

CONNECTIONS

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Two red, fluffy bulldog mascots are standing in a school hallway with red lockers in the background. They are both smiling and holding a white rectangular sign. The sign has the text "Let's talk about friends." written on it in a black, serif font. The bulldog on the left has its mouth open, showing its teeth, and its right arm is raised. The bulldog on the right also has its mouth open, showing its tongue and teeth, and its left arm is raised.

Let's talk
about
friends.



A letter from the Alumni Association President:

“Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other’s gold.” I remember singing these lyrics as a round at Camp Fire Day Camp in Davis Park after elementary school let out for summer fun. Now, I appreciate the life lesson contained in these simple words.

Best friend, bestie, pal, buddy, kindred spirit, BFF. Whatever name one calls that person who remains a confidante, partner, sounding board, or comforter does not sufficiently describe the

unique bonds formed during the years in Carthage schools.

As I considered “friends” for the newsletter topic for this issue, I was struck by how important those “old” connections really are. It has been a rewarding experience to visit with longtime friends and to learn what attracted them to each other and what kept the connections intact over the years.

My own special, sweet friend moved to Carthage in the seventh grade. We were in Mrs. Marie Wiggins’s

homeroom, and our connection has survived during different colleges, careers, weddings, babies, divorces, grandchildren, and deaths. Thankfully, our friendship is still strong over 40 years later.

Who is your Best Friend Forever? Maybe, it is time to connect with him/her to relive some sweet, special memories.

Bulldog Forever,
Nancy Langford

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Class of 2016

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ON THE COVER: Tony Jeter as Butch and Tara Cells as Becky, surrounded by CHS 2016-17 Students. Photo by Jennifer Aguirre

{UPCOMING REUNIONS}

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Sherry Brewster & Cynthia Harkrider



Sherry and Cynthia met on the Carthage High School basketball court in 1972 as junior varsity forwards where they formed an instant bond that is still evident today.

Cynthia Brooks Harkrider, Class of 1971, recalls the perfect shooting form Sherry LaFollette Brewster, Class of 1972, displayed in her jump shot and “hand flop” follow-through while Sherry remembers scandalously sharing illegal M & M’s on the bus while traveling to games.

Sports continued to unite the two friends as they participated in adult volleyball competitions, supported their husbands in weekend baseball tournaments, cheered for their four sons, and now faithfully follow their ten grandchildren to fields, courts, and stadiums.

At CHS, both were on the Pine Burr staff, participated in Future Homemakers of America, and

served as sweethearts of the Industrial Arts Club. They recall attending a quail supper after a successful bird hunt by Mr. Brooks and Mr. Drew Woods. Sherry credits Cynthia with urging her to invite her future husband Jim to the annual basketball banquet at the Carthage Country Club. After graduation, both friends went to work at Drew Woods.

The two friends also share a passion for education. Both have touched lives of Carthage students as teachers. Sherry, a secondary teacher, encourages young people to read and write in preparation for future successes; Cynthia, an elementary teacher, instilled the love of learning in eager first graders. She now administers the CISD Education Foundation.

Even though their lives are busy, the two ladies find time to share a Coke weekly and communicate daily. They plan shopping and sightseeing trips together and love to read and share books.

Sherry says that Cynthia is a confidant to whom she can tell anything and everything and who is always available for Mexican dinners. According to Cynthia, **the secret of this friendship is tolerance, acceptance and shared Christian values.**



Toni Biggs & Georgia Pierce

Toni and Georgia met in the First Christian Church when they were toddlers. They grew up like sisters with parents who were close friends and now their children are third generation friends.

Toni Trimble Biggs, Class of 1965, and Georgia Scott Pierce, Class of 1964, started school at Central Elementary, now Baker School, and attended Main Elementary (Koonce School). The two girls participated in Camp Fire, attended church camp together, and grew up in sports-loving families.

At CHS, Toni and Georgia worked on the Carthaginian staff with Ms. Knapp where they learned to run the infamous Gestetner machine to print the school paper. Between classes, the rotunda was where everyone congregated to visit and exchange notes. Basketball, pep squad and cheerleading are fond memories of these two cohorts. Friday nights were social highlights when most students were either on the football team, in the band, or cheering.

Both girls endured mothers who wanted them to be perfect ladies. Toward that end, the girls were continuously given newspaper and magazine articles to read on how to practice perfect etiquette. In the summers, the friends taught swimming with Bill and Lou Tatum during Day Camp at Davis Park and performed synchronized swimming routines for the closing program.

Even though Georgia and Toni attended different colleges, they remained friends, knowing that the other one was only a phone call away. Georgia unabashedly takes credit for introducing Toni to her husband Warren.

The two friends were attendants in each other's weddings and have helped each other with rearing their children. Georgia's oldest child Erin named her second son after Warren.

Eventually, the friends settled back in Carthage with their children and both were employed by Carthage ISD. One of their favorite memories of that time was "turtle" days when they would take advantage of sunny days after school and sit in lawn chairs like turtles on a log.

Toni credits Georgia with helping her to be more accepting of circumstances and people. Toni says, "Georgia always has a **bright outlook on life and it is contagious.**" Georgia says, "Toni has **always been there for me, and I know that I can be myself and tell her anything.**"

The cheerleading bug has never left these two friends. They have taught their children to perform an old pom-pom routine to "Hit, Dragons, Hit" that is a recurring staple at family gatherings. Not surprisingly, they have even reprised some cheerleader moves to motivate fellow teachers and friends.

Georgia currently lives in Tyler where she volunteers in an elementary school and works part-time at Leverett's Chapel as a coordinator. Toni has retired in Carthage and is busy with grandchildren and community activities.



Freddie Castleberry & Eddie Beck

Freddie and Eddie's friendship began in Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Dawson's Kindergarten class at Turner School.

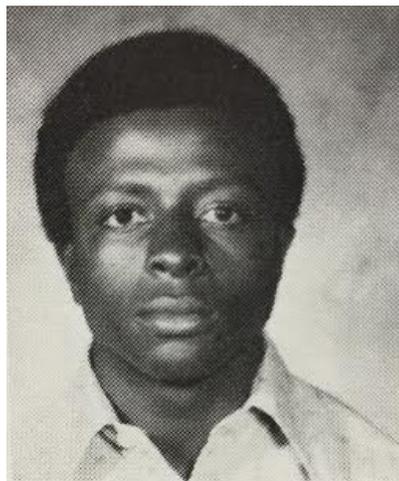
Freddie Castleberry and Eddie Beck, CHS class of 1979, grew up in the same neighborhood, played on the same teams, and hung out with the same group of friends their entire lives. The two were constantly together, sharing life experiences and hanging out. **Where one of these friends were, the other was close at hand.** Today, their lives are calmer than they once were, and Freddie and Eddie enjoy each other's company as they occasionally fish, play dominoes and softball, and visit as often as possible.

The two friends attended Turner Schools, Baker-Koonce, Turner Junior High, and Carthage High School. In the summers, they participated in the NYC work program through the City of Carthage to earn money for school clothes. At CHS, Eddie was a wide receiver for Everett "Sleepy" Reynolds while Freddie was a defensive cornerback. They ended their 1978 season with a 11-1 record. The football seasons were the highlights of their school years. Strong bonds were made with the entire team.



Freddie and Eddie continue to participate in sports as they play in basketball, baseball, and softball leagues, even competing in a 50+ softball team. Freddie has refereed Little Dribbler basketball games and youth football league games. He enthusiastically tried his hand at coaching when his daughters played softball.

Eddie, the more reserved of the two, is self-employed and attends the Shady Grove Church in Gary with his family members. A resident of Henderson, outgoing Freddie has worked for CISD for 27 years and is currently Director of Custodians, the supervisor of 28 district employees. He is well acquainted with the district's administrators and enjoys helping to keep his alma mater running smoothly. These two friends keep a close eye on each other and continue to share common experiences and memories.



Pat Browning & Ricky Pride

Pat and Ricky met as babies in Fairplay and grew up together as close as brothers.

On Graduation Day in 1968, Pat Browning and Ricky Pride, cried when they had to leave Carthage High School. They had excelled in playing athletics, developing friendships, and chasing girls and were concerned that the good times were finished. Fortunately, their friendship has continued half a century.

Avid campers, Pat and Ricky have spent time on the Sabine River and at Fairplay with generations of friends and family, fishing and enjoying each other's company. Once during high school, Ricky laughed so hard that he fell off the porch when Pat crashed his 1963 Super Sport Impala into a telephone pole in Sherry Hooper Pride's family's front yard. On a recent camping trip with Ricky's grandchildren, Pat reenacted the scenario with his Jeep and a flag pole at his farm in Fairplay; Ricky's reaction was the same. **Good friends enjoy good times, no matter how many years later.**

At CHS, Pat and Ricky played for Coaches Jack Roberson, Bill Tatum, and Phil Koonce. They both ran the sprint- and mile- relays for the Bulldogs and lettered all four years of high school. Pat, a running back, went to Tyler Junior College on a scholarship while Ricky, a fullback, attended Trinity Valley in Athens.

After football practice at Martin Stadium, Mr. Brown, the owner of Brownie's on West Panola, would fill a large washtub with ice cold water, and the exhausted football players would drink their fill from a community dipper. CHS had an open campus then, and students could leave during lunch periods. However, Pat and Ricky did not take advantage of this because school lunch was only 50 cents, and Ricky had to have two pieces of chocolate cake every day.

During their high school years, there were three different principals, J. Louis Robinson, James Fountain, and Metz LaFollette. According to Pat, his group of friends, which also included Ben Thomas and Doyle Haynes, never got into trouble. They knew the coaches would not react favorably to classroom nonsense.

Pat and Ricky share the same values and agree on most subjects. Both are family men who try to practice Christian principles. They loyally support Carthage High School activities. A welder and consultant in the oil and gas industry, Ricky was inducted into the Carthage High School Athletic Hall of Fame in the fall of 2016. As an educator, Pat taught and coached in Tatum ISD for 24 years and currently serves as assistant principal at CHS where he has been for 21 years. They credit each other with influencing one another to be a better person who is more friendly, kind, courteous, and faithful. They never seem to meet a stranger.



Where Friendships



"Bryan Powell and Gary
Cline Rush to class."
Pine Burr 1977

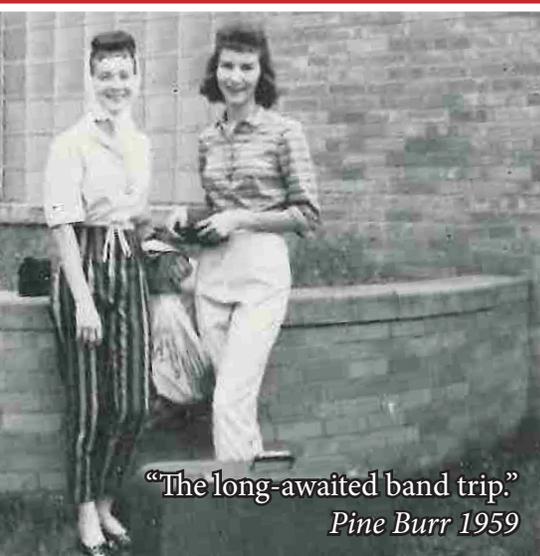


"Cindy Payne and Renee Templin
study." *Pine Burr 1977*

Were Made



"LEAVING SCHOOL TO ADVERTISE CARTHAGE HIGH SCHOOL is the annual staff Barbara Welch, Jo Ann Harmon, Martha Green, Shirley Scott, Susanne Neal, and Walta Pippen." *Pine Burr 1959*



"The long-awaited band trip." *Pine Burr 1959*



"Those after-dinner gossip sessions." *Pine Burr 1959*



Cherry Hutcheson & Elizabeth Midkiff

Cherry and Elizabeth met in sixth grade and lived in the same residential neighborhood. Cherry Scott Hutcheson and Elizabeth Newton Midkiff, CHS graduates of 1956, maintain a close interstate friendship between Georgia and Texas. While the circumstances of their lives have separated them geographically, these two communicate regularly, support each other through difficult times, and share grandchildren stories.

In 1950, the Scott family, with three young girls, moved into Elizabeth's neighborhood, and they immediately began crossing other people's

backyards to visit in each other's homes. Cherry and Elizabeth became as close as sisters. Their bond strengthened as they faithfully participated in First Baptist Church youth activities and attended youth fellowships at the United Gas Camp Community Center where they experienced "snipe" hunts. They loved to laugh and have fun.

When opportunity allows, Cherry and Elizabeth like to eat at Cracker Barrel and reminisce about their years at Carthage High School. Many of the memories involve working on the newspaper and yearbook staffs under the instruction of Mrs. Evelyn Click. The girls were both high achievers and strove for excellence in academics.

Today, Elizabeth keeps her classmates informed and organized, planning reunions and socials to keep classmates connected. Cherry credits their long friendship to the closeness of their families, church commitments, and all the activities they shared in Carthage High School. **Sharing, worshiping, and listening have kept this partnership strong for over 60 years.**

RECONNECTING WITH THE CLASS OF 1961



Richard and Barbara Ballenger



Susan Parker, Carole Wimberly Barton,
Judy White Lucas, Nancy Craddock
Halphen



Martin and Martha Clickard



Richard and Kathy Cobb



Joanne Hunt Thomas,
Joyce Holland Pelham



Freddie and Janis Peterson

RECONNECTING WITH THE 70'S

Photography by Teresa Beasley



Ruth Osborne Brooks, Donna Henderson, Peggy Hooker Thompson



Barry and Brenda Samford



Karl and Dianna Beck McClendon



Debbie Shuttlesworth, Judy Reyes, Donna Cox



Sam Allison, Mike Patrick, Robert Gentry



Ron Roquemore, Fred Scott, David Hall



Phyllis Bounds, Paula Jameson, Susan McMillan



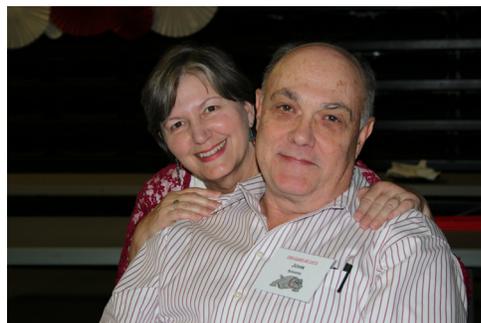
Lacy Jones, Johnnie Perry, Tina Crymes



Myrita Kruebbe, Jimmy Kruebbe, James "Bubba" Hudson



Phillip McGlasson and Gene Giles



John and Bonnie Shivers



Myrita and Jimmy Kruebbe

RECONNECTING WITH THE CLASS OF 1966

Photography by Bud Worley



Pat Jones, Robby Smith, Jimmy Pike



Jane and John Ray



Teachers: Sandra Walker, Anita Brady



Judge Terry Bailey



Sandy Payne, Jim Payne, Melissa Bailey



Dr. Eddie Morrison, Scotty Bates

MEMBERS

CORNERSTONE CLUB

MEMORIALS

Malcolm Alford
Sam and Amy Allison
Glen Allums
Keith Armstrong
Phillip Bankhead
Paul Bauer
Judy Baushke
Dr. Morizon Biggs Jr.
Justin & Gina Bradley
Milton & Dianne Briery
Guston Browning
Guy & Jean Bunyard
Joy Cariker
Dianne Clabaugh
Lela Collins
Raphael & Rebecca Crawford
Charles Dennard
Jimmy Dickinson
Jean Elson
Sherilyn Emberton
Pat Goodwin
Bonnie Graves
Charlotte Hayes
Don V. Ingram
Denise Jernigan
Terry Johnson
Dan & Becky Jones
Lacy Jones
Dr. J Wayne Kyle
Larry and Nancy Langford
Dr. Edwin Morrison
Glenda Nelson
Jim and Sandy Payne
Jack Powers
Dana Ransom
John & Jane Ray
Charlyce Robertson
Michael Roquemore
Sandra Sadler
Emma Scott
Mike and Janet Shoffner
Martha Stanley
Sarah Stewart
Blanche Bee Romanoff

Margie Poss
Susanne Robinson
Wayne Bagley
Stanley Rogers
Sam McElroy
Ann Lange
Beverly Graves
Syble Hudson Connelley
Orville Scott
Karon Ashby O'Neal
Jimmy Soape
Hal Whitaker
Ted Harmon
John Kendall
Royce Anderson
Paul Page
Philip Crump
Janelle Harvey Washburn
Billy Burt and Eula Phippen
Jack and Anabel Cooke
Taylor Ross
J. Clayton LaGrone
Jack Reeves
John W. Brooks
Billy Baker
Spencer DeWayne Owens
Eva Loise Brooks
Kenneth Wooley

Deceased Classmates of Class
of 1966:
Thomas "Tommy" Allison III
Jimmy Bingham
Robert Karl Bounds
Linda Sue Brady McCool
Shirley Brewster Owens
Lamar Dickerson
Everett Dale Evans
Martha Ann Gist Stephens
Wayne Glenn
William (Billy) Halcomb
Larry Hooper
Betty Jeffress Thompson
Larry E. Kay
Johnny Kelly

Annette Lacy Weathersbee
Linda Kay Leslie Minturn
Betty Sue Malone Youngblood
Judy McCormack Goodson
Rebecca Prince Bunyard
Stacia Reed
David Tompkins
Betty Walker
Barbara Wight

Retired Teachers Association:
Helen Milam
Lou Tatum
Betty Bounds
Margie Poss
Billie Faye Grimes

HONORARIUM

T.A. Crow
Jimmie F. Brooks

These are the Cornerstone
Club members as of
January 31, 2017.

Donations to the CISD
Education Foundation
have
been received as
memorials since January
2016.

Carthage ISD Alumni Association Membership Form

Membership is open to all graduates of CHS, Turner, their spouses, faculty, staff, former students, and friends of CISD. Your dues will pay for the cost of mailing the newsletters and help with the cost of the Distinguished Alumni reception.

For the online membership form and more information, visit our website www.carthageisd.org and click on Alumni Association.

E-mail membership form to charkrider@carthageisd.org or mail to CISD Alumni Association #1 Bulldog Dr. Carthage, TX 75633

You will also find instructions to nominate a candidate to the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

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Maiden Name _____

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State _____

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Graduation Year _____

- \$15 Annual Dues
- \$200 Lifetime Dues
- \$100 Cornerstone Club Dues

**You may combine Lifetime and Cornerstone or the regular Annual Dues and Cornerstone.

“Friends are friends forever if the Lord’s the Lord of them.”
-Michael and Deborah Smith

“A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out.”

“Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver, and the other’s gold.”

“And no man is useless while he has a friend.”
-Robert Louis Stevenson

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