

'04's and 09's IN A NUTSHELL
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In 1804, Captain John R. Nigh was born. At 83 years of age, he became the **FIRST** teacher for the Mangum schools started in a half-dugout SW of the Square. He was an early day pastor of the Mangum First Baptist Church. He is buried at the Rock Cemetery in Granite. (you have a picture of Nigh...2010 alumni edition).

In 1834, an expedition of U. S. Dragoons under command of Gen. Henry Leavenworth and Col. Henry Dodge left Ft. Gibson to explore new land and meet with nomadic Indians in buffalo country to the West. They met Comanche Indians in the Wichita Mountains and were led to a sheltered canyon near the present site of Quartz Mountain State Lodge. The first peace treaty with the Plains tribes was initiated at this site. George Catlin, artist traveling with the expedition, sketched the first portraits of Indian life on the Plain.

In 1879, S. H. Tittle, traveled the Western Cattle Trail. It went right through Vernon, Texas, a quarter of a mile west of the public square. From Vernon, the trail went north to Doan's crossing, then West side of North Fork until it got to Navajo. From Navajo, the trail crossed the North Fork of Red River due north of Warren. Then it went through the mountains and continued West of Lone Wolf. The trail swung through George W. Brigg's ranch to Canute and crossed the Washita River south of Butler and on close to Vici. The trail crossed South Canadian and then crossed at Camargo. Later the trail crossed South West of Ft. Supply and close to May, Oklahoma, into Kansas. Mr. Tittle said he never went to Ft. Dodge, Kansas, as he was taking cattle from Clay County, Texas, to Beaver and Texas Counties.

In 1884, Henry Clay Sweet, who surveyed, platted and named the town "Mangum" in the Fall of 1882, returned to Dallas and brought his family back to Mangum where heirs still own property and visit today. He and his wife established a home and Mr. Sweet went on to become the first Postmaster of Greer County. Many heirs of this Sweet family went on to graduate from Mangum High School. **Note: A. S. Mangum** was granted land by the Texas government due to his military service. He hired Henry Sweet to survey and plat his acreage. Therefore, Mr. Sweet named "Mangum" after his friend and mentor. You can learn more about this history at the Old Greer County Museum in Mangum, Oklahoma.

In 1889, H. H. Terry Jr., came to Greer County with his family from Henderson County, Texas. His father, H. H. Terry Sr. broke sod on a tract near Jaybuckle in 1890 where he grew sorghum and corn to feed his livestock. Mr. Terry Sr. grew the first cotton between Salt Fork and Elm rivers. **Terry Sr., a master of the English language**, was also the first teacher in Jester, Sulpur and Hext; he also taught at Bloomington and Deer Creek schools

In 1894, Oklahoma City had a new newspaper.....The Daily Oklahoman. City population was 6000 and the whole Territory of Oklahoma showed 400,000 people. Featured in the **1938 Yearbook, known for its excellent history**, is a picture of the first class to finish in Mangum(1894-1895): **Nona Byers Baumgardner, John R. Crouch, Coanthe Pierson Cullins, Lo Fletcher, Louis Crabtree, Lula Crouch Johnson and Smith Pierson**. They probably started with Professor Nigh in 1887 in the dug-out and finished six years of schooling. They were grandfathered into the Alumni Association which began in 1910. **Note:** Lula V. Crouch Johnson was long-time teacher, Miss Tommie Johnson's mother and John R. Crouch was Miss Johnson's uncle. The Piersons are related to **Russell Pierson, Class of 1929**, who is living in Oklahoma City today at the age of 102.

In 1899 there were many homesteaders moving into Mangum. Edward Marvin (E.M.) Poer (1874 - 1965) is the only student on record finishing school in Mangum in 1899. He would later marry in 1904 to Blanche (Davis), and they would serve as class parents. They had two sons: D. D. and L. M. Poer . **When Dr. E. M. Poer** died in 1965, he was the 'oldest Alumnus' at the age of 91. This family is buried at Riverside.

In 1904, there were two graduates: Effie Juanita Kelley (Mrs. Ferdinand Daugherty), and **Minnie Clemence Lockerd** (Mrs. L. N. Russell) listed in an old Yearbook. They graduated from the Harris Opera House and a reception was held at the home of Mrs. William Alvan Allen, wife of the school Superintendent. Dr. and Mrs. Poer served as **Class Parents**. **MHS 1904 grad from the sixth grade, George M. Curry**, is known as the 'first child born to white parents in Greer County, Texas, on March 17, 1886.'" Students were ages 16 to 18 years old when they finished sixth grade. Mr. Curry has written lots of early day history found at the Old Greer County Museum.

In 1909, George W. Sims became County School Superintendent. He was young and full of school spirit. He had lived and taught in the County schools for several years. During his administration, Brinkman and Midway consolidated schools were formed. These were among the first consolidated schools in the state. The ten **Mangum seniors** were: Hettie Carroll, Emma Frazier, Paden Lamar, Minnie Lovett, Mabel McCollister, Zante Reynard, **Chester Summers**, Salutatorian; Dixie Young, Homer Heatly, and **Clarence McKinney**. Valedictorian. **Class Parents** were Marion and Gertrude Dodson. There was no **Alumni Association until 1910**.

In 1914, there was no yearbook for this class. Therefore, pictures were taken from the **1913 yearbook**, first one published in the Mangum schools. **Fourteen students graduated from MHS:** Murl Bull, Jessie Echols, **Salutatorian**; Verne Elliott, Ralph Heatly, Paul James, Leonard Johnson, Lonnie Lyon, Frank Madden, **Valedictorian**; Elbert Mitchell, Emmet McKenzie, John Nelson, Mattie Nichols, Ester Steele and Viola Steele. **Class Parents** were R. C. and Susie (Clay) Hannah. Homer Heatly served as **Alumni President** assisted by Daphne Dodson, Vice-President.

In 1919, the MHS **Class of 1919**, consisted of 54 members, quite a large class at that time. **Superintendent** of schools was Miss Willie McKinney and the Principal was Mr. C. A. McLeland. The Mango Yearbook was dedicated to classmate, **Christine Noble**, who died. **Class officers** were Harley Yarberry, President, and Carl McAllister was V-President. Mildred Noble and Iva Adams were **Honor Students**. Herschel and Mable Richards were **Class Parents**. Forest Butler and J. Elmer Castle headed up **the Alumni Association**. **Haskell Pruett**, Superintendent of Lake Creek schools, wanted to expand to a 4-year high school. The **Lake Creek Consolidated District #8** became the largest in Greer County. Eight horse-drawn wagons hauled students to the new two-story brick building on March 22 for the first day of school. **Dr. Pruett** became the County Superintendent of Schools, June 1, 1920.

In 1924, this class held the distinction of being the **largest graduating class** at that time in school history with 66 members. **Superintendent** of schools was Mr. E. A. Hood and MHS principal was Ms. Maris Hood. Heading the **Alumni Association** were: J. Francis Doolen and Virginia Cocke Broome. **Class Parents** were Dr. J. B. and Abigail Hollis. **Wilma Hines and Dorothy Lockart** were Valedictorian and Salutatorian. **Quote**: "The best kept secret in SW Oklahoma" implied that the **Brinkman schools** had yet to be recognized as an outstanding educational system. The Old Greer County Museum has an excellent Brinkman school room with extensive history. Names such as Fite, Kouri, McDaniel and Berry bring back memories.

In 1929, Mangum schools opened a new gym in September. Architects were Butler and Butler, both 1912 MHS grads and brothers. This new building was the latest state-of-art construction to be used for numerous activities such as graduations, sports events, concerts, dances, banquets, and funerals.. The 'old gym' still stands today and holds many memories to the 'old alumni' who return year after year. Two of the 1929 classmates are still living today: **Anna Fritsche Hunter, age 102.8, of Richardson, Texas, and Russell Pierson, age 102.5, of Oklahoma City**. **Class Parents** were Homer and Katherine Heatly. **Honor Students** were: Lloyd Bex and Weldon Murphpy. Alumni Association President was **Virginia Hamilton Boyle**, MHS 1916.

In 1934, a set of twins, Geraldine and Maxine McCaleb, were chosen **Football Queens**; a first for the Mangum schools. They even had their class picture made with both of them together. No one could tell them apart anyway!!! Geraldine's sons have kept this Historian updated on his family who lived in Abilene, Texas. A set of cousins, Clay and David Northcutt, graduated; they lived with the Tyler Crittenden family in order to become MHS grads following in family tradition. **Three female classmates** were honored for their grades: Anne Garrett, Valedictorian, Veda Casey, Salutatorian and June Dodson, Honor Student. **Class Parents** were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nelson. **Alumni Association** officers were Winston Yeager and Bradley Sue Pigg. **Living today in California, at age 99, is Juanita Barnes Pitts**, the only graduate with whom we have contact from this class. She moved into Mangum from Reed for her senior year and lived with a family so she could graduate from the Mangum schools.

In 1939, this class had an **exceptional Yearbook**, one of only two published from 1923 to 1950. There were NO yearbooks in the 1940's at all. **Miss Emily Hoover's** yearbook picture shows her as voted Most Popular Teacher and in 2013, she was also the memorial recipient of the Mangum Education Foundation Hall of Fame recognition. Local members have kept this class alive with reunions and history collecting. The **more active members** the past few years have been Margaret Carder, Wynona and Brodace Elkins, the late Yonne McDaniel and Pete Boyle, III. **Class Parents** were J. T. and Mae Duffy. Billy Hollis and Harrison McGregor were **the class officers**. **Alumni Association officers** were Lenore Arnett Young and Margaret Maloy Moon. **Honor students were:** Polly Hughes, Dorothy L. Caffey, and Katherine Overton.

In 1944, forty-three seniors were graduating. In **2009**, this writer had help from Patsy Cox and Lowell Drake gathering history; unfortunately, both are deceased now. Today, Ben Lockerd usually drives in from Arkansas in a charming sports vehicle. His brother, Jim joins him in Mangum and they both enjoy alumni activities. **Class Parents:** Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Morris **Alumni** officers were L. Goodwin Crittenden and Warren Broome. **Honor students** were Beulah Brown, Valedictorian and Patty Dodson, Salutatorian.

In 1949, boasting at least 72 members, this very large class graduated from MHS and who has won the attendance award FIVE times since! They generally fill three tables at the banquet and one can detect quickly which side of the banquet hall they are seated. They are a close knit group to this day. **Honor Students** were Donald Holley, Tommy Tillman and Martha Ann Greer. Holley is an attorney living in France today. **Class Parents** were Dr. Van and Jean Parmley. According to Sara Bell Tidmore-Lockerd, Dr. Parmley is still living and is 100 years old!! Heading the **Alumni Association** were: Aline Parish Savage and Margarye Jessee Wilson. If you want to win the attendance award, this is the class to beat!!!

In 1954, there was no yearbook for these 49 Seniors. **Carl Clayton** was the class president assisted by **Stanley Snipes**, V-President. Unprecedented, four **Valedictorians** were chosen from the class: Judy Chitwood, Stanley Snipes, Betty Winn and Janet Tidmore. Helping with the Alumni activities for several years have been Frena Winters, Betty Fails, Iva Nell Templer and Betty Bennett. **Class Parents were:** Joe and Irene McDonald. **Alumni officers** were: Wilkins B. Garrett and Kent Avery. **Note: Attorney Garrett** was MHS's first quarterback and he named the mascot **Tiger**. **This class won the attendance award in 1979 with 58% present.**

In 1959, Mrs. A. M Avery was chosen "Queen for a Day" where she appeared on NBC in Hollywood, California; Jack Bailey was the emcee. The Polaroid picture taken off the television at Lovett Furniture Store was published in the Mangum Star; it came out very clear thanks to help from Mrs. Garfield Todd! The local switchboard lit up like prairie fires, according to Mrs. Roma Nunn, chief operator, as people here were so excited one of their own had won the contest. Mrs. Avery was accompanied to California by her son, Wade, where she saw another son Kent, and her brother, Charles Wells. **Class Parents were Bob and Alene Barnett**. **Alumni Officers** were Josephine Franz Overton and Nedra Wilson Garrett. **Class Valedictorian was Bonnie Hall and Salutatorian was Jill Scott.**

In 1964, according to a news quote, "this class had the privilege of breaking in the new high school" standing today. **The 'old' high school burned February 8, 1962;** therefore the 1962 and 1963 seniors were back at Edison Elementary school finishing their education. This class had 53 members led by Teddy Woodworth, **President** assisted by **Lee Sparkman**, V-President. **Honor Students were:** Fred Sellers, Charles Morgan, and Carla Smith. Of course, they also boast a **1963 State Championship Basketball** title. This is a close knit and active gathering group. Several members are seen around Mangum on a regular basis. **Class parents were** R. V. and Nawasa Staton. **Alumni officers were** Dale Bryant and Harold Anderson.

In 1969, a large 72-member class, had a Yearbook recording their place in history. **Superintendent** of the schools was Virgil Francis and Ray Hogan was the HS principal. **Class officers were:** Robert Toole, President; V-President was Gary Wilhite; Penny Norman was Secretary and Susan Savage was Treasurer. **Honor students** were Darrell Kingsland, Penny Norman, LeAnn Reeves and Steve Sappington. **Class Parents** were George and Peggy Roach. Mr. Wade Tyler was a very popular **Truant Officer** as pictured in the Yearbook. Serving as president of the **Alumni Association** was Yonne Pendleton-McDaniel assisted by John O. Nelson, both Class of 1939.

In 1974, class history is found in an attractive Yearbook dedicated to **Charley Buford Blackwell**, a revered 'teacher and friend.' **Patty Miller York** wrote an excellent article in 2004, about her class of 45 members. **Superintendent** of schools was Travis B. Slaton and Robert A. Steeds was the HS principal. **Class officers** were Gary Winters, President, and Tom Spence, V-President. **Honor students** were Robert Bentley, Charles Callaway Jr., and Eddie West. **Class Parents** were Ed and Darlene Gelnar. **Alumni Officers** were Jess Lanford and Hulen Bryan.

In 1979, forty-eight seniors graduated and their history is recorded in a noticeable TIGER Yearbook cover. A memoriam appeared for a fallen classmate, Lonzo Cody (1961 - 1979). **Class officers** were Kyle Claton, President and Mike Wendt, V-President. **Honor students** were Kheva Warner, Randy Gordon and Cathy Lewis. **Class Parents were** Rocky and Susan Hamilton. Serving as **Alumni President** was Mary Jane Scott, assisted by Nedra Wilson Garrett, V-President. The theme was "Disco Mania".

In 1984, fifty-five seniors crossed the stage. David Stone was serving as **President** assisted by Kurt Fite, V-President. **Class Parents** were Jack and Darla Heatly who still live in Mangum. Serving as **Alumni President** was James P. Garrett assisted by V-President, Peter J. Boyle III, both Class of 1939.

In 1989, thirty-eight seniors are shown in the Yearbook. John Bart Ellis served his class as **President** assisted by Robert Anthony Mixon, V-President. **Honor students** were Richard Patton, Soni Clement and Darla Copeland. **Class Parents** were Danny and Beth Allen. Serving as **Alumni President** was Judy Tidmore, (Class of 1962) assisted by Sherry Fails Brooks, V-President (Class of 1970). Sistie Givens, Class of 1950, won the **distance award** for traveling from Brazil to Mangum to join her classmates. **Lyndol Pruett**, won the runner-up distance award coming in from Yachats, Oregon, to join his classmates for their 40th reunion. The **1949 Class** also won the attendance award when they reported 65% attendance at the banquet

In 1994, a small but mighty class with thirty one members received diplomas for twelve years of hard work. Misty Leamon served her class as **President** and Amanda Brendle assisted her as V-President. **Honor students** were Mindi McDaniel, Dana Giddens and Bonnie Avery. **Class Parents** were: Roy and Maratha Shaver The **Alumni Association** President was David Toole (MHS 1972) assisted by Kelley Bowen (MHS 1967) V-President. At the **Alumni banquet**, two fourth generation families were recognized: Ola Farmer Smith, Dorothy Smith Brooks, Jimmie Brooks and Sunny Brooks; Helen Tinsley, Jean Tinsley Burkhalter, Teresa Burkhalter Smith and Jason Smith. 3rd generation families recognized were: Winona Elkins Edmondson, Mary Edmondson Avery and Bonnie Avery; Wahlelu Shumate Byrom, Ray Byrom and Traci Byrom.

In 1999, forty-two seniors graduated from MHS. **Mike Southall** was the new Superintendent of schools; **Brad Overton** was the new principal and the new counselor was **Tammy Kinney**. **Class President**, Greg Vickers was assisted by Sara Bell, Vice-President. **Class Parents** were: Scotty and Denise Webb. Five students were listed as **Honor Students**: Amanda Stehr, Sara Bell, Jeremy Bennight, Tara Miller and Angie York. Joe McGuffin (MHS 1965) served as **Alumni President** assisted by Jim Scivally (MHS 1950) V-President.

In 2004, a new car cost \$25,000 and one hundred years earlier, **1904**, a new car cost \$500. Gasoline was 5 cents a gallon and in 2004 gasoline was \$1.42 a gallon. A new house cost \$163,000 in 2004 and in 1904, a new house cost \$4000. **President** of her class was Pauline Davis, assisted by Heath Mitchell, V-President. **Honor students** were Kelsy Miller, Pauline Davis, Megan Spears, Kelsey Gahagan and Ryan Kendall. **Class Parents** were James and Stephanie Smith. The Alumni Association **President** was Iva Nell Templer, assisted by Kent Venable V-President (both MHS 1954), The **Class of 1949** again won the attendance award. Two long distance travelers vied for winners coming from Sweden and another from Germany. Only one classmate of 2004 attended the banquet: **Kelsey Gahagan**. **Note: The Hotel Franklin sign** was lit to the delight of a large crowd on the square.

In 2009, forty seniors graduated from MHS. **Class officers** were Sheila Jefcoat assisted by Vice President, Ethan Smith, both of whom were honored as **Mr. and Mrs. MHS**. **Honor students** were Ethan Smith, Zachary Yarborough, Sheila Jefcoat, Kelby Wendt, Te'Onna Rockhold, Angela Bullock and Taylor Thompson. **Class Parents** were **Jim and Hope Noblitt**. Betty Miles Fails, MHS 1954, served as **President of the Alumni Association** assisted by classmate, Iva Nell Heatley Templer, V-President. Beth Thompson White, RN (MHS 1953), and Director, Louise Boyd Price-Mathews, (MHS 1953), both retired AGAIN from their positions at the **New Hope Mangum CDU**. These 'ol grads have a hard time 'doing nothing'; they like to contribute to their community. Both of their family roots run back over 100 years ago steeped in Old Greer County history. Their seven children all graduated from Mangum High also. The **Jewett Scott, Sr. siblings** held the honor again of five siblings attending the banquet: Marie, Jan, Jewett, Judy and Jill Scott. Their mother, Gladys Wicker Scott, was a **MHS 1919** graduate. A **generation family** was recognized in the 2009 papers: Justin Jacob Cloyd, Jerry Lee Kerbo, Tony Lee Kerbo, Sheila Marie Stowe Kerbo and Jackie Kerbo Cloyd. A **four generation family** **recognized** started with: Paul Hughes (1917), Ethan Smith, Stephanie Smith, Kathy Johnson, Corrie Cook and Kyle Ellis.

Salute to the Tiger Dynasty Honor Years!!

