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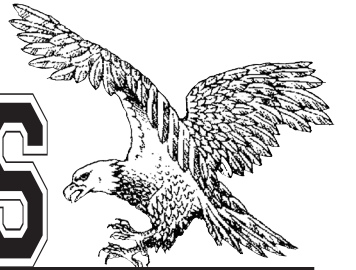
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HOMECOMING 2016
BLACKHAWKS



The Phillips Alumni Association Committee is looking forward to hosting our 65th annual Blackhawk Homecoming at which we will be celebrating our high school's 80th anniversary...that's right - it's been 80 years since the school's first senior class graduated in 1936, and almost 30 years since the last 1987 graduating class. If you stop and think about it, it's incredible that a school and town that ceased to exist nearly 30 years ago has an active alumni association who is still having homecomings every year! How many other defunct schools/towns, do you know of, that do this - in any state of the U.S.A? Come right down to it...a majority of existing schools do not have an exes association, and their homecomings are a misnomer because they consist only of crowning some current high school seniors (not exes) king and queen at a football game halftime. Because our town was so unique, and our school heritage was an unparalleled combination of academic excellence, fierce pride, and winning tradition, that Blackhawk spirit still thrives after all these years and closely binds us together, even across senior class lines. Thus our rallying theme will be "Once a Blackhawk, Always a Blackhawk". We encourage you to wear something orange and black to this year's Homecoming, be it Blackhawk paraphanelia you've purchased from the Association in the past or store-bought attire. Homecoming 2016 dates are **July 15-16 (3rd weekend)**. So, "Ye students of old PHS", especially those of you who have not attended the event in several years, we want to urge you to seriously consider attending this summer, health and distance permitting. You've heard it before, but our future homecomings are numbered and perhaps for you personally because your health is becoming an issue on whether to attend, as many of you can already testify to. We are expecting another great turnout and a lots of fun! We have put in our order for some unseasonably cool weather.

*The schedule of events for
 Friday, July 15th through Saturday, July 16th
 to be held in Borger and Stinnett.*

- 15th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Golf Tournament**
 Borger Municipal Golf Course in north Borger. \$30 per person entry fee, includes pizza lunch, green fee, golf cart (NEW!)
- 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Early Bird Mixer**
 Fairlanes Baptist Church in Bunavista (refreshments served)
- 16th 8:30 am - 10:00 am Registration and Visiting**
 WTHS Cafeteria in Stinnett (coffee and donuts)
- 10:00 am - 11:30 pm Meeting and Program**
 WTHS Cafeteria followed by a catered BBQ meal
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Browsing the Heritage Center**
 in Stinnett - over 2,900 items on display - time well spent
- 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Horseshoe Tournament**
 at horseshoe club site just north of Borger football stadium.
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 pm Concert by Karen Bartel Bradshaw ('76)**
 at Fairlanes Baptist Church followed by reception
 (Light refreshments)

Attention Golfers! All interested Hawks, spouses, dates, or family members are invited to play at the Big Blackhawk Golf Scramble at the **Borger Municipal Golf Course**, tee-off time is Friday, July 15, 9:00 a.m. sharp. Entry fee is \$30 per person. Several local sponsors (many are exes) will again donate money for prizes, which keeps the entry fee to a minimum. Please give them your business while in Borger (see attached ads). Please fill out the golf entry form and return.

A horseshoe tournament will be held at the Borger Horseshoe Club site located just north of the Borger football field right off Bulldog Ave. Entry fee will be \$5 per person. We strongly urge ladies as well as men to participate. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. **Joe Dickey('73)** will run the tourney. Please fill out the horseshoe entry form and return with your Information Form. This time you may choose and indicate your own partner (another Phillips ex or a family member). Otherwise you will be assigned a partner at the tournament. **Folks - \$5 is a bargain!!** Let's have more participation this year. Don't worry - you won't be competing with pros. If you won't play, at least please come and watch.

The Class of 1966, the "Phillips 66ers", will be the featured class, celebrating in conjunction with Homecoming their Big 50! They are having a "meet and greet" get-together at the meeting room of the Hampton Inn in Borger on Friday 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. They also will be participating in the Saturday morning and afternoon HC activities. **Candy Irwin Bulla** and **Sarah McCall McDaniel** are heading up the reunion effort. **The Class of 1956** will be having their 60-year reunion dinner on Saturday at 6:00 pm at the Plaza. Ordering will be off the menu with separate checks. Other classes are invited. Call **Gary Anderson** at (303)875-8133 for reservations. **The Class of 1961** will have their 55-year reunion dinner on Friday at 5:30 pm at the Plaza. **The Class of 1971** is planning an informal gettogether, and the **Class of 1951** is presently putting out feelers. At the Saturday morning function, **Randy Wright('66)** will be our featured speaker. There will be drawings for (1) a Blackhawk blanket for some dues-paying ex, and (2) a 50-year reunion blanket for some attending Class of 1966 ex. There will also be drawings for three cash prizes. Blackhawk umbrellas will be for sale at \$20 each, and attractive colored coins, (the size of a silver dollar) commemorating the 80th high school anniversary at \$27 each. The coin, designed by **Daren Taylor ('86)**, will come in a customized box, and may be viewed on the "Phillips Blackhawks" account of Facebook. After the program, a BBQ meal will be served, catered by **Joey Sutphen('58)** and **Mike Webb('64)** (who own/run Lefty's Café & Hawks Nest). The price will be \$15 that you will pay right before eating. **Please let us know on the Information Form that you return whether you plan to eat with us.** Joey and Mike need a fairly accurate head count estimate in order to know how much food to prepare.

Saturday evening **Karen Bartel Bradshaw ('76)**, an award-winning recording artist and pianist, will be performing a concert at Fairlanes Baptist, a reception following. Her gospel and pop albums have been released nation wide and internationally. She resides in Marrero, Louisiana where she teaches voice lessons. She also performs at New Orleans and Branson.

Information Form: Even if you do not plan to come this July or can't send in any dues, please fill out the form (indicating the total amount of money sent, if any is enclosed), detach, and mail to us right away. **We want to make a special appeal to the exes who either never or very seldom respond to this letter year in and year out.** It is very important that your information we have on hand be current, **especially your E-mail address.** Over 20% of the Email addresses for most classes bounce when we send out Emails to the classes. It will only take you just a few minutes to tend to this matter now and have it out of your hair... or otherwise it will be out of sight, out of mind. Dues are still \$7 (we are able once again to hold them there despite our yearly declining active membership

