

“Celebrating a Century of Pied Piper History”

Hamlin Ex-Students Alumni Homecoming 2021

October 1 and 2

Please note these are the scheduled events as of this newsletter composition time (early August) – all are subject to change by additions or cancellations to activities depending upon the status of our pandemic situation along with any possible imposed restrictions upon both indoor occupancy or outdoor activities at the time of the event. Please continue to check our web page: hamlinexstudents.com and our Facebook group: Hamlin Ex-Students for updates or additions as time elapses. You may also call and leave us a message with your phone number so we can get back with you if you do not have computer or smart phone capabilities to check the updates closer to time: (325) 576-3501. Please stay safe and healthy!

Friday, October 1

Registration / Voting / Meal Ticket sales from **9 a.m. – noon / 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** in The Book Nook, 245 S. Central Avenue. Registration \$10 / All meal tickets \$10 each

Special Commemorative Pictorial Postmark commemorating the 100th celebration of being Pied Pipers will be available at the Hamlin Post Office, 225 S. E. Avenue A, during their office hours (**8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**) today. You may take in an addressed or unaddressed envelope, postal card, or other item with **sufficient First-Class Mail postage** to the postal clerk for the application of the special postmark at no added expense to you. If you are unable to attend Homecoming, yet want this unique souvenir, the Postal Service provides a mail-back service. Customers can mail pre-stamped envelopes and cards to the Hamlin Post Office, 225 S. E. Avenue A, Hamlin, TX. 79520 and request the special pictorial postmark. Mail-in requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the actual pictorial postmark date of October 1, 2021. Call (325) 576-2291 for more information.



Friday Meal: **Note NEW times 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**, Hamlin High School Cafeteria, 450 S. W. Avenue F. Meal: Fried fish, coleslaw, cowboy beans, hush puppies, peach cobbler, and beverage – catered by The North 40. Meal tickets may be purchased at the door, along with continued Registration / Voting. Tickets: \$10.

Friday events continued:

Special Stone Bench Dedication: **6:00 p.m.** Hamlin High School front, 450 S. W. Avenue F. The Class of 1981 will be making a special dedication of a beautiful engraved Lueders stone bench in memory and honor of the Class of 1981 with an inscription of a quote from the late Mark Young's valedictory address. All are invited to attend this special dedication.

Homecoming Football Game: **7:00 p.m.** – Hamlin Piper Stadium. Hamlin Pied Pipers vs. Windthorst Trojans. Special half-time activities will take place recognizing and crowning Hamlin High School's queen/king nominees/winners, along with the Ex-Students nominees / winners from the classes of 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, and 2001. Tickets for reserved seating for the game may be purchased by contacting Sheila Maberry at (325) 576-3624. Tickets will also be available at the ticket window prior and during game time.

Following the game, downtown Hamlin will be open for business/ foods / beverages / visiting/ possible live entertainment for all alumni and visitors. There will be tables and chairs placed in the downtown district for folks to sit and visit, or you are invited to bring your own lawn chairs. The Class of 1981 also invites any alumni to the Hamlin Country Club; for more information on this gathering call (806) 796-1873.

Saturday, October 2:

Special Commemorative Pictorial Postmark commemorating the 100th celebration of being Pied Pipers will also be available today from **9 a.m. – noon downtown at a special designated table.** See the instructions on page 1 regarding this special postal cancellation, or call the local Post Office for more information: (325)576-2291

The Abilene Pipers will play a brief bagpipe concert downtown near the south bank parking lot from **9:45 a.m. until 10:05 a.m.** and will then leave in order to be ready for the parade.

Homecoming Parade begins at **10:30 a.m. in downtown Hamlin.** Parade route is from S.W. Avenue F to West Lake Drive, coming into South Central Avenue and turning back around at S. W. 5th Street. Grand Marshalls for the parade will be Joe Eddy Bogle, HHS Class of 1963, who has attended 657 Pied Piper football games, missing only one game since his graduation, and Charlie Shira, HHS Class of 1970, who served as the "Voice of the Pipers" for forty years, initially beginning as the announcer for Hamlin's track and field, then adding on baseball and football to his play-by-play commentaries. The Pied Piper Marching Green Band and family members of Coach J.C. Tittle, along with any family members from the 1921 Pied Piper team will be towards the end of the parade in order to halt the parade for a special Lueders stone bench dedication as the culmination of our 100th anniversary in recognizing our Hamlin Pied Pipers and Coach J. C. Tittle. The dedication will conclude with the singing of the "Piper Song".

Noon Meal/Scholarships/Parade Awards/Informative Presentation by the Hamlin Collegiate EDU Foundation: **Note new meal times: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** in the Hamlin High School Cafeteria. Come join your fellow alumni for a great meal of hamburger steak, with brown gravy/onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, sheet cake, and beverages. The meal is being catered by The North 40 Restaurant. All meal tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.

Class Reunions Saturday p.m. that we have been notified of: Class of 1970, Time and Place TBA, contact Wendy Russell Keller for more information. Class of 1981, Beehive in Abilene 6 p.m.-9 p.m., contact: (806) 796-1873. Other reunions are being held, but we do not have that information at this time.