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Make plans to join us on Saturday, June 19th, 2010, for the next Alumni Reunion!

Leader of the Pack-a message from your alumni President

Greetings!

I hope all of you survived that LONG, COLD winter we just experienced! Wanda and I did, but it wasn't a whole lot of fun. Anyway, Spring is in the air and we can all come out of hibernation. There is no better way to shake the winter blahs than to attend a good reunion! We've planned a pretty good one for you, and our most sincere hope is that you will all attend. We are dying to show off the new high school. We KNOW you'll have a great time!

My wife, Wanda, and I also hope you will join us on the Carnival Valor, heading out on a 7-day cruise from Miami. We leave on July 4th, bound for Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, Isla Roatan, Honduras, Belize and Cozumel, Mexico. If you've never cruised before or have multiple sea travels (this is our 7th), you'll have a GREAT time. Make plans to join us and contact us if you are interested. Oh, and in case you get any ideas, we WILL have house-sitters while we're away.

Those of you that were in high school in the early '70s might remember Sherri Calvert, an English teacher. I bumped into her at a writer's conference in Norman in March. So, why did I put that in here? Just to emphasize that you just never know when you'll bump into somebody with ties to Lexington schools.

Until next time, take care and **GO BULLDOGS.**

Thank you and God bless.

Greg Yeary, Class of 1976
President, Lexington Alumni Association

In the House-news from Lexington Public Schools

The central Oklahoma area was abuzz for a week in February as "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" came calling. The crew, along with Ideal Homes and hundreds of volunteers from central Oklahoma, replaced the moldy, rotting, termite infested home off State Highway 39 and 120th Avenue SE, northeast of Lexington, with a brand-new 2,800 sq. ft. home and barn for Brian and Audra Skaggs. The Skaggs and their two children, Jhett and Merit, were sent on vacation to Disney World in Florida while Ty Pennington and company put in 51,000 hours to complete the task. Audra has been a preschool teacher in Lexington since August, 2001.

The Bulldogs had to find something to do from Thursday, January 28th through Monday, February 1st, as the 'Dawg House was closed. The ice/snow storm that socked in most of Oklahoma not only made travel impossible, it also took out eleven power poles and nine transformers to the town of Lexington, leaving all 900 homes in the dark. All school activities were cancelled during that time. By Monday, 65% to 70% of the town had their power restored. The rest of the town was back up and running by Tuesday. Our neighbors to the west lost power to 2,774 homes. The storm cost Lexington about \$77,000.

"Thanking Our Troops-God Bless America Touring Quilts" made a stop at Lexington High School. The exhibit was of 60 quilts that were all made by people from around the state and all with patriotic themes.

Congratulations to the high school, its teachers, support staff and administrators. LHS was one of only 33 schools in Oklahoma to receive the 2009 College Readiness Award. The award is presented by the not-for-profit group, Act, Inc., and is awarded for increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment over the last five years and significantly increasing their level of achievement and college readiness.

In the pack:

Our friends in memoriam.....

Dorothy Lee (Rose) Felson, 96, **class of 1935**, 12/13/1913-3/14/2010.

Mildred Ruth (Gilley) Whitehead, 78, **class of 1948**, 2/15/1931-1/5/2010.

Maxine (Morrell) Madden, 79, **class of 1949**, 1/7/1931-2/7/2010.

Merle Eugene Mosley, 73, **class of 1955**, 12/18/1936-3/24/2010.

G. Richard Plavchak, 61, **class of 1966**, 1949-3/17/2010.

Bill McKiddy, 77, **class of 1951**, 9/8/1932-3/10/2010.

Vickie A. (Mason) Odom, 51, **class of 1976**, 4/7/1958-1/12/2010.

Raymond Bradley, 35, **class of 1993**, 2/4/1974-3/11/2010.

Alvin H. "A. H." Howell, 88, 8/2/1921-3/1/2010. Mr. Howell was superintendant of Lexington Public Schools from 1970-1978, replacing Robert E. Warford.

Condolences to.....

Wanda (Rose) Ille, **class of 1936**, on the loss of her sister, Dorothy Lee (Rose) Felson, **class of 1935**. Also mourning the loss are Wanda's brother-in-law, Bernard Lee Ille, **class of 1932**, nephew, James Gordon Rose, Jr., **class of 1955**, and his wife, JoAnn (Trussell) Rose, **class of 1956**.

Maurice (Morrell) Robinson, **class of 1944**, on the loss of her sister, Maxine (Morrell) Madden, **class of 1949**.

Bob McKiddy, **class of 1954**, Betty (McKiddy Wilhite) Winkle, **class of 1956**, Lawrence Walter (L.W.) "Junior" McKiddy, **class of 1966**, Nancy (McKiddy) Baca, **class of 1976**, and Laura (McKiddy) George, **class of 1978**, on the loss of their brother, Bill McKiddy, **class of 1951**. Among the mourners was grandson-in-law, Clint Yeary, **class of 2007**. Greg McKiddy, **class of 1984**, was a pallbearer at the service, while Darrell Ille, **class of 1950**, and Shane Mixon, **class of 1996**, served as honorary bearers.

Johnie Barnes, **class of 1956**, Joyce (Barnes) O'Neal, **class of 1956**, Norma (Barnes) Holloway, **class of 1959**, Yvonne (Barnes) Boatright, **class of 1962**, and Thomas G. Barnes, **class of 1967**, on the loss of their mother, Opal I. Barnes.

In case you missed the news reports, a teacher in Lexington, who shall remain nameless, has resigned his position in the system amid ALLEGATIONS of inappropriate behavior with a student.

Congratulations to Patrick Gay and the students in his International Problems class for getting involved with American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The teacher thought it might be a good idea to start a campaign to acquire items for care packages for the troops. While learning about the wars, Gay learned about the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Posters were made to hang in the halls of the high school, elementary, middle and junior high schools. The class visited elementary classes and shared a PowerPoint presentation with them as well as maps of Afghanistan and Iraq. A soldier came to speak about the need for care packages and letters. Teacher, Kendra Palacol, was the biggest contributor for the care packages. The students will include a letter in each package. When Gay told the Oklahoma City, Chapter Six President, Carol Farmer, how much they had collected, she was impressed. A Blue Star Mother is a mother who has a child who is serving or has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. There are also associate members who are a spouse, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, cousin or friend of someone who has been honorably discharged.

Bull Puppies...

Jacob Hyde and Tiffany Hinkle started collecting aluminum pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities as a 4-H project. Since they've started, other elementary students have joined the cause. They store the tabs in plastic milk jugs. Each jug will hold up to 600 tabs and the group currently has more than 25 milk jugs. Way to go!

Bulldogs...

Kelsie Todd placed first in the secondary division of the Flora Design at the Region2 SkillsUSA Competition held recently at the Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Kayla Senn finished second in the same event. By finishing first and second, the girls are now eligible to compete in the State SkillsUSA Conference in Tulsa in May. Derek Weatherford competed in the contest in the Low-Speed Buffing category. They are all students at Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne, Oklahoma. The contests are for technology students.

MATC students from Lexington also faired well at the Southwest District SkillsUSA 2010 District Leadership Contest held in Lawton, Oklahoma. Amanda Shackelford took 3rd place in the post-secondary Prepared Speech division, while Kaylea Kunz placed fourth in the same

Also mourning the loss are Opal's sons-in-law Shelby Holloway, **class of 1958**, and Mike Boatright, **class of 1963**. and Opal's daughter-in-law, Janice (Miller) Barnes, **class of 1973**,

Jill (Johnson) Morgan, **class of 1966**, and Sara Beth (Johnson) Austin, **class of 1978**, on the loss of their mother, Billie Jean Johnson. Also mourning the loss is Billie's son-in-law, Aubrey Austin, **class of 1978**.

Vickey (Norton) Plavchak, **class of 1966**, on the loss of her husband, G. Richard Plavchak, **class of 1966**. Also mourning the loss are Richard's sisters, Mary (Plavchak) Black, **class of 1963**, and husband, Terry, **class of 1962**, and JoAnn (Plavchak) Corn, **class of 1970**, and her husband, Paul, **class of 1970**.

Gayla (Whitehead) Sukenis, **class of 1971**, Beverly (Whitehead) Keys, **class of 1976**, and Randy Whitehead, **class of 1983**, on the loss of their mother, Mildred Ruth (Gilley) Whitehead, **class of 1948**. Others mourning Mildred's passing are her brother, Harold Gilley, **class of 1948**, his wife Geraldine (Jones) Gilley, **class of 1947**, sister, Colleen (Gilley) Stanfon, **class of 1956**, nephew, Gary Gilley, **class of 1974**, nieces, Ronda (Gilley) Farrow, **class of 1977**, and Janice (Gilley) Jennings, **class of 1980**, and granddaughter, Rebecca Deaton, **class of 1996**. Nephews, Phillip Deaton, **class of 1991**, and Scott Deaton, **class of 1998**, served as casket bearers.

Lana (Mason) Dye, **class of 1972**, on the loss of her sister, Vickie (Mason) Odom, **class of 1976**.

Kendra (Matthews) McQuillan, **class of 1974**, Danny Ray Matthews, **class of 1976**, and Donnie Matthews, **class of 1979**, on the loss of their mother, Louise Matthews. Reverend Jeff Pierce, **class of 1972**, officiated the services.

Jerl Melford Methvin, **class of 1976**, on the loss of his brother, Franklin "Frank" Methvin.

Violet (Murphy) Henderson, **class of 1976**, Lorna (Murphy) Major, **class of 1981**, and Craig Murphy, **class of 1983**, on the loss of their father, Robert Windle Murphy.

Dwight "Nicky" Feuerborn, **class of 1976**, on the loss of his brother, David. (Note: this is NOT the same David Feuerborn that graduated in the **class of 1976**. He is alive and well and living in Lexington). Also mourning the loss are his uncle, Raymond, **class of 1958**, and aunt, Shiela (Funderburk) Feuerborn, **class of 1956**, as well as his cousins, David, **class of 1976**, Michael, **class of 1979**, and Jeffrey Feuerborn, **class of 1981**.

Janice (Rogers) Kern, **class of 1979**, and Tom W. Rogers, **class of 1981**, on the loss of their mother, Betty Waggoner (Finch) Rogers.

division. In the Opening & Closing Ceremonies Secondary Team contest, Stephanie Guinn, and the rest of her team from various towns in the MATC district, finished third. Congratulations!

Derek Weatherford, a MATC morning student in the Building and Grounds class also participated in a right-of-way clean-up community project for Cleveland County District 3.

Upcoming school events...

- 4/01: Scholastic Meet @ USAO.
Senior poems/songs due
- 4/06: 8th Grade test
FFA Interscholastic Meet @ Tishomingo
- 4/07: FFA Interscholastic Meet @ Cameron
- 4/08: FFA Interscholastic Meet @ OSU-Okmulgee
- 4/10: Senior Night-Baseball
- 4/16: Prom
- 4/19-30: EOI Testing
- 4/22-23: Vocal to State @ Shawnee
- 4/23: FFA Interscholastic Meet @ OKC
- 4/24: JH performed vocal @ Frontier City
- 4/28: State FFA Convention-OKC
- 5/21: Graduation
- 5/24: FFA Banquet

Dogs at Play: *-sports and schedules*

Getting a hold of wrestling...

The Bulldog wrestling team defeated Newcastle's Races by a 51-31 margin, then lost 40-28 to Little Axe.

The team then had a close 26-25 home win against Mangum. That win was followed by a close loss at Marlow 61-57.

Three Bulldogs qualified to compete for titles on the mat at the state meet in the Big House, the State Fair Arena in Oklahoma City. Andrew Munsell at 112 pounds, lost his first match 11-1 to fall into the third-place bracket. He won his next match 6-3, but was pinned in 3:33 in the semi-final match. 152-pounder, Mike McKay, lost his first match by a 2-1 decision. He battled back through the third-place bracket by winning his second round match by a 6-0 score, followed by pinning his next opponent in 3:52 to earn a shot at third place. In his third place match, he lost by fall in 54 seconds to finish fourth. His season record was 23-7. Kyle Renbarger, the Bulldog 171-pounder, lost his first match by a technical fall (15-point differential mercy rule) and was pinned in 1:51 in his second match to be eliminated. As a team, the Bulldogs totaled 9 points to finish in a three-way tie with Plainview and Sequoyah Tahlequah for 22nd place.

Carl Nelson Burchett, Jr., **class of 1979**, Laquita (Burchett) Comer, **class of 1985**, Rhonda (Burchett) Lampkin, **class of 1989**, and Brad Burchett, **class of 1991**, on the loss of their father, Carl Nelson Burchett, Sr. Also mourning the loss are Carl, Jr.'s., wife, Ramona (Brown) Burchett, **class of 1979**, and Brad's wife, Stephanie (Boatright) Burchett, **class of 1991**.

U. S. Army Lt. Col. Lawrence E. Mosley, **class of 1982**, on the loss of his father, Merle Eugene Mosley, **class of 1955**.

Gina (Plavchak) Parks, **class of 1986**, Patty (Plavchak) Kaminski, **class of 1988**, Julie (Plavchak) Howell, **class of 1991**, and Greg Plavchak, **class of 1994**, on the loss of their dad, G. Richard Plavchak, **class of 1966**.

Daryl Bradley, **class of 1993**, Bryan Bradley, **class of 1995**, and Deanna (Bradley) Trail, **class of 1996**, on the loss of their brother, Raymond Bradley, **class of 1993**.

Julie (Dohm) Baublect, **class of 1998**, and Malissa (Dohm) Dodson, **class of 1999**, on the loss of their brother, Dennis Allen Dohm. Also mourning the loss of his brother-in-law is Malissa's husband, Bruce Dodson, **class of 1998**.

Brianne, **class of 1998**, and David Toledo, **class of 2002**, on the loss of their grandmother, Jean Elizabeth Hayes. Also mourning the loss is Jean's dear friend, Samuel Mooneyham, **class of 1997**.

Ethan Murphy, **class of 2009**, on the loss of his grandfather Theophilus Conrad "T.C." Rich.

Former principal, Cliff Massingale, served as an honorary bearer at the funeral of Dorothy Lee (Rose) Felson, **class of 1935**.

Band Director, Daryl Christy, on the loss of his son, 10-year-old, Matthew.

Congratulations to.....

Nicola Suzette Hackett, **class of 1983**, on her marriage to William Gregory Crisp.

Tracy Parker, **class of 1991**, on being named the February Employee of the Month at Norman Regional Hospital. Tracy has worked at NRH since October, 1994, and is a House Supervisor, after having worked in the PCU and ER. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Wesleyan University. He has been a volunteer firefighter in Lexington for 10 years and has taken three mission trips to the South American jungles. He and his wife, Tanya Sue (Carpenter), **class of 1989**, live on 40 acres with 20 chickens, 16 cows, one horse, 2 dogs and a ferret.

Sniffing around.....

Giving basketball a shot...

With the holiday break behind them, it was time for the Bulldog teams to get focused on the main part of their season, the conference schedule. First, to shake off the rust, the Dale Pirates came to town. Blake Gifford had the hot hand for the Bulldogs as he scored 14 points, but the Pirates won the game by a 56-48 tally. On the girls' side, Annie Taylor continued being a scoring machine as she tore through the Lady Pirates for 19 points. In the end, though, Dale showed why they are the number one team in Class 2A, leaving town with a 47-30 victory.

The boys came back with fire in their eyes as they rode the hot shooting of Kyle Forehand to go 3-0 while bringing home the championship trophy from the Konawa Tournament. In the opening game, Forehand poured in 17 points and the Bulldogs scored 37 points in the first quarter. With the game well in hand, Coach Clint York rested his starters soon after that on their way to an 89-15 dismantling of Maud in the opening game. Forehand scored 16 to lead the Bulldogs to a 55-50 victory over Vanoss in the second round. The Saturday night finals had the Bulldogs fall behind 16-9 after the first quarter, but they rallied to a 28-28 halftime score. After that, Forehand and the rest of the team took over. He, again, wound up the team's leading scorer, singeing the nets for 18 points as the Bulldogs scored 47 points in the second half. That, combined with a tenacious defense that only gave up 22 second half points, allowed the Bulldogs to hoist the trophy with a 75-55 win over the Davis Wolves. The wins raised their record to 6-5.

After the loss to the number one team in the state, the Lady Bulldogs were trying to get back on the winning side at the Konawa Tournament. The one-person scoring machine was out in full force as Taylor once again led the team with 18 and Coach Mark Savage's team destroyed Vanoss in the opening round 57-26. The semi-finals pitted the team against a Wayne team that was sporting an 8-2 record. Lexington jumped out to a 15-5 first quarter lead and led 26-23 at the half. The human scoring machine, Taylor, was once again the leading scorer, going off for 21 points in the game as the Lady Bulldogs outscored the Wayne Lady Bulldogs 34-25 in the last half to send Wayne to the losers' bracket 60-48. In the finals, the Lady Bulldogs would, once again, face a ranked opponent for the second time in a week. In this game, the team faced a pressure defense the likes of which they hadn't seen this season. Taylor got in early foul trouble and wound up fouling out with only 11 points. In Taylor's absence, Crissy Joiner, playing point guard, became the leading scorer with 14 points. In the end, though, the tough Konawa pressure was too much as the fourth-ranked Lady Tigers beat Coach Savage's team 63-45. A trip to Oklahoma City was the next order of business.

Jeff Pierce, **class of 1972**, officiated the funerals for Evelyn B. McCaslin and Louise Matthews in Purcell.

During the January ice and snow storm, Randy Simmons, **class of 1975**, played a key roll in helping our friends and neighbors get power restored to their homes. As Operations Director for Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, he brought in ten extra crews to help his forces and coordinated their efforts to restore power to the estimated 15,000 OEC members in the Noble and Lexington areas.

Tim Barton, **class of 1977**, was on the television news. Not for the reasons that have brought other Lexington alumni to the news forefront. Tim was on KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City during that ice/snow storm talking about his 80-year old tree collapsing under the weight of the ice. While it was bad news, it was nice to see a fellow alumnus on the news and not have the story be about alleged police beatings, alleged sexual harassment, alleged bribery or alleged manslaughter (all of which have had some of our fellow alumni on the news).

Noble Fire Chief, Gary L. Bonner, **class of 1980**, and Lexington Assistant Fire Chief, Jansen Idlett, **class of 1999**, recently completed training with the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) held recently at the Norman Fire Department Training Facility. The training was provided by Tom Berg of the Department of Environmental Quality. CAMEO is used for all types of emergencies, especially chemical release incidents.

Morgan Gordon, **class of 2006**, was one of only eight students to be selected to perform as part of Oklahoma Baptist University's 36th annual Concerto-Aria Concert. The event was held in Raley Chapel's Potter Auditorium. Morgan sang "Una Voce Poco Fa," composed by Gioachino Rossini. Morgan is a Senior music education voice major at the Shawnee school and serves as president of MENC. She is also a member of Chorale, Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Eta Sigma and the Bisonettes at the school.

Dogs in Training: *-Alumni furthering their educations*

Jennifer Lynne Douglas, **class of 1986**, earned all A's in 12 or more semester hours, qualifying her for inclusion on the President's Honor Roll at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Jennifer performed her practice teaching assignment in Purcell.

Bobby Nelson Goldsberry, **class of 1999**, earned inclusion on the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma for the Fall 2009 semester.

The Bulldogs were off to face the Rockets of Mount Saint Mary for their next games. Ryan Coker lead the Bulldog scorers with a career high 16 points, but the Rockets were too much as they won the game by a 66-43 score. In the girls' game, the Lady Bulldogs opened strong and led 29-13 at the half. The bulge would grow to 34-14 early in the third quarter before the Lady Rockets closed the gap. Led by that girl, Annie Taylor, with 16 points, the Lady Bulldogs outpaced the Lady Rockets by a 47-35 score. Next up, Homecoming.

It's good to see, once again, Lexington's Homecoming festivities that have legacies involved. One escort was Matt Bugher, son of Renee (Argo) Bugher, **class of 1984**. His brothers, Michael, **class of 2005**, and Mark Bugher, **class of 2007**, are fellow alumni. Joining them was Ryan Coker, Ryan Faught and Dillon Dodd. Faught is the son of David, **class of 1991**. Dodd is the grandson of Joeann (Beason) Dodd, **class of 1960**, and Coker has a long pedigree, being the son of Mike, **class of 1984**, and Tammi (Engdahl) Coker, **class of 1983**. His grandparents are Gary, **class of 1963**, and Phyllis (Simpson) Holloway, **class of 1964**, and his great-grandmother is Bernice (Taylor) Broome, **class of 1940**. His older brother, Michael Tyler Coker, was in the **class of 2006**. One crown bearer was Jacob Turnpaugh, son of Jimmie, **class of 1995**, and wife Nike. Jacob is the grandson of Jimmie, **class of 1976**, and Shirrel (Keese) Turnpaugh, **class of 1977**. His aunt, Karen (Turnpaugh) Ladasau, is an alumnus, graduating in the **class of 1974**, his uncle, Mike, graduated with the **class of 1980**, aunt, Tamara (Turnpaugh) Lee, graduated with the **class of 1981**, his uncle, John, graduated with the **class of 1987**, his uncle Steven, graduated in the **class of 1999**, and his aunt, Tonya, graduated in the **class of 2001**. Oh, yeah, there were a couple of games. In the girls' game, Homecoming Queen, Annie Taylor, once again led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring, singeing the nets for 14 points. However, the Jones Lady Longhorns won the game 40-37. On the boys' side. Homecoming King, Dalton Capps, led the Bulldogs in scoring, pouring in 14. The Bulldogs found themselves on the low end of a 34-23 score at the half. They kicked it up a notch defensively, though, in the second half and eked out a 58-56 victory over the Longhorns.

With homecoming behind them, the teams were poised to make a strong run to close out the season and attempt to make it deep into the playoffs. The teams were guests at the Little Axe Tournament. In game 1, Kyle Forehand had the hot hand as he went off for 20 points in a 62-39 win over the Yukon Miller Junior Varsity. The win advanced the Bulldogs to the second round, where they would face Christian Heritage Academy. Forehand was, again, the leading scorer, finishing with 12 points. After building a 22-15 halftime lead, the team went cold from the field, allowing the Crusaders to knot the game at 28-

David Matthew Feuerborn, **class of 2001**, earned a 4.0 grade point average and a spot on the President's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma for the Fall 2009 semester. David is the son of David Brent Feuerborn, **class of 1976**.

Landon Wood, **class of 2005**, completed at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade lower than a "C" and earned recognition on the Dean's Honor Roll at THE Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, for the 2009 Fall semester.

Michael Tyler Coker, **class of 2006**, earned a 4.0 grade point average and a spot on the President's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma for the Fall 2009 semester. Tyler is the son of Mike, **class of 1984**, and Tammi (Engdahl) Coker, **class of 1983**. He is the grandson of Gary, **class of 1963**, and Phyllis (Simpson) Holloway, **class of 1964**, and Bernice (Taylor) Broome, **class of 1940**.

Kourtney Ray Dodd, **class of 2007**, earned inclusion on the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Robby Dodd, **class of 1985**, and the granddaughter of Joeann (Beason) Dodd, **class of 1960**.

Andrew Robert Somers, **class of 1997**, earned a 4.0 grade point average and a spot on the President's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma for the Fall 2009 semester.

Laurel Dianne Holasek, **class of 2008**, earned inclusion on the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma for the Fall 2009 semester.

Emily Jozette Tarp, **class of 2008**, earned a 4.0 grade point average to qualify for inclusion on the President's Honor Roll at Oklahoma City Community College for the Fall 2009 semester. Emily is the daughter of Richard Tarp, **class of 1976**, and wife, Susan.

Mary Catherine Murnan, **class of 2008**, earned a spot on the Vice President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2009 semester at Oklahoma City Community College. To qualify, she had to have a grade point average of between 3.50 and 3.99. She is the daughter of Richard Murnan, **class of 1976**, and his wife, Wanda.

Bryan P. McCaffrey, **class of 2009**, earned a 4.0 grade point average and a spot on the President's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma for the fall 2009 semester.

Ryan Northcutt, **class of 2009**, had a grade point average of between 3.50 and 3.99 to earn a spot on the Vice President's Honor Roll at Oklahoma City Community College for the Fall 2009 semester. He is the son of Doug Northcutt, **class of 1982**, and his wife, Inez.

Kari Dawn Ellison, **class of 2009**, earned all A's while

all heading into the final stanza. The teams played a tough fourth quarter, but in the end, CHA came out on the upper end of a 46-45 loss. To close out the tourney, Coach Clint York's squad would face the host Indians from Little Axe. The Bulldogs started quick and built a 30-22 lead at the intermission. Led by Dillon Dodd's 15 points, the Bulldogs brought home the 3rd place hardware by a 67-56 count. Forehand's 14-point performance gave him a team high total 46 points in their three games in the tournament. More importantly, the team was now sporting a 9-7 record and was playing with a lot of confidence. On the girls' side, Coach Mark Savage saw his team trail Sasakwa 20-15 at halftime. Kelsey Ramb dropped off 9 points to lead the team, but the Vikings won the game by a 45-33 margin, dropping the Lady Bulldogs into the consolation bracket. The sting of the loss wouldn't be there long, though. Behind Crissy Joyner's 15 points, the Lady Bulldogs POUNDED the living dog-snot out of SeeWorth Academy 81-6. Annie Taylor got uncorked in the consolation finals, scoring 29 as Coach Mark Savage's team put the bite on Yukon's Junior Varsity 48-33, to also bring home the 3rd place trophy and raise their season record to 10-6.

The Luther Lions visited the "Dawg House" and in the first game of the evening, the visiting team and fans were treated to the Annie Taylor show. She poured in 18 points, while grabbing 13 rebounds as the Lady Bulldogs proved to be lousy hosts, chewing up the Lady Lions 49-28, as they ran their record to 11-6. The visiting boys were treated just as rudely, as Kyle Forehand scorched the nets for 20 points, and the Bulldogs ripped the Lions by a 55-44 score. With the win, the Bulldogs upped their record to 10-7.

Old Man Winter was the winner in the next game as the trip to Bridge Creek set for January 29th had to be postponed due to the winter snow/ice storm (you can read more about that above).

When the ice and snow had melted enough for the teams to get back in action, the next game had them hit the road to Crooked Oak. Annie Taylor had DEFINITELY found her shooting stroke, again, as she scored 10 points in the first game to lead all scorers. The Lady Bulldogs started en fuego as they jumped on top of the Lady Ruf-Nex 20-0 at the end of the first quarter. In all, 10 Lady Bulldogs scored, as they upped their record to 12-6 by posting a 49-28 over the visitors. In the nightcap, the Bulldogs fell behind 25-15 at the end of the first quarter. With post man, Blake Gifford, spraining his right ankle in the opening seconds of the game, the Bulldogs would need help. Kyle Forehand singed the cords for 32 points as the Bulldogs mounted a furious rally, but in the end, the rally fell short, as the Ruf-Nex won the game 56-52.

The weather was a little better as the Bulldogs teams traveled to Bridge Creek for the make-up game. The

completing at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate work, landing her on the President's Honor Roll at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, for the 2009 fall semester.

Big Dog: - *Fellow Alumni worth noting*

What do the mysterious disappearance of a former Oklahoma First Lady and a Lexington alumnus have in common? Ponca City oilman, E.W. Marland, lost his first wife to what was believed to be cancer before he became the tenth governor of Oklahoma. Two years after Mary Virginia Marland died, E.W. married Lydie "Lyde" Miller Roberts, the biological daughter of Mary Virginia's older sister and a girl he and Mary Virginia had legally adopted (as they did her older brother, George Roberts, Jr.). By the time Marland succeeded "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, Marland had already been married to his former adopted daughter (a girl 26 years his junior) for almost 7 years (the adoption was annulled before they got married). Marland served one term as governor.

When Marland died in 1941, his 41-year old widow continued to live in Ponca City, where she became more reclusive, rarely being seen. Then, in 1953, she loaded the remainder of the once vast art collection from Europe that remained (most of it had been sold through the years to pay utilities and property taxes), a few tapestries and \$10,000 in cash, money she received from the sale of a cottage left to her by her late husband, into her green 1948 Studebaker and hit the road. To where, nobody knew -- not even her brother, George. She just vanished and he would never see her again. Why did she leave? Where was she headed? Did something sinister befall her on her journey? It was a mystery that fascinated the nation when, in 1958, *The Saturday Evening Post* featured her in an article titled "Where is Lyde Marland?"

Clarence Dewry Northcutt was born in Guin, Alabama, on July 7th, 1916, the eldest child of Walter G. and Nancy Essie Homer Northcutt. With their newborn in tow, the couple left the worn-out soil and boll weevils of Alabama by train in 1916, bound for the vitamin-rich, black loam soil of Oklahoma. Walter was a share-cropper cotton farmer, while Essie was a traditional homemaker, only leaving the homestead for church on Sundays. They lived on a farm 4 miles north of Lexington on State Highway 77. They would work the land for the landowner, who had claimed the property with her father, in the land run of 1889. The Northcutts finally purchased the land from the owner in 1945.

After C. D., the Northcutts had nine more children. The first six births were boys, prompting the neighbors to tell Walter he almost had enough for a baseball team. The second born was O.V., who graduated with the class of 1936. He was followed by Carol, who graduated with the

Bulldogs fell behind 17-5 at the end of the first quarter, but had closed the gap to 24-20 at the half. It was all Bobcats in the second half as their best player, Ryan Spangler, dominated. He scored 25 points in the game as Bridge Creek came away with a 55-33 win. With Annie Taylor scoring only nine points while being hampered by foul trouble, Hannah Holasek took over. She came away with a double-double, scoring 12 points and securing 10 rebounds. Lexington started fast, jumping off to 12-4 lead at the end of the first quarter and an 8-point lead at the half. However, the hosts closed the gap in the third-quarter, limiting Lexington to 2 third quarter points while tying the game at 22-all heading into the final stanza. In the end, the Lady Bobcats clawed their way to a 35-34 victory.

Sporting a 12-7 record, the Lady Bulldogs were tied with the Jones Lady Lions for first place in the Central Oklahoma Conference. With a Purcell Lady Dragons team seeking revenge from earlier in the year coming across the bridge, Lexington was seeking to keep momentum for their upcoming conference title showdown. Annie Taylor paced the good girls with a 14-point performance as the Lady Bulldogs swept their version of the "Battle for the Bridge", this time by a 54-31 shellacking of the visitors from across the bridge. In the nightcap, Kyle Forehand hit four treys on his way to a 19-point night. However, the Dragons followed the hot-shooting Cole Swayze's 20 points on their way to a 62-55 victory.

The team would have to put the stinging loss to Purcell behind them as they traveled to Wynnewood. Kyle Forehand shot the lights out with a 19-point night as the Bulldogs destroyed the Savages 93-43. This time, the Lady Bulldogs were led in scoring by Crissy Joiner, who scored 14 as they ran their record to 14-7 with a 45-20 win.

The Lady Bulldogs were in a tie with Luther's Lady Lions heading into their contest. Coach Savage's troops seemed to have caught fire at the right time as they were tied with Luther's Lady Lions for the Central Oklahoma District lead. It seemed only fitting that the two teams would meet to decide who was better with one game left in the season. With the human scoring machine, Annie Taylor, throwing down 15 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, the hosts were no match as Lexington took the regular season conference title by virtue of a 51-30 whipping of the Lady Lions. In the other game, Coach York's crew was led by a hot shooting Kyle Forehand. The guard put on a shooting clinic, drilling seven treys on his way to a 27-point night. The Bulldogs trailed 11-3 at the end of the first quarter, but had tied the game at 19 at the half. A 13-7 run in the third quarter gave them a seemingly comfortable lead, but seven missed free throws allowed the Lions to out-score the Bulldogs 20-15 in the final quarter. When the smoke had cleared, the

class of 1938. Bernus graduated in 1939, while Nathal graduated in 1942. Next up was Paul, who graduated Lexington High School in 1943, followed by the three girls, Rubye, who graduated in 1944, Evelyn, in the class of 1948, and Jonni, who graduated in the class of 1953. Closing out the Northcutt clan was Walter, Jr., from the class of 1956. Many people thought it odd to name your TENTH child junior, but that's what happened.

The Northcutt kids all started school at that little two-room country elementary school northeast of Lexington called Lone Star. Essie and Walter believed in their children and told them so many times. Since Essie only had an eighth-grade education, the couple knew the value of a good education and decided their children were going to get one. After completion of elementary school, all the kids transferred to Lexington High School. Each child would graduate, in spite of the fact the kids would have to walk 3½ miles to school along Highway 77. They walked the same distance home along the same route in the afternoon.

In those days, not everybody owned a vehicle. Some walked, while others caught a ride with somebody; still, others rode horses. The Northcutts owned a Model T Ford, but the kids rarely rode in it to school. That privilege was reserved for bad weather. So, the children could be seen walking along the highway to and from school most of the time. One incident along that highway MAY have led C. D. to his choice of professions. It involved the time his sister, Evelyn, who was 7 at the time, was walking home from school. Evelyn was on the shoulder, where she should have been, when she was actually run over by a person on horseback. Though she wasn't seriously injured and no law suit was filed, it could have, even subconsciously, influenced C. D. to become an attorney.

C. D. excelled in the classroom at Lexington. He excelled in one class, in particular, that would help him later in his profession, public speaking. In that class, students would write, act in and direct short plays. C. D. could be seen in such plays as "Kidnapped" by Lucille Atwood, "Rice and Rose Petals" by Dorothy Mae Ingle, "Playing Doctor" by Bernice May, "Take a Tater and Wait" by George Wyman Carpenter and "Riding Under the Buggy Seat" by Helen Bryant. All were fellow classmates in the class of 1932. C. D. was also a popular student, predicted to be an expert Don Juan by his fellow classmates.

He was also athletic during his high school days. When Coach Compton opened football practice in the Fall of 1931, he welcomed only four returning lettermen and 12 players who had never played football before. When end, Kenneth Watkins, moved to Burden, Kansas, before the season started, it appeared the season wouldn't be much of a success. The team opened their season with a 12-6 loss to Wayne. Following that were two 0-0 ties, the first one against Wynnewood and the second one

Bulldogs went home with a 48-46 heart-stopping victory and a 12-10 record for the year. With the regular season over, the teams would now focus on the district championships.

Against Oklahoma Centennial, Kyle Forehand, once again, had the hot hand as he burned up the nets for 24 points. However, poor shooting from the charity stripe cost the Bulldogs as the Bison won the game by a 64-55 score. The Lady Bulldogs were paced by a double-double by freshman, Hannah Holasek, who had 16 points and 10 rebounds in their game with Centennial. The two teams fought to a 43-43 draw at the end of regulation. In the extra stanza, senior, Annie Taylor, came up BIG, scoring six of her 13 points, including a 4-4 free throw shooting performance, as the Lady Bulldogs bested the Lady Bison 52-48 to win the district championship. At 16-7, the team had the best record for the Lady Bulldogs since 1996. Up next for both teams, Class 3A Regional Tournament, the Lady Bulldogs in the winners' bracket and the Bulldogs in the consolation bracket.

In the post season, you just try to keep playing. The Bulldogs fell behind by as many as 10 points in the second half in their Regional Tournament opener against the Justice Alma Wilson SeeWorth Academy, bringing them to the edge of elimination. Though Ryan Johnson led Lexington's scorers with 18, it was Blake Gifford's three-pointer with two seconds left that sent the game into overtime. He opened the scoring in the extra stanza with another trey to give the Bulldogs a lead they would not relinquish, as they nipped the Eagles 70-67. In the next round, the Bulldogs actually had more field goals than Oklahoma Christian School, but the Saints outshot them from the charity stripe, including 27 in the fourth quarter alone. Thanks to three technical fouls against the Bulldogs, the Saints were able to shoot 43 free throws to end the Bulldogs season by an 87-68 margin. Kyle Forehand unloaded for 30 points, albeit in a losing effort. The team ended the year with a 13-12 record. Coach Clint York will say goodbye to seniors, Ryan Coker, Dillon Dodd, Dalton Capps, Cody Roberts and Matthew Bugher. The Lady Bulldogs' first game in the Regional Tournament was at Bethel. To compound the problem, they had to play the host school. As if THAT wasn't bad enough, the Lady Wildcats had used their pressure defense to a 23-2 record and a number 3 ranking in the state. The Lady Bulldogs trailed only 17-7 at the half, but eventually succumbed to the Lady Wildcats by a 42-31 score. Annie Taylor poured in 18 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs. In the second round, the Lady Bulldogs held a 14-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. The trio of Taylor, Hannah Holasek and Crissy Joyner each had 8 points to pace Lexington, but 15 missed free throws spelled doom for the girls as the Lady Wildcats eliminated the Lady Bulldogs 48-32. Coach Mark Savage's team, though, ended up with a record of 16-9, the best season record since 1996. Next season, Coach savage will have

against Maysville. The team then started a winning streak, besting Wanette by a 32-6 margin, followed by a 19-13 win over Asher. Konawa was the next victim, losing to the Bull Pups 10-7. Following a 12-6 loss to Newcastle, the team closed out the season with a 21-0 victory over Ripley and a 14-0 win over Alex, giving the team a 5-2-2 record; good enough for third-place in the Mid South Conference. Led by seniors, Northcutt, Stanley Peery, Bernard Ille, George Wyman Carpenter, Loyal Duffy and team captain, John L. Smith, the team finished with a 2-2 conference mark, finished behind Wayne (4-0) and Maysville (3½ -1½). Finishing behind the Bull Pups (as they were known then) were Wynnewood (1½-2½), Lindsey (½-3½), with Alex (½-2½) (½ points were awarded for ties, while wins earned a full point) finishing 6th. The times were hard and money was in short supply, but after some fundraising, all players received letterman's sweaters.

Of the 31 graduates from the Lexington class of 1932, 1/3 of the class transferred from rural schools. Sixteen of the graduates from that class would attend college. Classmates, Opal King, Alfaretta Burk, Carey Long, George Wyman Carpenter, Edith Mae Stewart, James Elder, Hazel Sanders and John Lucian Smith would also attend the University of Oklahoma, along with Northcutt.

Two things were for sure in the Northcutt house. The first was hard work was normal, and the second was each would attend the University of Oklahoma. All ten children would attend OU after high school. They had no say in the matter; that's just the way it was, and the kids didn't question it.

While attending college was a given in the Northcutt house, there were a couple of hardships that C. D., and all the kids, had to overcome to complete college degrees. The first one was how to pay for it? See, mom and dad required their kids to go to college, but they also know the children would have to pay their own ways through. C. D. and the others would have to work their way through school. That wouldn't be a problem as the children had been brought up to work hard. If you can imagine, there was a LOT of work that needed to be done to raise ten children. They had to tend the large garden that put food on the table that fed the family of twelve. What wasn't consumed was canned and frozen for later use. Later in the summer, the corn and cotton fields needed to be hoed, since weeds don't hoe themselves. Late in the summer and fall, there were cows to be milked and chickens that needed to be fed. Life on the farm had more than enough work to instill a good work ethic in the kids.

The second hardship was how to get from their farm north of Lexington to the Norman campus since the family had only one car, though by now they had rid themselves of the Model T Ford and owned a 1928 Chevrolet Sedan.

to replace seniors, Taylor, Madison English, Amy Hess, Crystal Pratt and Adrianna Lara.

Lexington was well represented when the post season awards were handed out. The human scoring machine, Annie Taylor, was honored as the Central Oklahoma Conference Player of the Year. Freshman, Hannah Holasek, and Junior, Crissy Joyner, were selected to the first team All-Conference team. Madison English, Brittany Penner and Crystal Pratt were all selected Honorable Mention All-Conference. By leading the team to a 16-9 record, the best since 1996, Coach Mark Savage was selected the Conference Coach of the Year. His team was runners-up in the Konawa Tournament, won the regular season conference title, was district champions and won the consolation championship in the Little Axe Tournament. The team's season ended in the regional tournament.

Baseball a hit...

Coach Patrick Gay opened his Sophomore season as the skipper of the Bulldogs baseball team in impressive fashion. With Matt Bugher starting on the bump in game one, the Bulldogs opened the season against Wayne. While Bugher allowed five runs on only four hits (passed balls allowed some runners to advance) and striking out 10, Blake Gifford was having a 4-5 night, including three singles and a double. Those numbers, combined with Jake Simmons' solo home run, allowed the Bulldogs to post an 11-5 victory over the Wayne Bulldogs. Lexington had seven hits and committed only a single error.

In the second game of the young season, the Bulldogs hosted the Purcell Dragons. The Bulldogs jumped off to a 2-1 lead in the third inning when Purcell's bats came alive. They scored five runs on their way to an 11 hit night as they won the game 11-2, evening the Bulldogs' record at 1-1. One bright spot was a 2-3 night for Zac Wilson.

Wilson was the man of the night as he, once again, led the Bulldogs in hitting and was the starting pitcher against the Davis Wolves. At the plate, he had a triple, a home run and three RBIs. His pitching numbers were equally impressive, as he pitched six innings, giving up only two runs while striking out six in an 11-6 victory. The win improved the Bulldogs' record to 2-1.

In game one of the Little Axe Tournament, the Bulldogs faced the Noble Bears. The Bears started a left-hander who had three pitches in his repertoire and threw them all for strikes. Jon Somers and Jake Simmons each had a 1-3 day at the plate, each with a double. They would be the only hits Coach Gay's team would manage as the Bears blasted the Bulldogs 6-0. In game two, the team would have a rematch with the team they opened their season against, the Wayne Bulldogs. Somers had a 3-3 outing at the plate that included one RBI, while Zach

Walter Northcutt overcame that problem for the first two years by paying the Hardwick girls \$6.00 a month for C. D. to ride to Norman. The son of the rural mail carrier was a classmate of C. D.'s and was also attending OU. Since the classmate lived in town, Frances, from the class of 1929, Naomi, from the class of 1931, and Norene Hardwick, from the class of 1933, would pick him up first, and then stop by on the way to pick up C. D. Since his classes were in the morning, C. D. would hitchhike home in the afternoon to pick cotton. Who was the classmate who was riding to college at the same time? It was John Lucian Smith, who would eventually become the Marine Corps World War II flying ace featured in *Life* magazine. Smith would also be the inspiration for the John Wayne movie, *The Flying Leathernecks*. (To read more about Smith, please read Barker 1.1).

A fellow classmate and OU student who lived in town and was the son of the rural mail carrier, would catch a ride C. D. and a fellow classmate who was the son of the rural mail carrier who was also attending OU, would. Their first 2 years in college, he and his classmate would catch a ride with the Hardwick girls. The classmate lived in town, so the girls would pick him up first, and then stop by the Northcutt house for C. D. on the way to Norman.

Something else Walter and Essie Northcutt made sure their children had was religious instruction. While attending OU, most of the Northcutt children were active in the Baptist Student Union, and Clarence was no different. He was president of the BSU and his future wife, Ruth Eleanor Storms of Waurika, Oklahoma, was a secretary at the Baptist Student Union from 1939-1941. In those days, the BSU was located at 427 West Boyd, right next door to the official residence of the university president, George Lynn Cross.

In those days, basic Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) training was required for the first two years of college. Not only did C. D. and John L. Smith graduate from high school together and ride to college together, but they also attended ROTC together. After those two years, participants had the option of taking advanced ROTC and receiving a 2nd Lieutenant Commission or no longer participating. Both John Lucian and C. D. took advanced ROTC. After graduating, Smith went into active military service and would make it his career. Clarence would go to law school for another two years.

At the prodding of a relative, Dr. C. E. Northcutt, C. D. moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma, in 1938, after earning his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Northcutt opened his home to C. D. and allowed him to live there for three years. He even loaned Clarence the money to open his own law office. C. D. founded his own law firm that same year. Younger brother, Paul, would join him a few years later.

Wilson also went 3-3 with two RBIs. With both defenses being sloppy, Lexington defeated the other Bulldogs by a 14-10 score. While Kyle Renbarger picked up his first victory of the season on the mound by throwing a complete game. Dalton Capps and Somers each has solo home runs, each picking up two RBIs, lead the Bulldogs to a 6-3 victory over the Bridge Creek Bobcats to claim the consolation trophy of the tournament. They also upped their record to 4-2 on the young season.

Schedules:

2009-2010 Slow-Pitch remaining schedule:

4/1	Moore	Away	4:30 V/JV
4/5	Lindsay/Bridge Creek	Away	5:00 2 nd /3 rd
4/6	Washington/Little Axe	Away	5:00 2 nd /3 rd
4/8-9	Harrah Tournament	Away	TBA
4/12	All-Conference Tournament	TBA	TBA
4/13	Wayne	Home	4:00 V/JV
4/19	Norman North	Away	4:30 V/JV
4/20	Heritage Hall	Away	5:00 V/JV
4/22-23	Districts	TBA	TBA
4/26	Konawa	Away	5:00
4/28-29	Regionals	TBA	TBA
5/6-7	State	TBA	TBA

2009-2010 varsity Baseball remaining schedule:

4/1	CCS	Home	4:30
4/5	Byng	Home	4:30
4/6	Washington	Home	4:30
4/8	Lindsay	Away	4:30
4/10	Sayre (Senior Night)	Home	1:00/3:00
4/13	Little Axe	Away	4:30
4/15-17	Purcell Tournament	Away	TBA
4/19	Bethel	Home	4:30
4/20	Purcell	Away	4:30
4/22-24	Districts	TBA	TBA

2009-2010 JH Baseball remaining schedule:

4/1	CCS	Away	4:30
4/5	Byng	Away	5:00
4/6	Washington	Away	4:00
4/8-10	Newcastle Tournament	Away	TBA
4/12	Dibble	Home	4:30
4/13	Little Axe	Home	4:30
4/15	Christian Heritage	Home	5:00
4/19	Bethel	Away	4:30
4/20	Purcell	Home	4:30

The year 1941 was one of change for C. D., just as much as it was for the world. On May 25th of that year, C. D. married Ruth Eleanor at the First Baptist Church of Norman. She was born in 1917 in Liberty, Missouri, but moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Storms, where her father became superintendent of schools in Waurika, Oklahoma. He was also publisher of the Waurika News-Democrat who later was president pro-tem of the Oklahoma State Senate. After graduating from Waurika High School, Ruth Eleanor attended the University of Oklahoma, where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree. After that, she moved on to Southwest Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where she graduated with a degree in Religious Education.

Another change for C. D. was the fact that the world was, once again, at war. When the United States called on its citizens for help, the Northcutt boys were there to answer the call. With his ROTC background, C. D.'s law practice was interrupted when he was called to active duty in the United States Army. He accepted a commission as Lieutenant with the field artillery and was sent to the European Theater. While serving in Europe, he took part in the invasion of Normandy. Carol served as an Army Air Corps fighter pilot in World War II and in Korea. Younger brother, N. B., also was in the Army Air Corps and served in the European Theater, while Paul, also in the Army Air Corps, served in the Pacific Theater as a gunnery sergeant on a B29 bomber that was the backup plane for the Enola Gay, which dropped the A-bomb. Had the Enola Gay not had good weather or had an accident, Paul's B29 would have delivered the package.

In the window of Walter and Essie's Lexington home hung a banner with six blue stars on it – one for each son serving his country. There was one in the Army, one in the Marine Corps, one in the Navy and three in the Army Air Corps. On December 29, 1943, one of the blue stars was changed to gold. C. D.'s younger brother, USMC Air Corps Lieutenant Bernus Northcutt, who enlisted in September, 1942, while a pre-med student at OU and was stationed at the Florida Air Corps Base, was killed near Deland, Florida, during special dive-bomber training. His jet crashed while on a training mission.

During his time in Europe with the Army, C. D. heard about the exploits of his former classmate and friend, John Lucian Smith. C. D. heard about Smith's December 1942 feature in *Life* magazine and that Smith had been named a USMC ACE in the Pacific Theatre. With the war in Europe won, C. D. was slated to be reassigned to the Pacific Theater, but the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan just a couple of days before he was scheduled to ship out. Of course, the Japanese surrendered and the war in the Pacific was over. The living Northcutt boys would all be discharged, except Carol, who became a career Air Force pilot, later serving in Korea. Before his discharge from the Army, Clarence was promoted to

Barkings: *-happenings of your Alumni Association*

Well, the two major offices for the next 5-year term have been filled, one way or the other. We have one volunteer each for President and Treasurer. Now all we need are a couple of people to volunteer to be our Vice President and Secretary. Those positions are the easiest, so don't be afraid to step up! The Vice President has to fill in and chair any meetings where the President is absent. Simple enough, right? As for the Secretary, they just have to take minutes of the meetings. Of course, it'll depend on how many meetings the President calls, but there aren't that many, so that office is simple, too. So, why not help out your fellow grads and put your name in the hat. Of course, we'll have to open the floor for nominations at the Alumni Reunion, but nobody else was nominated at the last one, so the odds are REALLY good that you'll be elected to the office for which you volunteer. It REALLY is fun and you get to meet a LOT of your fine fellow graduates! Just let us know as soon as possible.

The hay is in the barn, as people used to say. The date is set and the plans are all in place for the next Alumni Reunion. Unless you've been living in a tree or cave, you know the date is Saturday, June 19th, 2010. We'll have a meet-and-greet starting at the new high school. You can tour the new building, as well as the old buildings, if you'd like. Afterwards, there will be a SHORT business meeting in the high school gymnasium. At that time, new officers will be elected for the next term (see above) and there will be a vote on the proposed change to our Bylaws (more on that below). Immediately following the business meeting, we will have the roll-call of classes. During the time you wait for your class to be called, you will be entertained by some of our talented alumni. After your class is called, you will get your class photo made as you make your way to the elementary school gym for our delicious barbeque buffet dinner and visitation. Then, at 8:00 sharp, you are invited to make your way to Floyd West Field, where a professional disc jockey will be spinning tunes from the 1940s through 2010 until midnight! You'll have a GREAT time. If you want to hear a certain song or dedicate a song to your date or to a friend, please go to our website at lexokalumni.org and click on the "Our Forums" button. It'll take you to the discussion forums.

As for the amendment to our Bylaws, here is the description.

Proposition 1: *This proposition shall amend Article VIII, Section 1, Duties of the Treasurer. This proposal shall delete the line, "No checks will be written without the signature of the Treasurer, and consent of the local Alumni officers." It shall be replaced with proposed Article XII, Section 2, and shall read, "If at any time the*

Lieutenant Colonel and was offered a promotion to Brigadier General, but he declined, instead choosing to return home to his wife and his budding law practice. During his military career, C. D. was awarded a Bronze Star and an Air Medal with Clusters and five battle stars.

C. D. returned home to Ponca City in late 1945. He settled back into his role of husband to Ruth Eleanor. Together, the couple would raise two children. They have a daughter, Gayle, who is married to John Young. They make their home in Ponca City. Their other child was John E. Northcutt. John was also a graduate of the OU Law School and started in his father's practice before he opened his own office. He passed away November 14, 2000, at the age of 51 of an apparent heart attack. Spanky, as he was known due to his part in the Sooner Scandals, also served as an assistant municipal judge for eight years and as the city's juvenile court judge for five years, positions he held until his death. He is survived by his wife, Jen, and children, son, Jeff and daughter, Julie. C. D. lost Ruth Eleanor on June 13th, 2006, at the age of 88. They had been married 65 years. On February 2, 2009, C.D., at age 92, married Gwen Barton.

At home in Ponca City, C. D. came to be a much respected attorney. During his stellar law career, he has served as President of the Kay County Bar Association in 1949 and President of the Oklahoma Bar Association from 1972-1976. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the International Society of Barristers and a Fellow of the American Bar Association. He is also a Fellow in the Oklahoma College of Trust and Estate Council, a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, as well as being a member of the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association from 1972-75. He is also AV Peer Review rated, and was one of the original members of the Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) when it began back in 1966.

In addition, he also became one of Ponca City's leading citizens, having served as President of the Ponca City Kiwanis Club in 1948, president of the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce in 1950 and organized the Ponca City Industrial Foundation, where he also served as its President. He was named Ponca City's Outstanding Citizen in 1982. During his stint as president of the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce, he instigated the relocation of a statue of E. W. Marland. The statue was one of several (including one of Lydie) that adorned the grounds around the Marland's MASSIVE estate, the famous "Palace on the Prairie". Due to his financial woes, the mansion was sold and the new owners ordered the statues taken down. So, it had rested in the weeds for years. C. D. wanted to pay homage to Marland and had it moved to a place of prominence, the corner of Fifth Street and Grand Avenue in front of the Ponca City Civic Center. In 2005, he was honored with being a roasteer at the Pioneer Technology Center Foundation and founded the

office of Treasurer is vacant and the Ex-Officio office is vacant, no checks shall be written without two (2) signatures of Alumni officers in good standing at the time, and consent of the local Alumni officers."

REASON: Article II, Section 4, reads in part, "**Resignation or death of an Officer during the five (5) year period shall constitute a vacancy and cannot be filled except at the regular business meeting.**" Should the Treasurer resign (or, heaven forbid, pass on) anytime during his/her term or be unable to complete his/her term and if the Ex-Officio member office is vacant, the Lexington Alumni Association would be unable to conduct the business of the Association. That business consists of the annual awarding of the Alumni Association scholarships, paying Post Office box rent and all other necessary expenses, including reunion needs. If two remaining officers have the ability to sign checks, business shall continue uninterrupted. Two signatures also allow for a set of checks-and-balances as to the Association money and how it is spent.

Again, PLEASE let me encourage you to volunteer to be an officer OR to help us decorate for the reunion, man a table or any one of several areas of need. Your Alumni Association NEEDS you!

Also, talk to all your friends and classmates. If ANY of them didn't receive their invitation, PLEASE either pass the one at the bottom of this newsletter along to them or have them call us toll-free at 1-800-527-2586 (ALUM) and we'll be GLAD to send them one. Don't forget, anyone can sign up and pay online with a credit card using our secure PayPal account, and they DON'T NEED A PAYPAL ACCOUNT.

The Alumni Plaza at the new Lexington High School is about to grow as we currently have 36 new engraved bricks. We will be installing them in the next couple of weeks and WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you could lend us a couple of hours or so on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, PLEASE contact us. We'll have the bricks installed before graduation.

Now, about our finances. Your Alumni Association has \$6,047.34 in our checking account. To pay for the engraved bricks, \$515.00 will be drawn out of the account, leaving a balance of \$5,532.34. That's more than we had when we took over and would have been \$500.00 richer had we not given a couple of scholarships. With the bricks and alumni merchandise, we now have some income.

Kay County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Ponca City Art Association and the Opportunity Center for Retarded Children Foundation.

Golf has always played a large part in C. D.'s life. In 1945, he had just returned from the war when he and Dr. Tom Glasscock were asked by Dr. C. E. Northcutt to attend a meeting with him and a large number of locals at the old Ponca City American Legion. At that meeting, those assembled were told about the plans to open the Ponca City Country Club. They were told that if they wanted to join, they would be required to buy a share of preferred stock at \$240 and a share of common stock for \$150. Dr. Northcutt bought three preferred stocks, but his two guests were reluctant. Their reasoning was the fact that the cost of the stock, plus the dues of \$4 a month, was a lot of money. Dr. Northcutt convinced the pair that it was an important career move, that it would help them associate with the right people and offered his two extra shares of preferred stock. C. D. and Dr. Glasscock scraped together the money and bought the stock. Today, they are the only two remaining charter members of the Ponca City Country Club. C. D. helped found the Cherokee Strip Golf Classic, which raised money for mentally challenged children in Ponca City. The dining room at the club is named the Thomas C. Glasscock Dining Room and the locker room is the C. D. Northcutt Locker Room.

He also used golf to help him celebrate his mother's 100th birthday celebration. On July 6th, 1996, at the Purcell Municipal Golf Course, Clarence and Paul honored their mother with a four-person scramble golf tournament, complete with commemorative golf shirts and a luncheon at the Hilton Inn-Northwest in Oklahoma City. In all, 160 people attended the event, with guests travelling from Africa, Alaska and both coasts. C. D. also surprised his mother when he arranged birthday greetings from Barry Switzer, David Boren, Don Nickles and then President, Bill Clinton. Though Walter passed away at age 94, Essie passed away on August 10th, 2003, at the glorious age of 107.

Walter and Essie lived long enough to see their educational dreams for their children come to fruition. Born with their parents' longevity genes, Clarence and his siblings, besides war casualty, Burnus, are still living. C. D. is a spry 93 and still practicing law in Ponca City. His younger brother, O. V., graduated from OU with a degree in journalism and was a retired printer/engraver that lived in White Plains, New York, until he passed away. Colonel (ret.) Carol R. was a career Air Force pilot who now lives in Lexington, after retiring in Hernando, Florida. Nathal B., passed away in 2007 at the age of 83. He was a graduate of the OU School of Pharmacy and owned Corner Drug in Durant, Oklahoma, from 1955 until 1990, when he retired. Paul is also an OU law school graduate who practices law with C. D. in Ponca City. Sister, Rubye

Original Dog Pack: *-humble beginnings of your Alumni Association*

Happy Birthday to US! Our Alumni Association turns 50 next year, but this year we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the very first reunion. Since this is as close as we're going to get to the actual birthday of the Association with a reunion, I thought it might be nice to take a walk down memory lane to take a look back at the humble beginnings of our Alumni Association. The best place to start to find out the information was from those that were there, so I asked Doris and Don Giroux for help. They sent me a letter with the info in it, so here it is, with a "thank you" tip of the cap to them.

It was June of 1960. Jacqueline (Blackburn) Hale, Eleanor (Darby) Bedingfield from the class of 1946, Don Giroux, class of 1947, and others, invited the classes of 1946 and 1947 to a picnic at Andrews Park in Norman. With other classes also attending, about 30 people were present. Even high school business teacher, Pearl Burkett, was there.

The conversation soon turned to getting together again. That's when it was decided to start the Alumni Association. Mrs. Burkett offered to assist and those attending gladly accepted, since they had to start at ground zero. First, the attendees had to elect officers. The slate included Don Giroux as President, Doris (Taylor) Giroux, Secretary, and Maxine (Hunt) Boston, Treasurer. Next, the date was set for the very first Alumni Reunion, Saturday, June 17th, 1961. They had to pull it all together in one year. Could they do it?

The first obstacle to overcome was the fact that they had no addresses of previous graduates. The decision was made to find one person from each class and task them with getting their classmates' information. Everyone was very helpful and brought their findings back to the committee. For those that couldn't be located, a list was put in the paper. Many were located that way. Using the information gathered, the committee mailed cards to graduates, using their own money for postage.

With the date set and invitations sent out, the next obstacle to overcome was where to have it and what to do. Lexington's WPA gymnasium (that's the building with the arched roof over it, for those of you born after 1975) would fill the bill nicely. They wanted a catered banquet, but how would they seat those attending? The officers borrowed tables and chairs from every church in town and even borrowed a few from the county. County Commissioner Lawrence McKiddy had county workers haul the furniture. Glens Hickory Inn in Oklahoma City catered the event. Attendees were charged \$2.50 for an afternoon of registration and visitation, including the meal. A good time was had by all. After the festivities

Scull, graduated OU who was a missionary to Indonesia for several years and is now retired from the American Cancer Society. Evelyn Hull has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics from OU and worked in her late husband's landscape design business, then for a pediatrician. She lives in Tulsa. Jonni York attended OU, but graduated from Central State University in Edmond. She is retired from the Department of Human Resources and currently in the insurance business in Norman. The youngest, Walter, Jr., also attended OU, but graduated from Central State University and is a CPA in Oklahoma City.

A leader in many support organizations at OU, C. D. is a donor to the OU-President's Associates. One method of support of which he is particularly proud is having a scholarship named in his honor by the Lew Wentz Foundation. It is awarded annually to students at the University of Oklahoma College Of Law. Another honor of which he is very proud happened to him in 2001. That was the year the Oklahoma Heritage Foundation honored C. D. with induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the only graduate of Lexington High School so honored, and we couldn't be more proud.

In 1950, the Northcutt Law firm added another attorney. Younger brother, Paul, was admitted the bar. Paul moved to Ponca City and joined C. D. The brothers practiced together in their own firm in all areas of law, but specialized in tax law, probate and real estate. In 1977, they merged their firm with another Ponca City firm, Clark & Hron. At a time in life when the VAST majority is way past retirement, C. D. still practices law at the age of 94. He is currently the Senior Partner in the firm, now called Northcutt, Clark, Gardner, Hron & Brune. It now boasts eight attorneys. From their offices on the fourth floor of the Bank of the West Building on the corner of 4th Street and Central Avenue in Ponca City, they cover general civil practices of law in all state and federal courts, trials and appeals for their clientele. They represent their clients principally in northern Oklahoma and the Eastern, Western and Northern U. S. District Courts, U. S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. In fact, he is a Lifetime Member of The Tenth Judicial Circuit Historical Society.

This highly successful firm also practices in the areas of personal injury, probate, real estate, family law, corporate, business and business litigation, workers compensation, appellate practice, construction law, contracts, eminent domain, energy, environmental, finance, insurance, litigation, trusts, estates, wills, probate, zoning and municipal. The only areas they don't practice are collections, patents and maritime. They have represented such clients as Conoco Pipeline, Continental Casualty, Harbor Insurance, Shelter Insurance and the Ponca City Board of Realtors.

ended, the tables and chairs had to be returned to the various churches so they could have their Sunday services.

At the first reunion, the attendees voted to have the next banquet in 1965, with the remainder of them coming along every five years. Floyd Sherman was elected as the next President of the Alumni Association. The Lexington Alumni Association was actually incorporated with the Secretary of State on April 29th, 1986. The directors named on the document are Don Giroux, class of 1947, Margaret (Black) Watkins, class of 1952, Charles McCown, class of 1962, and was witnessed by Loretta Engdahl.

With every class working hard on the banquet, how successful was it? It was attended by 1300 people! Without the volunteers working together, it would not have been such a huge success.

Do you remember....

....The Mills Brothers?

....The Doobie Brothers?

....The Jonas Brothers?

Big Dog: - *(continued from column 1)*

C. D. Northcutt -- decorated war hero, respected citizen, noted attorney, published author, member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and graduate of Lexington High School. Not bad accomplishments for a very humble guy who graduated high school at the age of 15.



Clarence Dewry Northcutt, class of 1932, member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

It was in his capacity as attorney that brought C. D. into the Lydie Marland mystery. After leaving Ponca City in 1953, Lydie's trail took her to Missouri. After leaving a job helping make beds and clean the rooms at the Moonlight Motel near Independence, Missouri, in early June 1953, Lydie just vanished. She told them she was heading for New York City and, outside of a phone call to William F. Davidson, of New York's Knoedler Galleries inquiring if one of her paintings had sold, nobody heard from her. She had an account at the Ponca City Savings and Loan that contained \$19,000. It had never been touched. The State Crime Bureau found no evidence a crime had been committed. She would never see or speak to her brother again. In 1975, the mystery would be solved.

That year, the owners of the former Marland Estate at the time, the Felician Sisters, announced they were planning to sell the mansion and surrounding property. Marland's former company, Conoco, offered to pay half the \$1.4 million purchase price if the City of Ponca City would pay the other half, through a one-cent sales tax. Though he had only met Governor Marland once, before he served overseas, C. D. was tasked with locating Lydie and persuading her to return to Ponca City. He had never met her and didn't know where she was, but through a trip to the Kay County courthouse he was able to ascertain that she had been paying, actually overpaying, her taxes. Through the address on the tax records, he was able to track her down. She was living in Washington D.C. He wrote her and offered to send her the money to return to Oklahoma, which she finally accepted. She had a glorious return to Ponca City, where she lived until her death on July 5th, 1987, at the age of 87. C. D. would be her friend and legal advisor for the remainder of her life. There is a LOT more to this fascinating story, but I didn't want spoil the book on the subject. I urge you to buy or check out the book C. D. wrote on the subject called *Palace on the Prairie: The Marland Family Story*. He co-wrote it with former Conoco engineer, William C. "Bill" Ziegenhain, and noted writer and historian, Bob Burke. The book was a 2006 Oklahoma Book Awards Finalist. The book can only be purchased from the gift shop at the Marland Mansion in Ponca City.

(continued in column 2)

Registration:

Due by June 1st, 2010.

Payment is required at time of registration.

	<u>Cost</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend with a guest	\$35
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I would like tee-shirts _____ x \$15 (no.)	
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email (optional): _____

Year of graduation: _____

Guest's name: _____

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