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FROM THE PRESIDENT

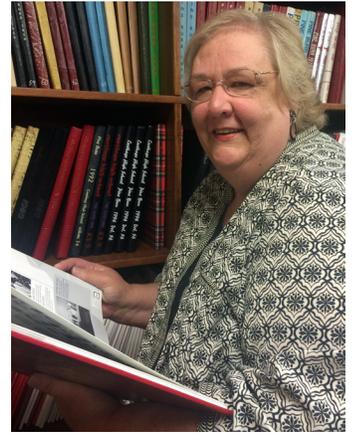
Carthage ISD is an active work zone as the new school year commences. Everyone from administrators to students is striving to make this a memorable year.

Construction on new building projects is well underway. New fine arts additions will benefit choir, band, and drama departments at the high school. Campuses never looked better.

The summer membership drive for the CHS Alumni Association has been a huge success. Thanks to you, the number of former students in the data base has increased significantly. Continue to encourage your classmates and friends to join. At only \$15 annually, this is a great deal. Also, remember to notify the Alumni office at the administration building if your class is planning a reunion. We can help you with addresses and publicity. We will even visit if you would like a presentation concerning the alumni association.

CHS homecoming is September 9 so there is lots of hustle and bustle connected with that event. The Association's Distinguished Alumni reception is Friday evening from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame. Please come and enjoy the refreshments and visiting. You will also hear from the three alumni who have been honored as this year's recipients. Afterwards, you can attend the homecoming game and cheer the Bulldogs to victory once again. Hope to see you there.

Red and White Forever,
Nancy Langford, Class of '71



FROM THE CISD CHIEF OF POLICE

Greetings,

The 2016-2017 school year is here and I am excited to serve our CISD students and staff. It has been a major work zone around several of our schools this summer so naturally I have a few safety concerns and "thank you's" to begin...

Thanks Carthage City Commissions and Carthage Police Department, Chief Vanover for assisting school traffic thru-out the district, focusing on Holly/Davis St. in front of the Junior High, making it a one-way in the morning and after school to help keep our students safe. Also, thank you for helping at the many sporting events throughout the year.

Thanks Texas Department of Transportation for hearing and assisting the many concerns around the High School. The new crosswalk and speed zone change is in place.

Bulldog for Life,
Chris Hardy, Class of '88





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ON THE COVER: Butch doing a little work at the construction site of the new CHS auditorium with Emily Liedtke as Butch the Bulldog

UPCOMING REUNIONS

- 1961:** October 22, 2016 - 55th Reunion
Texas Country Music Hall of Fame @ 5:00 p.m.
Class picture is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
50's Dress or casual - \$20/person
RSVP by Sept. 1, 2016
Send money to CHS Class of 1961
PO Box 424 Carthage, TX 75633
- 1966:** September 10, 2016 - 50th Reunion
Carthage Civic Center @ 6:30 p.m.
Casual Dress - \$60/person
Send money to Sandy Roe Payne
256 CR 304 Carthage, TX 75633
- 1971-73:** October 22, 2016 - Seventies Friends Reunion
Carthage Civic Center @ 6:00-10:30 p.m.
Registration forms will be on group facebook pages.
- 1986:** September 9, 2016 - Meet and Greet after Homecoming game
September 10, 2016 - Evening Event @ 7:30 p.m.
Bella Rose (Patrick and Lee Anne Sharpe's place)
Saturday - tour of High School @ 11:00 a.m.
Fees will be \$35 for single and \$50 for Couple/Guest
Pay BY August 1st. A \$10 late fee will be charged if payment received after that. Send payment to Shelia Thomas Knight
CHS Class of 1986
PO Box 282 Carthage, TX 75633

A Desire to Help Others ft. Frank Langley

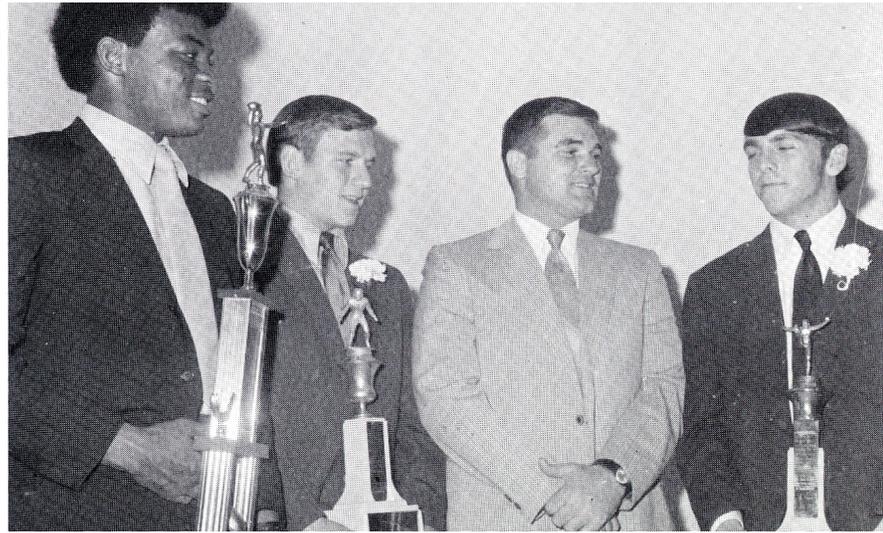
Faith and family are the first priorities in the life of Carthage High School 1971 graduate Frank Langley. His genuine desire to help others, not concern for financial gain, has influenced his career choices, and he has no regrets.

Coach Jack Roberson was an influence in Langley's early life because Roberson did not only teach math and coach but also taught his students how to become young men and women. During his CHS years, Langley pursued football, baseball, track, and choir. He went on to play baseball for Coach Griffin at Panola College.

After extensive investigation into his personal life, Langley enrolled in Texas Department of Public Safety Recruit School for an intense 26-week course. Upon graduation, he was stationed in Port Arthur and Harrison County before obtaining a transfer to Panola County in 1989. A promotion to sergeant resulted in service in Harlingen, Huntsville, and Queen City with retirement from the DPS in 2003 after 30 years of helping people.

Living near Elysian Fields with his supportive wife Alice and their two children Lexi and Trip, Langley dabbled in cattle ranching and supported the local school district as a trustee and working with Farm Service Agency and Panola County Emergency Services until the call for public service came knocking. In 2012, Langley was elected as County Commissioner for precinct 3.

"County government is really eye-opening. I have learned a great deal," said



Langley. His education continues with 16 hours of instruction annually. Managing tax revenue to benefit the entire county, maintaining 147 miles of roads, and addressing concerns for constituents can become a 24/7 job.

Important concerns in Langley's life include his faith, his family, and others. He especially wants to help and encourage young people in their activities such as sports, FFA, and fine arts; however, he believes that academics should be most important.

Langley acknowledges that Panola Countians are a giving people and really step up when any tragedy faces families. He believes that East Texas is the best place to live and help others.

True Value ft. Paul Cain



organized and computer savvy.

From his years at Carthage High School, Cain remembers Mrs. Martha Hopkins as an influential teacher who instilled a work ethic in him as well as prepared him for life. Another strict disciplinarian and mentor was Mr. George Smith who kept a well-ordered shop while teaching Cain how to read a ruler and calibrate measurements correctly, skills that have proven essential in his line of work.

Another important person in Cain's early years was Mr. Tom Deppe who coached a relay swim team and entered them in competitions in Texas and in other states. In U.I.L., the Carthage team lettered in state when Paul was just a freshman.

Cain loves planes, especially fighter jets, as evidenced by his photo collection in his office. Paul and Penny

Panola County residents receive "true value" when they deal with CHS graduate Paul Cain, class of 1976, because he really knows his business. Paul began working as a high school sophomore and still enjoys going to work every day after 42 years.

As the youngest of five children, Paul observed his older siblings and his father and learned from their work ethics. He credits Mr. John Pace with pushing him to work and teaching him the basics of running a hardware business. Cain has always been a "hands on" employer who started at the bottom and knows every aspect of his company. He has seen it expand to include almost an entire city block and employs fifteen people including his wife Penny whom he relies on to keep him

have three sons and one granddaughter. They raised their three boys in Carthage and if one ever decides to return, he can join in the family business. Paul will teach him everything he needs to know.

RECONNECTING WITH THE CLASS OF

1956

Front row left to right: Elizabeth Newton Midkiff, Gene Taylor, John Stovall, Eleanor Wimberly Salter, Ann Ellis Rider, Norma Hean Pellham Thompson, Virginia Reeve Musick, Teddy Wood Bingham, Cherry Scott Hutcheson, Martha Walker Stanley, Elsie Bryant Kuoppala.

Second Row: Edward Williams, William Robert Duke, Lynn Vincent, James Waldrop, Joe Ben Wooten, Earnum Rinkle, George Alexander, James Edgar Taylor, Patsy Singletary Groves.

Back Row: Robert Nisbett, J. E. Salter, Earl Malone, Dan Brown Ross, Elaine Harris Ross, Charles Bailey, John Walker, Dwain Brady.



RECONNECTING WITH THE CLASS OF

1981

Front row left to right: Tammye Hudson, Penny Socia Cain, Portia Gore Wright, Susan Bramblett Harris, Kenneth Allison, Carol Born Mcllwain

Second Row: Carla Knight Payne, Melanie Bendy McMurtry, Sheila Pool Jorgenson, Peggy Perry Fike, Elaine Hawkins, Teria Givens, Stephen McCauley, Sandra Hooker, Debbie McCarthy

Third Row: Phyllis Lawhorn Griffith, Cliff Harris, Toni Cochrum Barlow, Janet Turner Centers, Loretta Jackson, Annette Pullig Meier, Karen Lawhorn Bourliea, Doris Coleman, Johnny Gonzalez

Back Row: Gary Payne, Wade Barlow, Michael Mayfield, Brad Williams, Trent Moon, James Mason, Tal Centers, Sammy Peace, Marty Ishmael, Kevin Stallings, Terry Moreland



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2016



Jim Dunlap

CHS CLASS OF 1965

District Education Foundation Alumni Association President Nancy Williams Langford recently announced the 2016 inductees for the CISD Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

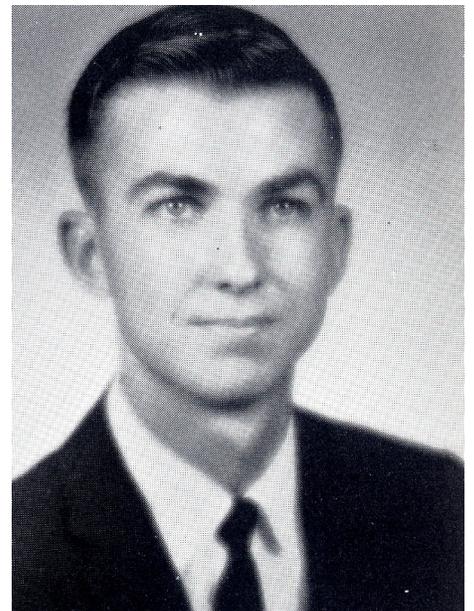
After graduating from Carthage High School in 1965, James E. Dunlap graduated from Panola College and then received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University. He also completed post graduate work at Texas A&M University and Lamar University. Since then, Dunlap has worked in public education for forty-eight years serving as superintendent of schools, business manager, principal, federal programs director, maintenance, transportation and food service director, teacher, coach, teacher's aide, janitor, bus driver, Education Service Center Division Director and Field Service Agent. He has also served as a university instructor. In addition to his formal education and experience, Dunlap is also a certified school board trainer, a Texas Education Agency approved school district monitor and conservator, and an approved superintendent mentor.

Dunlap believes in public education. He is one of those rare individuals who sees beyond the rhetoric, sensational headlines, and often negative politics about public education. He believes

The Carthage Independent School District

that public education is everyone's business, the pathway out of poverty, and the foundation of democracy. Because of this passion, he has the ear of those who work to strengthen Texas Public Schools. School leaders, including sitting superintendents, routinely seek his counsel. School districts across Texas can brag about having strong leadership, in part because Dunlap takes the time to mentor aspiring educators and has invested decades into helping others advance their careers in education. When faced with difficult decisions in public education, Dunlap shows his dedication by always asking, "Is this what is best for the kids?"

Dunlap currently serves as Chief Operating Officer with Arrow Educational Services, Inc., which assists school districts in hiring new superintendents and providing training for school board trustees. He has been married to his wife Linda for forty-seven years, and they have two children Brette Averitt and Jeff Dunlap. They are also the proud grandparents of Private First Class Thomas Baker USMC, Kimberley Baker, and Joshua Dunlap.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2016

Judge Terry Bailey CHS CLASS OF 1966

These honorees and their families will enjoy a day of festivities on Homecoming Friday, September 9, 2016. They will speak to the Carthage High School students at an assembly before the pep rally, and then they will be honored with a reception at the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame from 4:30-6:30 p.m. At the football game afterwards, they will be recognized and honored with a key to the city on the football field during Carthage Homecoming ceremonies at Bulldog Stadium. Everyone is invited to attend the reception, ballgame, and Homecoming activities.

Judge Terry Bailey graduated from Carthage High School in 1966 where he was active in academics and sports. After high school, he attended Panola College then graduated from the University of North Texas. Desirous to follow in his father's footsteps, he sought to become an attorney and graduated with his law degree in 1974 from South Texas College of Law in Houston. Judge Bailey then returned home to Carthage to practice law



with his father Nathan Byron Davis Bailey.

Judge Bailey practiced personal injury law, family law, criminal law, and oil and gas law in Carthage for twenty-four years, where

he was also a trial lawyer and handled



numerous appeals to various appeals courts in Texas. During this time, Judge Bailey was instrumental in working with the Texas legislature to create the County Court-at-Law of Panola County so that the citizens of Panola County would not have to rely on the 123rd Judicial District Court whose judge must split time between Shelby County and Panola County. The creation of the County Court-at-Law in Panola County has given the citizens of Panola County access to the courts that few counties of the same size have.

In 1998, Judge Bailey was elected as Judge of the County-Court-at Law in Panola County where he continues to serve and run an effective and efficient courtroom today. He has concurrent jurisdiction with the 123rd Judicial District Court which means that Judge Bailey hears any and all matters, so that he stays well versed and up to date on every type of law.

When he is not in the courtroom, Judge Bailey enjoys hunting, fishing, and gardening. He is also involved in coaching youth baseball and actively attends First Christian Church. Judge Bailey and his wife Melissa are the proud parents of Amy, Ryan, and Nathan.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2016



Paula Goode CHS CLASS OF 1972

After graduating from Carthage High School

in 1972, Paula Goode earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry from Belmont University, Nashville, TN. She also attended religious studies at the John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Falls Church, VA. Goode became the first woman hired as a Senior Radiological Environmental Technician for Alabama Power's Farley Nuclear Plant in Ashford, AL, where she worked for ten years.

She was hired by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at a national radiological environmental laboratory in Montgomery, AL and after six years there, including one year in the Federal Women's Executive Leadership Program, Goode transferred to EPA's national headquarters office in Washington, D.C. where she worked as the Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air. She was then selected to serve as the Associate Office Director for a new EPA office, the Office of Children's Environmental Health Protection, where she worked with the director to establish and manage that office for five years.

She left federal service in 2001 to serve as the Minister of Administration and Missions at First Baptist Church Alexandria, VA where she was responsible for all operations of the church and international and national missions programs.

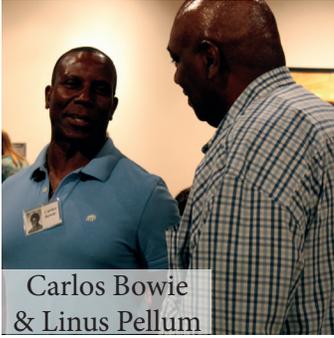
In 2004, Goode returned to federal civil service at the U. S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. as the Deputy Office Director for the newly-formed Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons which is the global leader in fighting human trafficking around the world. Goode served for eight years building and managing that office.

Then, in 2013, Goode moved to be the Deputy Executive Director that served two large State Department Bureaus: the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs and the Bureau of International Information Programs where she was responsible for the bureaus' budgets, human resources, and grant programs.

Goode retired from federal civil service in January 2015, and now makes her home in Dothan, AL, with her dog Sasha, where she enjoys spending time with friends and family and volunteering for church and civic activities.



RECONNECTING WITH THE CLASS OF 1976



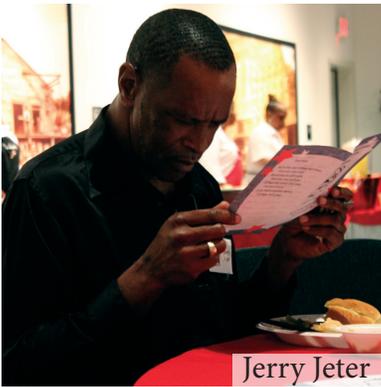
Carlos Bowie & Linus Pellum



Paul Cain, Kenneth Bearden & wife Cindy



Mike Moore, David Gates, Bob McMillan & Steven Morris



Jerry Jeter



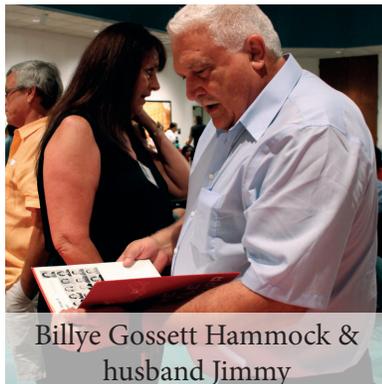
Velma Pipkins, Darlene Wallace Allison, Diane Davis, Yvonne Brown, Carolyn Graves Blanton, Shirley Davis Mitchell



Oliver Hicks



John Ben & Mary Williams

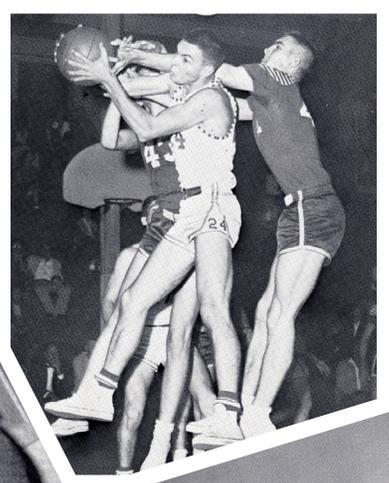
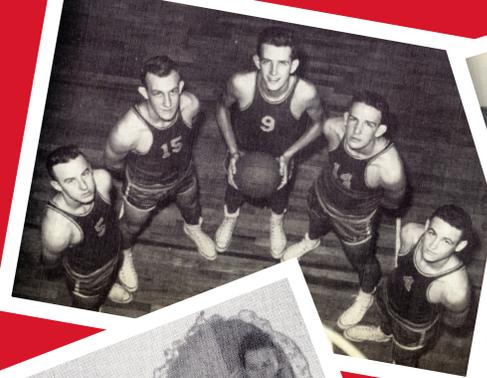


Billye Gossett Hammock & husband Jimmy



Rosanne Hancock Williamson, Linda Lawrence Malnar, and Kerry Teal Smith





GROWING UP
IN THE 50's



Carthage Forever ft. Susannah Ross Romero

“The decision was easy for us.” says Susannah Ross Romero of choosing Carthage as her home and place to raise her family. She married J.W. Romero, CHS Class of 1995, and when they “got married and started a family,” she continues, “it was important to us to be near our families. We also loved our years growing up in Carthage and couldn’t imagine anywhere else we wanted our kids to grow up.”

Romero spent her high school Friday night football game half times performing as a majorette in the Carthage High School Battling Bulldog Band. While her career path continues to employ her warm and charming smile; it has been filled more with numbers than baton-twirling.

She graduated Carthage High School in 1997, and while in high school, her first part-time job was working at Panola National Bank. “Warren Biggs and the entire staff were so friendly and helpful. They instilled in me a love for banking.” After Romero graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2001, her first job out of college was at Farmers State Bank working for James Browning. “Again, James and the staff were wonderful and helped me work my way through the different departments of the bank. He was the best mentor and taught me so many different aspects of the banking industry.”

Today, Romero is Vice President of BTH Bank in Carthage and continues to be thankful for those who teach her along the way. “I have

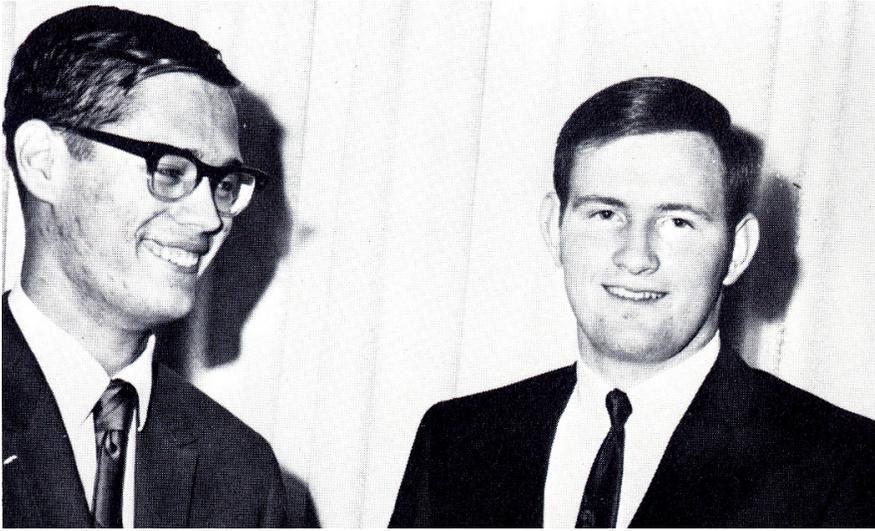


had many amazing leaders here who have so much to share. I still learn every day, and I love helping customers in our community!”

The Romeros love the legacy they are building in Carthage with their children: son JT, a CHS sophomore, and daughter Madison, a CJHS eighth grader. Romero says, “We are thankful they are attending Carthage schools, and that they love it like we did!”

In the Know

ft. Jim Holder



was raised. Home and family are very important to Jim and that is why he has remained in Carthage even while pursuing his college degrees in computer science and management from Stephen F. Austin State University and while working in neighboring East Texas cities.

In 1993 Jim, his son Joe, and Randy Liedtke began a publishing company, Complete Printing Publishing, Inc. in Carthage. This endeavor has grown into a successful publishing operation with customers all over the United States. Holder credits the City of Carthage with making it easy to do business in his community and accommodating business's needs.

People are really the key to Holder's success. He considers his partners and employees to be exceptional and efficient. Jim is mostly responsible for sales, a task that he is obviously very well equipped as he enjoys meeting and getting to know people. No matter where Jim goes; he always returns home as quickly as possible. Home is where



his heart is.

The publishing project for which Holder is most proud is the creation of the Crossroads magazine which is mailed to every home in Panola County. The satisfaction and acceptance of this periodical has surpassed his expectations. He credits its widespread success to his fellow CHS classmate Teresa Samford Dennard.

To give back to his community, Holder belongs to the Panola County Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and First Baptist Church. At Panola College, he has served as a trustee and as an education foundation director.

Some of Holder's most vivid memories include working at Pac 'n Cone and Hawthorns Dry Goods. Early in life, he was "in the know" about the happenings in Carthage because he spent his coffee breaks at Jenkins Drug. Jim and Judy plan to remain in Carthage with friends and family as they continue to actively participate in community life.

According to Jim Holder, CHS Class of 1969, Carthage is a great place to live and conduct business. That is why he has chosen to live, work, and raise his two sons in his hometown.

Jim began his schooling with Mrs. Helen Underwood at Libby Elementary, and twelve years later graduated with his future wife already chosen.

Holder's two interests in high school were Future Farmers of America with Mr. Kyle Leftwich and shop class with Mr. George Smith. He remembers Thursday boxing matches in Agriculture when the teachers let the boys put on boxing gloves and have a go at each other. Jim learned quickly that that sport was not for him. Ultimately, Holder earned the distinction of being a state farmer.

At Carthage High School, Mr. Smith taught Jim woodworking, a skill that he has further developed over the years. Every spare moment is spent in his "wood worker's dream" shop at his home.

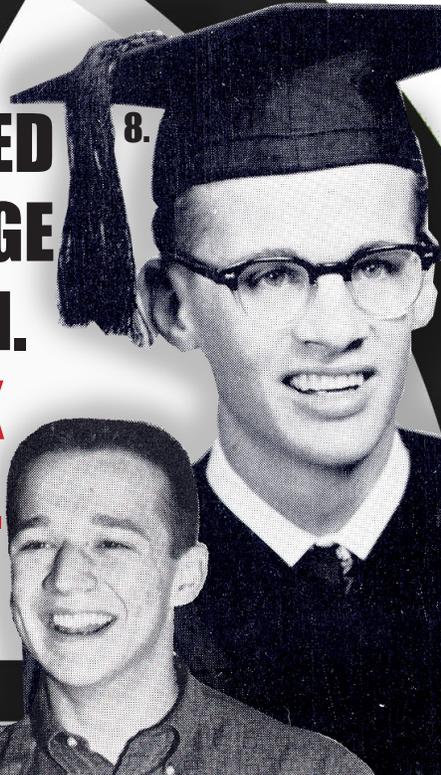
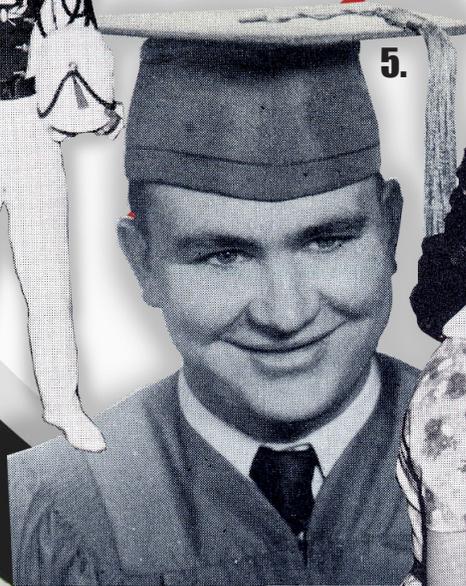
Jim and Judy Gary Holder live in the Snap Community, about one mile from where he

IT ALL STARTED IN A CARTHAGE CLASSROOM.

TURN BACK THE CLOCK.

Here are just a few people that have been inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame since 2003. Take a trip down memory lane with us!

1. Tommie Ritter Smith, Class of 1965
2. Sherilyn Emberton, Class of 1976
3. Jo Ann Hooper Parker, Class of 1964
4. Jerry T. Hanszen, Class of 1960
5. Troy H. LaGrone, Class of 1953
6. Betty Coleman Baitland, Class of 1962
7. Craig Buck, Class of 1962
8. John Stovall, Class of 1956



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.

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

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.

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

**These are the Cornerstone Club members as of August 11, 2016.

MEMORIALS

Wayne Bagley
Syble Hudson Connelley
Beverly Graves
Ann Lange
Sam McElroy
Karen O'Neal
Margie Poss
Suzanne Soape Robinson
Stanley Rogers
Orville Scott
Jimmy Soape
Hal Whitaker

CORNERSTONE CLUB

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Glen Allums
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Phillip Bankhead
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Justin & Gina Bradley
Milton & Dianne Briery
Guston Browning
Guy and Jean Bunyard
Joy Cariker
Raphael & Rebecca Crawford
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Jean Elson
Sherilyn Emberton
Pat Goodwin
Bonnie Graves
Charlotte Hayes
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CHS-TV student, Dylan Bullock is using equipment purchased through a grant funded by the Education Foundation. Mrs. Joanna Huckabee and her students invest a lot of time and effort into events all throughout the district.