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Homecoming for 2004 - October 22-23

The 2004 -2005 school year is already upon us... and that means that Homecoming is just around the corner. Plans are being made by our honor classes for celebratory reunions with former classmates - more on this inside. All classes, honor year or otherwise, are encouraged to gather together and celebrate homecoming 2004.

As is tradition, the homecoming parade on Friday will kick off a big weekend full of fun for all.

Friday, October 22, 2004

3:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade

Tammy Davis is serving as parade coordinator this year. Should your class wish to participate in the parade, or you have other questions, contact Tammy at (972) 923-4600, ext. 521.

7:00 p.m. Homecoming Football Game with Alvarado

Pre-game activities begin at 7:00 p.m., with kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

Go, Hachie !!!!

Saturday, October 23, 2004

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

All WHS graduates and their guests are invited to the 43rd annual Ex-Students' Luncheon. Graduating classes ending in "4" (1934, 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984 and 1994) and certain 5-year anniversary classes (1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, and 1979) will be honored

This year's event will be held at the Ninth Grade Academy Cafeteria, located across Indian Drive from Waxahachie High School. You can find information on making reservations inside the newsletter. Contact Phyllis (Hall) Chambers at (972) 937-9527 with any questions

Honor Classes' Contacts

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Class of 1964

Cynthia Raney Montgomery
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Waxahachie, TX 75165
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Class of 1969

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Waxahachie, TX 75165
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Class of 1974

Brenda Booher Haarmeyer
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Class of 1979

Denise Abright Wilson
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Waxahachie, TX 75165
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Class of 1984

Kristi Cox Cockerham or Darla Jackson Stapleton
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(972) 617-7353

Class of 1994

John Reagan or Keli Odom Garcia
(214)673-7264 (972)923-8032
kelig@baylorhealth.edu

or Stacey (Bigler) Barton
(903) 399-3118

WHS Ex-Students' Scholarship

Since 1986, the Ex-Students' Association has provided scholarships to assist graduates of Waxahachie High School in attending college. Each year the Scholarship Committee selects one or more students to receive a \$500 scholarship, with additional scholarship amounts repeating annually for up to \$2000 based upon satisfactory scholastic performance.

The scholarship recipient chosen for the 2004 graduating class is Preston Griffith. Preston will be attending Texas A&M this fall and plans to major in mechanical engineering. I had the honor of presenting Preston with his scholarship at the Waxahachie High School annual scholarships and awards program in May. He is one of four students currently receiving financial assistance from the Ex-Students' Association fund.

Former WHS students' donations play a major part in continuing to provide this financial assistance, and the single most important source of giving has traditionally been from the honor classes. During this homecoming, we hope that your class will generously contribute to the scholarship fund.

---- Susan Winn

Honor Classes: We Need Your Continued Generous Support!

Nominations Needed for Who's Who and Hall of Fame

Nominations are needed for the WHS Who's Who and Hall of Fame Awards. Any class, honor or otherwise, can nominate someone from their class for either of these 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 2004 Homecoming Luncheon.

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 professional 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.

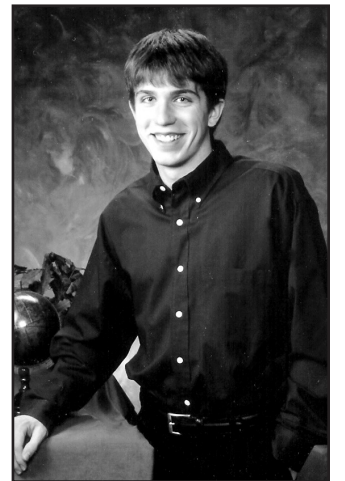
The deadline for receipt of nominations is September 24.

All nominations should be sent to:

Bob Aday
Interstate Petroleum Corp.
102 YMCA Drive
Waxahachie, TX 75165
(972) 938-2086

Are You An Ex-Student Association Member?

Due to the cost of printing and mailing, *Smoke Signals* are only sent to honor classes and Ex-Student Association members. To keep up annually with what is going on at the school and with its alumni, please mail in your membership soon.



Additional information on honor classes may be found at the WISD website at <http://www.wisd.org/reunion.htm>

(Do we have your email address? If not, go directly to <http://www.wisd.org/alumni.htm> and click where it says, "Add your name to the WISD Ex-Student e-mail distribution list" to receive Ex-Students' updates!)

2004 Ex-Students' Association Dues - \$15.00

Class of _____ (____) Check if change in name or address
Name (including maiden name) _____
Current Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Email address _____

Return to: Waxahachie Ex-Students' Association
P.O. Box 906 Waxahachie, Texas 75168

Reservation Form for 2004 Ex-Students' Luncheon

October 23, 2004 - 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)

2004 Scholarship Contribution

Contributor _____ Class _____
Address _____
In Honor / Memory of _____ Class _____
Address _____

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

Make Plans to Attend the 2004 Luncheon

The WHS Ex-Students' Association was organized to support and promote homecoming activities for Waxahachie High School alumni. One of the means by which we perform this is to sponsor an annual luncheon that celebrates all of the honor classes for this reunion year.

The luncheon provides an opportunity to gather with classmates, share a meal and recognize those special accomplishments of those selected for the WHS Who's Who, Hall of Fame and Outstanding Educator. This year will be the 43rd consecutive year for the luncheon. We hope

you will make plans to attend, and better yet if you come as a class. And remember, the luncheon is open to all of those who attended WHS, their families, and friends.



(Pictured above at the 2003 Ex-Students' Banquet are Ex-Students' President-elect Susan Winn, Harold Dorsey (Outstanding Educator), Mike O'Daniel (Who's Who), and Ex-Students' President Alton Chambers.)

The Case of the Found Grad Ring

Earlier this year, Phyllis Chambers, Ex-Students' Association director, had an opportunity to play detective in the case of the graduation ring discovered in Corsicana.

The ring in question was reported by a Mr. Silvera, who discovered it while digging in his flower bed. The only clues to its previous owner were the school, graduation year (1963), and the initials "MPS."

Instead of putting it away, Mr. Silva went out on the Internet and contacted the Ex-Students' Association. With Susan Winn's assistance - also a graduate of 1963 - Phyllis was able to find the owner of the ring: Mike P. Smith of Waxahachie. Mike and the ring were happily reunited.

The rest of the story is from his thank-you note:

June 6, 2004

Dear Phyllis,

I just wanted to thank you for your help in getting my class ring returned. My wife and I went to Corsicana and Mr. Silvera had it waiting for us. It is in great condition even though it was probably buried for years.

We tried to determine how the ring ended up in his yard. Our guess is it might have been lost about 20 years ago when someone broke into our house while we were on vacation. We didn't think anything was taken but now are not so sure. We now believe it was taken and either discarded or buried in Mr. Silvera's yard.

Since we will never know for sure how it was lost, I can only thank you again for your help in getting it back.

*Sincerely,
Mike P. Smith*