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2010 Homecoming - October 15th - 16th

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Summer is still here. All of the signs are around us: kids out of school; hot, hot, days; the Texas Rangers in a pennant hunt (OK, maybe that one is unusual). But believe it or not fall is just around the corner and football season will be kicking off in no time. Homecoming will be here before you know it!

Several reunion classes are hard at work making preparations for this to be a memorial event. All classes, honor year or otherwise, are encouraged to gather together and celebrate Homecoming 2010. Festivities will begin

with the homecoming parade through the streets of Waxahachie Friday afternoon. The football matchup this year will be with the West Mesquite Wranglers.

tough homecoming opponent. Come out and show your Hachie support!

Before and after the game many reunion classes will be meeting to celebrate the years that have passed since. Honor classes can find their contact reps inside for more information.

And all former students are invited to attend

the 49th annual Ex-Students Honors and Awards luncheon scheduled at the Ninth Grade Academy.

**Go, Indians!!!
Beat the Wranglers!!**



Schedule of Events

Friday, October 15, 2010

Homecoming Parade - 3:00 p.m.

Honor classes may join in the festivities by entering a float in the homecoming parade. Entry forms for parade floats will be in the Waxahachie Daily Light. Questions should be directed to Rebecca Gage at the High School - (972) 923-4600.

Homecoming Football Game

Pre-game activities begin at 7:00 p.m. with kick-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Classes wishing to reserve a space to sit together at the game should contact Rebecca Gage at the High School.

Saturday, October 16, 2010

11:30 a.m. Annual Ex-Students' Honors and Awards Luncheon

All students and their guests are invited to attend the 49th annual Ex-Students' luncheon. We will gather at the Ninth Grade Academy Cafeteria located across Indian Drive from the High School. Information for making reservations is inside the newsletter.





2010
HONOR
CLASS
CONTACTS

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| Class of 1940 | Virginia Curry 972-937-4075 | |
| Class of 1945 | Gretchen Clift Lewis 972-937-8775 | James Hightower 972-938-7982 |
| Class of 1950 | Patricia Parks Kelsey 972-937-5216 | Jerry Roberts jerryroberts@prodigy.net |
| Class of 1955 | Bill Weatherford 972-723-0283 Wzeke@aol.com Facebook "WHS Class of 1960" | |
| Class of 1960 | Carolyn Roberts Jenkins 972-937-2526 carolynrj@sbcglobal.net | |
| Class of 1965 | Sharon Atkeisson Aday 972-938-7490 deech64@att.net | |
| Class of 1970 | Katheryn Hacker Aday 972-938-9251 kaday@hs.wisd.org | |
| Class of 1975 | Sheila Hickman Blalock 214-668-7085 Facebook "WHS Class of 1975" | |
| Class of 1980 | Johnna Stroope Wallace 972-937-3090 Facebook "Waxahachie High School Class of 1980" | |
| Class of 1985 | Nick Hester 972-935-9262 Facebook "Waxahachie High School Class of 1985" | |
| Class of 1990 | Jenny Thompson Wilhoite 972-935-2802 Facebook "Waxahachie High School Class of 1990" | |
| Class of 1995 | April Edwards Moon 972-435-2439 | |
| Class of 2000 | Meagan Hayes 972-467-4386 Facebook "WHS Class of 2000 Countdown to 10-year Reunion" | |

Would You Like to Receive Your Smoke Signals by Email?

Do you send and receive email? Would you prefer to get your copy of the Smoke Signals by email rather than by postal service? We can help you here. Just check the box on your membership form (see page 7) or send us an email at the following address: exstudents.whs@hotmail.com .

If you prefer to continue the current service you do not have to do anything - it will continue to come to you by mail.

A Message From President Bill Baty



On May 17th of this year I had the pleasure of presenting our 25th Ex-Students' Association scholarship to a very deserving WHS graduate. Our scholarships are for four years and have totaled nearly \$80 thousand dollars to date. They are funded by your gifts and membership dues. To quote WHS prin-

cipal David Nix, "It is humbling to realize the impact and influence you have on the lives of our students at WHS."

A short version of our mission statement is **"Celebrating the past / Encouraging the future."** We all enjoy reunions and celebrating; however, encouraging the future is the most important function of your Ex-Students' Association charter. Influencing WHS graduates lives through scholarships encourages **their** future. The Ex-Students' Association plays a major role in that initiative. Your membership and gifts makes you a part

of this great organization. Many financial advisers suggest charitable giving as a way to balance portfolio taxes. 100% of every dollar contributed to the Ex-Students' Association Scholarship Fund is dedicated to student scholarships. I know of no better way to honor your alma mater than through a tax deductible gift. Some have also honored a deceased classmate with a memorial gift. We look forward to this October's homecoming activities with great anticipation. Please join us for the luncheon, parade and various class reunions. Come look for us in the homecoming parade.



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Nominations Needed for Who's Who and Hall of Fame

All classes, honor or otherwise, may nominate a classmate for either the 2010 WHS Who's Who and/or Hall of Fame Awards. The Who's Who award honors the achievement and distinction of individuals who have excelled in business or profession. The Hall of Fame award honors the achievement and distinction not related to vocation, such as someone who has excelled beyond the call of duty in the civic or social obligations or volunteer capacities. Those selected as recipients will be honored at the Homecoming Luncheon. Classes are requested to nominate only one candidate for each award category.

Nominations should include the following information:

- Complete name (including maiden name),
- Year of graduation from WHS,
- High school achievements and activities,
- Colleges attended and degrees obtained,
- Career or profession achievements,
- Armed services record (if applicable),
- Civic and /or social activities,
- A detailed account of the special achievement upon which the nomination is based and
- Be signed by ten (10) classmates.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, September 17th.

Nomination forms are available on the Ex-Students' website: www.waxahachieexstudents.org

All nominations should be sent to:

Bob Aday
WHS Honors Committee
P.O. Box 2894
Waxahachie, TX 75168
(972) 938- 2086





“The new home side of Lumpkins Stadium incorporates a long, wide promenade that will welcome fans”

Lumpkins Stadium Additions and Renovations

In May, voters in Waxahachie ISD approved a bond election to fund significant improvements to Lumpkins Stadium. The stadium is slated to undergo exciting and well-needed additions and renovations over the course of the next nine to eleven months in six phases of construction. In early August, the first phase will begin, and two new parking lots will be constructed east of the multi-purpose facility and east of the Ninth Grade Center.

This fall, construction of a new, 3-story press box will commence. Construction of the new press box will continue for nearly a year, but will not impact the 2010 WISD football season. Games will continue to be played at Lumpkins Stadium. Once construction of this phase begins, the parking lot directly south of the existing press box will not be in use. Visitors to the stadium will be able to park in the two new lots constructed in phase one.

The new, state-of-the-art and spacious 6,000-square-foot press box will be complete with split-level floors for added viewing enjoyment. Within the press box, a large film deck, along with coaches and scouting booths and additional game time event booths will be included.

Upon completion of the 2010 football season, the stadium will undergo significant changes. In the third phase, the existing press box will be demolished, existing home bleachers will be removed and relocated, and construction of the new

home grandstands will begin. The design of the new home side of Lumpkins Stadium incorporates a long, wide promenade that will welcome fans to well-pronounced, new entrance gates and ticket booths, one for each end of the grandstands. The home side grandstand seating will be expanded to a capacity of 6,500.

Down at the main concourse level, fans will enjoy two new spacious restrooms and concession stands that will accommodate large crowds at all events. Additional storage for event and field equipment will be located underneath the home side grandstands and can be accessed from the field level.

Phase four of construction will commence in March of 2011 and will consist of new chair-back seating on the home side and renovating the visitor side. Teams and spectators visiting Lumpkins Stadium will enjoy newly refurbished and expanded grandstands totaling 3,500, bringing the total seating capacity of the entire facility to 10,000.

Phase five of construction will begin in May 2011 and will include constructing a new, wider 8-lane track surface, improved site drainage and major parking space additions.

Finally, phase six, scheduled from August 2011 to November 2011, consists of renovating the existing large concession stand to become the new location of visitor concessions and dressing rooms. Also, the existing locker and weight room facility will be renovated into a new, larger weight and mat room.

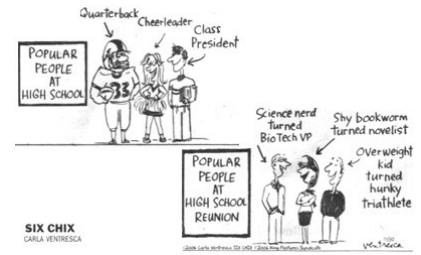
New website for Ex-Students' Association



Please visit the official WHS Ex-Students' website: www.waxahachieexstudents.org



"I went to my high school reunion over the weekend. Some of my classmates changed so much that they didn't even recognize me."



"I went into hunting and gathering. And you?"



Come and Ride in the Parade

What could be more fun than being at the homecoming parade? Being in the parade, of course!

Many of the honor classes each year sponsor a float in the parade. All it requires is a pickup, bus, wagon or other form of transportation, plus a permit from the parade organizers.

If your class is interested in being in



this year's parade, contact Rebecca Gage at the High School (her details are on the front of this newsletter.)

If your class is not sponsoring a float this year but you are still wanting to ride, you are welcome to hop aboard the WHS Ex-Students' float - space permitting, of course!

Luncheon Guest Drop-Off

There is another option for those luncheon guests who experience difficulty with the long walk from the parking lot to the luncheon site. Guests may be dropped off and picked up behind the meeting room

for easier access into the facility. All you will need to do is to drive to the rear of the Ninth Grade Academy. There Ex-Students' directors can usher your guest to their respective table.

Please, however, do not plan to park there. Parking is extremely limited and fire lanes are strictly enforced.



Ninth Grade Academy
275 Indian Drive

"I have always had a passion for words and books"



"There is no question that higher education's cost structure is unsustainable. Looking at a thirty year period from 1976-77 to 2006-07, tuition at Texas colleges and universities has grown at well more than twice the rate of inflation... actual tuition for the 2006-07 school year was \$5,836 per student, but would have increased to only \$2,186 per student had tuition increases kept pace with only inflation."

Source:
<http://www.texashighered.com/focus-on-tuition>



2010 Scholarship Recipient Julia Bunch

The 2010 recipient of the WHS Ex-Students' scholarship is Julia Bunch. She is the daughter of Stephanie Knight and Ron Bunch, and granddaughter of Comellia Joy Wharton (1952) and Eddie Bunch (1950.) She will be attending the University of Texas at Austin.

Julia plans dual majors in both journalism and business. She describes her interest in these

fields: "I have always had a passion for words and books. In high school, my amazing journalism teacher, Chrisanna Melick (another WHS graduate), helped me to realize my passion and talent for writing. Once I graduate college, I want to work for a major publishing company like Scholastic or Harpers. Eventually, I hope to write novels, but I would like to start out as an editor or publisher."

Julia was the recipient of several scholarships to help her pay for college. "I am so excited to begin college. I am taking mythology, photographic communication, anthropology, intro to journalism and history of Nobel prize winners. I feel so blessed to have some of the burden of funding my education lifted by scholarships."

A Scholarship in Your Class Name

In 2009, the Ex-Students' Association approved the creation of a new scholarship program designed to increase recognition for each donating alumni class.

This program would create a new scholarship in the name of the alumni class making the contribution. The scholarship would then be awarded to a graduating WHS student at the annual scholarship award night.

President Bill Baty, who suggested this program,

described it as "an opportunity to increase awareness of the contribution that the honor classes make to the scholarship fund and recognize the class' generosity at the annual luncheon."

This new scholarship could be either a one-time award or reoccurring award. Contributions would be separately identified in the WHS Ex-Students' Scholarship Fund. Students to receive the scholarship would be selected by the Scholarship Recipient Committee, the

same committee that selects the current Ex-Students' scholarship recipient. The scholarship would then be presented by a member of your alumni class at the annual WHS scholarship night .

There are several benefits of to this program. It will allow more than one student to receive a scholarship each year, while providing the alumni class access to a recognized scholarship selection process and tax-protected trust fund account.

How to Establish an Alumni Class Scholarship

Establishing a scholarship in your class' name is simple.

Contributions of \$4,000 or more can be made to the WHS Ex-Students' Scholarship fund in the class' name. The alumni class should specify that the amount is to be specifically identified as a separate scholarship from their class. (If so

desired, it could also be in memory of a classmate from the class.) During the annual luncheon the class' gift will be recognized, and the gift deposited to the Scholarship Trust Fund account.

Upon notification, the Scholarship Recipient Committee will select a current senior

student to receive the scholarship from a member of the alumni class at the annual scholarship night in May.

If you have any question regarding this program, please contact either Bill Baty or Alton Chambers.

2010 Ex-Students' Association Dues - \$15.00

Association Dues

Class of _____ (___) Check if change in name or address

Name (including maiden name) _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

(___) Check if you want your Smoke Signals to come by email

Return to: Waxahachie Ex-Students' Association

P.O. Box 906 Waxahachie, Texas 75168

Reservation Form for 2010 Ex-Students' Luncheon

Luncheon Reservation

October 16, 2010 – 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.

Ninth Grade Academy Cafeteria – 275 Indian Drive (across from the High School)

_____ Number of Advance Reservations @ \$12 per person Total \$ _____

Name _____ Class _____

Return to: Waxahachie Ex-Students' Association

P.O. Box 906 Waxahachie, Texas 75168

(Note – tickets will be \$15 per person at the door on the day of the event)

2010 Ex-Students' Scholarship Contribution

Scholarship

Contributor _____ Class _____

Address _____

In Honor / Memory of _____ Class _____

Address _____

Make Checks Payable To: WHS Scholarship Trust Fund
P.O. Box 906 Waxahachie, Texas 75168

WHS Ex-Students' Association, Inc.:

Our Mission Statement

To encourage and motivate former students of Waxahachie High School to reunite with their classmates, teachers and friends, and to support current WHS graduates in achieving their higher educational goals through recognition and scholarships.

2010 Officers

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| President | Bill Baty (1956) |
| Treasurer | Alton Chambers (1976) |
| Secretary | Nancy (Anderson) Ross (1960) |

2010 Directors

Bob Aday (1968)
Paul Box (1998)
Phyllis (Hall) Chambers (1977)
Kim (Hallabough) Garlitz (1983)
Carolyn (Roberts) Jenkins (1960)
Mike Smith (1963)
Barbara (Giles) Tachias (1958)
Richard Todd (1968)
Susan (Lewis) Winn (1963)
Jackie (Brown) Wray (1968)

2010 Committees

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| Nominating | Richard Todd; Susan Winn |
| Scholarship Recipient | Kathryn (Hacker) Aday (1970); Meagan (Simpson) Mills (1983); Melissa (McMinn) Morgan (1978); Emily (O'Brien) Price (1979) |
| Scholarship Trust Advisor | Paul Box |
| Luncheon Coordinator | Phyllis Chambers |
| Awards & Honors Chair | Bob Aday |
| Outstanding Educator Chair | Current President |
| Smoke Signals | Alton Chambers |
| Publicity | Richard Todd; Kim Garlitz; Susan Winn |