

## MHS ALUMNI 2009

### 1979.....30 YEARS

Inasmuch as the **Class of 1979** published a yearbook, loaned to me courtesy of Cleatus Davis and his mother, Marie Davis Vinson, this writer has had a much easier time learning the history of this class. The “annual” is black with a ferocious crouching colored Tiger on the cover. The book titled, “Tiger ‘79”, opens with a good picture of the “new high school”, which opened in 1963, with flags flying high above the entryway. The Editor of the Annual Staff was Kyle Clayton and Co-Editor was Patrick Struck; the Advisor was Sharon Horton. The “annual” has a clear and effective Foreword followed by an easy to read Table of Contents. The book was dedicated to Mr. Don Sparks, “teacher and friend” and also a capable photographer it appears. Seventh grade students through the seniors are identified in the book. **Note:** A neat feature of this book is the publication of the Class Composite “Mangum 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 1978-79” on page 129. This lends even more history when searching for ‘lost’ classmates.

**Forty-eight seniors, who graduated on May 17, 1979 are pictured;** they include: **Class Officers were:** Kyle Clayton, President of both Junior and Senior Classes; Mike Wendt, Vice-President; Billie Shaw, Secretary-Treasurer and Ricky Blood, Reporter; Monty Atwood, Dorthery Barron, Carl Bogart, Marci Bull, Brent Choate, Perry Cravens, Rita Cooley, Greg Downs, Ricky Elkins, Cindy Folsom, Cindy Haney, Randy Paul Gordon, Stephanie Herndon, Chris Halford, Fonda Herron, Ronnie Hamilton, Cathy Lewis, Lydell Haygood, Jerry Pat Hukill, Debbie Milner, Donna Moon, David Hurst, Ascension Pineda, Jimmy Kerbo, Debra Reed, Cathy Spence, David Kingery, Don Landord, Cari Thompson, Linda Vinson, Gordon Layman, Kheva Warner, Jack McDaniel, Robert McDonald, Tommy McMinn, Mike Milner, Billy Ritter, Ricky Sauseda, Mike Roach, Tom Scott, Patrick Struck, Monte Thacker, Ronnie Thomas, Dale White, Sharon Cayton and Earnest King, Jr. **Class Parents** were: Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Hamilton, Stacey and Nicole. **Class Sponsors** were: Chloe Jones, Mary K. Miller and Mike Jones.

**Academic Honorees** were: Randy Gordon, Cathy Lewis and Kheva Warner. **Class Honorees:** Band Queen and Basketball Queen, **Dorthery Barron;** Football Queen, **Kheva Warner;** Key Club Sweetheart, **Sarah Givens;** FFA Sweetheart, **Marci Bull;** FHA King, **Ricky Blood;** Glee Club Queen, **Stephanie Herndon;** Glee Club King, **Jack McDaniel;** HS Favorite, **Kheva Warner;** HS Boy Favorite, **Mike Wendt;** All-Around Boy: **Mike Wendt;** All Around Girl, **Kheva Warner.**

**Superintendent of schools:** Bob Garton; Superintendent’s secretary: Mrs. Patti Paxton; **High School Principal,** Mr. Lainial Gilbert; Assistant Principal and Counselor, Don Sparks; Director of Federal Programs, Monroe Chadwick; **The Board of Education** consisted of: Mary McDonald Fite, President; Jim Calcote, V-President; Barbara Mathews, Warren Herndon and Roger Reeves; Bama Brignon was the Clerk.

**The high school faculty included:** Becky McDaniel, Larry Mendenhall, Mary IK. Miller, Gary Robinson, Janet Scott, Don Smith, Don Sparks, Evelyn Thur, Scott Nelson, Johnny Crabb, Norma Edwards, Patsy Falk, Marilyn Garton (pictures were reversed), Glenn Hardin, Mike Hasting, Jim Hooper, Sharon Horton, Chloe Jones, Mike Jones.

**High school support personnel:** Imogene Lively, Earnestine Baker, Dessie May Hart, Loufine Houck, Glen Cullins, Manual Gonzales, Elmo Petzold, Odell Halford, Jr. and Ann Hasting.

**The MJHS** principal was Jim Ed Bull and his secretary was Ms. Dianne Haygood. The **MJHS faculty** included: Connie Bull, Kenneth Martin, Doris Garlington, Duane Meinert, Carol Hardin, Sue Nelson, John Schaufele, Joyce Snow, Rodney Wales and Roberta Williams. **An interesting note:** The MJHS class had 76 classmates; three years later this number had dropped to 48 graduates. Was there an exodus from Mangum?

A memoriam appears at the end of the book: **Lonzo Cody, August 13, 1961 – July 3, 1979.** This memoriam appeared to have been the last tribute the publishers could do for a fallen classmate.

**Deceased member of the class:** Perry Cravens **Whereabouts unknown:** Cindy Haney, Richard Barry, Lydell Haygood, Donna K. Moon Bernal, Greg Downs, Randy Gordon, Billie Sue Shaw Kehr, Jimmy Kerbo, Kyle Clayton, Ronnie Hamilton, Earnest King, Robert McDonald, Mike Roach, Tommy McMinn, Cathy Spence Kirkland, Debbie Milner, Tim Scott, Mike Milner, Stephanie Herndon Sides, Cindy Folsom Layman, Sharon Cayton Skinner, Cathey Lewis, Ascension Pineda Ricketts, Monte Thacker, Billy Ritter, Cari Thompson, Lynn Waller and Dorthery Barron West.

**Classmates living in Mangum in 2009:** Mike Wendt, Evette Whisenant, Don Lanford, Ronnie Lee Thomas, Chris Halford and Rocky Hamilton. This represents 12% of the class living locally.

**According to the Mangum Star-News, May 17, 1979, the Mangum High School Alumni Association Banquet** and activities were well attended when 530 grads poured into Mangum. President that year was Mary Jane McDaniel Looper; Vice-President was Nedra Wilson Garrett; Secretary was Sue Petzold Dudek; Treasurer was LaVerne Wallace Lanford; Assistant Secretary was Sonya Griffis Patton and Kay Morgan Staton was the Historian. The theme was **“Disco Mania”**. The Class of 1954 won the attendance award with 58% present. Three ladies were pictured on the cover of the Mangum Star from the class of 1929. Ila Banks Harris, Altus; Pauline Briley Lancaster, Ponca City, OK, and LaFon Banks, Mangum. They were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**My thanks to Mary McDaniel Scott, (1972)** for updated lists of this class; she is the Alumni Board Treasurer and Record Keeper.

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