

Carlisle High School Alumni Association Newsletter



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Homecoming 2011 Brings Changes

When the thermometer is consistently registering 100+ degree weather, it's a little difficult to think about football and homecoming. However, despite the temperatures, it's time! Alumni homecoming weekend will be held in Carlisle on September 30-October 1. We're looking forward to seeing alumni from all over the country as they converge for another great time of fun, food, football and fellowship.

As most of you know, the alumni association was blessed to acquire the use of the former high school

cafeteria. We have transformed that building into our headquarters and the Museum of Carlisle History. All of our historical and memorabilia displays will be housed at this location. For that reason, we will not be using the Carlisle Methodist Church Family Life Center this year. After the homecoming parade on Friday afternoon, please make your way to the alumni building, located directly across the street from the football field. There will be a welcome reception hosted by Bancorpsouth and you will have your first opportunity to visit with each

other and view the displays. The museum will remain open throughout the afternoon and evening. Our Saturday activities will remain in the city park, however, the museum will be open on Saturday morning. Please see the detailed scheduled inside this newsletter for more information.

We hope you will enjoy the new location and appreciate the work and effort that has gone into creating your museum. We'll see you in Carlisle for Homecoming 2011!



What Have We Been Up To?

Do we just sponsor homecoming weekend? Hardly! Officers, board members, and committee members of the alumni association work year round to make the association a vital part of our community and an important asset to graduates of Carlisle High School. Some of the projects that have kept us busy during this last year:

1st Annual Soon-to-be-Famous Carlisle Chili Cookin'!

The association sponsored a chili cookin' competition for the City of Carlisle in February. Several teams joined in the fun of decorating a booth and serving their own special chili concoctions. Prizes were given for best chili and best decorated booth. The

association is planning to continue this event in February, 2012.

→ Museum Acquisitions ←

We continue to regularly receive donations of historical items and memorabilia for the museum. Our collection now contains well more than 5,000 pieces. Volunteers are working regularly to sort items, clean them, do preservation and conservation work, and add them to our accession database.

We have spent considerable funds this year to equip our museum with a computer network and state-of-the-art software to build a database of our collection. We have also been able to restore all class composites that were needing work, except for the Class of 1995. We

have depleted all funds currently available for the museum and are hoping to replenish the funds to begin restoration work on two pieces currently in storage at our conservator, a 1920's era diploma and a print of George Washington from the 1912 school building. Tax-deductible contributions to our museum fund are always appreciated.

→ Alumni Scholarship ←

The association chose to award the 2011 scholarship in memory of Larry Buffalo. This year's recipient was Philip Lightsey. Our scholarship funds are managed by the Carlisle Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Contributions to the scholarship fund are, of course, tax deductible.

~ Thursday, September 29, 2011 ~

Class Display Set-Up

The "1" decade classes that have reserved a space will be able to set up their memorabilia displays from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the museum building. All displays need to be finished by Thursday evening.



Museum of Carlisle History Open

The Alumni Association is very pleased to present the Museum of Carlisle History to our alumni, schools, and citizens of Carlisle. The museum has been an ongoing project of the alumni association since 2000. The school district has been very gracious to allow the use of the former high school cafeteria/superintendent's office to house the extensive collection. The museum will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. until after the football game on Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday (we are hoping to provide shuttle service from the park to the museum on Saturday morning). Be sure to stop by and visit the museum while you're in town for homecoming.



Work continues to prepare the museum for homecoming weekend

~ Friday, September 30, 2011 ~

Royalty Luncheon

Former homecoming royalty will meet for their annual luncheon at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church Down's Hall. This is a very special time for this group to gather and reminisce and renew friendships. All of our former queens and maids are encouraged to participate.

CHS Homecoming Parade

The homecoming parade will immediately follow the afternoon coronation ceremony (*check the local newspaper for times*). The parade will line up in the same location in front of the elementary school. Many alumni are planning to participate in the parade. If you or your class are interested



Homecoming parade from the 1940's

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 the **alumni building** located on the former CHS campus (directly across from the football field) for a reception. **DO NOT GO TO THE METHODIST CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER.** The reception will be hosted by Bancorpsouth. You will be able to visit, have refreshments, and view the historical and memorabilia displays. Remember to register and get your name tag for the weekend. Stick around and walk over to the elementary school cafeteria for the Chamber of Commerce BBQ supper!

BBQ Supper

The Carlisle Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a BBQ supper prior to Friday night's ball game. Come to the school cafeteria from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to enjoy a great meal with your friends and classmates. Prices are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 ages 11 and under.

Bison Football!!



The football game will start at 7:00 p.m. this year as the mighty Bison host Clarendon! After you attend the Chamber BBQ supper, we'll expect to see you at Fred C. Hardke Field for another exciting Bison victory. Show up early!! Seats will go fast.

Billy Joe Shoup Memorial Spirit Line

Players will *not* be introduced by decade this year. All former Bison athletes, cheerleaders and band members are invited to help form the spirit line before the team enters the field.

Visit the Museum

The museum building will be open until after the ballgame so that everyone will have a chance to come by and view the displays and get a nametag for the weekend.

~ Saturday, October 1, 2011 ~

Set-Up at the Park

Vendors, displays, and class tent set up will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. All tents should be set up no later than 9:30 a.m.

History & Memorabilia

The Museum of Carlisle History will be open from 9:00 a.m. - noon. If you haven't had a chance to visit the museum yet, stop by to see the incredible amount of work that has been accomplished toward preserving the history of our school and community!

Lunch

Our wonderful vendors will return this year with everything from burgers to gumbo! Plan to enjoy lunch with your friends and classmates in the park from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair or purchase a Carlisle Bison lawn chair from the alumni association.

"Tasteful Traditions" Still Available



Due to popular demand, the association has re-ordered copies of our cookbook "Tasteful Traditions". This is a collection of 670 wonderful recipes from

CHS alums, former room mothers, band parents, teachers, alumni spouses, and friends of CHS.

The cookbooks will be available at the museum and at the park on Saturday. The cost will be \$20.00 per book.

Program & Entertainment

We're welcoming a brand new, revamped afternoon program this year! Under the direction of Jo Shoemake McCallie, '77, this year's production will welcome back emcees Beth Hunt Cress, '95 and Rich Shirey, '87. We will recognize our veterans, induct our new honorary alumni, keep the talking to a minimum, and welcome the return of our alumni lip sync acts! If you are interested in participating in the resurrection of this wildly popular entertainment, please contact Jo McCallie at McCallieMyraJ@uams.edu.

Silent Auction Fundraiser

The alumni association will have three primary fundraisers for the weekend. We are bringing back the very popular silent auction as one of these fundraisers.

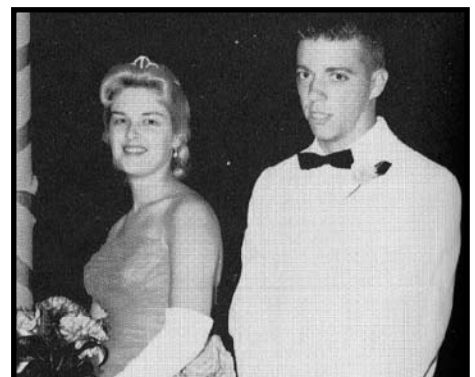
We need both **DONORS** and **BIDDERS** to make this a successful effort. If you can help by donating an item for the silent auction, please contact Debbie Reaves at 870-552-7571, then everyone bring your checkbooks and have fun bidding during the day on Saturday!



Homecoming weekend is a great time to see old acquaintances and renew old friendships. Hope to see you there!

Alumni Association Sponsoring Saturday Fish Supper!

The alumni association will sponsor the catered fish supper on Saturday night this year. This supper will be a primary fundraiser for funds to be able to sponsor homecoming weekend. All alumni, spouses, friends, and citizens are Carlisle are invited and encouraged to come eat fish Saturday night, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Carlisle Elementary School Cafeteria. Prices will be \$13.00 for ages 12 and up, \$8.00 for ages 6-11. Children 5 and under will eat free with a paid adult. Carryouts will be available.



Congratulations to the Class of 1961 as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary! Homecoming Maid of Honor Barbara Bailey McMillen, shown here with football co-captain Mike Clyburn, will lead the homecoming parade as Grand marshal on Friday afternoon.

The Alumni Association is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization. Contributions are deductible under section 170 of the code. We are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the code.

Are You A Member of the Carlisle Alumni Association?

If not, then join today!!

Carlisle High School Alumni Association Membership Application

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Maiden Name: _____ Class of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

Please check the appropriate category:

_____ Lifetime Alumni* Membership - \$25.00

_____ One-Year Alumni* Membership - \$5.00

***An alumni is any person who has ever attended
Carlisle Schools***

_____ Lifetime Associate* Membership - \$25.00

_____ One-Year Associate* Membership - \$5.00

***Associate memberships are for individuals who have
never attended Carlisle Schools***

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