

“The Roaring Twenties” Theme Selected For Hamlin’s 65th Annual Homecoming September 25 & 26, 2020

Wow, what a year thus far! Never in our wildest imaginations could we have selected a theme for our 2020 gathering that was so spot-on for what has ended up changing our entire way of life, much as the era of the 1920’s changed lifestyles in America and the world. As of this writing, Homecoming is still a “go,” but has several changes in store from our traditional activities and events that you need to know about. **There will be no Friday evening or Saturday noon meals served by the alumni association due to the guidelines of the 50% capacity rule.** We want to encourage you, instead, to support our local restaurant businesses here in Hamlin and will be listing these for your convenience to contact ahead of time for hours of operation, reservations, etc. **Stadium seating will also be limited to 50% capacity, and admission to the football game will be by online ticket sales only;** this is the only way the school can limit the attendance numbers. **GOOD NEWS: The Homecoming game will be live-streamed with play-by-play commentary for your viewing and listening pleasure,** as will all of the Piper “home” games. Piper fans will, additionally, be able to hear the live commentary on all of our “away” games on the same web site. **The Saturday morning parade will be held, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the downtown district, keeping with the selected theme for this year’s event, but there will be NO additional organized gatherings as a whole by the association post parade.**

A change for this year’s newsletter is the addition of the Registration / Voting / Contribution / Parade insert for you to complete and mail back to us: **Hamlin Ex-Students Alumni Association, P.O. Box 323, Hamlin, TX 79520, or to complete online and pay via PayPal @: <http://www.hamlinexstudents.com/>** You will notice the Class of 1960 was unable to provide us with a queen candidate due to a myriad of circumstances this year, and some of our nominees may end up not being able to attend in person due to health concerns, conditions, etc. **Please know your Alumni association still needs your contributions this year even when several events are not transpiring;** we will still be incurring the following expenses: printing of the newsletter, envelopes, postage for mailing, parade awards, in addition to still providing our two alumni scholarships (increased to \$750 each). You will find a summarized financial statement on the back, along with a listing of our known deceased exes from Homecoming 2019 until now. **PLEASE notify us of any address changes, email changes, etc.** in order that we can remain in contact with you each Homecoming season. Our email address is: hamlinexstudents@yahoo.com, and we understand several of you have been getting SPAM from this address; please know we will only be sending out the one annual newsletter to you.

“The Roaring Twenties” saw multiple changes in lifestyle, politics, transportation, communication, music, and more. This era saw more Americans living in the cities than on the farms for the first time in history. Women won the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, along with gaining a stronghold in white-collar jobs and seeing an improvement on the home front with the invention of washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and the introduction of canned foods. Clothing and hair styles changed for many women with the new “do” of bobbed hair with short dresses and skirts. Commercial radio stations were birthed, and by the end of the era, greater than 12 million homes possessed a radio. Jazz music opened the door to dances such as the Charleston, the cake walk, and the flea hop to name a few. Perhaps the most significant contributions were the introduction of Henry

Ford's "Model T" to open up the travel industry on land, while Charles A. Lindbergh made his solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927 setting the stage for future air travel. Hamlin had some great moments of history as well: the construction of the late and grand high school building on S. W. Avenue B, the first brick buildings for the Methodist and Baptist congregations, the birth of the Harden Hotel, the composition of "Precious Memories" in 1923, the Hamlin Rotary Club is organized, and football arrives in Hamlin with the adoption of the Pied Piper as the school's mascot, to name only a few.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Friday Evening, September 25, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Piper Stadium- Hamlin Pipers vs. Haskell Indians. Half-time recognition / crowning of High School and Ex Students Queens and Kings.

Saturday Morning, September 26, 2020 – 10:30 a.m. – Homecoming Parade in downtown Hamlin. Please see the parade registration side of your enclosed card for instructions on parade line-up.

Places to Eat: **North 40 Feedlot**, 1551 N. Central Avenue, (325) 576-3443; **Subway**, 12 N. Central, (325)576-2775, **Dairy Queen**, 32 S. Central Avenue, (325) 576-2741; **Quality Flowers**, 218 S. Central Avenue, (325) 576-3800; **Go Figure Nutrition & Energy**, 220 S. Central Avenue, (325) 669-0808; **The Place**, 230 S. Central Avenue, (325) 280-4309; **Tina's Cakes and Bake**, 247 S. Central Avenue, (325) 576-5002; **Camacho and Charlie's**, 311 S. Central Avenue, (#TBA); **Lito's Burritos**, 434 S, Central Avenue, (325) 576-5070, and **Pied Piper Pizza Pro & Deli**, 310 W. Lake Drive, (325) 576-3183; **Hamlin Donuts**, 150 W. Lake Dr., (325)280-2145. **Call ahead to check on hours of operation, or see needed information on their Facebook pages.**

Places to Stay: **Life's Suites**, 1013 S. Central Avenue, (325) 326-6326; **Pied Piper Inn**, 901 S. Central Avenue, (325) 232-5880; **City of Hamlin RV Parks**, located in the Hamlin City Park adjacent to Piper Stadium (electricity and water only with adjoining covered picnic area) and RV Park in the East 300 block of N. Central Avenue (water, sewer, electricity- will need to bring adapter) (325) 576- 2711.

Web Sites You Need to Have: For football tickets / Live Streaming & Audio of game(s): "Piper Productions," and more information on our Hamlin School System: hamlincollegiate.com, (325)576-2722; Hamlin Ex-Students Alumni Homecoming Registration/ Nominees/ Voting/ Contribution/ Memorial Wall: hamlinexstudents.com, (325) 576-3501.

Deceased Alumni from 09/21/2019 thru 08/10/2020: Class of 1941-Helen Costin; Class of 1943- Beulah Rose Watson; Archie Carson, Jr., J.C. "Jim" Rose; Class of 1947- Wanda Ford Herrington; Patsy Fletcher Newland; Class of 1948- Clotagene Gregory; Class of 1949- Joe E. Ford; Class of 1955- Helen Acuna Stewart, William "Dub" Hallmark; Class of 1957- Charlotte Carson Hester; Class of 1958- Bette Teague League, Irene Putnam; Class of 1959 – Patricia Branscum Steele, Doris L. Lakey Goodgame, Barbara Butler Downey; Class of 1960 – Cynthia "Bunny" Hodges; Class of 1961- Zoan Winegart Cochran; Class of 1963 – Gloria Jenkins, Tommy J. Brown; Class of 1966- Cindy Stephens Thomas; Class of 1967- Charles Z. Stanford; Class of 1968 – Laquita Long Liles; Class of 1971 – Norma Taness Driskell Ledbetter; Class of 1972 – Mike Robbins; Class of 1975 – Britt Bishop; Class of 1976 – Julio Villanueva; Class of 1978 – Mary Ann Pritchard; Class of 1988 – Kevin Wilkerson; and Class of 1990 – Jennifer D. Josey Morales

Hamlin Ex-Students Alumni Association Condensed Income / Expense Report as of August 1, 2020:

Cash and Bank Assets:

C.D. (Endowments for Scholarships)	\$ 71,456.93	Total Deposits	\$12,134.27
Savings Account	\$ 34,671.58	Transfer from J.B. Terrell Scholarships	\$11,500
Checking as of 07/31/2020	\$ 5,794.80	for scholarships awarded 08/01/2019 – 07/31/2020	
Savings (Terrell Scholarships)	\$ 24,655.63		
Total Income	\$136,578.94	Total Expenses	\$ 9,632.97

