

Lifestyles

Class of 1960 to celebrate 50th anniversary with reunion

From STAFF REPORTS

Throughout a long, really hot summer in Texas, Waxahachie High School class of 1960 reunion committee members have been busy planning a supercool event to celebrate the 50th year since graduation. Letters and then reminder letters inside the *Smoke Signals* newsletter have been mailed out to classmates all over the country regarding plans for the golden celebration.

And reservations have been coming in.

A synopsis of the itinerary for the Oct. 15-16 homecoming reunion activities and a registration blank were included.

Reservations for a variety of activities should be sent to Carolyn (Roberts) Jenkins. Luncheon reservations must be made separately with the Ex-Students Association.

Friday, Oct. 15

- Gather at 2 p.m. for the homecoming parade where the group will proudly carry the class of 1960 flag.
- Homecoming football game at 7:30 p.m. at Lump-



Submitted photo

WHS class of 1960 reunion planning committee members strategize and plan for a great celebration of 50 years since graduating from high school.

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- Informal evening get-together at the home of Carol and Edwin Farrar, 902 W. Main St.

Saturday, Oct. 16

- Ex-Students Association Honors/Awards luncheon at Ninth Grade Academy at 11:30 a.m. The class of 1960 will honor several of its own.

- Catered dinner party in the La Quinta Inn conference center on Stadium Drive from 6:30-11:30 p.m.

Letters to the classmates included the class website, www.whs60now/50/. The website offers out-of-town and out-of-state classmates the ability to revisit senior class photos that appeared in the 1960 *Chief* as well as pre-

vious reunion photos and remembrances of days at WHS that have been submitted by classmates. Reunion updates are also published there.

Members of the class who have not yet done so are urged to make reservations for the 50th WHS reunion as soon as possible.



Photo by John Hamilton/Special to the Daily Light

Lyn Baker of Canterbury Episcopal School addressed the Waxahachie Rotary Club.

Bringing up generous kids

By JOHN HAMILTON
Special to the Daily Light

How often have you seen selfish, entitled kids at the mall? They are the ones who are whining because they can't have this or can't have that. Usually life is miserable for them and everyone around them because they are such brats. Studies show that this type of child does more poorly in school, is more likely to use drugs and has fewer leadership abilities. Life would go better for them if they had been brought up better. Contrasting with that, we've all seen polite, generous kids who are a delight to have around. What is the difference?

Lyn Baker, head of school at Canterbury Episcopal School, provided several clues about bringing kids up to be generous, caring adults. First, she asked how many Rotarians had parents who did community service. Almost every hand went up. The club motto is service above self. Is there a correlation? It turns out there is. Generosity is a habit.

Habits are taught by lesson and by example. Other habits which we teach our children are brushing their teeth, flossing, wearing seatbelts and saying their prayers. Of course you remind your children to brush but you also demonstrate brushing's importance by letting them see you brush. If you do not use your seatbelt or you smoke your children will think that behavior is acceptable and do the same.

There are three things to remember in helping to establish good habits of any kind:

- Make it simple. Do not over complicate the task.
- Make it intentional. Let the child choose how to be generous. Set aside a time or place where the habit is followed.
- Make it a habit. We are what we repeatedly do so help them be generous over and over.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Waxahachie where we believe in Service above Self, visit the club web site www.waxahachie Rotary.org.

Class Reunion News Notes

WHS class of 1950 reunion

The WHS class of 1950 will celebrate its 60th reunion with a get-together at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Waxahachie Country Club.

Dinner by reservation will be served at 6 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Contact Patricia Parks Kelsey at 972-937-5216 or James S. Wilkins at 972-938-9706 to make reservations.

WHS class of 1970

The WHS class of 1970 will celebrate its 40th class reunion with an assortment of activities. The class will meet at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at Glenn's Warehouse Carpets, 301 N. College St.. From 7 p.m.-midnight the class will gather for a meet and greet at the Rogers Hotel Cotton Exchange Ballroom on the second floor. Cost is \$30 per person and covers hors-d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, Waxajam VIII will take place at the Texas Theater on the square from noon-midnight. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a tour of the old high school (Global High). From 7-8 p.m. 1970 classmates will perform at Waxajam.

For more information, contact Gay Ganaway DeHay at gay.dehay70@gmail.com or Mike Grant at mike.grant1952@gmail.com.

WHS class of 1975

The WHS class of 1975 will celebrate its 35th reunion by riding in the homecoming parade, and attending Waxajam at noon Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Texas Theater on the square. From 6:30 p.m.-midnight there will be food (fajita dinner), fellowship and dancing at Mike Lyle's barn, 467 Cunningham Meadows Road. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. There will be a margarita machine or BYOB. For more information or to make reservations, call 972-938-3616.

WHS class of 1976 to meet

The class of 1976 will meet at Ryan's Restaurant from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 2 for lunch and to make plans for its 35th reunion. For more information, contact Marilyn Smith Williams at 469-285-4419 or Patty Anderson Smith at 214-435-4895 or flobypat@myway.com.

WHS class of 1980 reunion

The WHS Class of 1980 will celebrate its 30th reunion with several activities the weekend of Oct. 15-16. On Friday, the

class will be in the homecoming parade, will have reserved seating at the football game and will have an informal after game gathering at the home of Kent Foster. On Saturday night, there will be food and lots of fun as the class will be hosting a party from 7-11 p.m. at the Optimist Youth Center, 219 Patrick St. Cost is \$35 per person payable at the door. For more information, contact Cindy Turner Smith at 214-803-0697 or csmith@cnbwax.com; or Dolly Garoutte Clemmons at 469-337-1625 or dolly.clemmons@yahoo.com. All classmates are encouraged to attend.

WHS class of 1985 reunion

The WHS class of 1985 will celebrate its 25th reunion with activities on Oct. 15-16.

The class will participate in the homecoming parade. Bring a lawn chair to sit on a trailer and meet in the Wyatt Mansion parking lot at 2 p.m. The class will sit in the honored classes section at the football game. After the game there will be a party at X6 Club and Rockadeli at 9 p.m. or after the game is over.

There will be a ladies luncheon (location TBA) on Saturday. Contact Misti Wynn Harriss at mistiwinnharris@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending. Guys will hang out together at a site to be determined. Contact Nick Hester at nick.hester@vintagebank.net if you are interested in attending. At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, there will be mingling, music and munchies at the Wyatt Mansion, 619 N. Rogers St. Bring alcohol or beverage of your choice. \$10 minimum donation per person. RSVP to Misti Winn Harriss at mistiwinnharris@yahoo.com.

WHS class of 1990 reunion

The WHS class of 1990 will celebrate its 20th reunion on Oct. 15-16. The class will participate in the homecoming parade, football game and are selling tickets to a Saturday night reunion dinner and party. For more information, contact Jenny at wilhoite304@aol.com.

Italy High School class of 2000

The IHS class of 2000 Reunion is set for Friday, Oct. 22, with activities before and during the football game. "Join us in the high school cafeteria at 6 p.m., and then during the football game, look for the tent with the banner where we'll be gathered," a spokesman said.

We are still trying to locate some classmates, so if you are a member of this class, contact Amber Bradley Adamson at Amber_T_Adamson@yahoo.com or 254-855-8678.

Adventure Base 100 at state fair

DALLAS – If you can't get to scouting, don't worry, the Boy Scouts of America is bringing scouting to you, and in a big way.

On Oct. 15-18, the Boy Scouts of America will open its "Adventure Base 100" to the public at the state fair. This traveling exhibit rolls into town packed into an 18-wheeler that's covered with Scouting photos and images to help celebrate Scouting's 100th anniversary of serving America's youth.

Adventure Base 100 has been on the road, visiting communities across the country, since it opened New Year's Day at the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif. Dallas will be Adventure Base 100's 39th stop on its nationwide tour.

What begins as a tractor-trailer is transformed into a 10,000 square foot interactive campus, featuring:

- A high adventure ropes course for all visitors more than 4 feet tall weighing less

than 200 pounds.

- A multi-sensory experience that will provide visitors with the sights, smells and sounds of Scouting through an IMAX-like video GoScouting! Dome.

- A stage show featuring contests, trivia and skill demonstrations from local Scouts.

- A traveling museum featuring artifacts from the National Scouting Museum, as well as the BSA's 100th Anniversary National Time Capsule, which will include

artifacts submitted from local Councils throughout the country.

"We can't imagine a better way to celebrate Scouting's 100th Anniversary than to have a mobile display of all that Scouting has to offer come to Dallas," said Wendy Kurten, marketing director, Circle Ten Council, BSA.

You can find Adventure Base 100 located at the Texas State Fair, and hours of operation are Oct. 15-17.

Waxahachie Senior Center Calendar

Monday, Oct. 11
8:30 Zumba Gold
9:45 Crochet group
9:45 Bible study
10:00 Bingo
12:00 Duplicate bridge

Tuesday, Oct. 12
8:15 Yoga
9:15 Texas Hold-Em
9:30 Healthy Bones Chair Exercises
11:30 Birthday lunch
12:00 Duplicate bridge
1:00 Line Dance
7:00 Dance – Gary Lee

Wednesday, Oct. 13
8:30 Zumba Gold

8:30 Exercise orientation
9:15 Blood pressure
10:00 Bingo
10:00 Ceramics
11:30 Potluck
12:15 Bunco

Thursday, Oct. 14
8:15 Yoga
9:15 Texas Hold-Em
9:30 Healthy Bones
9:30 Cooking well with diabetes
10:00 Ceramics
10:00 Basic skin care
12:00 Duplicate Bridge
12:30 Intermediate Party Bridge

1:00 Line Dancing

Friday, Oct. 15
8:30 Zumba Gold
9:00 Blood pressure
9:30 Wii bowling
10:00 Bingo
10:00 Loom knitting

A copy of the monthly newsletter can be seen at www.waxahachie.com. Click on Facilities and then click on Senior Center.

The billiard, game, computer lab and fully equipped exercise room are open and available every day.

The Waxahachie Senior Center is located at 122 Park Hills Drive and is open to members in the Waxahachie and surrounding communities who are 50 years or older. The center is open weekdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost for membership is \$40 for city residents and \$50 for non-residents.

Lunch is served daily at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for lunch are requested 48 hours in advance and can be made by calling 972-937-8271.

FROM THE CRAPE MYRTLE CAPITAL

Tips on the planting and care of gardens and lawns

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is part of an ongoing series on the planting and care of gardens and lawns, provided by the Waxahachie Crape Myrtle Council.

Have you considered how few shrubs and trees are pretty and interesting to look at all the year round?

Well, crape myrtles certainly fill that bill. Of course, they are beautiful when in bloom – and they bloom for a lengthy period of time – but they don't have to be in bloom to be a lovely and interesting plant. They have wonderful bark and when they shed

their bark it leaves unusual, slick and shiny trunks. And the trunks themselves are well worth looking at. Many are gnarled, but if they grow straight they still create an interesting plant well worth admiration.

Have you planted any crape myrtles lately?



Waxahachie is the Crape Myrtle Capital of Texas, and although the Crape Myrtle Council will no longer be selling these beautiful trees, we hope the residents of Waxahachie will plant more and more. They are available at excellent prices at your local nurseries.

MEMO FROM MIZ MYRTLE of Waxahachie will plant more and more. They are available at excellent prices at your local nurseries.

Duplicate Bridge Results

(Oct. 4)

- First – Le Woodard and Ricardo Azevedo
- Second – Jane and Joe Ellis
- Third – Billie Snyder and Larry Laudig (tie)
- Fourth – Jim Nevison and Mike Stimson
- Fourth – Kenneth and Pat McDowell

Duplicate Bridge is played at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in the Gathering Room of Waxahachie First United Methodist Church and is open to all who want to play bridge. Please arrive a few minutes early to meet other bridge players. This is ACBL sanctioned. For further information, call Lois Griffith at 972-937-5896.

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