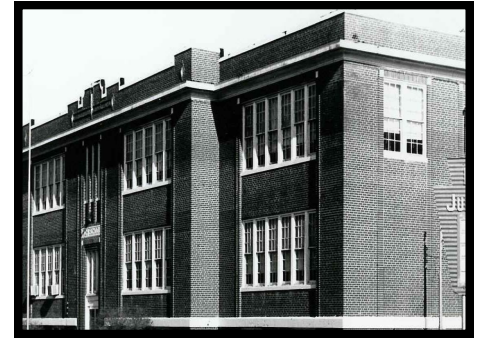




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POTEAU HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

March, 2018

POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

2018 Poteau High School All-School Reunion



The Poteau High School Alumni/Static staff have been planning and preparing for the upcoming All-School Reunion on May 25-27, 2018. We have invested hours of pounding the pavement, brainstorming, and meeting to make sure that the 2018 all-class reunion is the best ever. It has been expanded to three days with activities planned for each day and evening that includes a tailgate party, museum open house, dance, and luncheon. All main events will be held at the Donald W. Reynolds Community Center near downtown Poteau. The Reynolds Center provides an easy access, well-lighted facility that has 100% disability access as well as more room, great amenities, and is in pristine condition. We hope that all Poteau alumni from way back when to now will join us this year in all our festivities! There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 25th, 2018

Tailgate Party - Reynolds Center
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Bring chairs and blankets
Local Bands for entertainment

Movie—Poteau Drive In

Saturday, May 26th, 2018

Museum Open House: Lowery Hotel
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Book Signing: Lowery Hotel
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Vintage Car Parade
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 27th, 2018

Banquet
Reynolds Center
1:00 p.m.
Catered by Eli French of Buds Country Junction
Registration deadline – May 4, 2018

For more information contact:
Linda Holton 918-647-6638
Delores Manlove 918-721-5552

Tailgate Party, Friday May 25th, 2018

Ahoy Poteau Pirate Graduates,

Please help us kick off this years' All Class Reunion with a Tailgate Party on Friday, May 25, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. This will be held outside in the Amphitheater at the back of the Donald J. Reynolds Center.

We will be serving free hot dogs and brats (as long as they last), chips, and water. The Chamber will be selling popcorn, soft drinks, and beer. Terry Wiles is planning the entertainment for the night and there is another article in this Static about the bands that will be playing and the bands will begin playing at 6:30.

This will be a great time for Alumni to meet and greet and get ready to start a fun weekend. There is an area in front of the band stage to dance. We are hoping the weather is nice and you can use the rustic stones to sit or you may bring a folding chair or blanket. If there is inclement weather we will move to the inside of the Reynolds Center.



I know that this night is the PHS Graduation, but we would love for any PHS Alumni to stop by after the graduation. If any Alumni wishes to leave the Tailgate Party at 9:00 p.m. and go to the Tower Drive-In, Jon Pickel is reserving 25

spaces for you to relive that old drive-in experience.

Hope to see lots of you at the Kick-off Party and I think Terry Wiles has organized some great entertainment.

Tailgate Bands By: Terry Wiles

Help needed !!! Friday Night from 6:30 till 10 pm there will be Music by all the bands and musicians and singers from Days Gone by !! I need all who still play and sing please get in touch with me , FB or email , and we will help match up entertainment for the evening ... It will be first come first serve .. any bands that can show up will be given a time slot .. I have a house band that will help any singers that can get us songs ... If possible we will be ready ! There are a couple of Poteau Grads that are coming that still play with a band , so CD's will be available , I'm sure !!



Class Reunions

The Classes of 1968-1974 have planned to meet at the Reynolds Center on Saturday afternoon, May 26th. There is ample room in the Reynolds Center if any other classes would like to use the space for their own get together.

PHS Class of 1960

The Class of 1960 will meet for a time of fellowship and Saturday afternoon, May 26, 2018.

(Time and location to be determined)

If you are interested call:

Joyce (Pappas) Woodruff 918-658-8866

Wanda (Qualls) Dorey 918-635-5698

Jack Gatewood 210-317-5150

2018 All-Class Reunion Registration Form
 Cost: \$30 per Person

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Year Graduated (or Attended) PHS: _____

How many guests do you intend to bring? _____ (Note each additional guest is \$30)

Name and Graduation year of guests if PHS alumni: _____

How many people in your party will be attending the following events?

Tailgate (May 25th, 2018): _____ Dance (May 26th, 2018): _____ Banquet (May 27th, 2018): _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO: POTEAU HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 803
POTEAU, OKLAHOMA 74953
IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS MUST BE RECEIVED IN POTEAU BY MAY 10, 2018.
LATE REGISTRATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Silent Auction

A Silent Auction will be on view at the Donald J. Reynolds Center starting with Registration on Saturday and ending at the Luncheon on Sunday. If any Alumni would like to donate an item, please let us know. We are wanting at least 25 items such as Photography, Music Videos, Paintings, Crafted items, Books, etc. We have several items already donated (Nell Hoyle's Charm Bracelet, Dian McDonald's Framed Photography, Quilted lap quilt, wine, paintings by Traci Barnes and Cindy Darneal).

If you have an item to donate, please contact me, Patty Wright, 918/658-8887 or pwright35633@gmail.com. You may send me the item or bring it when you check in on Saturday. We need your name, the year you graduated, and the name of the donated item this will be needed for the Bid Sheets. Deadline for donating an item is May 4.

The proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used toward endowing a Scholarship Fund.



Alumni Room—Open House

There will be an Open House on Saturday from 9:00-12:00 at the LeFlore County Museum (formerly the Hotel Lowrey). Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

There will be large PHS Scrapbooks on display in the lobby and the PHS Alumni Room is on the second floor that is filled with Potonians, pictures, clothing, scrapbooks and memories.

Joe Harwell, Class of 1972, has written several books and will be available to sell and sign copies of his books. Genell Smith Dellin, Class of 1958, has also authored and published a number of books and will be available to sell and sign her books. Eric Standridge and his father-in-law, George Shaw, Class of 1959, have written two books and their books will be available.

The son of David Rolle, Class of 1954, is bringing some of his father's sports memorabilia and these items will be on display at the Museum. David played at OU 1956-1958 and was on 2 National College Championship teams. After college he played 1 year with an Edmondton Canadian Football team and then was drafted by the Denver Broncos and was injured in 1960 and retired from football.

The Museum is open until 3:00 p.m. and hope that all the visitors will visit the other rooms in the Museum. The most visited rooms are the PHS Alumni Room, Veteran's Room and the President Room. They are working on a Kerr Room which we hope be completed by the Reunion.



Saturday Night Entertainment

Big Daddy and the Mama's Boys



Big Daddy and the Mama's Boys. This band was formed out of the passion for music from the 40's-50's-60's of band founder, bassist and lead vocalists Rick Meredith. The songs are from the swing era of big bands, the Blues, Rockabilly, Boogie Woogie, and Rock and Roll. All are great dance songs. Al Grzech on Piano, Organ, and vocals, Terry Joe Wiles on lead/rhythm, guitar, and vocals, and Bruce Fowler on drums fill out the rhythm section. On horns are two of the area's finest saxophonist, Professor Don Bailey and Doctor Chris Barrick of The University Of Arkansas, Fort Smith. It will be a Poteau Alumni Reunion Dance to remember !!! Hope to see you there!

Vintage Car Parade

There will be an Alumni Vintage Car Parade on Saturday, May 26, at 11:00. You must be a Poteau Alumni to enter a car. The parade will start at Carl Albert State College and proceed down Main Street and end at the Donald J. Reynolds Center. There will be a place for each car to park and we ask that your car remain at the Reynolds Center until 1:00 so people can stop by to visit and look at your car.

If entering a car you need to be at CASC in the parking lot behind the Deanna Reed Math and Science Building at 10:15. We are limiting the number of cars to 40 and to enter please contact me, Patty Wright at 35633 Ridge Road, Poteau, 74953, cell number 918/658-8887 or email- pwright35633@gmail.com. We will need your name and the year you graduated and there will be a sign made for each car entered. Please let me know by May 4.



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The advertisement features a red and black background. On the left, a white t-shirt, a grey hoodie, and a grey sweatshirt are displayed, each with a small circular logo. On the right, a larger circular logo features a pirate character with a skull and crossbones on his forehead, wearing a black hat and a red bandana. The text "PHS ALL CLASS" is arched above the pirate, and "Reunion '18" is written in a stylized red font below. A white starburst shape contains the text "CLICK HERE TO SHOP NOW".

Poteau Pirates

PHS
Alumni Association

All School Reunion *Donald W. Reynolds Center*

Sunday Banquet Menu
1:00 pm

Garden Salad
Chicken Breast & Steak
Roasted Potatoes in Butter Sauce
Italian Green Beans-Dinner Rolls

Your Choice of Amazing Desserts
Pecans & Carmel Cream Cake
Chocolate Cake or Peach Cobbler
Coffee-Tea-Water

**Meal catered by Eli French, well known in this area for his delicious food.
The Alumni Association is delighted to have Eli cater our banquet on Sunday.**

Letter from the STATIC/Reunion Committees

We hope you all enjoy this March 2018 edition of the STATIC that we have chosen to devote to all the information you need about the upcoming All-Class Reunion. Rest assured the regular articles, including the alumni spotlights, will be back for the next one. With that in mind, if you know of any worthy alumni we should feature please let us know.



In the October 2016 Static, we had a new feature of sharing a Family Recipe. Our plans are to have a Poteau High School Alumni

Cookbook ready for the All Class Reunion in 2018. I have had a good response and have collected a lot of recipes and family stories to share in our cookbook. I want to encourage all alumni to continue to send them.

My mailing address and Email is at the bottom of this article.

This edition of the Static I am sharing a Recipe that was a favorite of Toni (Thompson) Floyd. She was the daughter of Sherman and Linda Floyd, and my very best friend. She passed away

in 1994. This recipe brings back lots of good memories, we always had this salad when we were grilling Hamburgers. Toni graduated from Poteau High School in 1965, after graduating from college, she taught World History, French, and Spanish at the Poteau High School up until 1990, when she and her husband, Mick Thompson moved to Oklahoma City.

Combine ingredients and toss Before serving, add 1 bag of Fritos and toss with 8 Oz of Catalina Salad Dressing

Toni (Thompson) Floyd Class of 1965

Enjoy and Bon Appetite!

Tossed Taco Salad

- 1 Head Lettuce (broken into small pieces)
- 1 Lb Ground Beef, browned and drained
- 1 Can of Ranch Style Beans, drained
- 1 Medium Red onions, quartered and sliced
- 2 Tomatoes cubed
- 1 Package Sharp Cheddar Cheese, grated



Progress of PHS Alumni Cookbook

The Reunion Committee has been brainstorming ideas for this All Class Reunion For over a year. One of the projects that I took on was to create an Alumni Cookbook. I have had Tremendous response from Alumni sharing their favorite family recipes. I have been in touch with the printing company and I think we can keep cost below \$15.00 per book. The cut off date to submit a recipe to me is April 1st, 2018. Please contact me At

my email address before submitting a recipe, so I can give you the correct Format to send to me. Thanks to all for sharing these recipes, I have had lot of fun reading and cooking part Of them.

Delores Manlove, Class of 1959
 Email: fishing1959@windstreman.net
 Cell: 918-721-5552



Important Notice On Mailing of Static

If you have plans for moving or a change of address for the mail distribution of the Static, we need to let you know that a change is coming.

We want you to continue to receive the Static so do your part and help us ensure that you do not miss a single issue. Please forward the following information to PHS Alumni Association, PO Box 803, Poteau, OK 74953. Or you may email the information to manlove@okstate.edu.

Name (include maiden name); new address with zip code; and year of graduation. You might also include your telephone number and email address if you have one. Thank-you for helping us manage the association's resources responsibly.

Book Donation

Joe Harwell, PHS class of 1972 has donated 50 copies of his new anthology, "Short stories, rants, ruminations and recipes" to the association which will be sold at the 2018 reunion as a fundraiser. The association will receive 100% of the \$12.95 price.

The anthology has 25 random short stories about growing up in Poteau, life with his late wife, Becky (Craig) PHS class of 73, plus rants and ruminations written between 2010 and early 2018. Two previously unpublished fiction stories and four favorite family recipes like chocolate

(cocoa) gravy are also included.

The book is printed in large, 16 point type so it will be easy to read. The Poteau stories are about Draggin' Main, the Ben Franklin store, Walt's Cafe, the downtown Victory Theater, his pet monkeys, and more. Two new and previously unpublished fiction stories by Joe are also in the book.

Four of his favorite family recipes like chocolate (cocoa) gravy round out the collection. More information on Joe's novels and memoirs, many



What Happened to the Old School Store?



I'm glad you asked about Pirate Cove. The building was recently purchased by Kasey and Joey Marsh of Poteau. Most things from the old days aren't there anymore except a display case, the cash register and a beam with plaques from 8th grade classes.

As for reopening it, the days of Pirate Cove as you remember it have passed into history. I believe you will like the new plans for the building. After a major cleanup and some remodeling, Kasey set up an area for photo shoots with Santa in December.

Her father-in-law, Jim Marsh, and his wife, El-

sie, attended and graduated Santa School last year. They used their skills to entertain as Santa and Mrs. Clause. Long range plans for the building include setting up a Santa workshop for the holidays and other uses.

Before anything can be done to seriously utilize the building, it needs a new roof, floor and other improvements. Kasey and Joey invite you and anyone interested in preserving the building to donate time for the remodel. Contacting them to donate your time or materials will certainly keep you on the nice list this year.

Planting Alumni Seeds

By: Joe Harwell

"A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit"
Attributed as an ancient Greek proverb.

What is the main export of Poteau and Leflore county? People. After high school graduation, people leave for college, work, a change of venue, and many other reasons. What hurts the survival of the Alumni Association is having them leave without a sense of connectedness to more than family and Cavanal Hill.

How can PHS alumni grow membership and develop a connection with current and future generations? I'll begin with myself. When I graduated

PHS in 1972, I was vaguely aware there was some sort of alumni group. I was clueless (pretty much sums me up in '72) of their function and activities or how and why it was important to me. My late wife Becky (Craig, class of 1973) didn't care to attend class or alumni reunions so we didn't.

My two daughters, Heather and Kim graduated PHS in 1997. Both enjoyed high school (enough for another article on the subject) and were ready to get back to Tulsa where we previously lived for years before returning to Poteau in 1993. In the pre Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat era of not keep-

ing up with classmates via social media, they, like Becky and I lost touch with most people in our graduating classes. (Continued Page 9)



Planting Alumni Seeds (continued) Getting back to the Greek proverb, building the future of the Alumni Association is up to us. Think about your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, children of friends, even children of people you'll never meet. How can we plant the seeds of making the Alumni Association have value and importance to them? Beginning with middle school age students, Alumni Association members need to work with school administration to participate in activities and events. Seeing alumni members involved and even making some kind of presentation on the association at least once a year from middle school through high school will plant seeds of awareness.

Our other thought is providing PHS graduates a tangible connection to the association. Thinking back to gifts I received for graduation, the one I still have is a nice mechanical pencil and pen set. I haven't used them for decades but I still have it. I'm not sure what it cost, but in 2018 dollars I'm estimating fifty bucks. Fifty bucks for lifetime association membership is a real bargain. Working with school administration, we can identify PHS graduates at the start of each school year. The 2018 class is ??.

Beginning with parents, grandparents, and extended family, let's concentrate our efforts on having them gift an Alumni Association membership. Beyond those students, ask current alumni mem-

bers to consider gifting a membership to one or more graduates. The membership may not mean much to a 17 or 18 year old at the time they graduate, but it probably will someday. The seed planting philosophy comes into play. Plugging students into contact with the association from middle school through high school via social media, plus regular, visible contact with association members and activities all adds up.

Bringing young people into the association at high school graduation, whether they still live in Poteau or move far away only strengthens the future of the organization. I'm planning to gift a membership to a 2018 graduate. How about you?

Honoring Past Poteau Athletes

By: Michael Griffin

On Thursday, May 24th the LeFlore County Museum at Hotel Lowrey will host a program to honor the professional sports careers of two former Poteau High School Alumni Members, David Rolle and Ival Goodman. The program will start at 6:30 PM. The sports collection of Michael Griffith will be on display and will focus on David Rolle who played for the Denver Broncos and Ival Goodman who played for the Cincinnati Reds.

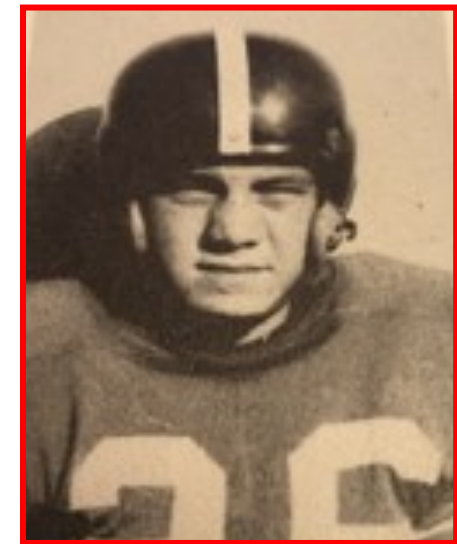
David Rolle graduated from Poteau in 1955. He made All-State and All American. He played for the Oklahoma Sooners 1955 – 1958, won 2 National Championships. He played 1 year for Edmonton in Canada and was drafted by the Denver Broncos in 1960. He was born in 1937 and died in 2006.

Ival Goodman was born in 1908 in Northview Missouri. His family moved to Poteau in 1918.

His dad was a section foreman for the railroad and served on the Poteau School Board. Ival graduated from Poteau High School in 1926. He was an outstanding baseball player who played on many town teams in the area. He was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1933 and was later sold to the Cincinnati Reds for \$24,000. He played with the Reds from 1935 – 1942 and then the Chicago Cubs from 1943-44. He was a 2 time All-Star with the Reds as an outfielder. His Reds won the National League Pennant in 1939 and 1940. The Reds won the World Series in 1940.

Ival was voted into the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame in 1959. He was the first Cincinnati Reds player to hit 30 home runs in a season. He retired and lived in Cincinnati. After he retired he was president of the Renaldi Chemical Company in Cincinnati. Ival was nicknamed "Goodie"

Ival returned to Poteau in 1984 to dedicate the new Carl Albert baseball field. He died in November of 1984.



David Rolle

Election of Officers

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held on June 19th, 2018 (Time and Place to be announced).

LOOKING FOR OFFICERS:

We will need to vote on the following positions:

President, First Vice President, Second Vice President

Secretary, Treasurer

PHS Alumni Association Raffle

Queen Size Pirate Quilt



Tickets \$ 5 Each or 3/\$10

Chances will be sold Saturday, May 26th, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the foyer of the Reynolds Center

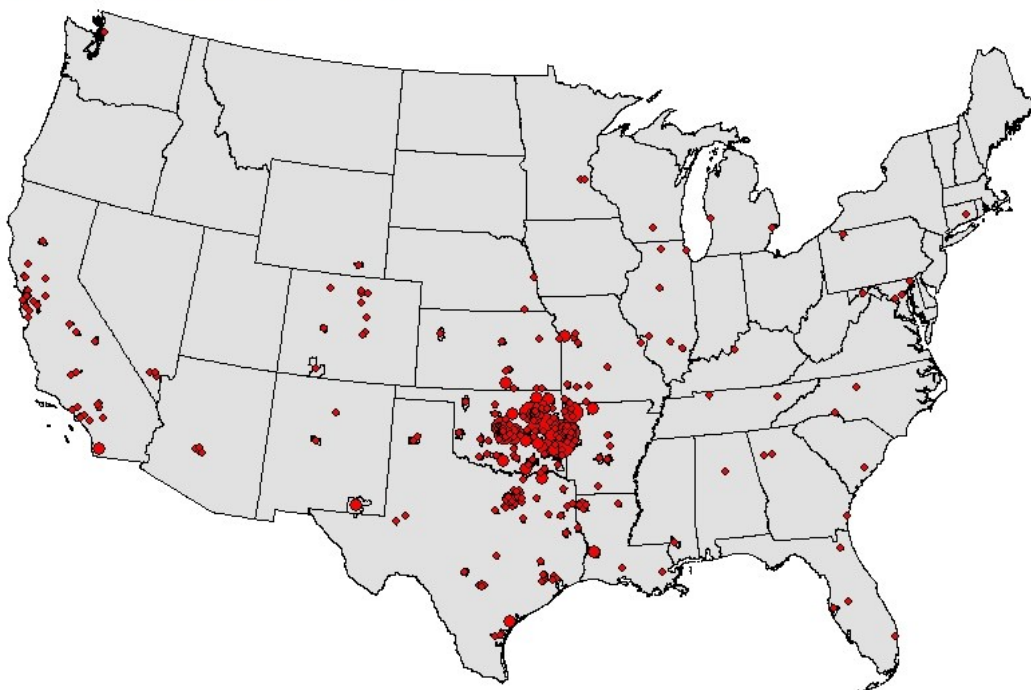
Drawing to be held May 26th, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the All-Class Dance

Quilt made by Doris Sue Scott-Fuller

PHS Class of 1959

Where Do We End Up?

By: Jacob Manlove, Class of 2009



As I'm nearing the end of my PhD program at Oklahoma State and have started looking for employment, it got me to thinking. Just how far and wide have Poteau Alumni reached across the US? While the biggest portion of us stay close to home, it's interesting to see where we all end up.

Origins of Poteau's Modern Schools

By: Eric Standridge

The origins of Poteau's modern school system can be traced back to 1898. Before then, there were two "subscription" schools. The first dates back to around 1875. It was located near the intersection of College and Broadway and consisted of an old log house with dirt floors. The school was primitive by most standards, but it sufficed. Jim Evans taught at the schoolhouse and charged the students one dollar a month to attend. While this fee paid for his salary and other teaching supplies, it did not leave enough left over for furniture. The children had to use the windowsills for seats.



Simpson Grade School, 1980

The second school was located in the upstairs of a two-story frame structure located just south of Beard and Broadway. It was in use for just a few short years, from around 1890 until 1898. While the existing school had served the community well, city leaders decided that it was time to erect a more permanent school.

In 1898, Poteau residents supported this idea and voted to tax themselves \$6,000 for the construction of the school. In addition to these funds, many residents also contributed money towards the project. Gerhard H. Witte, of the Witteville Coal Mine and future mayor of Poteau, was a prime mover in the erection of permanent school buildings and was a liberal contributor of his private means toward the general welfare of the city.

The building was constructed of native stone

and was located at the end of Bagwell, between Walter and Saddler. This building was constructed for a total sum of \$8,000, all of which had been collected by contributions by the community. After construction, the two-story building measured roughly 32 feet square and sat on six acres of open campus. In the early days, it was heated by pot-belly stoves and lit by oil lanterns. The school catalog for 1899-1900 described the building as "a commodious, five room two-story gray stone edifice, beautifully located in a five-acre campus. It has a seating capacity sufficient for the accommodation of three hundred students, and is seated with the very best Automatic Ball-Bearing Desks, the High School Department having single, and the Primary and Intermediate Departments having double desks, with separate seats."

Known as the first free school in Indian Territory, free tuition was available to everyone between the ages of 6 and 21 who lived within the city limits of Poteau. Those who lived outside were required to pay a small tuition.

School began at 8 am and ended at 4 pm, with two recesses and a noon period. Class size ran right around 30 people. Games they played included black man, town ball, bull pen and stink base. In the early days, the school song, "Sun light, sun light in my soul today", was sung in the mornings.

Walter Beard was the president of the school board in 1899, followed by R. S. Bridgman 1900. Sam Hamilton was the first superintendent



Poteau High, 1958

of the school and served for two years. During this time, the school didn't have a principal. For many years, the superintendent also served in this capacity. He was paid \$55 per month for nine months for the first year. The second year his contract read, "salary 75\$ per month for six months or longer, if funds are sufficient." Sam Hamilton served until 1901 when E. Rodman became the superintendent. E. Rodman served until 1912. The Poteau Rodman Grade School was named in his honor.



Dunbar School—Circa 1920



Rodman Elementary School

By 1904, more room was needed. A small wooden building was erected on the north side of the rock building. By 1906, still more room was needed. This time bonds were voted and a two-story brick building more than twice the size of the rock portion was added. This building was erected at a cost of \$10,000. (Continued Page 12)

History (Continued) Following the segregation laws in the state, in 1914, a "negro" school was opened in Poteau. P.J. Carter was the teacher, and the school had 10 black children. This school was originally housed in a one-room wood frame structure. Sometime between 1920 and 1935, a new school was built out of stone. This school was named Dunbar in honor of Paul Laurence Dunbar. Mr. Dunbar was the first influential black poet in American literature. Not only was he an inspired writer, but he was also one of the first black men to transcend the "separate but equal" policies. He was an inspiration to much of the black generations that followed him. In 1955 Poteau became the first state school district in Oklahoma to announce that it would integrate.

A new high school building was constructed in

1921 at a cost of \$75,000. It is now known as Pansy Kidd Middle School. Architect M.T. Hardin, out of Muskogee, Oklahoma designed the new school. Joseph S. Terry was hired to build the high school.

By 1937, the new high school also proved to be inadequate and a new building was constructed. The WPA gym was also constructed at this time.

With Poteau's tremendous growth, the original school campus could not adequately hold the influx of new students. Around the late 1930's, Rodman Elementary School was constructed below the WPA Library and Community Building. It is unknown if Rodman was a WPA project as it does not follow typical building practices of

the WPA era. Generally, WPA buildings are marked as such and are listed in the State Historic Register.

Following Rodman, Simpson and Hower Elementary were constructed, followed by the "new" high school and Carl Albert Junior College.



Poteau high School, 1970

Donations

The following Poteau High School Alumni have made donations since the October, 2017 issue of the Static. Their contributions go to help with the publishing and distribution costs associated with the Static and expressly designated purposes. Their support and interest in the Alumni Association is greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

Those that have contributed to publishing the Static include:

Glenn Thompson, Class of 1967, Jack and Sue McConnell, Don Plummer, Pat Alexander, Anna Jo Weatherford Spotted Bear, Lynda Thomas Archey, Sherry Thomas Weatherred, Sandra Manlove Coffman, Class of 1962.

The following Businesses have contributed to our Reunion of May 25-27, 2018. The Alumni Association wishes to thank them for their generous donations:

Benjamin J. Curtis, Attorney, Steve Holton, First National Bank, The Community State Bank, Central National Bank, Arvest Bank



Thank You

By: Linda Holton

There is a small group that consistently work as a team assembling, stuffing, sorting, etc. to get the Static prepared and ready for mailing. A number of copies are sent to those who do not have access and receive a copy via U. S. Postal Service.

I wish to thank the following people for help getting the October Static in the mail.

Delores Manlove, Tonia Cheely, Susie McCoy,

Nancy Coggins, Carol Lennier

These Alumni are very willing to work when called upon.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE REGISTRATION DESK

The following Alumni have volunteered to work the Registration Desk on Saturday,

Linda Holton, Delores Manlove, Bill Simpkins, Joyce Woodruff,

Wanda Dorey, Patricia Eidschun, Carolyn Becker, Lynda Lee Garrett, Lynda Fox, Tonia Cheely

We would gladly accept more volunteers to work the Registration Desk on Saturday, this would make the shifts shorter for each volunteer, so they can enjoy visiting with their friends.

THANK YOU AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!

STATIC TRUST FUND UPDATE

We're Halfway There!

	<u>DONOR</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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30	Dr. Boyd Saviers	His wife, Jane Almon Saviers And parents, Clarence Boyd Saviers and Roscie Marie Miller Saviers	\$1,000
29	PHS Class of 1953	\$200 in memory of deceased classmates	\$1,000
28	PHS Class of 1959		\$1,000
27	Phyllis Roberts	Janis Ray (Campbell) Bowden	\$1,000
26	Larry Lucas II and Lacey Lucas	Their Father, Larry Lucas	\$1,000
25	Anita Cofer Kerbow Barber		\$1,000
24	Jeanne S. Broome	Robert O. Broome, M.D.	\$1,000
23	The Moore Children	Their Parents, Jimmy and Gail Moore Bill and Barbara Bray, Bob & Vera Moore, Dwight & Susan Vance, Jim & Harriette Gregory, John & Mary Davis	\$1,000
22	PHS Class of 1958		\$1,055
21	Laneal (Babb) Crawford		\$1,500
20	Mick LaFavers		\$2,500
19	PHS Class of 1956		\$1,425
18	Dick Cooper, Class of 1959		\$1,000
17	Sherman & Linda Floyd John Floyd & Bob Floyd	Karen Cooper Ray, Class of 1961 Debbie Cooper, Class of 1967 Toni Floyd Thompson	\$1,000
16	PHS Class of 1955		\$1,000
15	Onetta Burgess Flynn Sue Burgess Free and Jerry Burgess	Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Burgess	\$1,000
14	Bob Pilgreen	His sister, Goldie Pilgreen Moutray	\$1,000
13	PHS Class of 1947		\$1,250
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Deaths Reported Since Last Static

Gerald Keith Aaron, 82, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee Elizabeth (Curran) Aaron; children Gerald and Susan Aaron, Twala and David Womack, Maurica and Dean Anderson, John and Tony Aaron-Enriquez; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brother, John B. Aaron.

Dave Akins, 96, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2018. Survivors include his sons David Akins; daughter, Darla Humphries; grandchildren, Madeline, Emily and Will.

Ruby Lee Shore-Anderson, 91, passed away Monday, November 13, 2017. Survivors include one son, Jim Shore; two daughters, Debby Oakes and Vickie Estes; sister, Margie Crane; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Howard Bandy Sr., 65, passed away Monday, November 27, 2017. Survivors include his son, Howard Bandy Jr.; daughter, Misty McGee; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Lee Roy Bandy; and sister, Jeanette Chronister.

Shane Wesley Keith Baxter, 25, passed away Sunday, January 14, 2018. Survivors include his mother, Dee (Hayes) Walker; father, Skip Baxter; daughter, Tabea Baxter; sisters, Becca and Ivy Harp, Hayli Baxter, and Latasha Kirkland.

Paul James Brown, 65, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Karen Brown; sons, Christian Brown and Kyle Brown; daughters, Heather Ranie Driver, Holly Noel Walker, Arien Murphy Kennedy, and Faith Murphy Brown; three brothers, Bob Rushlow, David Brown, and Mike Wilson; sister, Donna Dyson; and ten grandchildren.

Cecil Luretha Branstetter, 97, passed away Monday, November 27, 2017. Survivors include her daughter, Sherry Branstetter; and beloved son-in-law Arthur Heavener.

Ronald Ray "Jake" Byus Jr., passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017. Survivors include his mother, Linda Bolding; father, Ronald Byus; brothers, Chance Crockett, David Bolding, and Daniel Henson; sisters, Breanna Morris, Amanda Bolding, and Amy Bolding; Christine Adams; children Brody Ray Byus, Nicholas Adams, Alexis Adams, and Jada Hess.

William David Burgess, 69, passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Fostine;

sons, William David II, Nathan Burgess, Titus Burgess; mother Wana Sue Burgess Dobbins; brother Chester Dale Burgess; sister, Deborah Sue Burgess; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Steve Burrows, native of Poteau and resident of Edmond, passed away Sunday, December 31, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; Daughters, Stephanie Martin and Stacy Christopher; son, Joshua Burrows; and eight grandchildren.

Jerry Donald Byous, 71, passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Survivors include his daughters, Sherry Fite, Terri Navarro, Christy Sisk; brothers, John Byous, James Byous; sister Joyce Hair; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Sandra Jean Castor, 82, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2018. Survivors include her daughters, Cecilia Pilgrim and Melinda Fisk.

Ada Janene Clark, 54, passed away Wednesday, December 37, 2017. Survivors include her daughter, Alicia Ann Dale; and son David S. Turrentine; two sisters, Linda Godsey Jacobs and Katherin Godsey; three nieces and three nephews; and seven grandchildren.

Patsy "Pat" Graves Couri, passed away Sunday, October 22, 2017. Survivors include her husband Rick; brother Ron Graves; aunt, Dennie King; and numerous relatives.

Maida Burton Curran, 80, passed away Sunday, January 7, 2018. Survivors include her husband, James Curran; two sons, Richard Curran and Keith Aldon; two daughters, Deborah Ann Curran and Carol Sue Phelps; one brother, Thomas Shaw; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Cherry Catherine Dalmut, 67 passed away December 26, 2017. Survivors include her husband Joe; son, Joe Dalmut Jr.; two grandchildren; five sisters, Virginia Horn, Daisy Chandler, Wanda Clay, Rosemary Chandler, and Joyce Piguet.

Janis Ann Easttom, 72, passed away October 28, 2017. Survivors include her brother, LeRoy Warren; sons, John Easttom, Chuck Easttom; daughter, Holly Easttom; seven grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Gladys Zoe Ann Fisher, 72, passed away January 20, 2018. Survivors include her husband, Johnnie; two

daughters, Trina Collins and Leann Newby; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Luretta Sue Burgess Free, 76, passed away Thursday, October 19, 2017. Survivors include her daughter, Tammy Keefer; sons Brian Free and Kyle Free; one grandson; sister, Onetta Flynn; and brother, Jerry Burgess.

Carl Alvin "Rollie" Goff, 60, passed away Monday, October 30, 2017. Survivors include his children, Lucy, Kirsten and Wesley, Travis and Niki, Falesisty; twelve grandchildren; brothers, Larry and Gary.

Warren Harmon, passed away December 16, 2017. Survivors include daughter, Joyce Carol; sons, Bob Harmon and Don Harmon; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sister Evaline Harris.

Terry Lynn Hickman, 69, passed away Monday, December 25, 2017. Survivors include his daughter, Shannon Baker; sons, Justin Hickman and Shane Hickman; five grandchildren; and brother Hercul Hickman.

Ollie B. Jenkins, 99, passed away, November 4, 2017. Survivors include her daughter, Vivian Warren; son, Laverne Warren; brother Andrew Byrd; five grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Alma Beatrice Johnson, 99, passed away Saturday, October 28, 2017. Survivors include son Donald R. Johnson; daughter Patricia Gilstrap, nine grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Emma Lee Johnson, 78, passed away Wednesday, October 18, 2017. Survivors include her sons; Michael Johnson, Brad Johnson; eight grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Demeris Davis Kilgore, passed away February 10, 2017. Survivors include daughter, Stephanie Kilgore Worley.

Joseph "Joey" Knight, 37, passed away Sunday, December 24, 2017. Survivors include his sons, Tristan and Rowdy Knight; mother Sheila Noggle; sisters Mandy Warren Jennifer Pennington, and Alicia Hoffman; grandmother, Pearletta Noggle; and girlfriend, Samantha Melton.

Robert Frank Lane, 79, passed away October 19, 2017. Survivors include his mother, Oleta Moffitt; wife, Gloria; children, Greg, Brad; siblings, Karen, Michael, Stephen, Sam, Sally, and Phil; and nine grandchildren.

Curtiss W. McIntyre, 55, passed away Thursday, January 25, 2018. Survivors include his sons, Austin McIntyre and Michael McIntyre; stepsons, Chris and Matthew; mother, Carol Uphurch; step grandchildren, Avery and Wyatt; brother, TJ Truman P. McIntyre; and sister, Tammy Lynn.

Deborah Joan Mills, 65, passed away Sunday, January 14, 2018. Survivors include her sons Nathan Mills and Michael Mills; brothers, Leo, Paul, Peter, Andrew, and Tim; sisters, and April and Tracy.

Edward Van Riley, 84, passed away Thursday, October 26, 2017. Survivors include sons, Mark Riley, Paul Riley, Phillip Riley; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

William Robert Seale, 85, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Millus; two sons, William R. Seale II and James M. Seale; sisters, Grace Hamilton and Sue Vest; two brothers,

Jim B. Seale and Donnie Seale; granddaughters, Leslie Yochum, Joni Hagelberger, and Tierney Seale; grandson Aaron Seale; and five great-grandchildren.

Mildred L. "Millie" Shepard, 93, passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2017. Survivors include a sister, Florence Nummery; and brother Everett Fitzpatrick.

Amber Lianna Smith, 26, passed away October 8, 2017. Survivors include her father, David Smith; brothers, Tyler, Logan, Jacob, Zachary, and Kaden Smith; sisters, Katy and Jenna Smith; mother Kristina Griffith, maternal grandmother, Margie Griffith; paternal grandparents, James and Elizabeth Smith; grandparents, Buck and Patty Buchanan.

Virginia Stanley, 82, passed away January 12, 2018. Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Stanley and Denise Stanley Sullivan; grandchildren, Harper, Carter, and Delaney.

Paul Herbert Stottsberry, passed away Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Survivors include Dr. Martin and Jo Jones (daughter) Lawton, and Kenneth "Pete" (son) and Renee Stottsberry; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Sonja Ursula McAllister-Thomas, 50, passed away Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Survivors include her husband, Joe K. Thomas III; son, Travis Allen Ray McAlester; daughters, Kelly Dianna Maria McAllister and Jessika Marie McAllister; granddaughter, Aurora Jane Everett; her parents; sisters, Angela Brunhilde Wenzel and Dianna Erika Fischinger.

Durfey N. Thompson, Jr., passed away January 16, 2018. Survivors include his wife, Carmelita; son, Durfey N. Thompson III; and brother, Robert Lee Thompson.

Lorene Bessie (Ford) Walker, 87, passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Survivors include her husband, Ed Walker; daughters, Betty Yarbrough, Joyce Couch, and Doris Morris; sons, Freddie and Eddie Ford; 15 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; brother, E.C. Clough; sisters, Belva Belknap and Mary James.

William Kendall Wise, 71, passed away Thursday, February 1, 2018. Survivors include his wife Mary; daughters, Teresa Wise and Shari Schenfield; sons, Scott Wise and William O. Wise; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Joe and Don Wise; sisters, Anna LaFevers and Wilma Eidschun.



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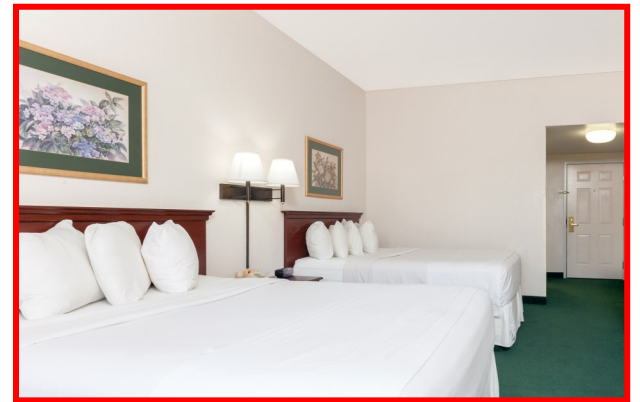
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