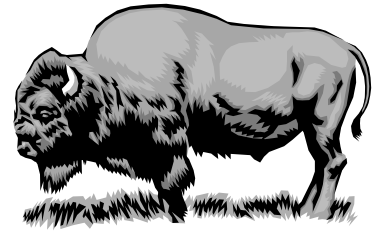


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Diamond Jubilee Homecoming 2004!!!

Greetings Bison Alumni!

It's time for football!! And, that means that homecoming can't be too far away. I hope that you've made plans to attend Homecoming 2004. Our theme this year is "Diamond Jubilee 2004". This is in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the first commercial rice crop grown in Arkansas. As many of you know, this crop was grown in Carlisle and the town has long considered itself

the Home of the Rice Industry in Arkansas. In 1954, the citizens of Carlisle staged a huge celebration of the 50th anniversary of this event. It just so happens that our homecoming falls on the exact same weekend (October 15-16) that the celebration occurred in 1954! We're very proud to make this celebration part of our alumni homecoming weekend and hope that it will add to the excitement of the weekend for everybody.

In this newsletter, you will find a schedule of events for the entire weekend. This schedule may not be complete and there may be changes occurring between now and October 15. You can check the alumni website or the *Carlisle Independent* for updated information.

Please make plans to attend homecoming this year, and let's have the biggest blowout ever!

~ Mike

~ Friday, October 15, 2004 ~

Homecoming Royalty Luncheon

Former homecoming queens and their maids of honor will meet for their annual luncheon at 11:00 .m. at Carlisle United Methodist Church. All former queens and maids of honor should R.S.V.P. to Carolyn Ferguson Marek at 870-241-3503 by October 1.

CHS Homecoming Parade

The homecoming parade will immediately follow the coronation ceremony at the high school. Many alumni are planning to participate in the parade. If you are interested in having a parade entry, please contact Sue Grimm at Carlisle High School 870-552-3196 or sgrimm@carlisle.k12.ar.us

Alumni Reception

Immediately following the parade, you are invited to a reception to be held at Carlisle United Methodist Church in the family life center. The reception will be hosted by BancorpSouth. The classes of 1944, 54, 64, 74, 84, & 94 will have memorabilia tables set up along with the memorabilia collection of the Alumni Association. If you have interesting memorabilia that you would like to share in this display, contact Olivia Kegley at 870-552-7070. Don't forget to stop by the registration table to get your name badge! We want every CHS alumni attending homecoming to register this year!!

Time Capsule Opening

In 1954, the Carlisle Improvement Association sealed a time capsule in the newly constructed elementary school as the culmination of the Golden Rice Jubilee celebration. The Alumni Association has been given the honor of opening this time capsule during our homecoming celebration. The official public opening will be held at 4:45 p.m. on Friday afternoon at the elementary school. This is immediately prior to the Chamber of Commerce BBQ supper, so come a little early and join us for this exciting event. The contents of this time capsule will be displayed at the Methodist Church and will be the central theme for our program on Saturday afternoon.



Bison Football!!

After you attend the Chamber BBQ supper, we'll expect to see you at Fred C. Hardke Field for another exciting Bison football victory!! All former Bison football players and cheerleaders are asked to meet on the track to be introduced just prior to forming the spirit line. We will introduce players and cheerleaders by decade.

~ Saturday, October 16, 2004 ~

BancorpSouth 5K Run

BancorpSouth will be sponsoring the annual Betty Schafer Memorial 5K run beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more information, contact Janet Pasley at 870-552-7571.

Early Gathering

The early birds are invited to the city park at 9:00 a.m. for doughnuts and coffee for sale by the Jr. Class. Remember to bring your lawn chairs! The Jr. Class will also be serving lunch later in the day.

Alumni Gathering

The official program will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the main stage. After a short program at 10:00 a.m., we will have time to visit and enjoy local entertainment.

We are planning to have several vendors available (including the Bison Booster Club) to serve lunch in the park, so plan to stay! Our program will continue at 1:00 p.m. on the main stage with a variety of activities including historical presentations, entertainment, and announcing our 2004 Honorary Alumni Inductees.

Chamber Fish Supper

The Carlisle Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual fish supper from 5-7 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Class Get-Togethers

Classes that do not have formal plans for Saturday night are invited to gather at the school cafeteria after the fish supper. The Alumni Association has the cafeteria reserved until 11:00 p.m. for you to gather and visit. Bring refreshments if you like.

~ Class Reunion Info ~

We have received information from the following classes involving reunion plans:

Class of 1944 - this class will be meeting the week prior to homecoming to work on their memorabilia displays. They hope to be in Carlisle for homecoming, but plan no formal get-together.

Class of 1954 - these folks have a FULL weekend planned! They are meeting on Thursday night at the Masonic Lodge, attending all of the alumni activities on Friday & Saturday, having another party Friday night after the ballgame, and another party on Saturday after the fish supper!



Class of 1964 - this class is planning to attend the ballgame on Friday night, all of the alumni activities on Saturday, and a class dinner at Murray's on Saturday night.

Class of 1974 - these folks will be at the ballgame on Friday night, then retreat to the Hazen airport for a class party. After the alumni activities on Saturday, they will return to the Hazen airport for a catered dinner. The classes of '71, '72, & '73 are invited to join them after dinner. Debbie Mader, 870-552-3894, has more info.

Class of 1984 - this class will attend the ballgame on Friday night, and plan to attend a multi-class party after the ballgame. They are also planning to have a tent set up in the city park all day Saturday. Class members are invited to a multi-class party Saturday night after the fish supper.

Class of 1994 - this class will attend the ballgame Friday night, attend the alumni activities on Saturday, and gather at the school cafeteria after the fish supper Saturday night.

Class of 1979 - these folks are planning a 25th anniversary celebration during homecoming. For more information, contact Robin Glover Hart at 870-552-7455.

Class of 1969 - there are rumors that this class may have something planned for their 35th, but we have no information at press time.

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