



Lonoke Jack Rabbit Tracks

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ALUMNI BIENNIAL NEWSLETTER



A Great Place to Be – October 2-3, 2009

JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE 2009 LHS HOMECOMING

The 2009 LHS homecoming celebration will kick off with the annual parade which begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2. This is a great time for alumni classes to build floats or enter properly identified vehicles to claim their place in LHS history. Judy King, recently retired from LHS, is in charge of the parade lineup. She prefers to place alumni in the order of their graduating year, so you will need to call Judy at 501-676-6657 by September 25, if your class wants to be represented in the parade. The class of '57 plans to enjoy themselves as they bring their rock and roll music and enter a classic 1957 Chevy driven by proud owner Jack Moore. The alumni association is offering first second and third place prizes in the amounts of \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively for winning floats in this year's parade. The competition is open to school aged students in Lonoke who build and enter a float. The floats may be sponsored by cheerleaders, grade level classes, scouts, FBLA, National Honor Society, sports teams, etc. Winning floats will be on display at the football game. Parade entrants should begin to line up at 3:00.

You might want to stay for the game as the Lonoke Jackrabbits take on the Bald Knob Bulldogs at 7:30 in the James B. Abraham Stadium. The festivities will begin at 6:30 with the crowning of the queen and introduction of the 2009 homecoming court. For total homecoming immersion, you may want to catch the 1:00 pep rally in the gym.

As part of the homecoming festivities, the class of 1959 and their spouses will be honored at a luncheon to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Invited guests will meet at the Lonoke depot at 11:30 on October 2, 2009. Shannon Clement 501-676-2339 and Teresa Rowton 501-690-5184 are in charge of preparations. Class

members should have already received invitations to this function. Call and encourage your classmates to join you in this celebration. Please call Shannon or Teresa and let them know that you plan to attend. It has been a fun event for former classes who have been honored.

President Karen Dill has encouraged Lonoke businesses to show their colors by flying purple LHS flags. A team of cheerleaders will be available to decorate store fronts for those who wish to participate.





Megan M. Davis Awarded 2009 LHSAA Scholarship

Megan Davis was the recipient of the LHS Alumni Association's \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding senior. Along with her GPA and ACT scores, Ms. Davis's selection was based on

her involvement in school activities and community service. She is enrolled in honors classes at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and will begin her coursework during the fall semester. Ms. Davis will major in Agriculture Business with an emphasis on agricultural finance. Her long term goals include a master's degree in Agricultural Economics, and eventually a doctoral degree.

Ms. Davis earned a 4.0 GPA while completing numerous honors classes and was ranked third in a class of 151 graduates. During her senior year, she served as president of the Student Council and treasurer of National Honor Society. She served as LHS treasurer and most recently as vice president of FBLA, and has gained national recognition in that organization. She intends to remain involved with FBLA in college through PBL. Ms. Davis wrote, "I could never get too far away from the organization that has given me so much." Representing Lonoke as an Arkansas Girls State delegate in 2008 is one of many state, district and local awards she has won.

From 2005-2009 Ms. Davis played on several conference, district and state runner-up basketball teams, as well as playing for winning district, conference, and regional basketball championships. She has coordinated the Lonoke Public Schools packet, worked in the Open Arms Shelter drive and Lonoke Bitty Basketball Camp. She served on the First State Bank Student Advisory Board and is active in the Lonoke Methodist Youth group.

Ms. Davis is the daughter of Lonnie Marie Davis who is a recent college graduate with a degree in teaching.

Congratulations Megan Davis. You are truly an inspiration to other young people in Lonoke. You are very deserving of this scholarship, and we wish you great success in your college career.

Tent City Rewind

The outdoor event held under a big tent in 2008 was so well received that the planning committee has decided pitch another large tent. All Saturday events will take place at the Lonoke Golf Course, beginning with the golf tournament starting at 12:00 p.m. By taking the function to the golfers, it is hoped they will remain for the late afternoon and evening events. All golfers should be finished by 4:30, and the general membership meeting will begin at 5:00. For those who wish to stay and party, a deejay will play *sedate to lively* music until 10:00 p.m. Another raffle will be held with an opportunity to win half of the amount collected. \$1.00 tickets will be available during all alumni festivities. You may remember that \$400 was raised for the scholarship last year, and Jimbo Clement was the lucky winner of another \$400.



Classes are encouraged to decorate and pitch individual tents around the "Big Top," so bring your lawnchairs and join the fun. Several classes participated last year, and alumni enjoyed the camaraderie between classes and greeting old friends. The classes of 1967, 1968, and 1969 are planning reunions in conjunction with the homecoming event. The purpose of homecoming weekend is to entice alumni back to Lonoke, so it's a perfect time for a reunion.

Bubba's Barbecue will be on hand for your dining needs, or you may prefer a Pizza Hut delivery. Alumni will be manning a margarita machine; beer will be available through the Lonoke Golf Club; and if you prefer another beverage, you will need to provide your own.

RECEPTION, REGISTRATION, MEMORABILIA

Once again the Lonoke Museum at 215 Southeast Front Street will open its doors for alumni to drop by for registration, refreshments, and browsing among Lonoke memorabilia. Sherryl Miller and Shirley Tomlinson, neither of whom are Lonoke alumni, have invested untold hours in replicating Lonoke history. In addition to high school memorabilia, you will enjoy looking at permanent displays that tell the story of early Lonoke. Drop by to register and visit friends from 1:00 - 4:00. If you have LHS memorabilia to share, call LaRose Lackey at 501-676-7323.

Golf Tournament – Will the McGee Team Prevail?



The 2009 Alumni Golf tournament is off to a good start with Teresa Rowton 501-690-5184 and Matt Boyles 501-676-0138, assisted by Angela Armstrong, Shannon Clement, Darrell Park, Robert DePriest, Wes Clement, Beth Palidino, and Sherry Thompson. The only change in the 2009 format is the starting time. Golfers will register at 10:30; have lunch at 11:00, with a shotgun start at 12:00. Alumni should get their foursomes together and call Teresa or Matt to register.

The tournament committee will once again sell \$100 hole sponsorship signs. Several businesses have already committed to sponsoring a hole this year, and letters have been sent to individual classes asking them to encourage their members to sponsor a hole. For those who already have a sign, the entire \$100 contribution will go toward the annual scholarship. We are counting on 1951, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1975, 1976, 1981, 1987, 1990, and 1997 again this year, and encourage other classes to ante up with a \$100 sponsorship sign. In order to get a new sign printed, all money should be turned in by September 21 to Treasurer Peggy Anderson, P. O. Box 429, Lonoke, AR 72086.

A New Home for the Rabbits

The Lonoke High School that you know will soon be replaced by a beautiful new structure that sits cater-cornered facing northwest toward College and Academy Streets on the former elementary campus. Serious thought was given to retaining the façade of the current building and constructing the new school behind it, but after a

feasibility study it was determined that the cost would be prohibitive. Another problem would have been the necessity of placing students in portable classrooms for two years while constructing the new building. After much consideration, the school board took a different approach, and Architect Clayton Vayden of Lewis Architects Engineers designed the new building as pictured. The triple arches will be replicated in several wings of the building. Funding for the new structure will come from stimulus money from the federal government, partnerships funds from the state, and bond restructuring. Construction will begin January, 2010.



After construction is completed in 2011, the oldest building in the Lonoke District will be the primary school completed in 1975 rather than the 1937 high school now in use. A new middle school was completed in 2007. For alumni having a tender spot for the old elementary school, you might want to bring your cameras as it will soon be demolished.

Questions have been raised about the fate of our recently completed alumni walk. No decision has been made, but there is a possibility that the entire walk can be relocated to the front of the new building, or it can remain in its current location and

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Schedule of Events – October 2- 3

Friday

- 11:30** Class of '59 Luncheon at Depot
- 1:00** Pep Rally at Gym
- 1:00-4:00** Registration and Reception at Lonoke Museum – Enjoy high school memorabilia and Lonoke history
- 4:00** Homecoming Parade
- 6:30** Homecoming Festivities
- 7:30** Lonoke Jackrabbits vs. Bald Knob Bulldogs – James B. Abraham Field

Saturday – Lonoke Golf Course

- 10:30** Register for Golf Tournament
- 11:00** Lunch for golfers
- 12:00** Shotgun Start for Golfers
- 1:00-5:00** Pitch class tents around the “Big Top” and visit with other alumni
- 5:00** General Membership Meeting
- 6:00-10:00** Music provided by DeeJay
- 9:00** Opportunity to win \$100+ through Rabbit Raffle

Distinguished Alumni Award

Nominations for the distinguished alumnus will be taken through the first week of September this year. Several outstanding candidates have been nominated, and there are probably many more who are deserving. All nominations are kept and considered each year, so if your nomination arrives after the deadline, it will be considered next year. If you would like to update information about a nominee, you may do so and send it to Don Steely, 11 Sandstone Ct., Little Rock, AR 72227.

Former Distinguished Alumni are Maurice "Footsie" Britt, Coach Jim Lee Howell, Judge Elsijane Trimble Roy, Dr. Benny Norton, Dr. Jerry Havens and Gina Wiertelak.

Distinguished alumni names are engraved on a plaque and displayed at the high school.

Application for LHS Distinguished Alumni Award

Name _____

Year Graduated _____ Living Deceased

Date of Birth _____ If deceased, Date of Death _____

Nominee's Address (if living) _____

_____ Telephone _____

Nominee's significant accomplishments: _____

Please attach a biography and provide a photo of nominee (if available).

If nominee will not be present to accept award, please give name, address and phone number of person who will be attending. _____

Your name, address and telephone number: _____

Send nominations to: 11 Sandstone Ct. • Little Rock, AR 72227

LHS MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Class of _____ Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY: LIFETIME ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP - \$50.00

ONE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP - \$10.00 LIFETIME ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$50.00

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