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Once a Bulldog...ALWAYS a Bulldog!

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Make plans to join us on Saturday, June 19th, 2010, for the next Alumni Reunion!

Leader of the Pack-a message from your alumni President

Greetings!

Wanda and I TRULY hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, a VERY Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We also hope you took the time to TRULY give thanks for all your blessings, though you might not realize how many you have. Our SINCEREST wish is that all your homes were filled with lots of love and family and that you remembered that Jesus IS the reason for the season.

With the Alumni Reunion only six short months away, I want to encourage ALL of you to attend, to contact all your former classmates and encourage them to attend. We know you'll have a GREAT time! You can tour the new dog house, the brand new Lexington High School, as well as any other building you would like. We've made it easier to contact us. You can read more about that in the Barkings section below.

We will have a little business to do at the next reunion. One order of business at the business meeting will be modifying our Bylaws. The change is to allow two of the remaining officers in good standing to sign checks in case the Treasurer (the only person currently allowed to sign checks) resigns, is incapacitated, moves out of the area and can't help with the day-to-day operations of the association, or dies. If the Treasurer continues in office after being elected, he or she will continue to sign Alumni checks as directed by our Bylaws. The only time two officers will be able to sign checks will be for the reasons mentioned above. The two signers will still be required to have approval for the purchases by the remainder of the officers.

We also need to elect the next set of officers that will continue the momentum that the Alumni Association is currently enjoying. The offers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Ex-Officio. Your Alumni

In the House-news from Lexington Public Schools

If you'd like to keep up with all the comings and goings at Lexington schools, you can now visit their brand new website: www.lexington.k12.ok.us. There are also links there to Mid America Technology Center, the Athletic Booster Club, the FFA Booster Club, PTO as well as our Alumni site. Congratulations Heidi Somers on getting the site up and running!

Our Lexington High School Bulldog Band marched and played Christmas music in the Purcell holiday parade.

Brent Smith's (**class of 1972**) Future Farmers of America Chapter recently held its annual student labor auction. Approximately 20-25 were auctioned off for an eight-hour work day. The auction is to raise money for the chapter.

Bull Puppies...

The future of high school football in Lexington appears to be headed for its continuing dominance. The Lexington Bulldogs mini edition, the 6 and under football team just wrapped up an undefeated season. The team clenched the Washita Canadian Valley Championship with a 14-6 victory over the Washington Warriors. Congratulations to: Nick Finch, Brycen Franks, Cameron Conner, Michael James, Jayson Yeary (son of Kiall Yeary, **class of 1990**, and grandson of Jerry Yeary, **class of 1965**), Brayden Forbes, Blake Penner, Isobelle Pack Malachai Bowling, Dalton Matthews, Austin Williams, Andy Lee, Ethan Mullins and Billy Cravens. The coaches were: Jeff Bowling, James Conner, Eddie Huff, Jim Williams, Raymond Williams and Tyler Cravens. Cheering the team on to victory were: Makenzie Hall, Madeline Pack, Payton Conner, Kiely Givins, Kennedy Fritzen, Hunter Forbes, MaKayla Williams, Paige Connley, Ashlee Nelson, Savannah Fritzen, Glori Johnson, Sarah Simpson, Kelsey Hokett, Anna Loyd, Emma Hokett, Haylee Jenks and Elexa Collins.

Association NEEDS you. Don't wait around for somebody else to do it. You REALLY have no business complaining about the Alumni Association or the reunion if you don't want to volunteer to help. There is more about this need in the "[Barkings](#)" section below.

Until next time, take care and **GO BULLDOGS**.

Thank you and God bless.



Greg Yeary, Class of 1976
President, Lexington Alumni Association

In the pack:

Our friends in memoriam.....

Ruth Beatrice (Easton) Bettes, 89, **class of 1938**,
1/22/1920-11/27/2009.

Harold Dean "Jody" Taylor, 74, **class of 1953**, 8/4/1935-
11/21/2009. **For more on Jody's life, see Barker 1.3.**

Charles M. Morris, 73, **class of 1954**, 9/17/1936-10/7/2009.

Jack B. Carr, 71, **class of 1957**, 1/24/1938-12/9/2009.

Linda Gayle (Boatright) Pomeroy, 64, **class of 1962**,
7/5/1945-11/9/2009.

Michael Justin Dean, 36, **class of 1991**, 6/18/1973-
11/17/2009.

Jeffrey L. Box. 35, **class of 1992**, 8/9/1974-10/3/2009.

Christian Brooks Dunn, 14, Lexington student, 11/9/1994-
11/1/2009.

Condolences to.....

Nadine (Bettes) Murphy, **class of 1941**, on the loss of her sister-in-law, Ruth Beatrice (Easton) Bettes, **class of 1938**.

Ruth (Davey) Morris, **class of 1950**, on the loss of her husband, Charles, **class of 1954**. Also mourning Charles' passing are his sisters, Dortha (Morris) Folks, **class of 1950**, Mary Catherine Morris, **class of 1951**, and Tommie (Morris)

Lexington's fourth grade students presented "We Sing of America", a musical tribute to local veterans. Under the direction of Mrs. Smith, their music teacher, the students sang "Blue and Red and White", "The Heart of America", "My Flag", "Allegiance Rap", "American Tears", "Put Your Hand On Your Heart", "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "You Are Our Heroes". The program concluded as the veterans in the audience were recognized and saluted with applause. Oratory or solo performers were Cameron Wilson, Jacob Gifford, Garrison Duke, Sara Broome, Jill Johnston, Marshall Storey, Ethan Scott, Alanna Phillips, Thomas Cornell, Zechariah Heisey, Shelby Bennett, Krystal Cook, Garrison Duke, Richard Van Vorst, Kendra Sowter, Jordan Murray, Wyatt Perry, Zack Smith, Ivan Huerta, Lori Spears, Lavy Barber, Christian Hackney, Raina Penner, Maddie Johnson, Sydney Dockery, Jacob Savage, Konnor McDonald, Denys Adams, Selena Chaves, Henry Montague, Dalton Skinner, Carly Austin and Cheyenne Snow. Whitney Turnpaugh introduced the program.

Lexington's little league Bulldogs wrestling team travelled to Kingfisher for a meet, where 12 of the team's 14 members medaled.

Bull Pups...

The Lexington Lady Bulldogs sixth and seventh grade basketball team took one on the chin as the undefeated Wayne Bulldogs came for a visit and took home a 36-13 victory. Wayne jumped off to a 20-2 lead at the half, before cruising to the victory.

Bulldogs...

For a little unfinished business from the Cleveland County Fair, here are more Lexington winners. Brent Smith's students made an outstanding showing. Besides winning a blue ribbon for livestock judging, Cole Burchett (son of Carl and Ramona Brown Burchett, both from the **class of 1979**), exhibited the Grand Champion Shropshire Ewe and the Champion Suffolk. His Shropshire was also named Reserve Grand Champion overall. Brittany Sawyer had the Reserve Champion Suffolk Natural Market Lamb. In the swine division, Carly Smith, daughter of Lexington FFA's teacher/advisor, Brent Smith (**class of 1972**), exhibited both the Champion Berkshire Breeding Gilt and the Champion Berkshire Barrow. Konnor McDonald exhibited the Champion Chester Market Hog. Aerial Smith drove her Spot to a championship, while Kelsey Holsonbake had the reserve champion Spot. Kayla Senn exhibited Duroc Barrow that was won Reserve Breed Champion and Saige Smith's Yorkshire Barrow was named Champion Yorkshire. Kyle Hockett's Crossbred Barrow was awarded Breed Championship as well as overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog. In the beef division, Kyle Hockett exhibited the Grand

Miller, **class of 1953**, as well as his daughter, Edie Morris, **class of 1974**.

Leona (Langwell) McKee, **class of 1957**, on the loss of her brother, Leroy Clinton Langwell.

Oletha (Carr) Sweetman, **class of 1958**, on the loss of her brother, Jack B. Carr, **class of 1957**. Others mourning the loss are nieces, Tracy (Carr) Cliff, **class of 1981**, LaDonna (Carr) Reynolds, **class of 1982**, and nephew, Clay Carr, **class of 1989**.

Wanda (Pruitt) Bomar, **class of 1959**, on the loss of her mother, Bessie Pruitt (Bessie was the wife of former teacher/coach/principal W. D. Pruitt).

Donald Box, **class of 1963**, on the loss of his son, Jeffrey L. Box, **class of 1992**. Also mourning the passing of their brother are Mike Box, **class of 1984**, and sister, Dawn Marie Box, **class of 1991**.

Janice (Rogers) Kern, **class of 1979**, on the loss of her brother, Ernie Raymond Finch.

Caroline (Dean) Morton, **class of 1979**, Melanie (Dean) Scoggins, **class of 1982**, John Dean, **class of 1987**, Natalie (Dean) Claunch, **class of 1990**, and Jake Dean, **class of 1993**, on the loss of their brother, Michael.

Janice (Rogers) Kern, **class of 1979**, and Tom Rogers, **class of 1981**, on the loss of their brother, Ernie Raymond Finch.

Brooke (Brothers) Marlow, **class of 1985**, and Hank Brothers, **class of 1987**, on the loss of their father, Harold Brothers.

Brothers Mack Allen, **class of 1986**, Mike, **class of 1986**, and Mark Buchanan, **class of 1989**, on the loss of their father, Mack Allen. Also mourning the loss of her father-in-law is Mack Allen's wife, Janet (Mowdy) Buchanan, **class of 1982**.

Hope Marie (Riggs) Shaw, **class of 1986**, on the loss of her husband, Ronnie Keith (Toby) Shaw.

Kristi (Goodin) Tate, **class of 1989**, on the loss of her sister-in-law, DeeAnna Sure (Tate) Jones.

Joshua David Haas, **class of 2001**, on the loss of his father, Wayne Robert Haas.

David Lee Young, **class of 2002**, and Vaniver Hill Young III, **class of 2005**, on the loss of their grandfather, Vaniver Hill Young, Sr.

Champion Prospect Steer. Team Lexington also won the Beef Barn Keeping Award. Lexington's 4-H livestock judging teams placed first and third. The FFA livestock judging teams also won first and third place honors. As mentioned in the last edition of this newsletter, Coy Pfeiffer won the individual FFA livestock judging, while Lexington's teams finished third and fourth.

While we are on the subject of the stock shows, some members of the Lexington 4-H and FFA had good showings at the Tulsa State Fair. Konner McDonald exhibited the Reserve Champion Chester White barrow. The animal sold for \$1,750 in the premium auction. Aerial Smith exhibited the Breed Champion spotted barrow. Aerial exhibited the barrow several times throughout the summer and fall and it was undefeated. It also sold for \$1,750. Carly Smith, daughter of FFA teacher/advisor, Brent Smith (**class of 1972**), exhibited the Grand Champion Pen of Broilers and sold for \$9,000. It was the third time Carly exhibited the Grand Champion Pen of Broilers and the fourth time for the Smith family. No other family has won more than once. Kyle Hockett exhibited a crossbred barrow that placed 13th, while Kayla Senn's Duroc barrow also placed 13th. Kayla's Pen of Broilers placed 12th. Saige Smith, Brittany Sawyer and Kelsey Holsonbake also exhibited entries at the fair. The Tulsa State Fair has long been known as Oklahoma's premier fall livestock show.

Lexington High School and Mid America Technology student, Derrick Weatherford, was one of the participants in a community service project for Cleveland County. Derrick and other members of the Building and Grounds Maintenance classes trimmed and cleared trees over the county road beginning at 180th and Bryant Road (with the permission of the County Commissioners, of course). After trimming the limbs, they were loaded into a chipper. The Assistant Teacher of the class is Allen Idlett, **class of 1976**.

Dalton Duke, Jessica Love, Benjamin Spores, Taylor Hamm, Katelynn Burge, Jacob McAfee and McCauley Rhoads took time out of their busy schedules to speak to a distinguished panel at Mid America Technology Center in Wayne, Oklahoma. The youth spoke as a part of C.A.R.E.'s Youth Speak Out 2009. Among the panel members were State Senator John Sparks and State Representative Lisa J. Billy. All 17 area high school students who participated received a citation.

Lexington student, Savannah Wood, also a student at Mid America Technology Center, was one of 950 participants in the 2009 Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Fall Leadership Conference recently held in Oklahoma City. Savannah is the chaplain of the MATC chapter of that organization.

Singing dogs...

Congratulations to.....

Brian Snow, **class of 1988**, on his marriage to Krista Keeler. While the bride is a Wayne graduate who teaches Computer Programming and Web Page Design at Norman Public Schools, the groom teaches Chemistry, Physics and AP Biology at Lexington High School. Brian is the slow pitch softball head coach and assistant football coach. He is the son of Charles, **class of 1965**, and Delores Snow.

Tonya (High) Adams, **class of 1988**, on being named a "Service Star" by *The Norman Transcript* newspaper. Tonya was one of only 10 carriers to deliver the entire month of November without a single service error. She delivered 4,043 newspapers on her Purcell route. She also earned the honor for October.

Teresa (Hill) Caldwell, **class of 1988**, on also being named a "Service Star" by *The Norman Transcript* newspaper. Teresa delivered 3,155 newspapers in Lexington. She also earned the honor for October.

Lexington head football coach, Brad Beller, and his wife, Kami, on the birth of their new daughter. Read more about that in the "Sniffing around" section.

Sniffing around.....

David Pruitt, **class of 1964**, Michael Harmoning, **class of 1989**, Justin Nimmo, **class of 1992**, Dwight Lawson, **class of 1992**, Joe Blythe, **class of 1992**, and John Cline, **class of 1998**, were pallbearers at the service for Jeffrey L. Box, **class of 1992**.

The Idlett family held their 14th annual reunion in Lexington. Among the attendees were Lexington alumni, Helen (Idlett) Reed, **class of 1967**, Sandra (Heugatter) Idlett, **class of 1967**, Shirley (Idlett) McAfee, **class of 1969**, Allen Idlett, **class of 1976**, Yvonne "Susie" (Idlett) Easter, **class of 1982**, Dennis Idlett, **class of 1985**, Kelli (McAfee) Broome, **class of 1992**, Jansen Idlett, **class of 1999**, and John Idlett, **class of 2003**.

Reverend Michael Gwin, **class of 1971**, officiated the funeral service for Mary Drake of Purcell.

Greg Yeary, **class of 1976**, and wife, Wanda, had an "oldies" weekend over the Thanksgiving weekend in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada. They didn't gamble, but did see that 70s icon, Cher, at the Colosseum at Caesar's Palace on Wednesday, The Platters, The Marvelettes and Cornel Gunter's Coasters at the Steve Wyrick Theater in the MGM Grand Miracle Mile of Shops on Thanksgiving night and the 70s legend, Barry Manilow, at the Las

The Lexington High School choir once again participated in the "Little Dixie" vocal music contest at East Central University. The men's choir received a superior rating and the women's and mass choirs each received excellent ratings. In all, four of Lexington ensembles earned 1's, while two ensembles received 2's. Congratulations.

The choir also entertained the audience with a Christmas concert titled "Let's have a Christmas Celebration" at the high school auditorium.

Dogs at Play: -sports and schedules

Junior varsity basketball...

The Purcell Dragons boys' JV team beat the Lexington JV team 40-25 in three periods.

Taking a swing at softball...

The Lady Bulldogs of Coach Kendra Palacol took to the road to Davis for a double header with Davis and Plainview. In game one, Patricia Cooksey, daughter of Danny Cooksey, **class of 1986**, went 3-for-3 with one run scored. She was a bright spot in an otherwise dismal game, as the Lady Wolves of Davis won 9-3. Lightning took the second game with a 1-1 deadlock in the fourth. The next night was the final home game and the last game of the regular season. Pauls Valley visited Lexington for Senior Night. Annie Taylor finished the night with a 2-for-3 performance, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Panthers won the game 5-0.

With the regular season concluded, a new season started with district tournament play. With every team playing for their lives, it would take two losses to be eliminated. The Lady Bulldogs opened the tournament on the road at Bethel. Lexington trailed only 4-2 heading into the seventh and final inning. However, the team gave up five errors that led to five runs that allowed the Lady Wildcats to come from behind and take a 9-2 victory. Unable to get over the loss in game one, the Lady Bulldogs were eliminated from the post-season by a 16-0 score, ending their season with a disappointing 2-23-1 record.

With only seniors, Annie Taylor and Crystal Pratt, graduating from the team, Coach Palacol expects a better year next season when her young team is a year older with a year of experience under their belts.

Cross-country in the running for medals...

The cross country season continued and the Lady

Vegas Hilton on Friday night. Donny and Marie will have to wait for the next trip, since they just signed a contract extension through 2012. The trip also included a day trip to the Hoover Dam, where during the "dam tour" Greg was told that any "dam tour guide" could answer all his "dam questions", prompting him to ask, "Where could I buy some damn bait" (using the classic line from the movie *Vegas Vacation*). The question brought much laughter to the "dam tour guide". The couple also entertained out of town family for Christmas. The guest list included, among others, daughter, Cristy Speers and her husband, Shenandoah and daughter, Elexis, from Midwest City, Oklahoma, son, Army Sgt. Gregory Yeary, his wife, Amber, and son, Breison, from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, daughter, Heather Donohoe, and her daughter, Kaylee (husband, Sgt. Chris, is stationed in Iraq), daughter Chelsea Morales and her husband, (USMC) PFC Gerry, from Lima, Ohio and son, Ryan Simpson, of the home.

One of the newest mixed martial arts (MMA) fighters is Cortez "Hollywood" Coleman. You may have seen or heard of him. He has a 5-1 record and his latest fight was a unanimous decision on November 13th. He's not a Lexington grad or even a former student. So, why did he get a mention in this newsletter? Because he began his MMA training at Titan Martial Arts in Norman. Titan Martial Arts is owned by Scott Hewitt, **class of 1978**.

Ronnie Beason, **class of 1986**, drew no opponent during the filing period, so he will continue to serve on the Lexington Board of Education.

Troy, **class of 1989**, and wife, Kim (Yeary) Hopkins, **class of 1990**, attended the stage debut of their son, Jake, in the Purcell High School Drama Department stage production of *Grease*. Jake played the parts of Johnny Casino and Teen Angel. Also in attendance were Jake's grandmother, Sharon (Yeary) Brown, **class of 1966**, grandfather, Tom Yeary, **class of 1961**, with his wife, Becky, as well as Greg Yeary, **class of 1976**, and his wife, Wanda.

Jordan Northcutt, **class of 2007**, was recently elected president of FarmHouse Fraternity at THE Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. (Jordan is a legacy of family legacy in the fraternity.) His grandfather, Don, and his father, Doug, were also members of the fraternity, as was his uncle, Dave. Jordan is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management Technology with a building option and heavy highway option, with a minor in business.

Jackson Ewing, **class of 2009**, played the part of Bonancieux in the University of Oklahoma's production of "The Three Musketeers". Jackson is a Theatre major at that school.

Bulldogs finished fourth in the regional meet to qualify for the state meet. The Lady Bulldogs were led by Breana Poston, who finished in the 20th position with a time of 14:30. The Bulldog boys' team had two individuals qualify for the state meet. By finishing ninth, Casey Voyles qualified, as did Chris Neale, who finished 27th.

At the state cross country meet in Shawnee, Brett Scott finished 48th, with a time of 14:36.20, to lead the Lady Bulldogs to an 11th place finish. Breana Poston finished 50th, with a time of 14:43.32, while Jennifer Munoz finished with a time of 15:03.30 to place 67th. Kelsey Ramb finished 78th with a time of 15:28.58, Emily Cole finished 89th with a time of 16:10.99, while Crissy Joiner finished 96th, completing the course in 16:28.85. Brenna Tarver completed the course in 16:51.81 to finish 103rd.

On the boys' side, Chris Neale completed the course with a time of 22:37.41 to finish 104th.

Tackling football...

Though this year's homecoming royalty lacked the legacy connections of last year's homecoming, it wasn't void of it either. The junior candidate was Brittany Sawyer, daughter of Scott, **class of 1988**, and Kathy (Vaught) Sawyer, also from the **class of 1988**. The freshman candidate was Lauren Davis, the sophomore candidate was Chelsea Renbarger and Adriana Lara was the senior candidate. Their escorts were seniors, Mike McKay, Franky Shelton, Seth Howard and John Somers. Howard was a partial legacy, as his brothers graduated from Lexington, Stevie in the **class of 2003**, and Scott in the **class of 2006**. Younger brother, Steven, is in the **class of 2011**. Carson Claunch, son of Jennifer (Morris) Claunch, **class of 1992**, and husband, Rocky, was the crown bearer. Tori Faulkenberry, daughter of Sherry (Wilson) Faulkenberry, **class of 1989**, and husband, Bobby, served as the flower girl. KWTV SkyNews9 delivered their "Spirit Stick" on Friday before the game, landing the chopper in the middle of Floyd West Field, where sportscaster, Toby Rowland, high stepped out with the spirit stick, while TV sports journalist, Jessica Moody, captured the moment on video tape. The crew was greeted by a huge crowd of students, faculty, players, coaches, cheerleaders, band members and fans. Rowland pumped his arms as he ran down the 50-yard line toward the crowd. As he approached the packed stands, he slid on both knees to a stop. In conjunction with the awarding of the "Spirit Stick", there was a homecoming parade. Almost lost in all the pomp and circumstances was the fact there was a football game to be played. Would all the distractions of the news people flying in, the parade, the HUGE win over Purcell and a top 10 state ranking cause the team to lose focus?

It would have been understandable had our Bulldogs not **QUITE** have been focused on the task at hand – winning

Doug Idlett, **class of 2009**, was a cast member of the stage play *Peter Pan* at the Sooner Theatre in Norman. Doug is the son of Dennis Idlett, **class of 1985**.

Lexington head football coach, Brad Beller, had a LONG day on the Thursday of fall break. First, his wife, Kami, gave birth to the couple's second child, Briley Jo, at Norman Regional Hospital. Next, Coach Beller had to be back to Floyd West Field at 4:00 for his team's walk-through before the game. Finally, his Bulldogs hosted Meeker at 7:30. You can read more about the game in the football section of this newsletter.

Big Dog: - *Fellow Alumni worth noting*

What do you think of when you hear the word "stroke"? Now I don't mean the golf kind, I mean the BIG one. At one time, it was one of the most devastating words a person could hear. There was little doctors could do and what little they could do still meant the road to even a limited recovery was an arduous task. Times have changed and that word doesn't necessarily mean months, if not years, of recovery and rehabilitation to get even a little movement back. You can thank a doctor at the University of Texas for it.

I know, the University of Texas. Just the mention of them has been known to illicit hatred – ESPECIALLY from supporters and fans of the University of Oklahoma. Whether it be the perceived arrogance of the Texas people or the misinformation that Texas is the only state allowed to fly their state flag as high as the United States Stars and Stripes, Oklahoman's just can't get enough of hating all things Texas. Like it or not, though, there is actually some good that comes out of "that state" and "that university." Some of you might be thinking, "So, okay, give me a reason to hate Texas a little less." How about their leading research in the areas of stroke prevention and treatment? At the forefront of that research was a fellow alumnus.

Training fellow neurologists to treat stroke victims was the legacy of David Sherman, M. D. In his career as a professor in the Department of Medicine Division of Neurology at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Dr. Sherman trained some seventy neurologists that are now treating neurological disease throughout Texas and the United States. His students not only learned how to treat the stroke at the critical time – when it is happening or has just happened – but also rehabilitation and, perhaps more importantly, stroke prevention.

People are motivated to do what they do for different reasons. Some are inspired by a teacher, some by a parent or relative and some are influenced by their

their homecoming game against Bethel, but it turns out they were BAD hosts. I don't mean the fans were inhospitable, just the team. Coach Brad Beller's club only ran 16 plays in the first half and none of the drives went more than four plays, as the Bulldogs scored early and often. They went up 20-0 at the half, the last score coming on a 43-yard touchdown run by Steven Howard with 3:58 remaining. After a 60-yard touchdown run by John Somers opened the third quarter, our Bulldogs were on their way to a 5-0 record by a 48-0 dismantling of the Wildcats, proving the activities of the week were absolutely no distraction. At this point in the season, the team is ranked number 4 in the state, has scored 211 points, while giving up only 20. They have posted three shutouts. More importantly, they would take an undefeated 2-0 record in district 2A-2 record to perennial powerhouse Millwood the next week. For their performances against the Wildcats, junior Brad Nere was named the Heart of Oklahoma Defensive Player of the Week by *The Purcell Register* for his fifteen tackles, while Blake Wilson, who graded out at 86%, was awarded the Offensive Player of the Week by the paper.

The mighty Millwood Falcons were ranked number 8, but were fresh off a 35-28 district loss at the hands of the Jones Longhorns. The Falcons carried a 3-2 record, with wins over Star Spencer and Douglass. Those two teams were ranked in the top 10 in Class 3A. The other loss was to defending 4A state champion and top 10 ranked Bishop McGuinness, so the Falcons would be the first real test of the season for the good guys. Millwood's front line averaged 270-300 pounds and they had speed all over the field. A Lexington fumble at the Falcons' 16-yard line set up the first Millwood touchdown drive, keyed by an 80-yard bubble screen to the Bulldogs' eight. With the successful kick try, Millwood had a 7-0 lead. Later, Travelle Pelkey had a 58-yard run that set Coach Beller's club up in business at the Falcon 4. A fumble on the next play set up another Millwood scoring play that, after an unsuccessful try, put the home team up 13-0. Our Bulldogs battled back, though, as Seth Howard scored just before the half to close the gap to 13-6 at the intermission. That missed extra point would prove problematic. Lexington took the ball to open the second half and promptly down the field to cut the deficit to 13-12, but another missed extra point would begin to add up. A 54-yard pass put Millwood up 20-1, but the Bulldogs weren't finished. Seth Howard took the ball right up the middle for a 28-yard touchdown, and the good guys only trailed 20-18 with 5:22 remaining in the third quarter. After Millwood fumbled on the Lexington 10-yard line, a Steven Howard five-yard touchdown run put the mighty Bulldogs on top 24-20 with 3:51 remaining in the game and on the verge of getting a landmark upset. The ensuing kickoff fell a bit short, and Millwood set up shop at their own 45, with the game on the line. Would the STOUT Lexington defense make a stand? Fifty-five yards later, former Purcell Dragon Emilio Gatewood

environment. David Gordon Sherman was born in Purcell, Oklahoma, on March 11, 1942, the first child born to Carl and Syble Sherman. Syble was a homemaker while Carl farmed the same land that David's grandfather purchased in 1898. David was no stranger to hard work. It was working with his father and younger brother, Carey, hauling hay in the blazing Oklahoma sun that made such an impact on him that David decided medical school was for him. Now, don't get me wrong, there is absolutely nothing wrong with farming or hauling hay, but believe me when I tell you there is nothing like blistering in that oppressive Oklahoma summer heat and excess humidity. It's enough to make a person look for an easier way to make a living.

His self drive and motivation made David an outstanding student. He was a top performer in the classroom, being one of three Valedictorians of his senior **class in 1960** (the other two were JoeAnn Beason and Nelda Russell). He attended Lexington schools all twelve years. During his high school years, David was elected to Student Council for two years, serving as president his senior year. He was also a member of the National Honor Society for three years and served as its president his senior year. As a senior, he also was presented with a State Honor Award, which was presented to the top 10% scholastically. He was selected as the Outstanding Boy in school for the 1958/59 and 1959/60 school years. He was also editor of a project that had just begun after not being in existence for several years, the school yearbook (it cost \$3).

He also excelled in Future Farmers of America, where he was a member for four years, being elected Secretary his sophomore year and president his senior year. In that capacity, he was privileged to crown the FFA Queen, Nelda Russell, and present her with her Sweetheart Jacket at the FFA Banquet. David also received several FFA awards as a senior. He was presented the DeKalb Award by Lexington Superintendent, Owen B. Seeds, the Mother's Club Trophy, by Mrs. Carl Beason, and the FFA Foundation Award by high school principal, Charles Burkett. In addition, he was selected Outstanding Senior FFA Boy his senior year. He also was involved in the Land Judging, Farm Engineering and Public Speaking sections of FFA.

Not all of his school time was spent in academics. David was an excellent athlete, lettering in basketball for four years. He was named co-captain his senior year. At the Homecoming festivities that year, he escorted the sophomore attendant, Yvonne Barnes.

After graduating from high school, David went on to the University of Oklahoma, where he achieved the second highest grade point average as an undergraduate. He was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating from OU, David applied to, and was accepted by, the

scored a touchdown with 1:45 left to cap off the drive. The Bulldogs would have one more opportunity, but failed to pick up a first down on the ensuing drive and found themselves on the wrong end of 26-24 loss. Football is a sport where no one play ever wins or loses a game. It's the accumulation of plays - missed tackles, dropped passes, etc. - that determines the outcome, so the fact that the Bulldogs missed four conversion kick tries actually had little to do with the loss. One long-time Millwood assistant admitted that the 336 rushing yards were the most yards any team had ever rushed on them. After the game, Coach Beller took responsibility for the loss by not calling a timeout after the Bulldogs' last touchdown to go for two, a move that, if successful, would have given the team a six-point lead. Coach Beller said the coaches in the press box were calling for it, but neither he nor the other coaches on the sidelines were wearing their headsets. The loss dropped the Bulldogs to number 8 in the 2A polls and moved Millwood up to number 7. In spite of the loss, the Bulldogs could still win the district championship with a 10 or more point victory over the Jones Longhorns. Up next, the Bulldogs would put their 5-1 overall record, including a 2-1 district mark, on the line as they host the Meeker Bulldogs on the Thursday of fall break. Brad Nere was named the Heart of Oklahoma Defensive Player of the Week by the *Purcell Register* for his 25 tackle performance against the Falcons. Up next, a chance to get back to the winning side against an improved 3-3 Meeker team that went just 2-8 last season.

With the close, tough, emotional loss to Millwood last week and a short time to prepare (this game was played on the Thursday of fall break), it would have been understandable if the team might not have been ready to play, especially playing a team with a 3-3 record. Add to that, the next game would be against the Jones Longhorns, the team standing between Lexington and its first district championship. The task at hand, though, was to try to avoid the home upset to Meeker. If there were any doubts in the minds of the fans or any upset plans in the heads of the Meeker Bulldogs, those thoughts were quickly dashed as Lexington started the scoring on their very first drive, covering 47 yards in just three plays, with Seth Howard carrying the mail the final 27 yards to pay dirt. With the Adrian Bund extra point, the good guys led 7-0. Later in the first quarter, Seth's brother, Steven Howard, jettied 70 yards for a touchdown. With another successful PAT, Coach Beller's team was up 14-0 with 13 seconds remaining in the first quarter. The good guys weren't finished, as John Somers hauled in a Seth Howard pass for a 29-yard touchdown. Once again, the try was successful and Lexington led 21-0 with just over 10 minutes remaining before halftime. Howard would use his arm one more time before the half ended, this time finding Jamin Blanchard for a 15-yard TD pass and with the extra point, the Bulldogs led 28-0 with 1:22 remaining before the break. Lexington took the kickoff to open the second half, but found themselves in business at their

University of Oklahoma Medical School. While there, he was a member of the distinguished Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. That prestigious society only allows its elected membership based on such criteria as grades, leadership, ethics and the like. You get the idea; it is only for the top of the best, one for which David fit the criteria perfectly.

David began his career in the healing arts upon his graduating from the OU Medical School. His first opportunity took him to Houston, where he would intern at the prestigious Baylor College of Medicine. At that institution, he would be voted outstanding medical intern. Dr. Sherman accepted a commission in the United States Navy, and would serve his country.

On July 7, 1969, he reported to San Diego, California, where he would become the staff doctor for permanent personnel at the Marine recruiting station. While stationed in San Diego, Dr. Sherman was also involved with humanitarian efforts. He joined a prestigious group called "The Flying Samaritans". On the Friday nights of their free weekends, that group would fly to Mexico to administer volunteer work to the underprivileged. It was a far cry from what they were accustomed. They slept in sleeping bags and ate at the clinic. On Saturday mornings, locals started coming to the clinic before dawn. One Saturday, he saw 140 patients, with more on Sunday. It was one of the most rewarding works of his career, since many of the patients had been sick for a long time and without medical care. By the time Dr. Sherman left the United States Navy, he had been promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander.

After leaving the US Navy, Dr. Sherman began his residency training in Neurology at the University of California, San Diego. It was there he would find his calling. While in San Diego, Dr. Sherman would form a life-long relationship with his friend and colleague, Dr. J. Donald Easton. It was a relationship that would elevate Dr. Sherman's career to where he would be most influential, academia. In 1974, it would take him to his first stop as an academic, joining the faculty at Southern Illinois University in Springfield and would remain on staff there until 1977. From there, the pair would accept positions at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where Dr. Sherman would be an Associate Professor and Dr. Easton would be a Professor in the Department of Neurology. Six year later, they would be on the move again.

While at the UM-C, Dr. Sherman formed a tight professional bond with Dr. Robert Hard and Dr. Jack Carter. In 1983, Drs. Sherman, Easton, Carter and Hart would all accept positions at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. While there, Dr. Sherman would become one of the foremost experts in the area of stroke prevention and treatment for which he

own 10-yard line. The first play from scrimmage in the second half had Somers take the ball 90 yards for another score. Another successful try gave our Bulldogs a 25-0 lead. Four minutes later, on their next possession, Lexington found the end zone again, this time via a 40-yard pass from Seth Howard to Dalton Duke. Bund, once again, toed the extra point and the home team was ahead 42-0. In the end, Lexington had put the bite on the Meeker Bulldogs by a final tally of 49-0, though touchdown runs of 80 and 60 yards were called back by holding penalties. The win ran the Bulldogs record to 6-1 overall and 3-1 in district, setting up a showdown at Jones. The Longhorns were alone atop the district standings and were undefeated in district play, by virtue of their knocking of the Millwood Falcons. The victory, however, wasn't without a price. Steven Howard suffered an ankle injury.

With the inside track of the District 2A-2 crown at stake, the Bulldogs travelled to Jones to take on the Longhorns. Lexington's defense would be SERIOUSLY tested as Jones had the no. 3 passing offense in Class 2A. The Longhorns sported a 5-2 record and had won their last four in a row, including the 35-28 victory over the mighty Millwood Falcons. The team started with some bad juju on Lexington's very first offensive series of the game as the Bulldogs lost starting offensive lineman, Kyle Renbarger, with an MCL injury to his knee that would keep him out of action three to four weeks. His loss left the Bulldogs unable to get any offensive rhythm until the second quarter, when they moved the ball to the Longhorns 20. That's where a Seth Howard handoff to Travelle Pelkey went awry and Jones recovered. By the time the Bulldogs scored with 5:04 remaining in the third quarter, the Longhorns led by a 10-0 score. Jones' only touchdown, a dump pass on fourth down, was set up when they returned another Lexington turnover back to the four yard line. Their score came four plays later. The Bulldogs' score was set up by a 57-yard Seth Howard run to the Jones four. He should have scored, but with an injury, he was limping all the way, when the backside cornerback caught him. John Somers scored three plays later to pull the Bulldogs to within three, 10-7. Even though the stout Lexington defense gave up only 97 yards passing and 67 yards rushing, key injuries would take their toll as the Bulldogs found themselves on the short end of a 10-7 score. Though the district title was out of their reach, Coach Beller's club would have more important things about which to worry. Renbarger's injury wasn't the only one, as Steven Howard, already hobbled from the Meeker game the previous week, reinjured his ankle and would be out two to three weeks, and Steven's brother, quarterback Seth Howard, took a hit to the knee with six minutes left in the game that would leave him out of action for about three weeks. The loss left the Bulldogs with a 6-2 record and a 3-2 record in district play. They wouldn't have time to feel the sting of the loss for long, as the revamped Little Axe Indians would come calling with

would become famous. It was there Dr. Sherman would finish out his illustrious career.

At the UTHSC, Dr. Sherman would become the Chair of Neurology. In that capacity, he would not only become a teacher, but also an internationally recognized leader and researcher who would author over one hundred scientific publications. He served as the Program Committee for the International Joint Conference on Stroke and Cerebral Circulation. He also organized and conducted many clinical research trials which are credited with preventing tens of thousands of strokes each year. So admired was he that he won numerous awards during his career, awards like the prestigious Award of Excellence in Clinical Stroke in 1994 and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Neurological Society in 2006. He was also honored by medical students with several teaching awards. With all the accolades he received throughout his career, Dr. Sherman took the most pride in his residents and the seventy neurologists who trained under him who are now treating neurological disease throughout the country. At that institution, he also was holder of the Ross J. Siebert Research Fund Distinguished Chair. Dr. Sherman was also the former Chief of Neurology at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Audie Murphy Division. He

With his being one of the leading authorities on strokes, as well as being a tremendously respected professor, one might think he was left with precious little time for anything else. Those who know Dr. Sherman best knew him as a world traveler, visiting not only the good old USA, but also travelling to Europe. He was also a gourmet chef. They also knew him as a great friend, husband and father.

Friend and colleague, Dr. James Grotta, Chairman of the Department of Neurology and Director of the stroke program at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, praised Dr. Sherman's warmth, generosity and kindness when he said, "He was able to achieve academic success and handle multiple administrative responsibilities while maintaining his humor and calm." Dr. Grotta went on to say about his long-time steadfast friend, "...mixed his humble Oklahoma origins with the sophistication of being a world traveler, gourmet Italian chef." Dr. Sherman also loved fine food, as well as fine wine, and was also a lover of blues music.

Dr. Sherman was also known as a devoted family man. Those closest to him speak of his friendly, gentle nature – a man who never raised his voice. Daughter, Carol Sherman Williams remembered her father as a gentle man who, "...never lost his temper, and while he set very high standards for us, he was never disappointed in us," referring to her siblings. "Nothing ever rattled him."

If you haven't figured out by now, Dr. Sherman passed

a chance to make the playoffs for the first time in their history.

It wasn't so long ago the Little Axe Indians were on a 40 game LOSING streak and they have had a .500 season only twice in the last 20 years or more. Little Axe was SO bad, in fact, that teams would schedule them as their homecoming just to be guaranteed a victory. But hold the show, ladies and gentlemen, as this isn't your daddy's Indian squad. This was a 5-3 team that was determined to make the playoffs after missing them by one point last season. With Coach Beller's team nursing 11 injuries and two other players down with sickness, beating Little Axe could prove to be a daunting task. The Bulldogs took the opening kickoff and drove the ball to the Indians' 26, where a fumble ended a drive. Little Axe drove the ball 74 yards for a 6-0 lead, though it would be short-lived. On the ensuing kickoff, Travelle Pelkey would provide the Bulldogs a spark, taking the ball back 88 yards for the tying touchdown with 7:26 remaining in the first quarter. Travelle would take over the quarterback duties in the second half, and would lead the vaunted Bulldogs' rushing attack with 95 yards on 17 carries. The good guys had three plays over 25 yards negated by penalties. The stingy Bulldogs' defense continued to play well, limiting the Indians to 165 yards rushing and 27 passing yards, with 76 yards coming on one drive and 65 yards on another. Lexington's second fumble late in the game, combined with a interception and timely penalties, spelled doom as Little Axe took home a 12-9 victory on Senior Night at Floyd West Field. It was the second loss in a row and their third in the last four games. It dropped the Bulldogs' record to 6-3, with a 3-3 district mark. A win against Centennial would assure the Bulldogs another spot in the post season. For his 19 tackles, Brad Nere would be named The Heart of Oklahoma Defensive Player of the Week by *The Purcell Register*.

While Coach Brad Beller's Bulldogs were trying to right the ship and prepare for their game against Centennial, there was a quarterback controversy unfolding in Jones that would have a PROFOUND impact on class 2A football throughout the state. How does a quarterback controversy in Jones affect football in Lexington? Well, it wasn't a controversy that would decide who would start at quarterback, but whether he was ELIGIBLE. It seems the quarterback had transferred from Choctaw to Jones before the start of the season, but the school failed to file the necessary hardship paperwork that would make him eligible for the season. The Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association, the governing body of high schools in Oklahoma, ruled him ineligible and required Jones to forfeit all games in which he had participated. That meant that Lexington's week eight 10-7 loss to Jones was forfeited, and the result was a 15-0 Lexington victory. That put the Bulldogs solidly in the playoffs and dropped Jones out, though they would appeal the ruling to the

away at the age of 65. Dr. Sherman passed on Thursday, November 29th, 2007, after a three and a half year battle with complications from surgery. Besides the countless patients, colleagues and friends, David left behind the love of his life, his devoted wife of thirty four years, Carla Pizarro Sherman. Besides Williams, he also left behind daughters, Rebecca Suter, Alexis Francesca Sherman, and one son, Nicholas Alessandro Sherman. He also left two grandchildren, Alexandra Williams and Carl Suter. Of course, he also left behind his beloved brother, Carey Sherman (class of 1962) of Lexington. He also left behind a wonderful legacy of helping and healing people. His family acknowledged his love of blues music by having a blues band play in his memory at the reception after his memorial service. The David G. Sherman, MD, Endowed Lecture Series in Neurosciences was set up as a permanent endowment in his honor at the University of Texas Health Center in San Antonio, Texas.

You can't finish writing about Dr. David Sherman without looking at his accomplishments in the areas of stroke prevention and treatment. He was such an authority that he authored more than 35 book chapters and 100 scientific publications. From 1995-2007, he served on the editorial board of the publication *Stroke*, after serving in the same capacity for *Cerebrovascular Diseases* from 1990-1995. He was also a reviewer for several other journals. Another hat Dr Sherman wore was as a consultant, as he was for LightBridge on their research procedures and protocols throughout the development of its educational caregiver guides and contents. He spoke at conferences around the world, organized and conducted clinical research trails. He was the principal investigator when it was found that simple aspirin, long known to alleviate pain and helps prevent heart attacks, can also helps lower the risk of strokes in certain patients by 80%. That information was published in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine* in March of 1990. The findings and resulting article were also written up in the April 2, 1990, edition of *Time* magazine. He was also involved in researching new drugs to help prevent strokes. He also headed a study that found that administering a drug called Ancrod within three hours of the onset of a stroke helped 42% of 500 stroke patients regain significant functioning. Ancrod is made from the venom of the Malayan pit viper.

Finally, you also can't complete an article on Dr. Sherman without checking with at least one of his patients. One such patient was Deb Wells of San Antonio. Wells credits Dr. Sherman with saving her life with the discoveries he made after her 1998 stroke that other neurologists had missed. "He was the first physician who listened to what I had to say as a patient," Wells said. "Because of him, I was able to go back to work and live my life." So profound was the impact Dr. Sherman had on her life that after she recovered, the pair created a business, StrokeGuard, aimed at stroke risk management

OSSAA again. With having little help from the offense due to injuries, the defense decided to help their own cause. Fans had barely nestled into their seats when Dillon Dodd snatched the ball from a Bison player, then returned it 35 yards to paydirt, staking the Bulldogs to an early 7-0 lead. Later in the first quarter, Lexington took possession of the ball with nine minutes left in the quarter. Eight minutes later, John Somers carried the ball over the goal line from 1 yard out to extend the lead. The PAT made the score 14-0 with just over a minute left in the first stanza. The defense would, again, get in on the action, as Dodd recorded a safety, giving the Bulldogs a 16-0 lead in the second quarter. Somers tossed a 22-yard touchdown pass to Travelle Pelkey with 13 seconds remaining before halftime. The scoring assault continued in the second half as the Bulldogs added a touchdown late in the third quarter and one in the fourth to complete a 37-6 rout of Centennial. The win, combined with the Jones forfeit, improved Lexington's record to 7-3 with a 5-2 record in district, good enough for third place in District 2A-2. Finishing third meant a road trip for round one of the playoffs. Their opponent, an 8-2 Kingfisher team that was ranked in the top 10 in the state. For his outstanding performance on defense, Dillon Dodd was named the Heart of Oklahoma Tri-Defensive Player of the Week by *The Purcell Register*. Besides causing a fumble he returned for a touchdown and collecting the safety, he recorded three tackles, including one for a loss. More importantly, the return of some of the wounded Bulldogs, like Steven Howard, helped the team gain confidence heading into the playoffs.

There is an old football adage that says a team takes its defense on the road with them, meaning a good defense can keep a team in the game when they go into hostile territory. Well, that adage came to fruition as the Bulldogs' stout defense held the Yellowjackets to a mere 7 points through the first three quarters. That, combined with the return of most of their walking wounded, could make for an interesting game. However, two bugaboos, turnovers and penalties would prove to be problems. After kicking a field goal with just over 6 minutes to play in the third quarter, the Bulldogs trailed just 7-3. Lexington had the ball in Kingfisher territory early in the fourth when a penalty negated an eight-yard run before disaster struck. The Bulldogs fumbled on the next play, and Kingfisher recovered and subsequently scored, giving them a 14-3 lead. Trying to catch up, the Bulldogs had to start throwing the ball and Kingfisher took control of the game. In the end, the Bulldogs wound up on the short end of the 24-3 score, ending their season with a 7-4 mark. The 11 seniors the team will lose to graduation won 24 games in three years, a feat unequalled in Lexington football history. Due to injuries to some upperclassmen, several freshman and sophomores got some valuable playing time that will help next year. So, congratulations to the team on another great season and goodbye to the departing seniors: Dalton Capps, Mike McKay, Dillon

for managed care plans and HMOs.

Dr. David Gordon Sherman, friend, colleague, college professor, lecturer, researcher, brother, father, husband, 1960 graduate of Lexington High School and a man who dedicated his life to helping others. It's thanks to him and the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas, that thousands of people live normal lives today, proving to those of you who don't believe it, something good can come out of Texas.



*Dr. David Gordon Sherman, class of 1960.
(1942-2007)*

Calling the Dogs-class reunion information

During the past year, a couple of classes got together for reunions. In July, the class of 1952 spent the day at the McClain County Bank building renewing old friendships. Guests came from as far away places as Stafford, Virginia, and Port Hadlock, Washington. Others came from the Lexington/Purcell area, Choctaw, Gore and Norman, Oklahoma. There was even a guest from Pharr, Texas. For more information on the attendees, please check out Barker 3.1.

Later in the summer, the class of 1984 held their 25-year reunion. They had a pre-reunion dinner at Chelino's Mexican Restaurant in Bricktown. The actual reunion was the next evening at the new Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman. For more information on the attendees and pictures of their fun, take a look at Barker 2.4. There is also more information and photos on Facebook. The URL is:

Dodd, Tyler Cravens, Marcus Nere, Patrick Rivas, Danny Somers, Seth Howard, Franky Shelton, John Somers and Adrian Bund. To the returning players, we are TRULY looking forward to watching your continued success and carrying on the tradition!

This year's team also had the distinct advantage of having seven DIFFERENT sets of brothers playing and one more set coaching. The playing brothers were: Seth and Steven Howard, Brad and Marcus Nere, Edgar and Hose Munoz, Kyle and Chad Forehand, Daniel and TH Somers, Dalton and Bobby Capps and Travelle Pelkey and Willie Stinnett. The coaches were Brad and Brian Beller.

Congratulations to quarterback, Seth Howard, who was named the District 2A-2 Offensive Most Valuable Player, as voted on by the District 2A-2 coaches. Also voted to the District 2A-2 All District First Team were John Somers and Dillon Dodd. Named to the All District Second Team were Marcus Nere and Tyler Cravens. Mike McKay, Danny Somers and Dalton Capps were named District 2A-2 Honorable Mention.

More post-season awards came forward as defensive back, Travelle Pelkey, was named to the Little All-City Honorable Mention Team as selected by *The Oklahoman* newspaper. Quarterback, Seth Howard, was also named to the same team and was also named to the 2009 All-State Honorable Mention team as selected by that publication. Howard was also selected as one of the quarterbacks for the Class 2A West team by the Oklahoma Coaches Association. Defensive lineman, Dillon Dodd, was named to the Oklahoma Coaches Association West defensive team, as was linebacker, John Somers.

We can all rest assured that at least the officiating crew on Floyd West Field next season for the opening game will be a good one. Greg Yeary (crew umpire), **class of 1976**, and his crew have the game against the Sulphur Bulldogs.

Let us not forget the young ladies that cheered hard for our Bulldogs. The members of this year's cheerleading squad are: Ashlea Emery, Tia Parker, Dallas Marlow, Megan Hemmerling, Emily Cole, Callie Frazier, Lauren Davis, Nikki Melton, Brittany Sawyer, Chelsea Renbarger and Auddesy White.

Giving basketball a shot...

Beginning his fifth season at the helm of Lexington's boys' basketball team, Coach Clint York is hoping to improve on the 11-15 season his squad turned in last year. With 6' 8" center Aaron Moss, Blaine Garriott and Luke Pearson graduated off last year's team, the Bulldogs return three players. With point guard, Blake Gifford, calling the plays

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=23845&id=1036810708&l=b10806b96c>

If your class is planning a get-together in 2010, we hope you decide against it and will join us for ours, SummerFest 2010: Looking Forward to the Past, the Alumni Reunion. If you are planning a reunion anyway, we would recommend having it on Friday, June 18, the night before the Alumni Reunion. That way, your class can get together for dinner the night before, then join us for the fun and festivities the next day, talking with friends from other classes. Then, attend the dance party that night.

Barkings: *-happenings of your Alumni Association*

Planning for "**SummerFest 2010: Looking Forward to the Past**", our next Alumni Reunion, is in its final stages. We have the date set, Saturday, June 19th, 2010. We have a caterer selected, Sooner Legends Barbeque in Norman. We have our entertainment. We tried to hire radio's legendary Ronnie Kaye, KOMA radio air personality, to entertain us, but he had a scheduling conflict (a car show he had done for several years), so he couldn't do the reunion (he said he would have LOVED to, since he hadn't been there in many years). He recommended his boss at KOMA, Kent Jones, owner of Kent Jones Productions. Kent is the Program Director and mid-morning air personality at the station. Kent doesn't personally do them anymore, but we hired his company to supply a professional, experienced disc jockey. We will be having a dance featuring Mark Burney, spinning tunes from the 1930s through 2010. The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will go until midnight. You can request your favorite songs or dedicate one through the forum page on our Alumni website: lexokalumni.org. You can see an extensive sampling of their music library at: <http://www.mypartymusicdj.com/subpage.html1.html>

We have some of our fellow alumni who have agreed to entertain during our class roll call period, the time after the business meeting and before the dance. Though we have a few, we could **ALWAYS** use more. If you have a talent (singing, dancing, comedy, whatever), we'd LOVE to give you a spot on the program. Just contact us through the website or our toll-free telephone number. You can read more about it later in this article.

Since it appears not everyone received their invitation to the Alumni Reunion, PLEASE let us know. If you or someone you know has NOT received theirs, we have set up a toll-free number. The number is 1-866-527-ALUM (5286). Leave your (or their) name and address and we'll get one out IMMEDIATELY. You, or they, can also register online with a credit card through a SECURE PayPal account. You DO NOT have to have a PayPal account to

and distributing the basketball from his point guard position, 2-3 swing man, Kyle Forehand, and five man, senior Ryan Coker, the Bulldogs will have experienced scorers. Matt Bugher, Dillon Dodd, John Hill, Dalton Capps and Jamin Blanchard will be vying for the remaining two starting positions. In all, there will be 24 players vying for the 15 positions on the team, so depth will be one of the team's strengths. Their athleticism will be another strength, making them a team that will want to run.

It's the dawn of a new era in girls' basketball, as Mark Savage begins his tenure as the head coach of the Lady Bulldogs, replacing Robert Barger. Gone off last year's 11-15 team are Brianna Bryant and Heather Bennett, but returning full and/or part-time starters Crissy Joyner, Brittany Penner, Madison English, a starter who went down to a knee injury, and Annie Taylor will give the new coach a ton of experience and talent upon which to draw.

The season for both teams tipped off with a road trip to Washington. In spite of Kyle Forehand pouring in 15 points, the Bulldogs dropped an 82-52 decision to the Warriors. In the other game of the night, Annie Taylor picked up right where she left off last season by scoring 28 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. The Lady Bulldogs faced a tenacious Washington pressure defense and only managed 4 points in the first quarter, while the Lady Warriors burned the nets for 18. That start set the tempo for the rest of the game as the Lady Bulldogs found themselves on the wrong end of a 59-41 loss.

Next up, Ryan Coker (son of Mike, **class of 1984**, and Tammi (Engdahl) Coker, **class of 1983**) and teammate, Jamin Blanchard, scored 15 points each as the Bulldogs hosted Mount Saint Mary. In the end, one quarter saw the Bulldogs score only five points, and that proved to be the dagger as the third-ranked Rockets bested the good guys 75-61, dropping them to 0-2 on the young season. In the opener of the night, the crowd was treated to another chapter in the Annie Taylor story, as she drained the nets for 26 points and brought down 13 boards. The Lady Bulldogs, who can have four players six feet or taller on the floor at any given time, ended the first stanza deadlocked 12-12. Lexington turned up the defensive heat in the second quarter, and that led to a 26-15 lead at the half. They would cruise to a 51-45 victory to level their record to 1-1.

The Bridge Creek Bobcats came calling for the next game. The first game had Annie Taylor post her first double-double of the season by scoring 14 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. She also added four assists. In the end, it was the balanced scoring by the entire team that led the Lady Bulldogs to a 35-29 victory to raise their record to 2-1. In the nightcap, Blake Gifford scored 21 points to pace the Bulldogs. The two teams played to a 61-61 tie at the end of regulation. During the extra

use the credit card.

We **REALLY** need people to volunteer at the reunion. We are seeking people to help set up and decorate, people to man tables at check in and people to act as tour guides. We have LOTS of places you can serve, so contact us as soon as you can.

Also, I guess nobody took me seriously when I wrote in the last edition of this publication that we **REALLY** need somebody to volunteer to be an officer. It's **REALLY** easy being an officer, but the Alumni Association needs you. Do you want this to be the last Alumni Reunion you will attend? I've been an officer for the past ten years and I'm going to move on to other things, so I won't be anything other than the Ex-Officio member. Don't misread that, I **WILL NOT SERVE ANOTHER TERM AS AN OFFICER OTHER THAN AS THE EX-OFFICIO**. The only other officer that remains is Sandy (Phillips) Bruehl, **class of 1983**. She has made it **ABUNDANTLY** clear that she will not be an officer after this term. Well, I **TRULY** hope somebody else steps forward to help our next volunteer Treasurer, my brother, Tom Yearly, **class of 1961**. He has graciously volunteered to serve again. He served as an officer several years ago. Come on alumni, it's **YOUR** association, **GET INVOLVED!**

Sales of our engraved brick pavers are still going strong. We have now placed our last order with the price at \$30 per brick. As of January 1, 2010, the price went up to \$50. If you want to order yours, please contact us. Each brick has a maximum of three lines per brick, each line with a maximum of 13 characters (including spaces) per line. You can have your brick grouped how requested, and you do **NOT** have to be a Lexington graduate. All funds remaining after the bricks are purchased goes into the general fund of the Alumni Association to help defray the costs of scholarships, post office box rent and general operating expenses. The bricks are being installed in the Alumni Plaza at the new Lexington High School. It is the area around the flag poles. Go on by and check it out. Memorialize your loved ones today!

Remember, your reunion and your Alumni Association are only as good as you want them to be, so we encourage you to get involved!

Just in case you were wondering, at the end of October, the Alumni Association had a total of \$5,202.34. We spent nothing in November and December, but will in January as our next brick order is made. I have not yet received the November bank statement.

A registration form is below. Please fill it out and mail it, with payment, to the address at the top of this newsletter.

stanza, the Bulldogs got a huge trey from Gifford and a crucial layup from Ryan Coker as the Bulldogs picked up their first win of the season by a 71-67 count. Next up, the Bulldogs would travel across the South Canadian River for the Battle for the Bridge, basketball edition.

With the Lexington victory in football still burning inside, the Purcell Dragons would be out to settle the score. In the boys' game, Coach York's squad would have the best and the worst. The best was a 78 percent free throw shooting night, while the worst was the 28 percent from the field. Dalton Capps led Lexington with a nine point night, as the Dragons extracted a little revenge with a 43-39 victory, dropping their record to 1-3. In the early game, the Lady Dragons' game plan was to pressure Annie Taylor to make her a non-factor in the game. In spite of the extra attention, she still managed to lead all scorers in the game with 15 points, as the Lady Bulldogs took home a 40-31 win to raise their record to 3-1. The teams would take to the road, playing at Jones.

Blake Gifford led the Bulldogs scorers with 12 points, but the rest of the team just couldn't seem to get off to a start. By halftime, Jones had already hit 10 free throws to only one for Lexington. Things didn't improve much in the second half, as the Longhorns ended up outscoring the Bulldogs from the charity stripe by an 18-5 count, as Jones won the game 43-38. Annie Taylor continued to sizzle the nets, scoring 26 points in the game. The Lady Bulldogs held the Lady Longhorns to only two first quarter points, while scoring 13 of their own. That allowed the team to build a 29-15 halftime lead and cruise the rest of the way, downing Jones 59-40. Next up, a dogfight, as the teams hit the road to take on Wayne.

The streaking Lady Bulldogs of coach Mark Savage started slow, trailing 17-7 at the end of the first quarter, but managed to claw their way back into the game, trailing 26-25 at the half. The second half saw the two teams tied at 46 at the end of regulation. By the end of the overtime, Crissy Joyner, Crystal Pratt, Madison English and Annie Taylor, who scored 12 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs in scoring, fouled out. That allowed the host Bulldogs to pull away, hitting 12 of 14 free throws, for a final score of 62-50, dropping Lexington's record to 4-2. On the boys' side, Kyle Forehand scored 19 points to lead Coach York's squad, as they destroyed Wayne 61-16. The win raised Lexington's record to 2-4, with one game remaining before the Christmas break.

Crooked Oak came calling, and Blake Gifford put on a show for them by scorching the nets for a whopping 30 points. The Bulldogs upped their record to 3-4 for the Christmas break by roughing up the Ruf Nex by a 62-50 score. This time, Madison English was the leading scorer for the Lady Bulldogs, ripping off 17 points as Lexington hammered the Lady Ruf Nex 69-18. Next up, Christmas break.

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1/14	Newcastle	Away	7:00
1/15-16	Western Conf. Tourney	Hobart	TBA
1/19	Comanche	Home	7:00
1/22-23	Piedmont Tournament	Away	TBA
1/26	Blanchard	Away	7:00
1/28	Little Axe	Away	7:00
1/29-30	Chickasha Tournament	Away	TBA
2/2	Hinton	Home	7:00
2/12-13	Dual State	TBA	TBA
2/19-20	Regionals	TBA	TBA
2/26-27	State @ OKC Fairgrounds	TBA	TBA

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