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Spotlight On ...



Jerrell Womble, '71, chair of the annual Distinguished Colt Alumni selection and presentation project, marched in the Colt Band as a sophomore and junior before moving into the Industrial Cooperative Training program during his senior year.

When he compares his high school days with those of his daughter and son (who attended other high schools in town), he categorically states that neither of their schools “had the spirit, tradition and loyalty we had and still have at Arlington High.” It stands to reason that his grandchildren—**Madison**, '15, and **Braeden Gover**, '23, found the trail to Colt Country. Jerrell answered the call to serve on the Alumni Board six years ago because “I wanted to be involved in an organization devoted to and supportive of current AHS Colts as well as our timeless traditions.” Looking to the future, Jerrell hopes an endowment fund can eventually be established to support our scholarship efforts. He would also welcome members of the younger classes to become active in the Association board of directors and at Alumni events—especially planning their reunions on Open House weekend in June. He knows they would enjoy it since all who do participate “gain both satisfaction and pleasure from our events throughout the year.”



Chair of the Association's entry in Arlington's Fourth of July parade since 2015, **Kathy Einhaus**, '68, made the most of her time at AHS. Under sponsor Ernestine Farr, Kathy was on the staffs of both *The Colt* newspaper and the *Colt Corral* yearbook. She played in the Powder Puff football game her junior and senior years when the high point came as she intercepted a pass from her defensive cornerback position. It was as she says, “Great fun!” As for her service on the Alumni Board, she couldn't think of “a better way to give back to the community. I have been to schools where AISD Education Foundation grants funded by our Alumni Association have been greeted with enthusiasm—shouts of joy, actually!! I've seen teachers knowing they are loved and appreciated through the luncheons we co-sponsor. I've seen students thrilled to receive scholarships, and I've watched happy faces wave at us on our perch on the Association's float at the parade!” The Board continues its “planned acts of kindness and love at June's Open House” by recognizing our Distinguished Colts. “I'm so proud to be a part of it!” Kathy looks forward to our increased contributions for scholarships and other financial needs at AHS by finding “creative ways to gain financial momentum to attain our long range objectives.”

Save the Date

June 9, 2018

Alumni Open House

Details in Spring Newsletter

Hi, Colt Alumni and Happy New Year. We hope to see you at Open House. It's a great party every year. If your class will have a reunion in 2019, send a delegation to Open House so they can report what a great weekend it would be to have your reunion. See you in June. President Debbie Koehl Ericson, '68

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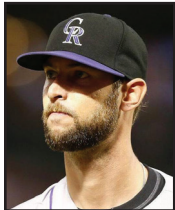
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Milestones

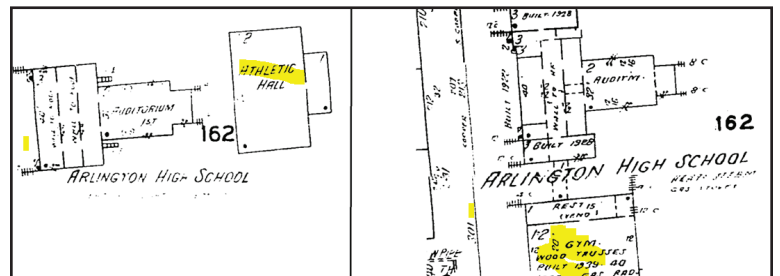
Passings: (All dates 2017/2018 unless noted.) **Lena Faye Flynt McCarter, '44**, September...**Truman Bryce, '45**, December...**Virginia Vandergriff Deering, '46**, December...**Mary Ann Parham Keal, '47**, September...**Jack Gray, '49**, September...**Lee Woodward, '51**, June...**Rusty Gunn, '52**, December...**Louis Autrey, '54**, March...**Charles Denson, '54**, September...**Kenny Everett, '54**, 2002...**Weldon Hall, '54**...**Patricia Williams Heyte, '54**, June...**Harvey Wayne Hopkins, '54**...**Jack Womble, '54**, November...**Judi Workman Davis, '57**, July...**Robert Miles, '57**, November...**Jane Elaine Beene Noe, '58**, September...**Dan Boyd, '59**, October...**George Faught '61**, September...**Wayne Harvey, '62**, September...**Richard Matsler, '62**, October...**Monnie McKissack Fletcher, '63**, August 2016...**Jackie Walker Barcroft, '64**, January...**Edwin DeYoung, '64**, November...**Gayla Reynolds Milam, '66**, September...**David Mitchell, '67**, October...**Dan Engle, '69**, November...**Rusty Ward, '69**, August...**Deanna Winter Woods, '70**, November...**John Kinser, '72**, October...**David Uribe, '77**, November...**Rebecca Deible St. Vigne, '79**, October...**Derek Stanovsky, '81**, November...**Kathy Weber, '85**, October...**Bob Copeland**, assistant band director, 1968 - 1970, November...**Eddy Peach**, AHS baseball/football coach, 1965 - 1970, December.

The rest of the story, compliments of Jim Ball, '59: Rusty Gunn died the day before the 66th anniversary of the Colts 7-0 victory in the football state championship game. Rusty scored the only touchdown on a cold, bleak Saturday afternoon in Waco's Baylor Stadium—December 22, 1951; our town's merriest ever Christmas present. That touchdown was all it took to hand the late lead over to a superb and gritty Colts defense. Rusty and his mates—old school, two-way players—then shut down LaVega, the state's most prolific scoring machine, favored to win by 20+ points.

Congratulations: **Floyd Wine, '63**, pictured on page 5, has been inducted into UTA's Military Science Hall of Honor...**Chris Martin, '04**, 2004 all-state baseball player, signed in December to pitch for the Texas Rangers...



AHS golf coach **Brenda Waldrop Covert, '80**, was selected by the Arlington ISD Athletic Hall of Honor as their Spotlight Coach, October 2017... Arlington Historical Society and its crew of sleuths (**Geraldine Nash Mills, '59**, **Doland Maner, '40**, **Richard Aghamalian, '65**) uncovered in the archives of *The Dallas Morning News* an article about a state-of-the-art gymnasium built at the first AHS campus which opened in 1922. The newspaper said it seated 1,000 with three basketball courts and a tennis court. Doland's AHS days were at that first campus. He recalls the gym—a large wooden structure resembling a World War I airplane hangar—had a vast interior open space. Dressing rooms and restrooms were located around the perimeter. Doland denies the newspaper's more dramatic claims. Located directly behind the main building, no one remembers how it was demolished. The woodshop took its place. The left sketch shows a very large structure called the Athletic Hall—significantly larger than the auditorium. The sketch on the right shows the later addition of the gym and the absence of the original Athletic Hall. Those who attended AHS from 1940 - 1956 and later Ousley Junior High until 1968 might recall the "new" gym fronting Cooper Street with the date "1940" engraved over the main door. It still stands.



Spirit
Pride
Tradition



Colts Forever
Kick 'em!

Reunions

Reunions come in varying packages: easy gatherings for classes during Alumni Open House; major windings with events over a weekend; a beloved teacher's 100th birthday party. *Say what?* Yes, indeed, Sunday, January 21, brought Jane Robin Ellis' friends and former students together on the 100th anniversary of this wonderful woman's birth. Thanks to Robert Spence of the AISD's Communications department for the pictures. You can see more at www.aisd/net and their flicr albums. Thanks also to Debbie Ericson, Peggy Martin for pictures.



Mayor Williams proclaimed Jane Robin Ellis Day when 600 "fans" gathered to celebrate their friend, colleague, Bible study partner, and teacher. For nearly 50 years, Jane served students of the Arlington ISD, mostly at Arlington High School. Hence the colorful decorations were mainly green and white—colors she engraved in the hearts of Colts with the Fight Song which begins with her lyrics, "Sons of the white and green..." In addition to former students, the mayor, council members, AISD trustees, and business people were students proudly wearing their Ellis Elementary shirts.



In 1941 at the age of 23 and with two years of classroom experience, Distinguished Alumna Colt By Choice **Jane Robin Ellis** became the music teacher for Arlington's South Side School housing 1st through 8th grades. In 1949, she moved to Arlington High School to direct the high school choir serving until 1974. Jane then became Dean of Girls at the original Bowie High School where she remained until her retirement in 1992. After the formation of the Alumni Association and its Alumni Choir which sings at every Open House, Jane directed the Colt exes until 2013 when she turned her directorial reins over to subsequent AHS choir directors: Dan Rash, Dinah Dalton Menger, Mason Barlow.

Thank you, Miss Ellis, from your choir students and the legion of us who were blessed to hear them sing and to watch you direct and to learn from you the right way to say, "**RAH, RAH, RAH.**"

CLASS OF 1958 · June 8 · JGilligans, 5:00 til ??? · Details to come · Contact: Barbara Jones Young

CLASS OF 1963 · June 9 & 10 · details available soon

CLASS OF 1968 · April 28, 2018 · 50th Reunion · Tierra Verde Golf Club in Arlington · No charge for event or dinner for any AHS Class of 1968 Members and their plus one · RSVP prior to **April 7, 2018** to secure free admission and dinner · Contact: Linda Chaney · chaney.l@sbcglobal.net · Diane Pierce · diane107@sbcglobal.net.

CLASS OF 1978 · April 28 · 6:00 - 11:00 · Arlington Sheraton/Champion Ballroom (Arlington Convention Center) · Facebook: [ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, Arlington, TX - Class of 1978 40th Reunion](https://www.facebook.com/ARLINGTON-HIGH-SCHOOL-Arlington-TX-Class-of-1978-40th-Reunion)

CLASS OF 1988 · Facebook: [Arlington High School Class of '88 \(Arlington, TX\)](https://www.facebook.com/Arlington-High-School-Class-of-88-Arlington-TX) · Planning committee: Emily Etie Apollo, Melanie Hendricks (Furniss), Michelle Redden Hilton, Brenda Timmons, Sara Wetzel, Irene White, Kip Yates · We will keep you posted as plans come together. Thanks, everybody!



Homecoming ~ 2017

Little Arlie and friend Colt Band Building a pyramid



**Biggest crowd ever! Cassie Garcia, '07
Brittany Michelfelder, '10 Doland Maner, '40
Betty McQuay, CBC**

**The Bryants
Wanda & Wayne
both '61 Allen Averitt
Colt Fan Extraordinaire The Lawlers
Carol & John, '61**





*~ Pep Rally ~ Alumni Tailgate ~
Colt Football*

Girls and their mums Colt Kickers Student Council Exes Reception



**Danny Osburn
Jannette Workman
Both '54** **Olivia Wolfskill, '08
Kay King, '62** **The Moseleys
Martha & Alvin
'66 & '65**

Varsity Cheerleaders **Kathleen Bradford Smith
Helen Hughes Schrickel
Both '51** **Janet & Floyd Wine, '63**



Membership

*Carla Andrews, '80
 Tommy Bates, '87
 *Mary Birdseye-Dowthitt, '97
 Matthew Bowden, '06
 Jeff & Merri Brewer Crain, '85/86
 Jonah Crain, '21
 Christine Zapor Horton, '87
 Rene Planche Jones, '73
 Katherine Watson McCollum, '75
 David Middleton, '73
 *Madison Moore, '17
 *Mallory Moore, '17
 *Sarah Nascimbeni, '17
 Laura Crockett Nation, '76
 Darrell & Tonya Posey, '83/CBC
 Levi Joseph Reta, '16
 Tanner & Allison Walsh Smith, '10/'11
 Francine Speer, '97
 Dale Stubblefield, '75 *Life Member

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Don Albin, '55, by Cathy Brown | *Weldon Hall, '54 |
| *Louis Autrey, '54 | *JoAnn McQueary Hart, '54 |
| Albert Barcroft, '64, by Curtis & Geneva Buchanan | *Patricia Williams Heyte, '54 |
| *Arthur Bird, '54 | *Harvey Wayne Hopkins, '54 |
| Truman Bryce, '45, by Kitty Bryce | Novella Kendall Lam, '39, by Sharron Merrill |
| Judi Workman Davis, '57, by Jannette Workman | Gayla Reynolds Milam, '66, by Jo McGovern |
| *Charles Denson, '54 | Robert Miles, '57, by Cathy Brown |
| *Kenny Everett, '54 | |
| George Faught, '61, by Sharron Merrill by Kenneth Watkins | * All by Class of 1954 |

Scholarship Fund Donations

Keith and Tracy Jaynes Broyles
 Anonymous, in memory of
 Judi Workman Davis

UPGRADE TO LIFE

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Kitty Bryce, '50 | Wally Bryce, '75 |
| Mickey Bryce, '74 | Lee Ann Bryce, '78 |
| Michael & Leann Cartier, '84/CBC | |



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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Name: _____ Class Of: _____
(FIRST) (LAST) (MAIDEN)

Address: _____
(STREET)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP) (PHONE)

E-Mail: _____ Form of Payment: CASH CHECK

Check your preference: Newsletter by U.S. Mail by email notification

Given by: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Memorial Membership \$35: _____
(one time only fee for deceased classmate) (NAME) (CLASS)

Distinguished Colt Roll Call ~ 1997 - 2017

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, '70
 *Dean Corey, CBC
 *Gary Courtright, '51
 Tom Craven, '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
 Stevie Campbell Hansen, '62
 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

**Nominations Open for 2018
 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 those who have brought honor to Arlington High through their significant career accomplishments.

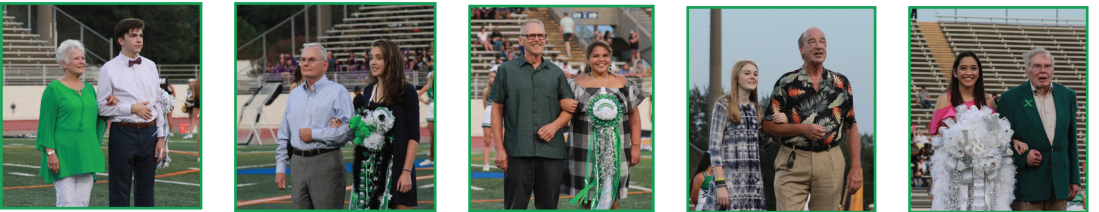
Attention Nominators: Remember that the Alumni Board members who select the honorees may not know your nominees. Be specific in listing the ways your nominees have supported AHS or have burnished the reputation of AHS in their professional lives.

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

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2018

Dinah Dalton Menger, '77
 Ross Menger, '67
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
John Webb, CBC
 Tanya Terrell-Weideman, '81
Ernest Wilemon, '43
 Kathryn Taylor Wilemon, '55
 Jannette Workman, '54
Tom Vandergriff, '43
AnnaWaynette Smith Vandergriff, '44

* awarded posthumously
Italics indicate Alumni who died after receiving this honor



Student Council escorts, from left: **Carson Bold, '18, Maggie Hennessee, '19, Izzy Perez, '21, Carly Brecht, '20, Jessica Olvera, '18**

Special thanks to [AHS journalism](#) for on-field photos.

Alumni Scholar Update

Destiny Arriaga, '17, left



Arlington soon after graduation to begin work on a veterinary technician degree with her professional goal to be a full-fledged veterinarian. Her thoughts after one semester of post-AHS study: AHS prepared me for college by providing rigorous advanced placement classes. I had established study methods in high school because of the demands of my course load. This was beneficial because I knew how to manage my time in college, and I knew how to handle stressful moments. I was not prepared for how often I would dwell on my current and future life. I tend to wonder how long it will take

me to reach my ultimate goal; this is often discouraging. I know that I will pull through though because I am determined and motivated by my passion for animal care. The best thing about college life would be the sense of freedom and self-discovery. It is a cliché, but I love the right amount of independence I currently have in my life. College is helping to mold me into an adult. I hope to rent my first apartment after I finish technical school. The toughest aspect of college would be having to step out of my comfort zone. I am learning to be less shy and to be more involved. I want to meet new people and create lasting friendships. Although I have always struggled with self-confidence, I am learning to appreciate my strengths and weaknesses each day. My advice for 2018 seniors is to enjoy the rest of your last year of high school, and don't be afraid of college. Life only gets better after high school. Stay close with high school friends after

graduation, but know that it is ok to make new ones as well. Senior year is not a "blow off" year—grades are important; do not let "senioritis" impact your motivation. All of your hard work will pay off. Live the rest of this school year and the rest of your life to the fullest.

Robert Broughton, '06, attended Dallas Baptist University after leaving AHS. Late last year he sent us this note. "I absolutely miss you all and Arlington, too. I'm working full time in insurance for Farmers while working on my second book. I was published awhile ago and have just



now started a new project. I have to say that I miss the community we had at Arlington High. We were a family. We were inclusive and that feeling of belonging helped me understand that there's a place for me in this world. That has given me the confidence not only to believe my success was possible, but also that I could make a valuable contribution in life. The best wisdom upon graduation I received was from Ms. Jannette Workman. She wrote, 'Nothing in the world is owed to you. You must earn all you get.' That has been a constant bit of wisdom I've found useful in everything I do."

Help support AHS grads like these two by joining the AHS Alumni Association. Already a member? Give a membership or make a donation. Give now. Go to

www.ahscolts-alumni.org

More on Jane Ellis' 100th Birthday Celebration



Peggy Martin, Mac Martin, Erin Cheney, planners of the event along with **Marth Sue Meek, '69, Kathleen Smith, '51, Buddie Hrabal, '64, Tommy Hawkes, '68, Stuart Dedmon, '71, Kay Goodyear, '69, Elizabeth Turner, '66, Sheila Clawson, '63, Mary O'Neal**



Linda Hargrave, '54, wearing her carefully preserved sweater with its Choir letter



Linda Gipson joins Peggy and Jane

