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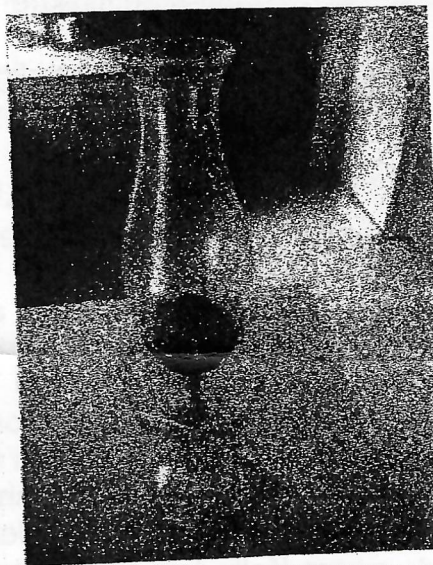
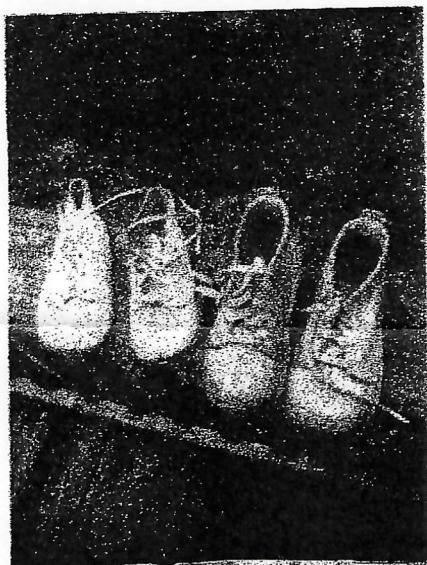
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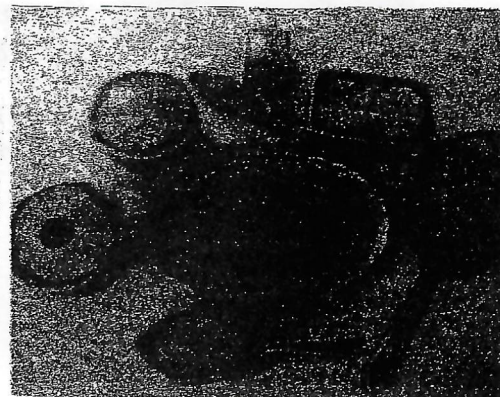
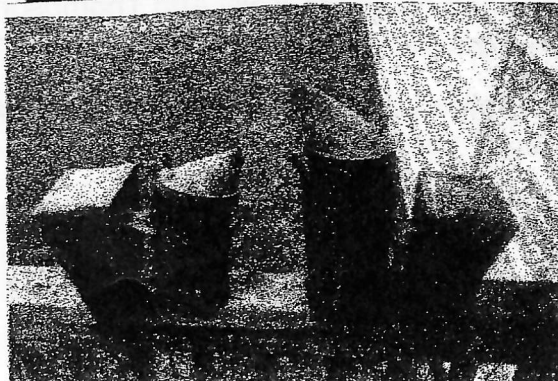
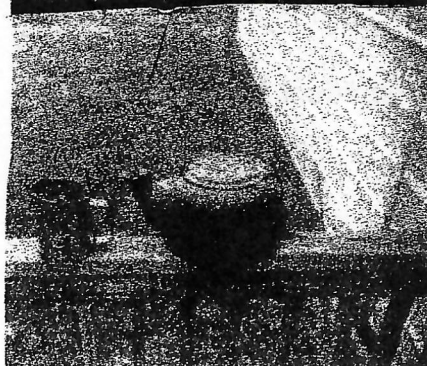
Dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of "old Pearland"

PLEASE NOTE—ALL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE—

Well folks, 2020 is finally over but it seems 2021 is getting off to a rocky start. I hope everyone stays healthy and hang in there! Maybe we'll all get our shot soon. At my house, there are folks working, one doing college study, and another going to high school, all from home. It is my duty to keep the dogs quiet. I think East Texas is the best place for me. Congratulations to Pearland's new mayor, Kevin Cole. In this issue there is a brief history of now Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid. At press time, we heard that Bill Cook had passed. A story will follow in a later issue. Please see stories of others who have passed. Don't miss the football story from Mickey Mark's archives. There are pictures and stories from Pearland ISD 1956. As we weren't able to honor the class of 1970 due to the Covid issues, there are some remembrances from their class. Donald Hayes, our second vice president, has elected to step down. Thanks Donald for all your efforts for the society. Thanks to Brenda Martin Riggs for putting all these stories together for us to enjoy. Even though we are unable to have in person meetings at this time, please keep in touch with your family and friends. We all enjoy a call, email, or card etc.. Jerry



GRANDMA THINGS





MAYOR - Tom Reid moved to Pearland in 1965. He was employed as an Engineer at the NASA Space Center. The "City of Pearland" was incorporated in December 1959. Pearland was a "bedroom community" to Houston. The 1970 census reflects a population of 6,444 residents. Tom Reid was a council member for 5 years and served as Mayor from 1978 – 1990. He was re-elected in 1997 and has served as Mayor since that time. The City has gone through many changes throughout his tenure. The population in 2020 is: 129, 147 – up from 91,252 in 2010. Pearland is the 28th largest city in Texas. Honoring his years of service the library was named Tom Reid Library. The 95 year young Mayor announced his retirement in 2019, however, there was a delay in the May 2020 election due to Covid 19 and the Election was postponed until November. Mayor Reid will transition to Mayor Emeritus. He is a charter member of the Historical Society.

Many thanks to Mayor Tom Reid for his years of dedicated service to the City of Pearland!



CARLENE "JENNY" JAMISON GRIFFIN – PHS 1955

Jenny was born January 14, 1938 in Harris County, Texas, the daughter of Bert Jamison and Frances Smith Jamison. She passed away October 12, 2020. After college she moved to Mexico to train as a bullfighter, later owned her own beauty shop in Pearland and then worked as an LVN for several years. She was an avid horse lover.

She cherished her family and will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents and loving husband James C. Griffin. She is survived by her sons: Butch Griffin [Judy] and Jake Griffin, 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

*****Many will remember **Bert and Frances Jamison** had the big fig orchard on FM 518. Frances sold preserves and baked delicious desserts – especially those yummy pies!



IRIS KATHRYN 'KAYE' LANE WAGGONER – PHS 1964

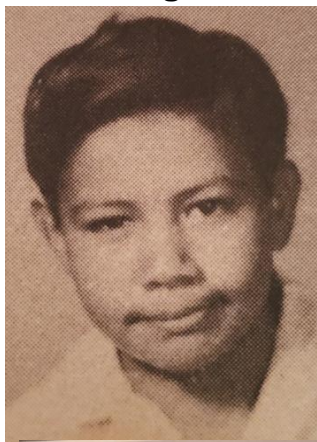
Kaye was born January 8, 1946 in Houston, Texas to Leo D. and Elaine Hill Lane. She passed away November 12, 2020. While attending Pearland Schools [1st – 12th], she was FHA Sweetheart, as well as President of FHA, State Delegate in Homemaking and Manager of the Basketball team. Kay was employed as a Customer Service Agent in the insurance industry. She was an excellent seamstress and skilled quilter – for years she traveled throughout the United States to many quilt shows with her niece, Darla Allen.

Kaye was preceded in death by her parents; she is survived by her sons: Charles Anthony "Tony" Thompson [Sunny], Jeremy Adam Thompson [Samantha] and daughter, Kelly Ann Thompson; sister, Ann Trevino and her beloved grandchildren. She will be dearly missed.

***** Many will remember **Elaine Lane** was Secretary to the Superintendent of Pearland ISD Schools and Board of Trustees for **30** years!

FIDEL SANDOVAL, JR. was born November 30, 1937 in Brazoria County, Texas, to Fidel Sandoval Sr. and Sarah Esther Delgado. His parents purchased acreage in Pearland and named the road to the property Morenci Street after a town in which Sarah had lived as a child. An Assembly of God Church was built on FM518 and Morenci Street. It was moved to 6711 Isla Drive, Brookside, Texas – and later demolished.

Fidel 6th grade:



The family moved to Beaumont in 1940; returning to Pearland in 1945. Fidel was the 4th of 5 children: Alice Sandoval Gutierrez {1929}; Joe [1930-2007 MI] Benjamin [1934 – 2017 AZ – Ben was a 1954 PHS grad] and Rudy – PHS class of 1958.

Fidel attended Pearland Elementary and graduated from PHS in **1956**. He was a Guard on the Oiler Football Team – a 3 year letterman. He proudly served in the U. S. Army.

Jr Hi Football:

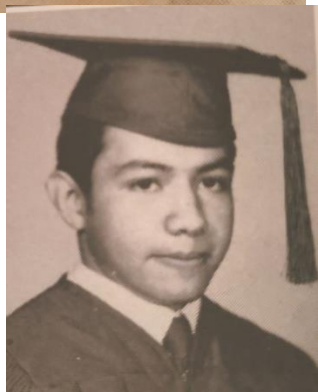


December 7, 1968, Fidel married Maria Lupita Flores.

He worked for Hollister Framing Company in Houston for several years and then ventured on his own in a successful housing construction company. He subdivided and built the houses on Morenci Street as well as many in Houston and surrounding areas.

Maria inherited acreage and a house in Mexico. They moved to Mexico to enable Fidel to renovate the house; they sold the property after completion and returned to Pearland.

Fidel and Maria had two sons: Michael Benjamin Sandoval and Christopher Mark Sandoval.



Fidel was quiet spoken and always the perfect gentleman. A member of the Pearland Historical Society – he attended most of the annual luncheons.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Church on Mustang Road, Alvin, Texas

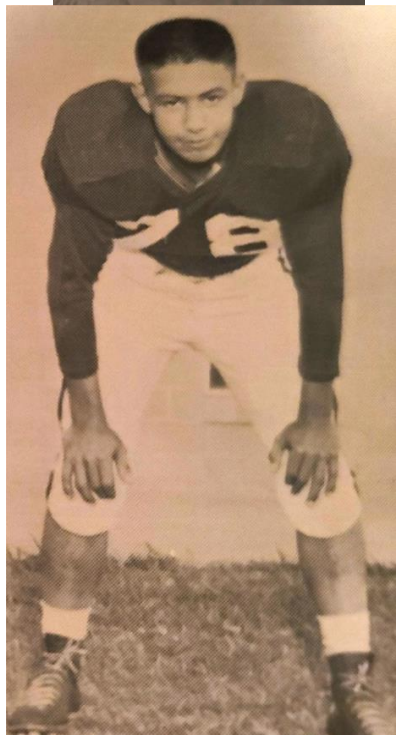
Fidel passed away September 30, 2020 in Alvin, Texas.

A memorial service was held October 2020.

Fidel was predeceased by his wife Maria [1946 – 2004]; his parents Fidel Sr. [1904 – 1985] and Sarah [1909 – 1986]. They are buried South Park Cemetery, Pearland, Texas.

He is survived by his sons: Michael and Christopher, two granddaughters, sister Alice Gutierrez and brother Rudy.

*****Pablo Curiel, Fidel's maternal great-grandfather is buried at *Old Settlers Cemetery, Pearland, Texas.*



The 1946 Pearland vs. Kinkaid Game

Mickey Mark wrote a story in 2007 about a football game played in 1946 that was partially filmed in COLOR. Tragically new coaches tossed all the game films in a dumpster as well as other items from the trophy case from the old high school on Galveston Ave. What follows is Mickey's account of that game and season.

-Tom Hunter



1st Row: L to R: Bob Burkett, Billy McAninch, John Saffle, Wayne Long, Walter Griffin

2nd Row: Lee Scott, Irvin Baggett, Charles Baggett, Harold Warner, Carl Talbot, W. J. Dimmit

3rd Row: Coach Hawkins, Jack Tharp, Johnnie Haskins, Corky Segelquist, Mickey Mark, Ed Olin

Tom: I don't remember exactly what I told you about that game, but it was in my junior year, which would have been the fall of 1946. Coach Hawkins had returned from the service in the spring and we were very excited about our prospects for the fall of '46. Our game with Kinkaid was around mid-October. We were undefeated up until that date and were looking forward to meeting Sweeny and hoping for a district championship. Sweeny had something like a 32-game undefeated streak going.

We got brand new all maroon pants and jerseys during the week before the Kinkaid game. We were to play Sweeny in Pearland the week after the Kinkaid game. The game with Kinkaid was a day game at their field. The temperature at game time was in the mid-90s and those new uniforms, which had never been laundered, were very, very hot. They felt like they weighed 30 lbs. when soaked with sweat.

I'm not sure whether it was Coach Hawkins or J.D. Satterwhite who arranged for the photographer to take COLOR FILM of the game. What I do remember was it was a real disaster for Pearland. We were looking past Kinkaid to the Sweeny game and played the lousiest game imaginable.

To add to the troubles, I got a gash over my eye and across my chin in the first half, and Coach Hawkins wouldn't let me play at all in the 2nd half – not wanting to chance further injury. Also in the 2nd half, Wayne Long got knocked cold and had to be carried unconscious to the hospital. He didn't regain consciousness until midnight.

I think the highlight of the film was what you remembered – that is Ed Olin's drop kicking. The Kinkaid gymnasium was behind the end zone on one end of the field and every time he drop kicked an extra point, the ball would go over the gymnasium. As I remember, the final score was 42-26.

The Sweeny team was at the game and later they told us they thought we intentionally threw the game. The next Friday night we played Sweeny in Pearland and wound up with a 14-14 tie. If statistics had been kept, we would have been the winner since we had more penetrations, first downs, and yardage, but no official stats were kept – so we would have to have a one-game playoff in Alvin at the end of the season to determine the district winner. Sweeny won that game 21-19 and ironically Ed missed the extra-point drop kick, which would have tied the game.

If you remember in 6-man football, kicks for extra points counted 2 points and runs for extra points only 1 point. Had we played anywhere near as well against Kinkaid as we did against Sweeny, we would have won handily.

I was very upset when I found out the coaches had dumped all the old game films into the trash dumpster when they cleaned out the dressing room in the gymnasium. There were some really good game films of the Pearland team of 1950, which won bi-district and got defeated by Columbus in regional. I still can't imagine those coaches just dumping the films without saying anything to anyone until after the fact.

That's about all I can tell you about that game at Kinkaid. I still have a somewhat bitter taste in my mouth when I think about it.

P.S. About the drop kicking. Ed Olin was our extra point man - usually very accurate, but Carl Talbot could drop kick farther. One day before practice, he and Ed were seeing how far they could drop kick through the goal posts. Carl kicked one that went 52 yards. I will always remember this.

- Mickey Mark

NOTE: The 2021 Historical Society Membership Form is attached. Please complete the form and mail to the address reflected. Thanks!

Brief Look – 1956 Pearland ISD by *Brenda Martin Riggs*

Enrollment: **28** Seniors: **25** Juniors; **38** Soph; **35** Freshmen – Total PHS Students: **126**
 First through Eighth grade: **433** students – Total Pearland ISD Enrollment: **559**



Board of Trustees: Seated: Buck **Johnston**,
 Clarence **Nelson**, Vernon **Halik**, Roy F. **Martin**, Jr.
 2nd Row: Clyde **Oblinger**, Marcus G **Howard**,
 J. D. **Gray**, Superintendent, Johnny **Yost**



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 Superintendent



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 English and History



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 Commercial



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 Pearland Elementary



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 Home Ec
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Marion Loftin
 Science



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 Journalism



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 Nurse



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 to Superintendent and
 Board of Trustees

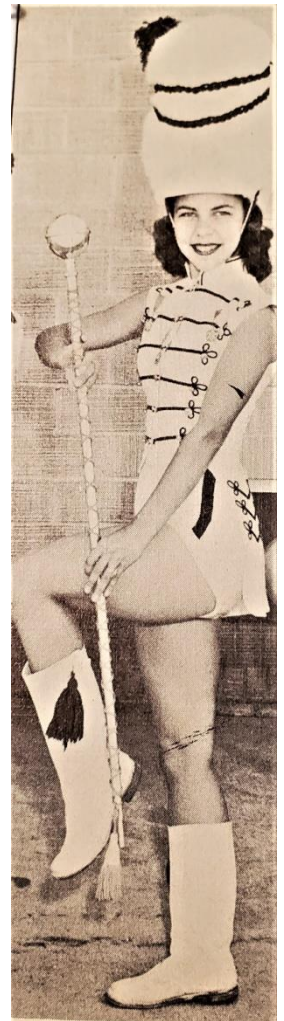


Armilda **Nichols** [Hall] - Valedictorian
Sally **West** [Garner] - Salutatorian



Al **Isaacson**, Director
Band and Choir

Sandra **Martin** [Scott]
Drum Major



BAND HALL:



CHOIR:



1ST Row: Ikke Miller, Sandra Martin, Sharon Crawford, Armilda Nichols, Bernadine Martin, Sara Jane Parker, Clara Gonzales, Emily Cameron. **2ND Row:** Al Isaacson, Frank Waddle, Myrtice Smalley, Martha Thurman, Carolyn Howard, Marilyn Howard, Martin Keonitzer, Clifton Ford, Westey Halik.

1956 Football team – Winning season in District play

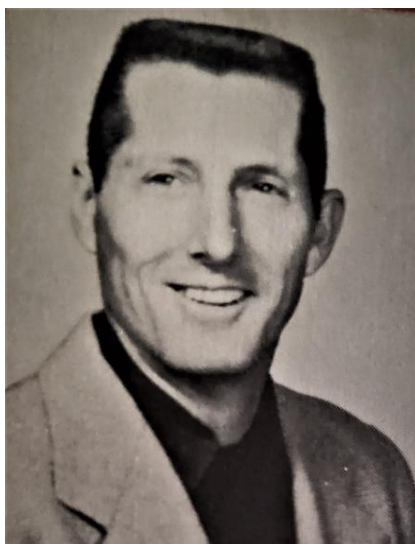


1st Row: Joe Waddle, water boy, Fidel Sandoval, Frank Waddle, Richard Duty, Russell Knapp, Lupe Fernandez, David Keefer, Carl Halik, Roy Forrest “Buddy” Martin III, water boy.

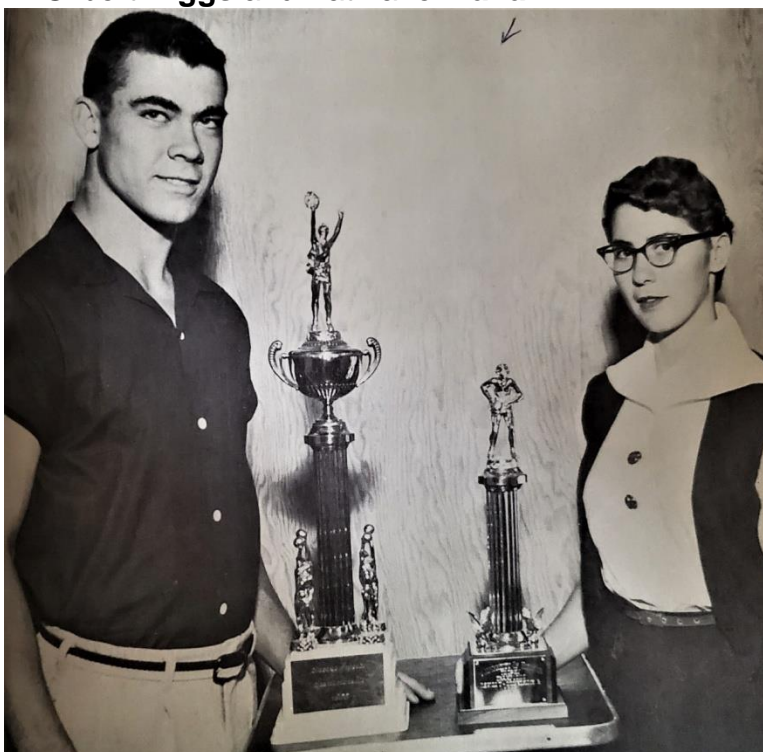
2nd Row: Garland Bittick, manager, Jay Johnson, Jimmy Nelson, Gary Anderson, Philip Ellis, Edward Voiles, Mickey Scott, Guy Bittick, George Hill, Joe Milstead, manager.

3rd Row: Don Alexander, Clarence Johns, Jerry Osbon, Gilbert Riggs, Aubrey Ellis, Joe Alexander, Wesley Halik, Coach Buck Brooks.

Coach Buck **Brooks**
Head Coach



1956 Best Athletes
Gilbert **Riggs** and Pat Lane **Flanakin**



1956 Girls Varsity Basketball - advanced to the State Tournament in AUSTIN. The first Pearland team to qualify for State Playoffs. Coaches: Florene Little and Coach Buck Brooks.



First row, left to right: Dana Hastings, Clara Gonzales, Sara Jane Parker, Sandy Martin, Shary Davis, Patricia Cook. Second row: Marilyn Howard, Pat Lane, Melba Stephens, Brenda Martin, Sally West. Third row: Mrs. J. E. Little, Coach; Marian Knapp, Darla K. Davis, Carolyn Howard, Glenda Carpenter, Lillie Duvall, Glenda Martin, Mary Mahanay, Manager.

CAFETERIA: *Employees* - L to R: Bud Griffin, Sam Jamison, Ms. Hadden, Ms. Louden, Sally Villanueva, Annie Keonitzer, Arlene Bristow.



Students L to R:

Tommy Koontz
Jerry Johnston
Karen Griffin [Bryce]
Marsha Swensen McDaniel
Susan Dunbar
Don Holmes
Jannette Phillips

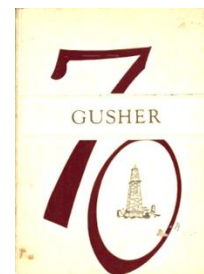
The Pearland High School class of **1969** was honored at the **2019** annual Society Luncheon. Several classmates spoke – some revealed rather mischievous occurrences in which they participated – it was hilarious!

Unfortunately the **2020** Luncheon was cancelled due to COVID-19. Hopefully the PHS classes of **1970** and **1971** will be honored in October **2021**.

Brief Look – 1970 Pearland ISD by Brenda Martin Riggs

Many thanks to **Paul Jamison** for sharing the 1970 Gusher !

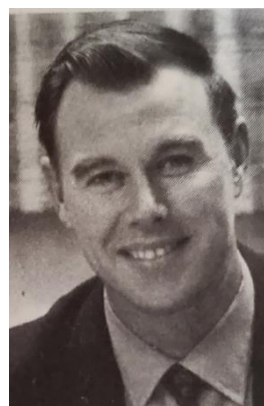
Enrollment: 156 Seniors; 191 Juniors; 213 Sophomores; 270 9th grade
TOTAL PHS Enrollment - 830 students



Robert Turner
Superintendent



Herbert Carleston
Business Manager



Preston Bullard
Principal



Ed Swenson
Asst Principal

Class Officers: Floyd Stark, President
 Gary Hosmer, Vice President
 Cathy Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer

Valedictorian: Russell Russell
Salutatorian: Peggy Thompson



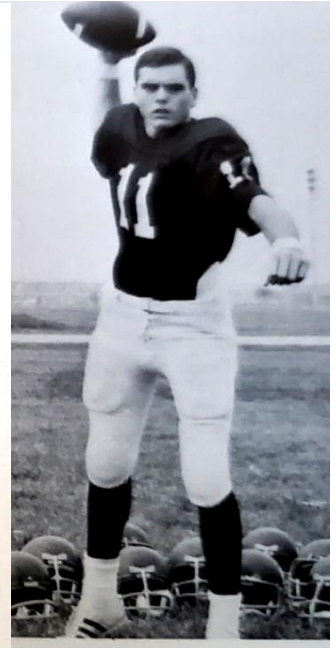
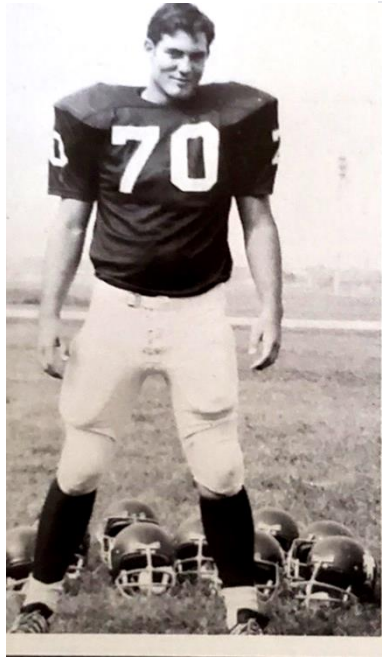
Best All Around:

Mike Churchman and Becky Mims



No Group picture in the Gusher of **Varsity Football**

Captains: Gary **Hosmer** - Joe **Howard**



VARSITY BASKETBALL:

L- to R – Reyes Uresti, Ronnie Hooker, Steve Zabka, Robert Prothro, Tommy Schlapkohl, Gary Hosmer, Coach Dent Taylor, Mark Smith, Jack Kolbye, Brian Smith, William Broze, Michael Joyce, Scott Johnson. Not pictured: Ray Kliesing, Team Trainer and Statistician

No Group Picture of **Girls Varsity Basketball**
Seniors.: Rebecca **Bost** - Barbara **Cripps**

GOLF: L to R: Mark Hokanson,
Charles Smith, Coach Eddie Spiller,
Steve Woodward, Charles Chi



TRACK



Top Row (Left to Right): Coach Tony, Ronnie Hooker, Mark Reed, Brooks Bowser, Claud Riddles, Ruben Lopez, Robert Yelton, Andrew Navar, Don Tobola, Andy Smith, Glenn Frey, Kenneth Kliesing, David Lewis, Cris Brooks, Buster Miller. *Bottom Row:* Calvin Hartsell, Alton Petter, Calvin Nelson, Dickey Swenson, Tommy Isidori.

TWIRLERS: L-R Diane Goeke, Judy Armstrong, Patti Harris, Barbara Cripps, Nan Fluesmeier, Debbie Green, Karen Martin, Maureen Crowder, Teri Bodine



OILERETTE OFFICERS

1st Row:

Bonnie McMahon, Treasurer
 Jackie Smith, Soph. Captain
 Frenchy Navarro, Sgt at Arms
 Janet Armelli, Vice Treasurer

2nd Row:

Bobby Gage, Freshman, Captain
 Terry Grenad, Sgt at Arms
 Debbie Storrs, President
 Jeanette Fleming, Vice President
 Peggy Thompson, Secretary

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