

Board Members of the Friends and Alumni of Lookeba-Sickles Schools

President

Ranel Hamilton Lasley

I am the third generation of families who attended Lookeba-Sickles Schools. I am the daughter of Bill and Joye (Brown) Hamilton. I graduated from L-S in 1975, and graduated with a BS in Vocational Home Economics from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1979. I earned a Master's Degree in Education from SWOSU in 1991.

I have enjoyed a career in education, having first taught in public school for three years and then became an Extension Educator for Oklahoma State University. I have served the people of Caddo County for 23 years as a Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H Educator.

I married Dale Lasley in 1975 and we settled about 5 miles west of the high school. We have a son, Klent, and a daughter, DaNel. They also graduated from Lookeba-Sickles. Klent and his wife Angie have a daughter, Morgan and a son, Zane. DaNel and her husband Daryl have two sons, Hayden and Drake.

I know how important an education is for every student. It is the key to a successful future no matter what they choose as a vocation. I am proud of our little school and hope we can continue to support it so it can continue to serve the students who attend here.

Vice-President

Delores Clay VanDeman

I am the daughter of Harry and Lorene Clay and sister of Don and Dean. We all, in turn, graduated from Sickles and Lookeba-Sickles High School.

After graduation in 1960, I attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, earning a B.S.S.E. with a major in English in 1964.

Teaching in the public school system became both my vocation and my passion. I first taught for one and one-half years at Thomas, OK while my husband, Jim, was enrolled at Southwestern State. We then moved to Oklahoma City, where for thirty years, I taught language arts classes (English II, English III, regular and honors, Creative Writing, Advanced Grammar and Composition, and American Novel) in the Putnam City Schools until my retirement in 1996.

Our son, Brent, lives in Waddell, AZ with his wife, Dana, and our granddaughters, Savanna and Sierra.

Even though Jim and I have lived in Oklahoma City for over fifty years, we are currently in the process of "moving home" to our family farm at Sickles.

Co-Secretary

Carla Hamilton Taylor

Carla Hamilton Taylor was the third generation of her family to attend Lookeba-Sickles School. She is the daughter of Joye Brown Hamilton, a 1950 graduate of Sickles, and the late Billy Neal Hamilton, who attended Sickles School through his Junior year. Her grandmother Laura Myrtle White Brown also attended Sickles School.

Carla graduated from Lookeba-Sickles School in 1974, and in 1978 graduated with a major in English and a minor in Business from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She grew up 3 miles west of Sickles and she and her husband Michael have lived 3 miles west of Sickles and a little north since 1979. Michael worked for 3M turned Kodak since 1977, and retired after 42 years in 2019. Carla helped her mom and dad with their farming operation, and she and Michael continue to raise wheat and cattle. They have two daughters who also graduated from Lookeba-Sickles. Tara is an English teacher, and Tara's husband farms and raises cattle. They have three daughters, Avery, Emery, and Raylee. Michael and Carla's youngest daughter, Sara, is the Yearbook/Technology Coordinator at Lookeba-Sickles, and her husband, Caleb, works for a compression company. They have twin sons, Sawyer and Slate.

Carla was a 4-H leader at Lookeba-Sickles for 15 years and served as the secretary for the Caddo County 4-H Foundation. She is currently a National Board Certified Emergency Medical Responder and firefighter for the Lookeba-Sickles Volunteer Fire Department. Carla is also serving as co-secretary for the Friends and Alumni Foundation. Carla and Michael are members of the Church of Christ in Colony where she teaches a children's Sunday School Class.

Her favorite job right now is spending as much time as possible with her five grandchildren.

LaQuita Ruckman Dixon
(Biography Coming Soon)

Treasurer

Denise Bailey Hart

Denise Bailey Hart is a third generation graduate from the Lookeba-Sickles Schools. Her grandmother, Inez Hawkins Bailey, was one of the first graduates of Sickles. Denise began school in 1961, the year of the consolidation between Lookeba and Sickles. She was a 1972 graduate of Lookeba-Sickles.

Denise attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, where she earned her BS ('76) and MS ('80) in Business Education. Denise taught in Boise City, Oklahoma and Liberal, Kansas before returning to her alma mater. She taught in the Lookeba-Sickles School system for seven years.

Denise and LeRoy Hart were married in 1985 and have two daughters, Kyra and Karissa. LeRoy and girls are also graduates of Lookeba-Sickles. Kyra is a neonatal nurse practitioner and her husband, Landin, is a critical care registered nurse. Karissa is working in a hair salon in Oklahoma City.

Denise and LeRoy have made their home in the Sickles community where they are engaged in farming and ranching. They also attend the Sickles Community Church. Along with serving on the L-S Foundation Board, Denise is also actively involved on the Sickles Cemetery Board.

Members

Karen Barthel Klein

Karen Klein is a 1974 graduate of Lookeba-Sickles High School and now serves as the Director of Information Technology at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK. Karen began a 22-year career with 3M/Imation in 1976 during which time she completed a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science in 1993 from SWOSU. She then began working in the information technology field and later joined the Information Technology Services office at SWOSU in 1998 as a Programmer/Analyst, later becoming the Director in 2014.

Klein has lived in Weatherford for 39 years with husband, Jerald. She is a member of First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years and has served on various committees. The Klein's have two sons, Ryan and Wesley, who reside with their families in the Oklahoma City area, and they have five grandchildren, Jillian, Kaden, Cassie, Madison, and Audrey.

Shana Lierle

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Gayla Sissom Johnston

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Diana Crain Watson

Diana Crain Watson has many ties to the Lookeba-Sickles School and the surrounding community. She is the daughter of the late Kermit and Lavell Hawkins Crain, who both graduated from Sickles Public School before the consolidation of Lookeba and Sickles. Diana is a 1966 graduate from the Lookeba-Sickles School. She is married to Larry Watson, a 1965 graduate of Lookeba-Sickles.

Diana taught for 30 plus years in the Headstart Program at the Elementary. She and Larry have also spent most of their married life farming and are now enjoying retirement and time with their kids and grandsons. Both of their children were Lookeba-Sickles graduates. Kelly Watson in 1985 and Tracy Watson McKee in 1988.

Ex-Officio Members

Mike Davis, L-S Superintendent of Schools
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