

Class of 1981 Coming Home Queen Nominee: **Pam Thornton Humphreys**

Following graduation from Hamlin, I attended Angelo State University for one year, then transferred to Texas Tech University in 1982 where I majored in physical education and biology. While at Texas Tech, I was involved in my professional organizations, Phi Epsilon Kappa and Major/Minor. I graduated in 1984 with a BS in Physical Education and Biology, completing my teaching certification in both fields.

I taught in the Stamford I.S.D. for three years where I began an Elementary Physical Education Program, coached high school tennis, and served as the high school cheerleading sponsor. The last twenty-six years of my teaching career were in Lubbock, Texas where I taught elementary physical education, and served as the district's lead teacher. I developed all of the professional workshops, and served as coordinator for Marathon Kids, United Way, Diabetes Walk, and Jump Rope for Heart. In 2015, I won the Innovator of the Year Award. While teaching, I wrote a swimming curriculum for the Texas Tech Continuing Education Program, and have also been a licensed Massage Therapist for over twenty years. Prior to retiring from my teaching duties in 2016, I ran three half-marathons that further supported my career as a physical educator in helping others stay active, along with taking care of my own fitness goals.

Post retirement, I have worked part time as a Jump Rope for Heart Marketing Coordinator with the American Heart Association. I am currently employed part time at the Science Center for Leander I.S.D. I am also an Independent Stylist for Plunder Jewelry. I now reside in Jarrell, Texas with my husband of thirteen years, Joe Humphreys. We are members of the Antioch Church in Georgetown.

During Covid, I decided to revisit playing the piano after fifty years. I also enjoy pickleball, bunko, traveling, kayaking, swimming, and hanging with all of my rowdy friends, especially my 1981 classmates. I love life and I love to make others smile and laugh. I love spending time with my amazing boys, Derek and Brent, and my favorite pastime is being "GramPam" to my newly adopted grandsons, Niko and Isaiah. My plan is to write a children's book in the future.

And, as always.....once a Piper, always a Piper!