November we headed to Egypt. We were able to see the pyramids and go inside several tombs – including King Tut’s. We visited several temples as we cruised along the Nile from Luxor to Aswan. We were able to marvel at the engineering feat of moving the temple of Ramesses II to Abu Siimbel to make way for Lake Nassar. Our group was accompanied by an Egyptologist who certainly was well versed in everything we saw. We even learned about hieroglyphs and how each one tells a story or is a signature. The trip culminated in a visit to the GEM –Grand Egyptian Museum that is brand new. Words can’t describe the grandeur and spacious display of the artifacts. November is certainly a great time to visit a magical land—not too hot, not crowded but we did still have the ever present ‘sellers’ of wares in the numerous bazaars.”

Humor:

Oscar Wilde quotes:

“Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, **whenever** they go.

With age comes wisdom, but sometimes age comes alone.

The best way to enjoy your job is to imagine yourself without one.

Nature: a place where birds fly around uncooked.

I don't want to go to heaven. None of my friends are there.

The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything.”

I am starting
to think
I will never
be old enough
to know better.

I'm watching this Show for like,
10 minutes and the Lady is Listing
all these really Great things to do.
Then I realize it's the Religious Channel
and she was listing Sins.

**A CAR'S WEAKEST
PART IS THE NUT
HOLDING THE
STEERING WHEEL**

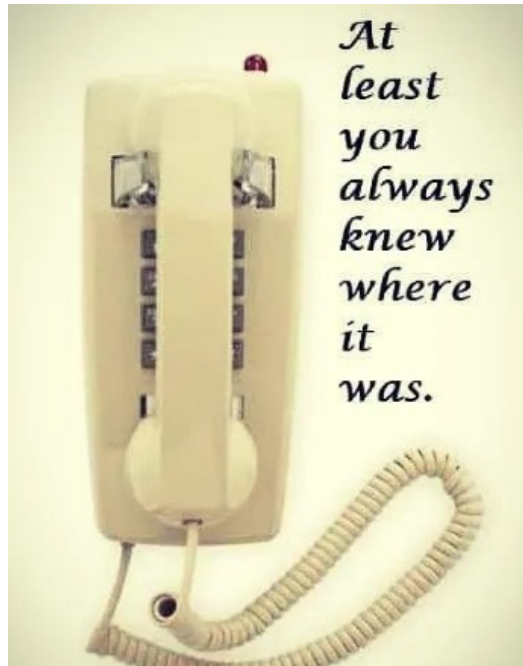
If I waited until I had all
my ducks in a row, I'd
never get across the
street. Sometimes you
just have to gather up
what you've got and
make a run for it.

**People who ask
me what I'm
doing tomorrow
probably assume
that I even know
what day of the
week it is.**



"Nice iron. Your wife will love it. While I wrap it, you might want to go over to sporting goods and pick out a helmet."

**For most people
when you lose your
"khakis" you've lost
your pants. When
you're from Boston &
lose your "khakis"
you can't start your
car.**



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