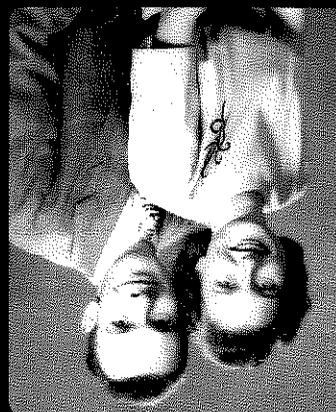
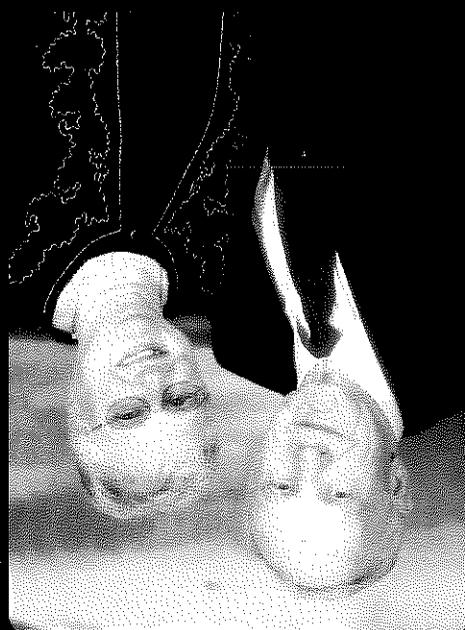


## *Dixie and Brian Welborn Dedication*



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A Couple from the Greatest Generation  
Provides our Greatest Gift

Valentine's Day seems an appropriate day to honor Dixie and Brian Welborn who loved West Hills College Coalinga where they were classmates more than 60 years ago.

Brian was part of a group of 22 World War II veterans who returned to the college to continue their interrupted educations. He went on to a 30-plus year career with Standard/Chevron Oil in the fields near Coalinga.

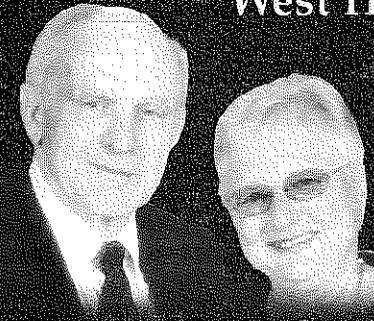
Dixie (nee Peterson) served as student body president in 1945-46. The next year she graduated and went to work for the college. She retired as supervisor in the business office in 1983 after a 36 year career. Dixie was alumnus of the year in 1989 and in 2006 she was honored by the college athletic hall of fame.

Dixie and Brian were among the college's biggest cheerleaders—attending athletic events, Christmas open houses, accreditation forums and the district's 75th anniversary celebration in 2007. Dixie served as the final proofreader and fact checker for a 144-page book that the district published in celebration of that anniversary.

In September of 2009, Dixie collapsed and a few days later passed away. Brian followed exactly one month later of a heart attack—some said it was really of a broken heart.

While their physical lives ended, the love affair that had lasted more than 60 years did not end with their deaths. Their estate was shared by three entities—the West Hills Community College Foundation, the Coalinga Community Foundation and the Coalinga-Huron Recreation and Park District, on whose board of directors Dixie served as president and a director for many years.

## West Hills College Coalinga



## Welborn Wellness Center

This Center is dedicated to Dixie and Brian Welborn, two members of America's "Greatest Generation" whose lives spanned two centuries and whose love for their community never died.

Dixie and Brian fell in love with West Hills College Coalinga where they were students during the 1940s and that love never wavered. In 1945-46, Dixie (nee Peterson) served as student body president at what was then Coalinga College and then went to work for the college after graduation. She retired in 1983 after more than 36 years.

Brian was part of a group of World War II veterans who returned to the college after the war. He went on to enjoy a 30-plus year career with Standard/Chevron Oil.

Dixie died in September 2009 and Brian died one month later – some say of a broken heart. Their generous gift to WHCC upon their deaths will make opportunities possible for future generations of students. We will always cherish the memory of this inspiring couple who loved West Hills College, and the City of Coalinga, and each other.

February 14, 2013

*You are invited to join us*

for the dedication of the  
Welborn Wellness Center  
West Hills College Coalinga  
as we honor  
Dixie and Brian Welborn

Thursday, February 14, 2013—Noon  
West Hills College Coalinga  
300 Cherry Lane, Coalinga, CA

West Hills Community College Foundation  
Coalinga-Huron Recreation & Park District  
Coalinga Community Foundation

Luncheon will be served  
Please RSVP to: [foundation@whccd.edu](mailto:foundation@whccd.edu) or phone 559 934-2127