

MAY 2026

FROM OUR GRADUATES

Jim Monnig: “I boxed in Las Vegas first of the month in March, a Seniors Tournament. Title Boxing Instagram put it on, and it got 750,000 hits. It was a good time.”

Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff: “I love the pantry/toilet paper story---can relate to going into a room and not knowing why I went there--- All is okay in Bellevue NE---we had a record cold of just above zero, and all my daffodil foliage suffered--no blooms this year, and they are my favorites---normal cool days now. I miss the bluebonnets.”



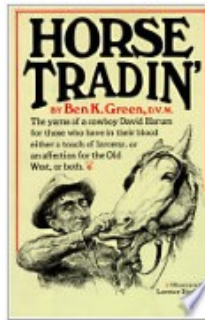
Larry Thomas:

“I moved to Arlington in 1970 after graduating from Baylor. Yes, 10 years after WHS 60. My first job outside of Waco was controller for Brookhollow Corporation. We developed high-quality business parks in Dallas and Houston. We owned about 300 acres across from the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike. My boss walked into my office one day in 1972 and asked if I had lunch plans. He was President of Brookhollow. He said he was invited to a lunch in Arlington regarding the Washington Senators’ baseball team moving to Arlington. We were planning another business park on that site in Arlington. As it turns out we were among about 50 people with Arlington Mayor Tom Vandergriff hosting the event. He was the lead individual in negotiating with Bob Short about bringing his team to Arlington. Speakers were Bob Short and Ted Williams, manager of the Senators. I had and still have his 1954 baseball card. After they spoke, they dropped a banner from the ceiling which said “Texas Rangers “ and announced the team’s name. It wasn’t a surprise since most other names considered never caught on. I grew up in northern Indiana through the 8th grade, where we were within driving distance to Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, and Cleveland, so having Major League Baseball 5 miles from home was beyond my dreams. I went to opening day with my daughter this year.”





## The Book Corner



**Mickey Lavy** is on a roll. He has some recommendations mainly for the guys....but girls, that does not limit you, if you are interested. That is what is so great about all books. There is something available for everyone's interest! Mickey reports:

“I can recommend an author for the boys. About a hundred years ago Ben K. Green wrote 8-10 books about being a cowboy in Central and East Texas: WILD COW TALES, HORSE TRADIN', etc. The author narrates like he was the Slim Pickens' character in *DR STRANGELOVE* and *BLAZING SADDLES*.

Ben Green is buried in a large plot in the East Texas town of Cumby. Many of my ancestors are also in that cemetery. My mother knew this boy in primary school.

The books are all thick pages of good paper, large print, and lots of chapters/stories. I never get bored.”

**Sidenote:** Ben K. Green was a celebrated Texas writer known for his authentic 'Texan' storytelling style. Born in 1912 in Cumby, Texas and raised in Weatherford, he spent much of his life around horses. His writing career began later in life.

Green's most famous work is *Horse Tradin'*, a classic Texas novel that blends humor, realism, and the spirit of the West. Most of his stories are true, many recorded by him and typed by his secretary. His books have been praised for their vivid portrayal of Texas life, from rural horse culture to the social fabric of the state.

Green's works are deeply rooted in Central Texas, and his stories often reflect the region's history, people, and traditions. He is celebrated by Texas literary historians and his ability to tell these Central Texas stories that feel both local and timeless has earned him a place among the state's literary greats.

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## May Birthdays

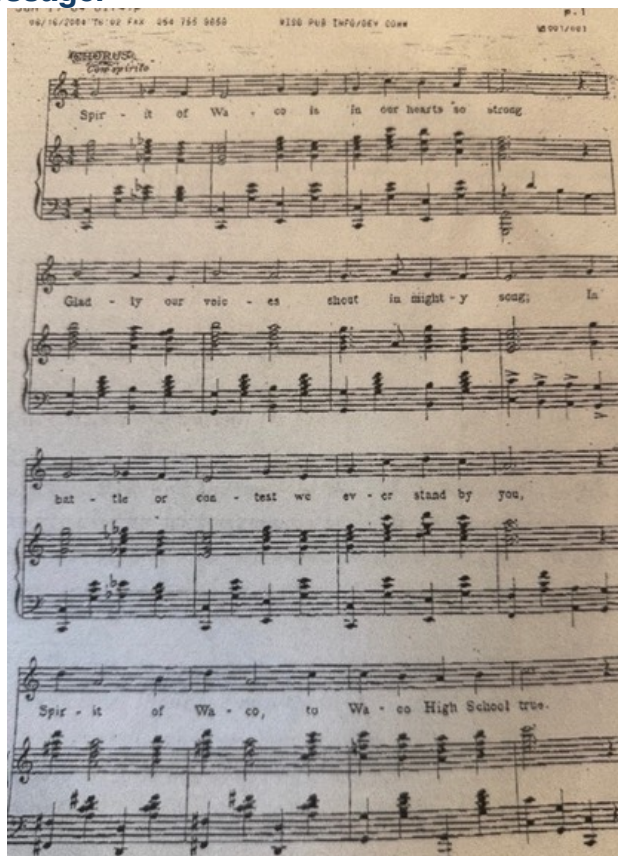
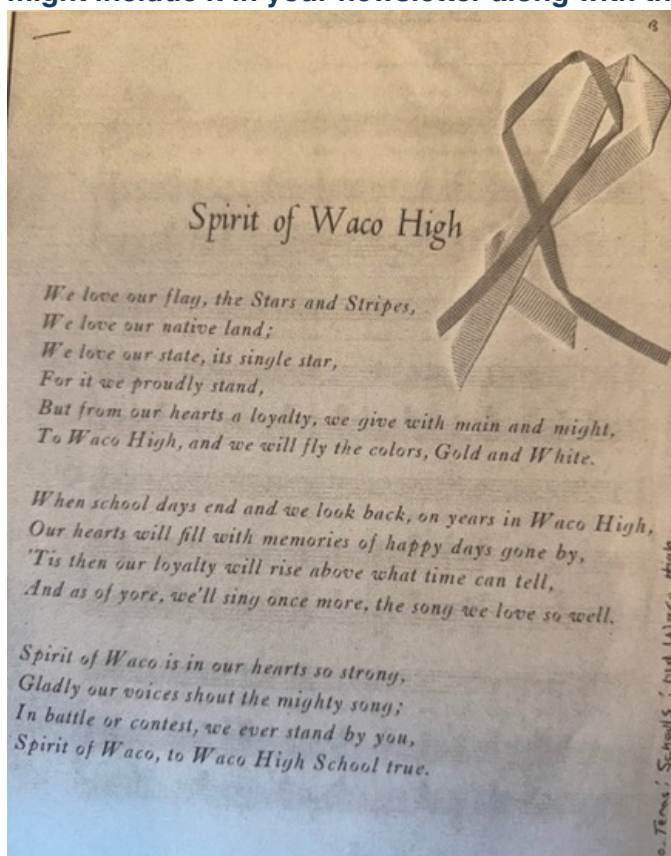
- 5 Carol Leskin Allen
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- 23 Janene Loftis Jett  
David Ditto



## Pictures

**Ron Campbell** - (whs'61) - receives the Town Crier and sent us this message:

"I want to thank you for adding me to the distribution of the whs60 newsletter. It is excellent and I look forward to receiving it every month. I, as a junior in 1960, looked up to and admired the senior class of 1960 and considered many of you as my friends. A few weeks ago, I learned about the Spirit of Waco High, the school song that was included in the school's Daisy Chain annual until the early 1940s. Our class is holding a reunion later this month and plan to sing it during the reunion! I am attaching a copy of the lyrics and the sheet music to the chorus. I understand one of our classmates discovered it from the library archives at Baylor University. And if you think it may be of interest to your class, maybe you might include it in your newsletter along with this message."



## UPDATES

**Judith Hamff Murphy** lives in San Diego and watched the Artemus II splashdown on TV like the rest of us. She said she did not hear a sonic boom. She mentioned that the Hotel Del Coronado changed the name of their sun deck to the "moon deck" for the afternoon of the event and offered a special drink for the

occasion. Don't you know that was fun experience in a beautiful setting! Judith said the splashdown was about 15 miles or so from land. We are so glad everyone made it back to earth safely.

**Mickey Lavy:** "Met our neighbor, Dodi. She's lifelong friends with Janie McPhail. Texas is getting smaller."

*Amazing!!! Mickey Lavy moved to the Ft Worth area after spending a lifetime in Waco. What are the odds??*



### A Neat Idea

#### An old CD Case

Now that CDs are being replaced with smartphones and other devices, use old CD case to organize and store seed packets. It works great to store them by seed type or even alphabetically. It's a convenient reference to have for the following year. Write notes on the packets to remember which seed variety worked and which didn't.

## Humor

My Wife texted me a selfie in a new dress and asked "Does this make my butt look big?"

I texted back "Noo!"

My phone autocorrected my response to "Moo!"

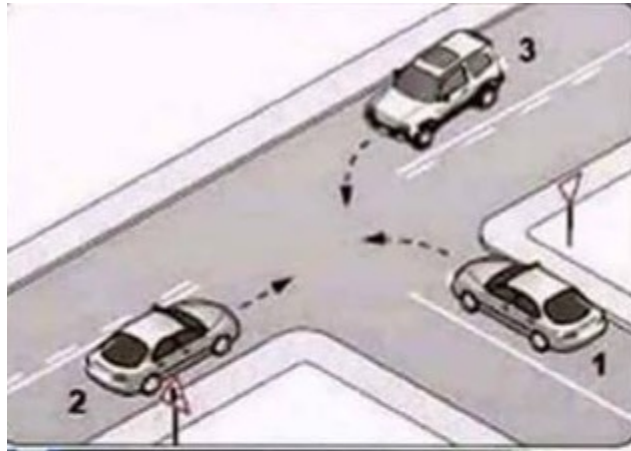
Please send help!

Laughing at your own mistakes  
lengthens your life.  
Laughing at your wife's mistakes  
shortens it.

I finally know why they call me a grown up. I groan every time I get up.



Which car should go First?



### **Pirate**

A man meets a pirate in a bar. The pirate has a peg leg, a hook, and an eye patch.

"How did you get the peg-leg?" the man asks.

"We were in a storm at sea, and I was swept overboard into a school of sharks. A shark bit my leg off," replies the pirate.

"Wow! What about your hook?" the man asks.

"We were boarding an enemy ship and were battling the other sailors with swords. One of them cut off my hand," replies the pirate.

"Incredible! What happened to your eye?" asks the man.

"A seagull dropping fell into it," replies the pirate.

"You lost your eye to a seagull's dropping?" the man asks, incredulously.

The pirate shrugged. "Yeah, it was my first day with the hook."

**AIN'T IT THE TRUTH**



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