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July 4 is a day remembered by Americans as the day the country became liberated from Great Britain. This year, it will also be remembered by Liberal High School alumni for the All-Class Reunion, part of a celebration of Liberal's 125th anniversary.

The All Class Reunion is planned by the Alumni Reunion Committee, headed by Mike Brack. They chose the theme "Always a Redskin" to represent the event.



The committee has planned numerous festivities for the reunion. Although Thursday, July 4, does not include any official reunion activities, alumni are invited to kick off the event at that night's Bee Jays game. The game will have its traditional fireworks, a cookout, bouncy houses and snow cones to help the public enjoy Independence Day.

The reunion will officially begin at 10 a.m. Friday, July 5, with registration at the north side of Liberal High School. It will cost \$5 to register. Throughout the day, tours of the high school will be available, as well as bus tours around popular or new areas of Liberal.

At registration, alumni will also be receiving wristbands that give them plenty of opportunities for free admission or discounts at businesses across town. Local businesses and museums involved are the Coronado Museum, Adventure Bay Water Park, Grif Golf, the Mid-America Air Museum, the Pancake Day Hall of Fame and Baker Arts Center.

Friday will end with Alumni Night at the Bee Jays game and a street dance at the southwest plaza parking lot by Billy's. Both these activities will provide a chance for alumni to bring their lawn chairs and gather around to reminisce about their high school days.

"That's the most interesting part of a reunion, catching up with people that you haven't seen or talked to since either graduation or the last reunion," Brack said.



Saturday festivities will start off at Blue Bonnet Park at 8 a.m. Tents will be set up for different eras of classes, and signups for the fun run will be open at the Recreation Center. At 8:30 a.m., the fun run will begin. At 10, food vendors selling anything from pizza to barbecue will be at the park, and alumni can visit with classmates as well as spend time with their families.

Later that evening, at 7 p.m., the closing ceremony for the reunion will be at the LHS football field. Awards will be handed out for various accomplishments, from golf to farthest distance traveled to come to the reunion. Current LHS cheerleaders will perform, and a group picture will be taken in the stands.

“We’re expecting a nice turnout, and hopefully, we can get this built into a regular recurring event every five years,” Brack said. “It sure is nice to all come back and see other people that you went to school with, besides just those that you graduated with.”

Brack would like to thank the city, local businesses, the committee and any volunteers involved for making this huge event happen.