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Found! A Five-Generation "Colt" Family!



Pictured at the Exes reception at Homecoming, from left: **Madison Moore, '17, Mallory Moore, '17, Audra Atkins Moore, '88, Kay King, '62, Rachel Rolader Slosson, '02; Luke Slosson, '34, Levi Slosson, '32.**

John Henry Pilant, born 1882, went to a one-room schoolhouse in Arlington, according to family legend. Since he was 21 by the time the town took over local schools, he was the vanguard for five generations of his family in Arlington schools. His daughter, **Louise Pilant**

King, born April 1916, graduated from Arlington High School circa 1933. Pictured at left are three subsequent generations of the Pilant/King family who have become Colts. The picture also includes the potential additions to the fifth generation of Colts from this family. The five women were all Colt cheerleaders which is quite a legacy in itself.

In three 2005 issues, our newsletters featured several families with four generations of Colts. Unfortunately, since our website's archived issues begin in 2006, these are not available online. Here is a short version of these five families:

**Goodwin/Workman & Hollingsworth/Hollingsworth
McCombs/Reynolds/Kunkle
Parris/Rogers/Bontley/Brown
Rankin/Peterson
Wade/Fuller/Walter, Qualls & Havins/Qualls & Havins**

The family pictured is the first we know with roots deep enough to go back five generations in Arlington schools. If you have information on other families with these legacies, post it on our Facebook page—Arlington High School Alumni Association. We will contact you for more information.

Even though late, Happy New Year to all! As you can see by the wonderful accounts and pictures in this newsletter, the Association just had a banner year. So what's in store for 2019?



• **WELCOMING** three new Board members: Vice-President **Alan Stiebing, '86**, who brings his expertise to our social media footprint; **Ella Jo McGovern, '66**, along with **Beth Ann McGovern Woodard, '88**, as co-Reunion Representatives.

Excited to have all three!!

• **FOCUSING** on fundraising in spring (GoFundMe) and fall (North Texas Giving Day). More information to come.
• **INCREASING** membership through social media where our thousands of "likes" represent many potential new members; through steadier connections to classes having their reunions

each year; through enlarging our email database to those who haven't yet joined.

• **RECEIVING** help from **YOU** to fund to our scholarships which require new money every spring! Membership dues alone just can't cover our plan to continue giving 10 scholarships annually. **Support** our campaigns. **Give** life memberships to your adult children, siblings, grandkids. If you are a Life Member—and have been for years—**donate** to our scholarship fund. Make a difference in the lives of brand new AHS alumni.

Grateful for all of you and your continued support of this organization,

Debbie Koehl Ericson, '68, President

IN 2018 WE GAVE **MORE** SCHOLARSHIPS WITH **GREATER STIPENDS** FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$10,000. JUST LIKE COLT SPIRIT, OUR ALUMNI SPIRIT AIMS ONWARD AND UPWARD. **BE PART** OF THIS. **SEND YOUR CHECK** MARKED SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO AHS ALUMNI AT PO BOX ABOVE OR GO TO WEBSITE TO DONATE WITH PAYPAL.

Way To Go, Colts



COLT FOOTBALL 2018 ~ A STAMPEDE TO REMEMBER!

The Colts galloped to an undefeated regular season, defeating all crosstown rivals in the process. Add to that the Bi-district championship, seen post-game as Coach Scott Peach hoisted their trophy. Peach also reached his 100-win mark. An undeated district season has only happened one other time in the post-World War II history of football competition at Arlington High School. In 1988, the undefeated-in-district-play Colts finished 10 - 1. Even the 1951 State Champions lost a mid-season game to Terrell and finished their season at 13-1. In a Regional championship, the '87 team tied Odessa Permian—the behemoth of Texas schoolboy football at the time—before tiebreakers existed. Permian advanced in the playoffs due to two more first downs. These '87 Colts finished with an 11-2-1 record. One other team deserves a mention: the 1994 State semi-finalist team. Although they were never undefeated—having lost their first game—this group played more football games than any other Colt team. They finished their season at 12-2-1 for a total of 15 games.

COLTS, COLTS KICK 'EM, KICK, 'EM

TOM AND DIANE CRAVENS

Not too many folks have enough Arlington “*STAR POWER*” to be the focal point for a fundraising event. But Tom and Diane have “it.”

Mary Tom Curnutt, '84, Kyndal Nicol, '87,
Carl '90, Diane, CBC, Tom, '60



In November, the Cravens were the draw for just such an event. The Arlington Historical Society was the lucky beneficiary, and as Director Geraldine Mills noted “practically everyone there went to AHS.” Congratulations, to the entire Cravens family, including the Curnutts—**Kelly, '84, Riley, '12, Tommy, '15, Todd Nicol, '87,** and **Mary Nelle Cravens, '22!**

Passings

C. W. Butler, '37, date unknown...William Thompson, '38, August...Carl Knox, '40, January...Ruby Cantrell Beard, '42, September...John Vaughan, '42, January...Walter Cash, '48, January...JoAnn Brandt Mitchell, '49, July...Bobby Thompson, '49, 2016...Shirley Hoyt Sheets, '52, September...Nancy Dunsworth Coble, '54, November...Fred Tucker, '55, September...Grady Hendrix, '58, December...Nelson Parker, '60, October...Tony Gaines, '61, April...Dixie Hastings Harden, '61, January...Don Simonton, '61, September...Johnny Swafford, '61, December...Barbara Forsythe Tritt, '61, June...Nancy Kembor Trivitt, '61, November...Larry Huff, '62, September...Harry Brodie, '63, December...Bill Stockton, '64, January...Harry Brodie, '63, December...John Buckalew, '63, August...Leslie Mendenhall, '63, December...Lauren Johnson Stacy, '63, December...Bill Stockton, '64, January...Sidney Simms Bandouin, '65, January... Bill Allen, Colt By Choice ('69), September...Wayne Kitts, '71, July...Kim May, '71, October...Ron Barthold, '74, January...Wilma Howell, '74, November...Chris Menefee, '79, July...Scot Skinner, '81, August...Jay Dickens, '83, September...Rodney Strebeck, '89, August...Rebecca Reed-Pfleger, '92, January...Kimberly Moon Watkins, '03, September.

New Members

Larry Bellville, '61 *Debbie Whitis Hawkins, '69 David Middleton, '73
 *Don Bodenhammer, '69 Carmen Anderson Holmes, 91 Katherine Watson Middleton, '75
 Patti Jahns Casey, '67 Caitlin Houtchens, '09
 Darla George Draper, '87 Michael Lemoine, '75 **Upgrades to Life***
 Brian Egan, '76 Melissa Saffarrans Lemoine, '76 Darrell Posey, '83
 Carrie Lettie Egan, '80 Mary Knightstep Lorenz, '50 *Eric Walker, '09
 Katie Eller, '98 *Max McClellan, '59 * denotes Life Member

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP

Linda Scanlon Wright, '61
 by Butch & Charlene Mahan

Donations

Last September the AHS Alumni Band and the AHS Alumni Association joined forces to participate in North Texas Giving Day. Sponsored by the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation and offered to area organizations, this combined fundraising effort is the nation's largest event of its kind. In addition to the online donations of \$938.62 earmarked solely for our two alumni groups, all participating groups received \$512 from the sponsors. Even better, we were one of four groups which won a drawing for an additional \$5,000 which was split between the Association and the Band.



Band and Association folks working the booth on North Texas Giving Day

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
 Butch and Charlene Wise Mahan

Outreach



How YOU can help!
CONVINCE classmates who are not members to join. (Roster on website.)
Give a gift or memorial membership.
 Use form or www.ahscolts-alumni.org



AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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Join online at: www.ahscolts-alumni.org

SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ _____ GENERAL FUND \$ _____ MEMBERSHIP FEES \$ _____

ANNUAL

Individual = \$25 with \$15 annual renewal

Household = \$35 with \$15 annual renewal

LIFE

Individual = \$125 paid once

Household = \$175 paid once

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED

\$35 paid once

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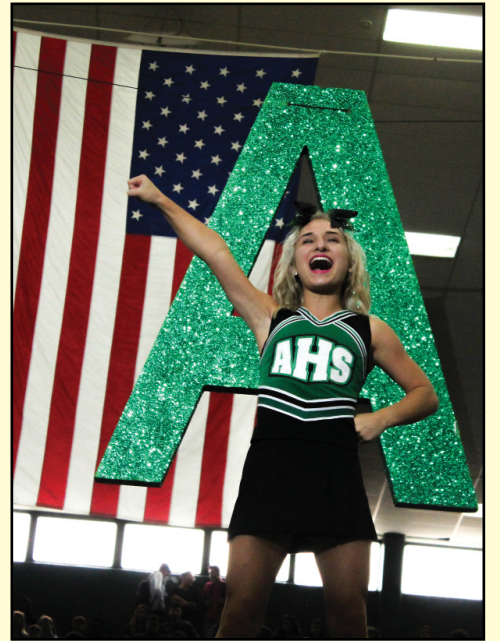
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 (one time only fee for deceased classmate) (NAME) (CLASS)



Homecoming 2018 Spirit Pride Tradition



Colt Kickers
Coach Nelson
Coach Pippen



Special thanks to AHS journalism photographers:
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Clockwise: **Jannette Workman, '54**, alongside the mother of an Alumni Band member; **Jo McGovern, '66**, **Alan Austin, '69**; the Alumni Band—in their classy bandstand backing up emcee **Mac Martin, '61**; **Mike Enger, '74**, **Linda Kinser Chaney, '68**; Varsity Cheerleaders; teacher **Melanie Phillips Patterson, '93**, **Evie, '29**; **Pru Vader Brett, '61** with **Mary Poston Gunn, '67**, and **Bill Gunn, '66**

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2018 HONOREES

Micah Green, '01
Verne Hargrave, '68
Roger Weed, '61,
project chair Jerrell Womble, '71
Gary Ward standing in for his
brother, the late
Rusty Ward, '69
Sharron Chapman Merrill, '61
Morgan Woodward, '44
 (travel limitations prevented his attendance)

Nominations Open for 2019 Distinguished Colt Alumni

Honorees are alumni who typify the spirit, pride and tradition of Arlington High School through tireless efforts to “give back” to our school or are alumni who have brought honor to Arlington High through their significant career accomplishments. **Attention Nominators:** Remember that the Alumni Board members who select the honorees may not know your nominees. Be specific in listing the ways your nominees have supported AHS or have burnished the reputation of AHS in their professional lives.

Use nomination form on website or send to our PO Box. WRITE TO IMPRESS!

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2019*

***TO BE CONSIDERED NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE.**

Distinguished Colt Roll Call ~ 1997 - 2018

James Adams, CBC
 Alan Austin, '69
 Margie Austin, CBC
 Jim Ball, '59
 Bill Bardin, '24
 Scott Bowden, '69
 James “Brad” Bradley, '39
 Cathy Bontley Brown, '63
 Tillie Lester Burgin, '54
 Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64
 Kent Cherry, '52
 William Connor, '36
 Cari Fitzgerald Cook, '20
 *Dean Corey, CBC
 *Gary Cartright, '51
 Tom Cravens, '60
 Jeff Dalton, '80
 Tom DeFrank, '63
 James Ditto, '48

Michael Ditto, '55
 Jane Robin Ellis, CBC
 Mike Enger, '74
 *Robert Fielder, '25
 Randy Ford, '67
 Phyllis Hargrave Forehand, '51
 Greg Friess, '71
 Jane Crews Friess, '71
 John Gardner, '57
 Linda Garner Gipson, '61
 *Jimmy Ray Glasgow, '75
 Micah Green, '01
 Stevie Campbell Hansen, '62
 Verne Hargrave, '68
 Bowie Hogg, '96
 Buddie Hrabal, '64
 Bill Hughes, '48
 Owen Ivie, '43
 Fran Ditto Jennings, '48

*Col. Neel Kearby, '28
 *Charlie Key, '59
 Barbara Nash Kight, '57
 Carl Knox, '40
 Rex Latham, '61
 Doland Maner, '40
 Charles Marshall, '51
 Wanda Roberson Marshall, '49
 Gary Martin, '53
 Mac Martin, '61
 Peggy Wood Martin, '66
 Don Mebus, '62
 Dinah Dalton Menger, '77
 Ross Menger, '67
 Sharron Chapman Merrill, '61
 Robert Miles, '57
 Geraldine Nash Mills, '59
 *Lt. Perry Mills, '59
 Alvin Moseley, '65

Martha Wiggins Moseley, '66
 Beth Hentze Owens, '85
 Natalee Davis Parr, '28
 Ben Pierce, '72
 Dan Rash, '69
 Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49
 Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, '48
 Jennifer Hilton Sampson, '88
 Anne Ross Berg Seldon, '53
 Phillip Stork, '49
 Gene Schrickel, '44
 Frank Smith, '43
 Kathleen Bradford Smith, '51
 Paul Swartz, '59
 Lee Sweeney, '71
 Barton Thompson, '51
 Mike Wade, '76
 Delouris McCarrell Wages, '56
 Jack Wages, '56

*awarded posthumously

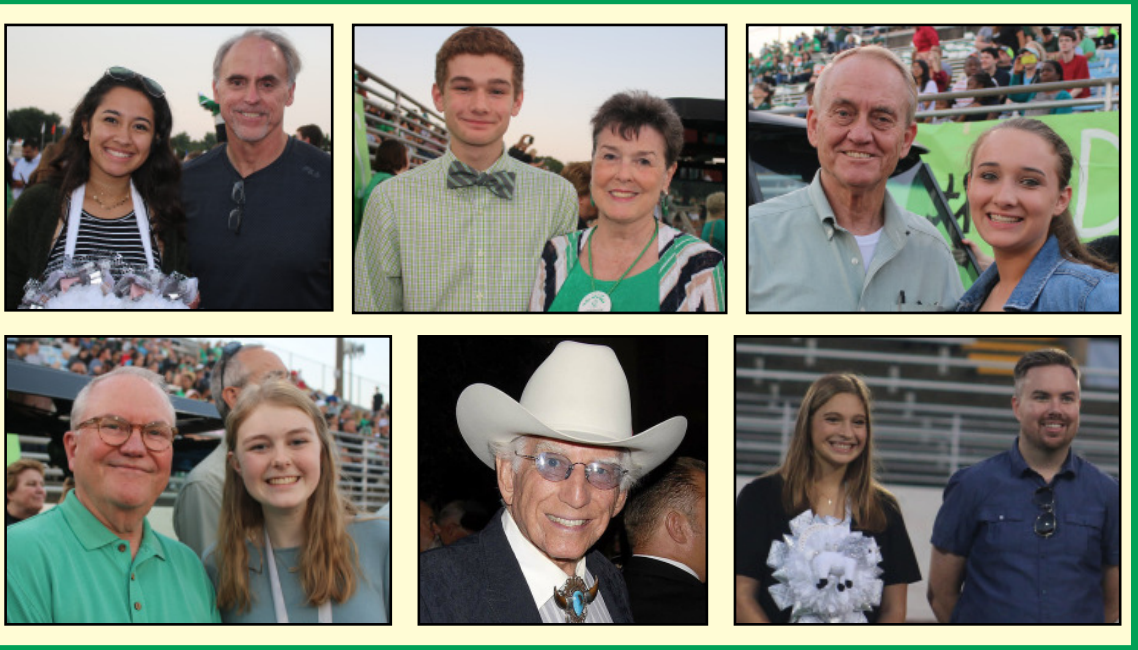
italics, since deceased

DCA Honor Roll,

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Rusty Ward, '68
John Webb, CBC
Roger Weed, '61
 Tanya Terrell-Weideman, '81
Ernest Wilemon, '43
 Kathryn Taylor Wilemon, '55
 Morgan Woodward, '44
 Jannette Workman, '54
Mayfield Workman, CBC
Tom Vandergriff, '43
AnnaWaynette Smith
Vandergriff, '44

Student Council escorts:

- Julia Almaraz, '19**
Henry Spencer, '21
Macy Glover, '21
Carly Brecht, '20
Katy Caves, '19



Reunions

Class of 1949 · Not this year

Class of 1954 · June 14 - 15 ·

Sue Gray · 817.460.5453

Class of 1959 · No plans

Class of 1964 · The 55th · June 15 ·

Open House · El Gabacho

Class of 1969 · October 18 - 19 · Shady Valley ·

“Still working on Friday plan”

Debbie Whitis Hawkins · 817.360.4568 ·

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Class of 1974 · June 1 · Maverick Bar & Grill

Class of 1979 · summer

Class of 1984 · Facebook:

[Arlington High School Texas Class of 1984](#)

Class of 1994 · August 3

Other Alumni Options

AHS Theatre Department inaugurates the newly renovated auditorium with the musical production of *The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee*, May 16, 17, 18 at 7pm and a 2pm matinee on May 18. Get a group together to see this ‘first’ at Arlington High!

Alumni Open House · Saturday · June 15 · 9am - noon · Alumni Band · Alumni Choir · Three hours devoted to AHS and its alumni from the ‘40s to today!

At his 20th reunion, **Michael Brian Gooch** greets **Bettie McQuay, CBC,** and **Doland Maner, '40,** at Grease Monkey



Class of 1988

Cody Roberson, Andre Landry, Chris Conley

Kip Yates, Sara Wetzel, Irene White, and Steve Miller



