

## Golf Tournament Results

Well, our player numbers were back down again to 60 from last year's 72 as 15 teams competed. Typical warm July weather prevailed, but it was a pretty Friday morning with upper-80s temperatures. This year, a score of 55 was low. Members of the winning foursome were **Gary Dillard('73)**, **Trish Dillard(spouse)**, **Bud Baker('71)**, and **Ralph Batenhorst (non-ex)**, who each won \$175 prize money. The tourney was able to able this year to donate \$1000 to the Alumni scholarship fund from the proceeds left over, thanks to our generous sponsors.



*Views of Phillips High School taken on July 12, 2017*

# PHS



## Future Homecoming Set

Be sure and mark down on your 2018 calendar the dates **July 13-14** (second full weekend of July this next time around) for our HC next summer at which our rallying theme and honor group(s) have yet to be decided on, but will be forthcoming in next March's homecoming letter. It is hoped and anticipated that the Classes of '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, and '83 will be planning special reunions for that weekend, with the Class of 1968 the featured 50-year reunion class. Hope to see all of you again next summer!

**Attention Class of 1968:** **Mike Akers('68)** has already started with the reunion planning effort for your Big 50th. Some of you other 1968 exes -please pitch in and help him out in some way.

**Attention Class of 1963:** Plans are already underway for your 55-year reunion to be held in conjunction with the 2018 Homecoming. **Kelly Caufield Railsback** and **Virginia Pirtle Malicoat** will arrange a place to gather and visit, have drinks and snacks, and catch up with each other. Expect to have a casual and relaxing time. Of course, your class will try to sit together at the Saturday morning Homecoming program and afternoon activities. Another reminder will go out with the March Homecoming letter with details of time and place for the get together. Please plan to be in Borger with your 1963 classmates. For questions or comments, please contact: Kelly/kellyrails@yahoo.com/(214)287-3301 or Virginia/virginia.malicoat@yahoo.com/(806)271-6641 .

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## 30 Years Since PHS Closed and Still Rocking



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Hey! From all the feedback we've received, this was one of the most enjoyable Homecomings we've had. And, yes, we had sound, lights, and A/C once more at the Saturday morning program (although we had no working A/C at the Friday evening mixer). To quote **Mona Hendrickson('75)**, who wrote a follow-up article for the Borger paper, "As you entered the West Texas Cafeteria, one could only see a sea of black and orange. Former students, spouses, friends, and former teachers/administrators filled the room. It was a weekend of sharing those memories of their school and hometown that do not exist anymore except in the hearts and minds of all there."

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the closing of PHS (see recent pictures of high school on back page) since the last senior class graduated in 1987. All former students and teachers/administrators attending were recognized who were a part of the school during those last days. There was a larger than usual turnout of exes from the 1980s classes ... a welcomed sight indeed! The seven former teachers present were **Aleyene Watkins**, **Joel Lynch**, **Juanita Burks Moulton**, **Marion Adkins Kindy**, **Lee Watson Guest**, **Lanelle White**, and **Mary Jane Wood McClellan**.

In order to preserve space for pictures taken at Homecoming (HC), the speakers, special attendees, awardees, and prize winners at the Saturday morning program will be simply listed: Incidentally, **Mona Hendrickson('75)** did a fantastic job with her photography including taking several group pictures of those classes having 5-year interval reunions (see pictures). She also wrote two great articles about Homecoming for the Borger paper. Keynote Speaker - **Les Skinner('67)** who spoke on some of the traditions we observed as students back then such as avoiding stepping on the hawk on the floor of the high school foyer - a sacred taboo, attending the bonfires on the grade school playground, burning the Dumas Demons mascot in effigy, the Blackhawk work ethic, a perennial loyalty to the school and class members, respect for those in authority, and last but not least, annual homecomings. Other Speakers - **Kent Torbert**, WTHS principal who gave the welcoming speech and **Aaronda White('73)** who gave the invocation and emceed. Oldest Ex Attendee - **Caroline Stevens('36)**; Youngest Ex Attendees - **Class of 1987 members**. First-Time Attendees, **Larry Blankenship('67)**, **Deanny Hendrickson('72)**, **James Key('87)**, **Staci Speed('87)**, **DeeDee McCiellan('87)**, **Anita Eason('87)**, and **Pam Kays('87)**. \$100 cash - **Don Mercer('55)**; \$75 - **Fay Deen Krejci('59)**; \$50 - **Ed Biggs('63)**. Blackhawk Blanket - **Harold Nelson('65)**; 50-Year Class Reunion Blankets - **Alan Drennan('67)** and **Iris Morgan('67)**. Blackhawk-of-the-Year Award - **Janice Benefield('58)**. The 50-year reunion clock was passed from **Brian Hensley('67)** to **Ralph Pumphrey('68)** ... yes, time is now ticking away in countdown for next July.

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## 2017 Endowment Scholarship & Heritage Center Cash Donors ( \$50 and Over)

Frank Strech('48)	Susan Richardson('67)	Dorene Drake('57) in memory of David Drake('63)
PHS Class of 1975	Peggy Louthan('66)	Ralph Smith('57) in memory of Don Smith('55)
Bob Roland('60)	Milton Hoff('58)	Lavona Paxton('60) in memory of Sandra Paxton('61)
Peaches Hood('65)	Bill Gaither('52)	Lona Shields('56) in memory of Carl Mitche11('56)
Carol Roland('58)	Ken Hunt('62)	Kim Trumbly('82) in memory of Joe Bob Trumbly('59)
Nancy Board('51)	Ron Shaw('55)	Cheryl Trumbly('81) in memory of Joe Bob Trumbly('59)
Mary Anne Ewing('60)	Dick Robie('70)	Joyce Sweeney('56)
Steve Williams('72)	Mike Caddell('60)	Mary Anne Svetlik('62)
Randy Wright('66)	Kristi Brown('72)	Penny Walker('54)
Charlotte O'Neill('60)	Cheryl Adams('63)	David Watkins('77)
Ray Robbins('62)	Rose Scroggins('67)	D.L. & Virginia Malicoat('59/'63)
Stan & Vickie Moore('68/'70)	Mary Hull('59)	Stancy Akers('73)
Kathy Bennett('67)	Ronnie Wood('69)	Mary Kube Messenger('65)
Roy White('60)	Jimmie & Jeanelle Dean('57/'58)	Avondle & Billy Crockett('64/'63)
Chris Purce11('76)	Patti Fox('72)	Bill Barton('55)
Joe & Karla Hayes('65/'65)	Leon Glenn('56)	Ricky & Terri Lyles('79/'81)
Judge Perry('56)	Mike Malone('68)	Deanna Hatley('56)
Gary Wendel('67)	Glenn Hopkins('65)	Don Reed('49) in honor of Ellen, Kenneth, and Jimmie Dean
Gary Anderson('56)	Laura Adams('56)	Faye Deen Krejci Doyen('59)
Anita Sparks Bednar('57)	Mary Campbe11('56)	Tamara Meyer('80)
Jimmie Burris('57)	Teddy Buckland('71)	Jack Millsap('48)
Rick Kimmins('65)	Colleen Wilson('54)	Juanita Burks('55) in memory of Jim and Nancy Wade('54/'55)
Morris Creel('55)	Loretta Tomlin('61)	
Doyle Hughes('38)	Terry Adkins('63)	
Phil & Mary Joe Mahan('63/'64)	Sharon Williamson('65)	
Donney Allred('63)	Vance Orr('59)	
Butch Sparks('57)	Richard Pannel1('60)	
John & Gerry Taliaferro('67/'66)	Donna Haddock('55)	
Class of 1967	Joyce Bybee('55)	

Next year's officers for the Alumni Assn Committee were presented at the meeting and are listed as follows: **Aaronda White('73)**- president, **Tommy Birch('61)**- vice-president, **Brenda Baggs('75)**- secretary, **Tammy Arrington('76)** - treasurer and Heritage Center Hostess, and **Mona Hendrickson('75)** - publicity chairperson.

Lots went on July 14-15 weekend outside the planned HC activities. The Class of 1967 had a super-successful 50-year reunion with a turnout of 36 exes. They convened and had their program at the St. Andrew's Methodist Church on Friday evening. The Class of 1972 had a reunion dinner at **Steve Williams'** brewery building Saturday evening while the Class of 1957 did the same at Ole Sutphen's Restaurant. The Class of 1987 met at **Clesta and Roger Collins'** (also see below) house and also had an outing at Lake Meredith.

Friday evening there was a turnout at the mixer at Fairlanes Baptist of around 120 exes alone, which was good considering all the class reunion functions that were taking place simultaneously elsewhere.

Notable donations to the Heritage Center made at the Saturday morning program were a framed oil painting of Phillips High School by **Margaret Coulter('56)** and a Blackhawk quilt, formerly owned by **Elba Vassar**, a former high school junior English and speech teacher, 1966-1983. The quilt was made (the square patches) and donated by the Class of 1982 to whom she assigned the project. Actually the quilt was discovered in Mrs. Vassar's cedar chest by her daughter, **Clesta Collins (spouse of Roger Collins('70))**, who gave it to the 1982 Class, who in turn donated it for the Heritage Center. Although the ugly disease of Alzheimer's has robbed her of many of her favorite memories, she still recalls many of her students and cherishes her teaching days. She obviously had quite an impact on the lives of her students who are grateful that they had her for a teacher.

## Heritage Center Upgrades/Donations for 2017

Mike Webb('64)	- Band Uniforms
Daren Taylor('86)	- Phillips High School 80" anniversary commemorative coin
Debbie Freeman('77)	- 1966 band jacket
Larry Joe Reed ('67)	- 1966 basketball film on DVD
Ira Johnson('65)	- Troop 66 Boy Scout uniform
Daren Taylor('86)	- 80th Anniversary commemorative Phillips Blackhawk coin
Ira Johnson('65)	- Cub Scout and Troop 66 Boy Scout uniforms
Jean Roper('45-Dec)	- 1943, 1944, and 1945 senior annuals.
	- Tex Shane's (44) elementary school graduation certificate
Jan Railsback('67)	-Blackhawks spirit ribbons (1961-1967) mounted on display board
Donnie Smith('66)	- Phillips vs Hereford football program from the 1945 season
Margaret Coulter('56)	-Oil painting of high school (BG) with hawks in a tree (FG)
Gary Rash('60)	-50-year reunion blanket of the Class of 1960 (formerly John Henderson's)
Class of 1982	-Blackhawk quilt, formerly Elba Vassar's, made by the 1982 Class

**REMEMBER!** In order to receive this fall's newsletter and so on each year, you will have needed to have sent in your dues in response to the Homecoming letter mailed out to you the March before. To repeat what we've explained in the past, this isn't because we want to be hard-nosed about it, but because we would go into the hole each year if we were to do a full mailout to every ex in the fall like we do in the spring. Typically only between 20% to 25% of the exes on our mailing distribution list send in their dues each year. And our mailing list is decreasing by the rate of 50 to 60 deceased each year, not counting the 20 to 25 exes we lose track of annually due to moves with no forwarding addresses available. This leads us to ask those of you, whom we generally only hear from once every five years when you attend your class reunion, to support our Alumni Association each year in this financial regard. Again we had about a 5 percent drop-off in prepaid responses to our Homecoming letter we have received in the mail over the past ten years. However, we had a significant increase in the number of exes paying their dues and registering at HC, which is fine and more than made up for the pre-registration drop-off, other than it makes for more work for the alumni committee members on HC weekend. With a present mailing list of some 2100 exes, for 2018, let's see if we can reverse this downward trend.



*Elba Vassar's quilt originally made ( in her class) and donated by 1982 Class. Pictured are Robert Williams ('82) and Sherry Bugg Hopkins ('72)*

## Deceased Exes Over Past Year

J.W. Barnett('39-?)	Clyde Edwards('39-?)	Kay Webb('59-?)
Wanda Moffitt('46-?)	Kay Arnold('59-liver cancer)	Melvin Sellers('48-liver cancer)
Lucille Smith('47-?)	Donald Smith('50-?)	Pat Burks('53-brain tumor)
Carl Mitchell('56-clogged arteries)	Charles Hamilton ('53-leukemia)	Nancy Bible('69-?)
Ruth Parks('40-?)	Gary Fisher('52-lung cancer)	Elnita Ostrom('40-urinary tract infection)
Pauline Carlson('40-?)	Rena Mac Dean('40-?)	Gene Eller('40-?)
Maxine Hill('40-?)	Ralph Roney('40-?)	Alton Barrow('41-?)
Myron Raymer('41-?)	Virginia Atwood('42-?)	Doris Marney('42-?)
Dovic Teague('42-?)	Scott Adams('43-?)	Naomi Sweeney('43-?)
Harold Tennyson('43-?)	Sidney Turpin('43-?)	Virginia Veatch('43-?)
Lois Allcn('44-?)	Glenn Hoppcr('44-?)	Mallie Lou Jakson('44-?)
Maudell Lemons('44-?)	Willa Mac Lindsey('44-Alzheimers)	Paul Byram('45-?)
Colleen Gross('45-?)	Mary Lou Hamil('45-?)	Wilma Roediger('45-?)
Monte Jean Burns('46-?)	Melva Hendricks('46-?)	Allene Morris('46-?)
Reggie Roach('46-cong. heart failure)	Leonard Turncr('46-?)	Buster Smith('46-?)
Lawanda Beals('47-?)	Phyllis Hardy('47-?)	Betty Smith('47-?)
Herbert Smith('47-?)	Herman Baumhoer('48-?)	Charlotte James('48-?)
Nancy McClelland('48-?)	La Wanda Sewell('48-?)	Norma Trollinger('48-?)
Tony Vaughn('48-?)	Jack Brock('49-?)	W.B. Jameson('49-?)
Sadie Marie Caldwell('50-?)	Stanley Duncan('50-?)	Betty Kossey('50-?)
Mildred Richardson('50-?)	Lois Rust('50-?)	Phillip Sweeney('45-hip surgery complications)
Joyce Harris('52-?)	James Griffin('53-?)	Mary Lois Ray('53-?)
Virginia Stubbs('54-?)	Jean Brakebill('40-hcart failure)	Bill Sargcnt('36-natural causes)
Ramona Purgason('37-?)	Ann Reno('39-?)	Charles Richardson('47-heart attack)
Carolyn Ostrom('48-blood disease)	Ed Wheeler('59-broken hip complications)	Judy Rhodes('62-?)
Pat King('66-cancer)	Greg Jackson('65-cancer)	Joan Chandler('65-?)
James Sevr('42-?)	Jerry Esely('72-?)	Patsy Wood('53-heart failure)
Garnetta Cornelius('42-?)	Richard Hardy('56-?)	Donnie Gaines('58-COPD)
Dick Cook('60-kidney/heart failure)	Phil Adamie('55-?)	Stewart McCarroll('48-?)
Allen Smith('59-?)	Jean Roper('45-Parkinsons)	Tim Billington('61-pancreatic cancer)
James Flue('59-cancer)	Richard Goswick('72-?)	Debbie Goswick('75-?)
Carolyn Wheeler('57-lung cancer)	Barbara Brown('61-COPD)	Jerrell Phares('52-?)
Doyle Hughes('38-?)	Larry Shuttlesworth('61-lung/liver cancer)	Paula Barbee('52-?)
Archie Rhodes('58-?)	Robert Hunt('54-?)	Freda Armstrong('44-?)
.Janet Milam('60-?)	.Jimmie Wade('54-?)	Richard Hatfield('55-?)
Gyron White('65-heart/kidneys)	Robin Arthur('59-several issues)	Neva Flinn('63-kidney failure)
Myrna Taylor('57-Alzheimers)	Darlene Price('62-?)	De Traver Ladyman('56 - Parkinsons)
Bill Frogge ('61-cardiac arrest)		
Danny Peabody ('77-golf cart accident)		

## Former Blackhawk Standout Inducted into Football Hall of Fame

**Eddie Stokes**, of the 1960 Class, played football for Phillips as a 165-lb linebacker under Coach Joe Means. Because he was undersized, insofar as even 1960 college football standards went, he wasn't expected to continue his football career at the collegiate level. But because of his talent, heart, and academic standing (highest ranking boy ... third in his class), Coach Means was able to get the University of New Mexico to take a serious look at recruiting Eddie, and the UNM coach decided to take a chance with Eddie. It paid off, as Eddie's caliber of play on the freshman football team as a linebacker and center caught the eye of the coaches who realized his potential. During the summer after his freshman year, he built his weight up to 185 lbs. By his junior year Eddie's leadership qualities, his solid work ethic, and his "nose for the ball" helped elevate him to star status on a team that went 7-2-1 as champions of the newly formed Western Athletic Conference. His senior year the team repeated as conference winners. He was the defensive captain and signal caller, and as some would say, the key and heart of the defense.

Last October Eddie Stokes was inducted into the University of New Mexico Football Hall of Fame. Eddie played four years of football at UNM from the fall of 1960 through the fall of 1963. During that time he received several awards and honors for his outstanding play, listed below:

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## Who's Who List of Class Reunion Attendees

### Class of '57 (60-Year Reunion - 19 attendees!)

Martha Bailey	Gordon Richardson	Mary Beth Sweeney
Wilma Bergen	Bill Smith	Sue Vinyard
Jim Berry	Owen "Buzzy" Smith	Susie Wallace
Jimmie Burris	Ralph Smith	Judy White
Bobby Bybee	Anita Sparks	Joe Williamson
Phyllis Johnson	Butch Sparks	Frank Willmon
Sandra Reeves		

### Class of '67 (50-Year Reunion - 36 attendees!)

Kenneth Barr	Alan Drennan	Judy Ray
Kathy Bennet	Patricia Elmore	Larry Duane Reed
Larry Blankenship	Tom Gillum	Larry Joe Reed
Sylvia Brown	Brian Hensley	Zane Reeves
Marian Bundrick	Harolotta Hertel	Rosemary Rogers
Suzanne Burgess	Les Hudson	Rose Scroggins
Lavonda Bynum	Tom Lane	Ronnie Shelton
Jimmy Carroll	Karon McDowell	Leslie Skinner
Paulette Chance	Cathy McWilliams	Jerry Tucker
Diane Chronister	Frances McWilliams	Larry Williamson
Cathy Cooke	Iris Morgan	James Wilson
Jerry Dophied	Jan Railsback	Calvin Yeary

### Class of '72 (45-Year Reunion - 25 attendees!)

Sharon Arnold	Danny Hendrickson	Jenna Morgan
Kristi Brown	Mark Keller	Jerry Riggle
Sherry Bugg	Amy Kindle	Roy Selby
Carl Chilton	Kenny Klepper	Doug Smith
Kim Cook	Steve Kuhrt	Bill Waldrop
Larry Defries	Brenda Mahan	Lee Watson
Connie Farley	Chris McCullom	Steve Williams
Patti Fox	Billy Mitchell	Karla Yarbrough
Rene Harmon		

### Class of '87 (30-Year Reunion - 11 attendees!)

Terrie Bridges	Tracy Jones	DeeDee McClellan
Anita Henson	Troy Jones	Stephanie Nichols
Jeff Hart	Pam Kays	Staci Speed
Tom Johnson	James Key	

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## Horseshoe Tournament Results

Our third annual horseshoes tournament was a very fun event in which there were 16 participants or eight teams. Despite the high temperature and wind, there was plenty of shade, benches, and restrooms available. The winning pair was the sister-team **Tammy Arrington ('76)** and **Kim Arrington('77)** who took home \$105 each, breezing through the competition. The gals are repeat champions from last year.



*1987 Class attendees at Friday evening get-together*

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- ( 1 ) Associated Press National Lineman of the Week in 1963
- (2) Western Athletic Conference all-team both his junior and senior year.
- (3) All-American Honorable Mention in 1963
- (4) Golightly Award for Outstanding Defensive Lineman in 1963
- (5) Bill Brannin Award as MVP in 1963

Eddie graduated from UNM in 1964 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He was self-employed for 33 years as a custom homebuilder, who designed and built luxury homes in Texas and Tennessee. Eddie currently resides in College Station, Texas.

## Scholarship Status Report

Thanks to the combined donations contributed by many of you exes -yes, together they really add up - the Helen Bisbee Scholarship that we're currently focusing on is over 80% completed toward the \$10,000 goal. Again, your generosity is to be greatly complimented and may God bless your giving. The scholarship program has really reinforced and highlighted the name of the Phillips Blackhawks throughout the community as we still by far have provided the greatest number of scholarships (20) at FPC. These twenty scholarships given in our name, in addition to the Heritage Center are our two main legacies. The FPC administration appreciates these greatly (not to even mention the recipients) and holds the Phillips Alumni Assn in very high regard. As a reminder, your scholarship donations may be made at any time of the year to any of our established scholarships and sent to **Phillips Alumni Assn/ PO Box 1710/ Borger TX 79008**. If you wish, you may also make your scholarship donation in memory of someone dearly departed.



*Seven of the 1967 Class attendees at HC program.*

## Phillips' Oldest Mom Celebrates 105th Birthday

An amazing lady, who lived throughout the rise and fall of the small, unique Texas Panhandle town of Phillips, turned 105 years old at the end of 2016, and, to the best of our knowledge, is Phillips' oldest living former resident. Alice McGrew (formerly Gaither), better know as "Bess", celebrated her milestone birthday in Amarillo (she resides at the Amarillo Center for Skilled Nursing Care nursing home) with friends and family which spans six generations!- and recalls the early days of living in the company town of Phillips. She first moved there with her husband W.W. Gaither in 1930 from her hometown Van Buren, Arkansas. At that time the nation was battered by the Great Depression, but Bess remembers being able to carve out a comfortable family life, despite hard times and the infamous 1930's black duster storms. "We didn't let it bother us. We just worked and did everything we were supposed to do, and raised a wonderful family."

Her husband took a job as an electrical supervisor at Phillips Petroleum Company (PPC) making 50 cents a hour, while she became a nurse at the old hospital there. PPC brought infrastructure, a school, and homes for the community of mostly blue-collar workers. Of course, the town officially adopted the name of Phillips in 1938. "The people who worked for PPC worked awfully hard during hard times, but I wouldn't take anything for our life in Phillips.

Her three children are **Barbara Hampton('49)**, **Bill Gaither('52)**, and **Judy Hubartt('56)**, who all were born and raised in Phillips and graduated from PHS. Though carbon black would blow in from a nearby plant in Bunavista or terrible dust storms from the Kansas plains, her daughter Barbara nevertheless fondly remembers living there in a four-room camp home on Stark Street. She recalls that Phillips kids could run free all over town, morning till (and many times after) dark, and parents wouldn't worry about them, knowing that they were safe and secure. Back then, people didn't even think about locking their cars or houses at day or night.

Bess' husband W. W. died in Phillips in 1966, and sometime after the huge explosion at the Refinery in 1980, she moved to Borger for a short time and eventually returned to Arkansas to live. While there, she married Bill McGrew and later returned to live in Amarillo. She was a great traveler as she's visited all 52 states and several countries abroad. Today she has three children, nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 32 great-great grandchildren, and one great-great-great-grandchild. Many of them joined her last winter for cake and balloons at her 105th birthday party held where she lives. Bess has lived through 18 presidents and actively still follows politics and elections. Bess credits her longevity to being and staying active throughout her youth and to faithfully walking during her later years ... and can you believe she now only takes one pill a day! With a wink in her eye, she adds, "Maybe it's also due to the fact that I just love people and being around them. I love people who are happy." Speaking of liking to be around people, Bess attended with her daughters the Homecoming 2016 function, although many exes present unfortunately did not realize that she was there because of the power outage, if you recall, that occurred prior to the meeting (that is, no lights, no A/C, nor working microphones).

## "They Ain't Making Any More Blackhawks"

Exes in about 60% of the 52 senior classes (whom we're aware of) died this past year. Here is an updated table of class death numbers. Again, the deceased figures below are based on the information at hand, and so the actual numbers may be even higher. This is true because there are several exes of the early classes on our active rolls for whom we've never had addresses (i.e., who are very likely deceased), plus we just simply don't learn of all the deaths. When these missing exes start theoretically turning 100 years old (in one more year), they will be assumed to be deceased, and removed from the active alumni roster file. Another clarification - the class total sizes aren't just based on the senior annual counts, but most class rolls also include exes who attended PHS at any time, even a few who only attended through junior high. As you can see below, we are a vanishing breed, and the number of deceased exes will soon overtake that of those of us who are still alive and kicking.

Class	Total	Dec'd	% Dec'd	Class	Total	Dec'd	% Dec'd
1936	40	35	87.5	1962	116	27	23.3
1937	36	32	88.9	1963	131	22	16.8
1938	51	44	86.2	1964	79	17	21.5
1939	56	47	83.9	1965	119	25	21.0
1940	61	54	88.5	1966	98	21	21.4
1941	64	49	76.6	1967	91	16	17.6
1942	88	66	75.0	1968	81	15	18.5
1943	87	55	63.2	1969	87	17	19.5
1944	76	56	73.7	1970	83	13	15.7
1945	67	47	70.1	1971	92	8	8.7
1946	66	50	75.8	1972	78	14	17.9
1947	95	61	64.2	1973	86	16	18.6
1948	83	52	62.7	1974	64	11	17.2
1949	72	45	62.5	1975	53	7	13.2
1950	88	42	47.7	1976	56	9	16.1
1951	66	28	42.4	1977	45	4	8.9
1952	78	42	53.8	1978	49	8	16.3
1953	106	49	46.2	1979	47	3	6.4
1954	100	48	48.0	1980	39	6	15.4
1955	115	54	47.0	1981	35	3	8.6
1956	110	42	38.2	1982	42	0	0.0
1957	128	45	35.2	1983	37	2	5.4
1958	119	36	30.3	1984	28	2	7.1
1959	142	48	33.8	1985	17	1	5.9
1960	144	31	21.5	1986	21	1	4.8
1961	180	49	27.2	1987	30	3	10.0

## Deceased Former Phillips Mom

Aleta Gray, a long-time Phillips resident and mom, who turned 100 year old last fall, passed away this last January. She was married to Rex Gray (deceased) and is survived by two sons, **Jimmy Gray('56)** of Conroe, Texas, and **Jackie Gray('62)** of Alpharetta, Georgia. She was loved and cherished by all that knew her, and we do mean all.

## Another Phillips Mom Joins the Century Ranks

Another equally amazing lady, a former Phillips resident who has a son, **Robin Arthur('59 - recently deceased)** and a daughter, **Sue Hooten('63)**, graduates from PHS, turned 100 years old last April. Mainor Arthur had a big birthday party at the Senior Citizen Center in Borger which was attended by many of her family, friends, and ex-students .... and, yes, which included four of her five siblings, who are still living. She commented, "Longevity runs in my family. I am the second oldest of seven kids, and had an older sister who died at 102 and the baby is 86."

Malnor was born in Bartlesville OK and moved to Phillips during the mid 1940's. Although early on, she was a substitute teacher at Phillips, she began her full-time career teaching English at Borger High when her children became older, and she taught there for 25 years. "I wanted to be a teacher forever.", she said. "It was always in my blood.". Malnor commented that she's noticed big changes have taken place in her former profession. "The teacher-student relationship has all been changed up.", she observed. "Now, I don't think a teacher dares to touch a student or even get close to one. The teachers can't have the same relationship with students that we had. I never heard of a teacher abusing a student, but now it seems to be commonplace. We loved our students, and they treated my home as their second home." Malnor said she always had a great rapport with her students, recalling that occasionally some of them would play practical jokes on her. On one such instance, she found a sign on her classroom door that read, "Sex education taught here."

Malnor retired in 1980, and her husband J.R., of 45 years, died the following year. "People ask me how to stay married. It's easy- when you truly love someone, you want to stay married."

In regard to her health, "Doctors are amazed that I only take two prescriptions, and that I am in such good health. Malnor looks and acts as if she were ten years younger. I have lots of aches and pains, but nothing life-threatening. She adds that the best advice she can give is to always have a good attitude, and everyone who knows her can definitely attest to that. Incidentally, the odds of living to 100 are less than 2 in 10,000 (in USA).



*1967 Class attendees at HC program.*

*Tom Covington ('55) greeting Mike Kimmins ('66) at HC program.*



*1972 Class attendees at the HC program.*

*1962 Class twins, Johnnie Garber Hobbs and Joana Garner Rash (you decide who is who).*



*Passing of the 50-year reunion clock from Brian Hensley ('67) to Ralph Pumphrey ('68)*



*Janice Benefield Ingram ('58), the "Hawk -of-the-Year" award recipient, Aaronda Gerow White ('73), PHSAA president.*



*Jo Ann Hubbard Kurht ('48) pinning a flower on a deceased memorial wreath*



*Les Skinner ('67), our keynote speaker at HC program*



*1957 Class attendees at HC program.*