

Over a cup of coffee in mid 2016, Royce Hackl and Sue Petersen were reminiscing the July 2003 All School Reunion. With the construction of our new High School, we realized the time had come for another All School Reunion. Royce and Sue appointed themselves the coordinators of the event and Sue contacted Mark Weber to ask if he thought the reunion was a timely idea and if he, and a person of his choosing, would accept co-chairpersons of the event. With his acceptance, the idea was born and we proceeded forward.

Sue began organizational meetings, the first held on May 23, 2016. An impressive number of interested persons attended the first meeting and quickly volunteered as committee heads and offered ideas. Since the electronic age is more coherent in 2018 than in 2003, many ideas began with the younger persons offering their knowledgeable ideas. But, as we realized not all alumni have access to or knowledge of computers, we had to forego complete on-line activity and chose to implement both on-line and hard copy processes in our reunion plans.

The talented persons attending the first meeting were Brittany Frost, Royce Hackl, DeLores Hartung, Kindra Hartung, Kim Hoerner, Amber Huber, Linda Kaup, Judi Lowinske, Sue Petersen, Wendy Rausch, Lori Sautner, Suzie Vail, and Mark Weber. These persons quickly self assigned themselves as committee heads of their choosing. Sue thought, "This is too easy". It was suggested to ask one person from each graduating class to be responsible for providing us with classmate addresses. With everyone working together, and Dr Tom Garrity providing addresses also, these addresses came in by the set deadline. Brittany Hageman Frost designed an Alumni spread sheet for contacts. Sue and Justin Petersen designed the 'Save the Date' postcards, which were mailed in early 2017. Amber Kaiser Huber designed and set up a Facebook page, "2018 HHS All School Reunion", and is helping to keep that page up to date. Judi Abler Lowinske, along with her elves, is administering the task of putting the finishing touches on the new Alumni Directory. So anxious for that!

Committees had continued to meet monthly, or bi-monthly, to finalize plans for June 28, 29, 30, 2018. Meetings are no longer being held as we feel we have the Reunion as organized as it will be! The Hoven Volunteer Firefighters have graciously allowed us to use their meeting room for our meetings.

It was decided to have a Fireworks display at dusk on Thursday, June 28 as dances are scheduled under the Big Top by dusk on Friday (Sidehackers) and Saturday (Eclipse). This would eliminate persons the opportunity to attend the fireworks display if it was held on Friday or Saturday evenings. So, we will start the Reunion off with a bang on Thursday evening! This fireworks display will be conducted by Mike Schlachter of Gettysburg, and crew, at the Hoven Legion Baseball Field. We will be asking for donations for financial help of this event. The Big Top will be taken down on Sunday, July 1 about 11:00 am. The Plains Commerce Bank, Hoven Division, has graciously agreed to sponsor the expense of the Big Top.

Mark Weber has informed us that Josh Weber is developing a "Sign Up Genius " page on line so that Alumni and Friends can pre-register their volunteerism. Having this extra help will be very much appreciated during this busy weekend. This information will be posted on our facebook page or on-line at a later date. One can choose to help at the Beer Garden or at the Dances.

Marcia Beaner has designed a scrap book of the events of the HHS fire and a History of HHS, including newspaper clippings, comments and pictures. The committee is deciding of the best way to make this keepsake available to the Alumni or any interested persons. We may have a raffle or a silent auction for the scrapbook. It is a 'one of a kind'.

We invite Alumni to submit articles of their HHS memories to the HOVEN REVIEW for publication any time before and during the Reunion. We also encourage, and invite, Alumni, Classes, Friends and all Business persons to be a part of the Parade on Saturday morning June 30 at 11:00. Information will soon be found in our 'Schedule of Events' form being mailed out soon. Contact Bill & Joann Rader or Bob Keller with any questions. Joann's text is 605-769-1906. E-mail her at jmr423@hotmail.com. Early registration is not necessary, but appreciated. Hoven Music Instructor Mrs. Liz Bengs invites Alumni to accept her invitation to ride on an Alumni Band Float. She will provide the flat bed, (even an instrument !), if interest is shown. Contact her as a text, or phone, at 605-216-4150.

We hope to have the Schedule of Events and Reservation Form in the mail in early April as we will need a Banquet (Roast Beef) meal count for the caterer (Cheryl Schaefer of Orient, SD), a T-shirt (designed by Jennifer Rader McCloud) count for the printer (Lori & Tom Schuch-Get Branded 360), and an order count for the new Alumni Directory. We will NOT be ordering extra T-Shirts. We will be requesting that the reservation forms are returned to us by May 22, 2018. We have added the Gary McCloud Memorial Bull O'Rama event to our schedule. This will be held on Friday, June 29 at 6:00 pm.

There are other events planned during the Reunion by Businesses and Organizations whereas they will be responsible for their own notices and advertisements.

A complete list of our Volunteers, Committees and Event Planners will be recognized in our Schedule of Events. There are too many events to list each one in this article. All events will be in our Schedule of Events. Although events and times are subject to change.

The committees are encouraging everyone in the community of Hoven to spruce up their properties as we invite our guests home for their reunion.

I wish to thank all of the diligent Reunion Committee members for their assistance in planning our big event. We are also waiting anxiously for June 2018 to be able to welcome everyone HOME.

I can be called at 948-2389 if one has any Reunion questions.