

# W.H.S. Smoke Signals

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## 2012 Homecoming - October 18th - 20th

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Another year gone by... when was the last time you caught up with your high school classmates? Fortunately you have another opportunity called Homecoming!

Those living away might be surprised to see how much Waxahachie has changed. The high school is where it has been for 40 years now but many new junior high and elementary schools have been added. And what about that newly remodeled Lumpkins football stadium? Waxahachie continues to grow adding new hotels, stores and restaurants.

But one thing remains constant,

those whom you went to school with and graduated with. If you are like many here in the community you stay in touch, maybe through luncheons, newsletters, email, or Facebook. But if you are like many this annual event is the one opportunity to catch up with those who were once your closest confidants and best friends.

Maybe this year is a special year, one of those anniversaries ending in a "2" or a "7." If so we hope this homecoming is a special one for you. If not, it may still be special in the opportunities it affords to come home and see

your hometown. Regardless, we are hoping to see you here.

Homecoming has a "new addition" this year, too. This year will celebrate the inaugural year of the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame. You will find more on this within this issue. Come out on Thursday to honor those athletes and teams celebrated for their past accomplishments, then stay and see the current team beat Arlington Seguin black and blue - which appropriately is their team colors!

**Go, Indians!!!  
Skin the Cougars!!**

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, October 18

#### WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony - 7:00 p.m.

Induction ceremony and dinner at the Waxahachie Civic Center - more information inside!

### Friday, October 19

#### Homecoming Parade - 3:00 p.m.

Honor classes may enter a float in the homecoming parade. Entry forms for parade floats will be in the Waxahachie Daily Light. Questions: call Kim Axtell at the High School - (972) 923-4600.

#### Homecoming Football Game

Pre-game activities begin at 7:00 p.m. with kick-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Classes wishing to reserve a space to sit together at the game should contact Kim Axtell at the High School.

### Saturday, October 20

#### Waxahachie Legacy Run - 8:00 a.m.

Join the Legacy 5K run and walk which starts and ends at Lumpkin Stadium. Contact the Education Foundation at (972) 923-4631 for registration information.

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

All students and their guests are invited. We will gather at the Ninth Grade Academy Cafeteria located across Indian Drive from the High School. Information for making reservations is inside the newsletter.





2012  
HONOR  
CLASS  
CONTACTS

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**If you prefer to continue the current service you do not have to do anything - it will continue to come to you by mail.**

# A Message From President Kim Garlitz

As I think about the Ex-Students' Association 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration last year, the motto of our organization, "Celebrate the Past and Encourage the Future," comes to mind. In these last two years, we have not only encouraged the future, but we have also *embraced* the future. With the launch of our website, Facebook and Twitter pages, we now have even more platforms for reaching our global alumni base and modern audience.

Last year, we saw the dedication of the newly renovated Lumpkins Stadium, and the Ex-Students' Association had the privilege of participating in the inaugural Education Foundation's Legacy 5K Run. This year, as we host the first annual WHS Athletic Hall of Fame, we hope to educate the younger generations about the legends that contributed to the WHS Sports

Program while raising funds for additional scholarships for WHS graduates. Our dedication to all of these initiatives serves to bridge the gap in communication between WHS alumni that share such a common and unique bond. Achieving our goals serves to set an example for future generations to carry on the great tradition of the Ex-Students' Association.

Hachie Fans. Tribe Pride. Team Spirit. Green and White. No matter what you call it, it is evident that the heart and soul of Waxahachie High School lives on in the warm handshakes, embracing hugs, endearing smiles, and laughter of its graduates as they share the stories about those great years that are never truly experienced again. As we have graduated and gone on to achieve our goals, face our fears, and live our dreams, ex-students

always know that WHS is a place to which they can always come home. Buildings, events, and milestones may change, but the Hachie heart and spirit will forever remain the same.

I am very excited to see what changes the next 50 years of WHS has to bring to the alumni of Waxahachie High. Please join the ex-students when you can, contribute where you can, and do all you can to show your support of the WHS Ex-Students' Association.

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## Nominations Needed for Who's Who and Hall of Fame

All classes, honor or otherwise, may nominate a classmate for either the 2012 WHS Who's Who and/or Hall of Fame 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 Homecoming Luncheon. Classes are requested to nominate only one candidate for each award category.

### 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 profession 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.

**All nominations should be sent to:**  
Bob Aday  
WHS Honors Committee  
P.O. Box 2894  
Waxahachie, TX 75168  
(972) 938-2086

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, September 14th.**

**Nomination forms are available on the Ex-Students' website: [www.waxahachieexstudents.org](http://www.waxahachieexstudents.org)**

# WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inaugural Year

Sports legends don't just happen. They are cultivated in an atmosphere that fosters hard work, drive and determination. They are bred in a community rich with pride, honor and team spirit. Waxahachie High School has produced its share of legends from the world of athletics, and just when local sports fans think they have seen it all, another rookie rises to the top and astonishes the crowd by shattering records and displaying unparalleled feats of athleticism.

Springing from this community-wide love of sports is a partnership among the WHS Ex-Students' Association, WISD, and the WHS Athletic Department, led by Men's Athletic Director David Ream and Women's Athletic Director Sandy Faussett-Stoops. This partnership is establishing the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony scheduled for Homecoming Weekend 2012.

The project has been in the works for almost two years. "We feel the timing is right to honor those athletes who have brought so much glory and excitement to WHS sports. Our goals for establishing the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame were clear from the start: to honor the athletes, bring more awareness to the WHS sports program, and to provide additional college scholarships for WHS graduating seniors," comments Kim Garlitz, president of the WHS Ex-Students' Association.

"We were happy to join WISD Superintendent Tom Collins, Coach Ream and Coach Faussett-Stoops to help bring this spark of an idea to life," stated Garlitz. "We have proceeded strategically and methodically to build an event that will stand the test of time and be as common to Homecoming weekend as Friday afternoon's Homecoming Parade."

The endeavor will be backed with a steering committee of almost 50 people. Garlitz recruited WHS alumni to manage the finance, sponsorship and event coordination of the program. Coach Ream has lined up the voting and selection committee members who will review the applications for nomination into the Athletic Hall of Fame through the summer. The eligibility requirements and nominations form are published on WaxahachieIndians.com and Waxahachieexstudents.org. These athletes will be honored at the induction ceremony and dinner at the Waxahachie Civic Center on October 18th at 7:00 p.m., the Thursday prior to Homecoming Friday.

The group hopes to induct three to five athletes into the Hall of Fame each year. These athletes will be notified after the voting process ends mid-summer so they can make arrangements to attend the ceremony in October. The evening's program will also include a VIP reception for those inductees, and a dinner with award presentations. Other distinguished honorees will also be present to round out the program.

"The list of potential honorees just goes on and

on," said Coach Ream. "When you think about the tremendous amount of talent that has come through the sports program at WHS, there are so many to consider. Not only the athletes themselves, but also the coaches, broadcasters, announcers, trainers, team doctors, and boosters that have contributed their time and effort to make the WHS Athletic Department what it is today."

Ken Roberts, KBEC General Manager, has also been on the steering committee since its beginning. He is working with local historian Billy Hancock, who is providing research on record holders, state and district champions, and athletes to be honored posthumously.

"It doesn't matter who is being honored at the ceremony each year; I will be there," commented WISD Superintendent Tom Collins. An avid sports fan, Collins says that he is proud to be a part of the planning phases of this project and feels the community will have an equally positive response.

Coach Ream has designed the eligibility requirements and the nomination forms to include a balance of athletic accomplishments, overall character, and philanthropic endeavors of those that will receive individual awards. The inductees will be given an award at the ceremony on Homecoming weekend, and an additional award will also be placed in the Athletic Hall of Fame that will be housed at the Waxahachie Civic Center.

The Waxahachie Community Development District, or 4B Board, that has governing rights over the Civic Center is providing integral assistance to get the project underway. "We are so grateful to the 4B Board for hearing our ideas and granting us the opportunity to have a true Athletic Hall of Fame that fans can actually visit to pay tribute to these sports legends we will recognize," stated Garlitz. The inductees will also be invited to donate personal items such as game balls, trophies, jerseys, and autographed photos for permanent display at the Civic Center.

Advertising, promotional consideration, tickets to the event, Ex-Students' Association memberships and T-shirts are some of the benefits that sponsors will receive. It will be crucial to the success of the event to have funding in terms of seed money in this start-up year of the project. Proceeds from the event go towards scholarships for WHS seniors.

"We really believe that the love of sports is a common vein that runs throughout the community. This is something that is bigger than the Ex-Students' Association, WISD or the WHS Athletic Department," Garlitz commented, "and we hope to build on this excitement to generate additional college scholarships from the proceeds of this event."

Sponsorship opportunities for the event are available. For more information on the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame, visit [www.waxahachieexstudents.org](http://www.waxahachieexstudents.org).



# This and That

## Waxahachie High School Home of the Indians 2012 Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 31	Midlothian	There	7:30
Sept. 7	Open		
Sept. 14	West Mesquite	Here	7:30
Sept. 21	Corsicana	There	7:30
Sept. 28 *	Summit	Here	7:30
Oct. 5 *	Lancaster	There	7:30
Oct. 12 *@	Legacy	Here	7:30
Oct. 19 *#	Seguin	Here	7:30
Oct. 26 *	Lake Ridge	There	7:30
Nov. 2 *%	Red Oak	Here	7:30
Nov. 9 *	Ennis	There	7:30

\*District 15-4A Games  
@ Pink Out  
# Homecoming  
%Senior Night



"I went to my high school reunion over the weekend. Some of my classmates changed so much that they didn't even recognize me."



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### WISD Facts:

The school district was originally "founded" in 1884, known as Waxahachie Public Schools. The 2009-2010 school year was the 125th anniversary. The administrative building was built in 1911 and was known as Ferris Ward Elementary. When it was first built, cost was approximately \$10,000. The South Ward School was built in 1913 for students in the Bullard Heights neighborhood. WISD integrated in 1970. The first Waxahachie High School was built in 1920 and now serves as Waxahachie Global High. The current campuses as we know them today:

- 1952 - Northside
- 1970 - WHS
- 1987 - Dunaway
- 1988 - Shackleford
- 1999 - Wedgeworth
- 2001 - Marvin (the old building was razed and the new building completed)
- 2002 - 9th Grade Academy
- 2008 - Clift
- 2008 - Felty
- 2008 - Howard Junior High

The district has an enrollment of more than 7,500 students and 1,000 employees.

Source: [Profiles in Progress 2012](#)  
The History of Public Education in Waxahachie

## Come and Ride in the Parade

What could be more fun than being at the homecoming parade? Being in the parade, of course!

Many of the honor classes each year sponsor a float in the parade. All it requires is a pickup, bus, wagon or other form of transportation, plus a permit from the parade organizers.

If your class is interested in being in this year's parade, contact Rebecca Gage at the High School (her details are on the front of this newsletter.)

If your class is not sponsoring a float this year but you are still wanting to ride, you are welcome to hop aboard the WHS Ex-Students' float - space permitting, of course!

## Luncheon Guest Drop-Off

There is another option for those luncheon guests who experience difficulty with the long walk from the parking lot to the luncheon site. Guests may be dropped off and picked up behind the meeting room for easier access into the facility.

Please, however, do not plan to park there. Parking is extremely limited and fire lanes are strictly enforced.

*"...it is so wonderful to know that former WHS students are still supporting me in my endeavors."*



*"Over the past decade, public college costs have risen at an average rate of 6.9 percent per year and four-year private college costs have risen at an average rate of 5.8 percent per year"*

Source:  
[everychanceeverytexan.org](http://everychanceeverytexan.org)



## 2012 Scholarship Recipient - Kaitlyn Rieper

The 2012 recipient of the WHS Ex-Students' Scholarship is Kaitlyn Rieper. She is the daughter of Trey Rieper (WHS class of 1991) and Stephanie Spriggs Rieper (WHS class of 1989). Kaitlyn will attend Baylor University in Fall 2012, where she plans to pursue a double major in Environmental Science and Biology

"I feel that Baylor is the college God is leading me to attend. I am very interested in working

in the field of conservationism and am entertaining the idea of following my bachelor's degree with Law School to pursue Environmental Law. I hope to work with large companies to educate and help implement programs that will extend the life of our natural resources and preserve the ecosystems for animal and plant life."

Kaitlyn also expresses her thanks to those who make the scholarship possible for

students like her. "Baylor, like most private schools, is quite expensive. This scholarship helps pay for my books and class supplies."

"Waxahachie High School has prepared me well for my next educational step and it is so wonderful to know that for the next four years former WHS students are still supporting me in my endeavors. Thank you so much!"

## A Scholarship in Your Class Name

Since 2009 the Ex-Students' Association has provided a scholarship program designed to increase recognition for donating alumni classes.

This program creates a new scholarship in the name of the alumni class making the contribution. The scholarship is then awarded to a graduating WHS student at the annual scholarship award night in May.

Former Association President Bill Baty, who suggested this program, described it as "an

opportunity to increase awareness of the contribution that the honor classes make to the scholarship fund and recognize the class' generosity at the annual luncheon."

This new scholarship can be either a one-time award or reoccurring award. Contributions are separately identified in the WHS Ex-Students' Scholarship Fund. Students to receive the scholarship are selected by the WHS Ex-Students' Scholarship Recipient Committee, the same commit-

tee that selects the current Ex-Students' scholarship recipient. The scholarship is presented by a member of your alumni class at the annual WHS scholarship night .

There are several benefits of to this program. It allows more than one student to receive a scholarship each year, while providing the alumni class access to a recognized scholarship selection process and tax-protected trust fund account. Information on how to set up an account follows this article.

## How to Establish an Alumni Class Scholarship

Establishing a scholarship in your class' name is simple.

Contributions of \$4,000 or more can be made to the WHS Ex-Students' Scholarship fund in the class' name. The alumni class should specify that the amount is to be specifically identified as a separate scholarship from their class or, if so

desired, it could be in memory of a classmate from the class. During the annual luncheon the class' gift will be recognized, and the gift deposited to the Scholarship Trust Fund account.

The Scholarship Recipient Committee will select a cur-

rent senior student to receive the scholarship from a member of the alumni class at the annual scholarship night in May.

If you have any question regarding this program, please contact either Bill Baty or Alton Chambers.

## 2012 Ex-Students' Association Dues

### **Association Dues \$15.00 / T-Shirt Combo \$20.00**

**(Circle T-Shirt size requested: M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL)**

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Check if change in name or address

Name (including maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Check if you want your Smoke Signals to come by email

Return to: Waxahachie Ex-Students' Association

P.O. Box 906 Waxahachie, Texas 75168

## Reservation Form for 2012 Ex-Students' Luncheon

### **Luncheon Reservation**

**October 20, 2012 – 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)

## 2012 Ex-Students' Scholarship Contribution

### **Scholarship**

Contributor \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor / Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make Separate Check Payable To:      **WHS Scholarship Trust Fund**

**P.O. Box 906 Waxahachie, Texas 75168**

# WHS Ex-Students' Association, Inc.:

## Our Mission Statement

*To encourage and motivate former students of Waxahachie High School to reunite with their classmates, teachers and friends, and to support current WHS graduates in achieving their higher educational goals through recognition and scholarships.*

### 2012 Officers

President	Kim (Hallabough) Garlitz (1983)
Treasurer	Alton Chambers (1976)
Secretary	Nancy (Anderson) Ross (1960)

### 2012 Directors

Bob Aday (1968)  
Bill Baty (1956)  
Paul Box (1998)  
Phyllis (Hall) Chambers (1977)  
Carolyn (Roberts) Jenkins (1960)  
Bob Montgomery (1966)  
Mike Smith (1963)  
Jackie (Brown) Wray (1968)

### 2012 Committees

Scholarship Recipient	Kathryn (Hacker) Aday (1970); Meagan (Simpson) Mills (1983); Melissa (McMinn) Morgan (1978); Emily (O'Brien) Price (1979)
Scholarship Trust Advisor	Paul Box
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