

## JULY 2021

### FROM OUR GRADUATES:

**Mickey Lavy:** "I am happy to report that last September I got a spinal cord stimulator implanted by **Advanced Pain Medicine Clinic**. They have locations everywhere. This gadget is a modern medical miracle and is life changing. It's not 100% but my pain has reduced dramatically. I still take a little pain med but my mind is clear. I go to work every day and enjoy it again. Many of our peers have had back pain and some are severe enough for surgery. For those who have just struggled with pain that can't be fixed with surgery, see **Advanced Pain**. Maybe it'll work for you."

**Tommye Ruth Blair Toler:** "I thoroughly agree with David Dibb about the bluebonnets. They are one of God's finest creations. Best wishes to all who struggle with health issues. Karon, your latest quilt is a masterpiece. I know it took hours and hours of meticulous work and it's full of love. Hopefully some of us will have some travels now that COVID appears to be more manageable. Then we can have more info and photos to send to Jeanne for the next Crier."

### REGARDING YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY:

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorf:** "I appreciate your mentioning the library---we are so fortunate to live very close to our library, and we use it frequently. We even have remote pick up so we don't have to go inside. We can 'order' all the latest best sellers, as well as DVDs."

**Russell Keeling:** "I really like the idea of using the public library to get DVDs. Lloy & I have enjoyed a number of series through Amazon Prime but there're a lot more things we'd like to get our hands on. Appreciate the suggestion!"

### REGARDING BEING "OLD WACO":

**Hal Johnson** jogged his memory and added a few more things to the "**OLD WACO**" list.  
*Do you remember: .....???*

There was a "Whites Only" section @ Walkers Auditorium

Winning cigarettes on the midway @ HOT Fair

Mr. Bernstein's "free paper"

Band that played @ the Nite Owl in West

Who had a radio broadcast from the Circle R club?

What teacher monitored study hall and allowed "boys" to go to the smoker in the basement?

Who asked "bout like that" for gravy on your chicken fried steak?

Football player who won super bowl ring in Super Bowl 111

And what was a "fish bowl" and served where ?

**Stan Lennard:** Thanks to Terrell for all those Waco memories! And, for those wonderful times we no longer experience.

### UPDATES:

**Cathy White Land:** Reports she is doing well with her recuperation. Since no pressure at all can be put on her ankle, she will have one leg on a scooter for the duration of the healing process.

**Pat Turner Carpenter:** Has been getting good reports. Her heart rate is under control, her kidney numbers great, and she has been given the green light to drive in the daytime. Her sister came to stay with her awhile to help with the necessities of life during her long health crisis. It also aided with any feelings of depression experienced. TLC often plays such an important part in healing!

**Jeanne Holland Harman:** The pericarditis and pericardial effusion have been resolved; however, certain issues still need to be conquered as pain and irregularities are still present.

## **Regarding Phyllis Brooks:**

**Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff:** I remember Phyllis so well. She and her brother Bill took piano lessons from my grandmother. Noah Appleton and his sister did also. We all met on Saturday mornings for 'classes' where we learned about the composers, sang songs related to the piano, and had fun. I remember her mother also--a wonderful woman who was always a presence in any room. Phyllis was a fighter, and her struggle earned my admiration. She is at peace now.

**Nanci Stiteler Felice:** Thanks so much for passing Phyllis' obit on and the pictures. She was such a resilient woman in spite of all her cancer bouts!

**Linda Phelps McKee:** Phyllis was truly a warrior. Such a sweet and caring friend to all. She will be greatly missed. Thanks for letting us know.

**Sharon McCarthy Odell:** She most definitely was a warrior who fought the good fight for so many years with grace and an unwavering faith. She will be missed.

**Bev Murphy Wells:** Even though we all knew that Phyllis was in a difficult battle she had struggled with for many years, it's still a shock to hear of her passing. She had true grit and was an inspiration to all of us. I will miss her gentle spirit!

**Betty Luedeker Gatlin:** Bless her heart. Guess I can quit praying for her now. She is certainly in Heaven.

**Pam Prickett Tucker:** (WHS '61) Sad...but she is no longer in pain or suffering.

**Tommye Ruth Blair Toler:** God bless Phyllis' soul. She was a warrior with all the health problems she has had. May she Rest In Peace.

**Kay Phillips Sparks:** She was a precious soul. This is really so sad.

## **25 of the best Miniseries: according to **Yardbarker****

**Rich Man, Poor Man -1976**

**Jesus of Nazareth- 1977**

**Roots- 1977**

**Shogun- 1980**

**The Thorn Birds- 1983**

**V -1983**

**The Winds of War -1983**

**V: The Final Battle- 1984**

**North and South- 1985**

**Lonesome Dove- 1989**

**The Stand -1994**

**Band of Brothers-2001**

**Angels in America -2003**

**John Adams- 2008**

**The Pacific -2010**

**11-22-63 -2011**

**The Night Of – 2016**

**The People vs OJ Simpson: American Crime Story -2016**

**Maniac-2018**

**Sharp Objects- 2018**

**Chernobyl- 2019**

**When They See Us- 2019**

**Watchmen- 2019**

**I Know This Much is True- 2020**

**The Right Stuff- 2020**

### **A Neat Idea:**



**Book Knife Block:** Give old books a new purpose on the kitchen counter. Pick out four or five neglected books and transform them into a knife block by binding them with a piece of rope. Leave a little space so that you can comfortably slip a knife between the pages.

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

- 2 Donald Allen Cook
- 7 Mickey Lavy
- 9 Robert Wilson
- 10 Annita 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

## **Facts from 1930-1946** - (Thanks to SuEllen Golden Wilson)

Special Group Born Between 1930 - 1946. Today, they range in ages from 74 to 90.  
Are you or do you know someone "still here"?

You are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900s.

You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

You are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.

You saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans.

You saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available.

You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.

You are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of grieving neighbors whose sons died in the War.

You saw the 'boys' home from the war, build their little houses.

You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you imagined what you heard on the radio.

With no TV until the 50's, you spent your childhood "playing outside".

There was no little league. There was no city playground for kids.

The lack of television in your early years meant, that you had little real understanding of what the world was like.

On Saturday afternoons, the movies gave you newsreels sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons.

Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines) and hung on the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).

Computers were called calculators; they were hand cranked.

Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage and changing the ribbon.

INTERNET' and 'GOOGLE' were words that did not exist.

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening.

As you grew up, the country was exploding with growth.

The Government gave returning Veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. Loans fanned a housing boom. Pent up demand coupled with new instalment payment plans opened many factories for work.

New highways would bring jobs and mobility.

The Veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.

The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands.

Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus. They were glad you played by yourselves until the street lights came on. They were busy discovering the post war world.

You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves and felt secure in your future though depression poverty was deeply remembered.

Polio was still a crippler.

You came of age in the 50s and 60s. You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland. The Second World War was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease.

Only your generation can remember both a time of great war, and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better...

You are "The Last Ones." More than 99 % of you are either retired or deceased, and you feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

**And Then It Is Winter:**     *(Thanks to Rod Sommer)*

"It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was

back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one."

#### **REMEMBER:**

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

~Your kids are becoming you.....

~Going out is good... Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... "what?" . ???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!?!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

#### **HUMOR:**

MY WIFE MADE ME  
COFFEE THIS MORNING AND  
WINKED AT ME WHEN SHE  
HANDED ME THE CUP.

I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE  
SCARED OF A DRINK IN ALL  
OF MY LIFE.



And, some **"Golden Laughs"** borrowed from the paper [Golden Life](#) (in Florence, SC) which each month carries two articles from our very own David Dibb.

**"I burned 1500 calories earlier today-left the brownies in the oven too long again."**

**"I never make the same mistake twice. I make it five or six times, you know, just to be sure."**

**"I'm at the age where "Having Adult Beverages" means Ensure and Metamucil."**

**"Doctor speaking to his patient: "High sodium, high cholesterol, lots of toxins- Your blood test is remarkably similar to a potato chip."**

**"I told my friend I got sacked today for downloading games onto my work computer and causing everything to crash.**

**"That's a bit harsh", he replied.**

**"They don't mess around at air-traffic control", I said.**

**"I saw a guy on his motorcycle and the back of his shirt said, "If you can read this, the wife fell off."**

**"I'm a kid at heart and a senior citizen at knees and back."**

**"You women may be surprised to learn that making us sleep on the couch isn't that bad. It's kinda manly. It makes us feel like we are camping...with a really angry bear nearby."**