

Press release for WHS Class of 1971
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WHS Class of 1971 make changes in 50th reunion celebration.

In response to the recent increase in COVID the class of WHS 1971 reunion organizing committee has decided to change the event schedule for the WHS 50th reunion. The biggest change is the main event is moving outdoors and all events are free. The Saturday 5 p.m. main event is now being hosted at Vicki (Collison) Bubalo's house.

For the main event haybales will be available for seating but, if possible, classmates may want to bring a lawn chair. Valet parking is being arranged and there is plenty of parking. Because of the carfest parade it is recommended people arrive no later than 5:15 p.m. for the main event.

Additional changes include the cancellation of the Thursday kickoff party. Food will not be served at the museum and high school tours. Although some events are cancelled or changed, many events remain.

Friday morning at 9 a.m. will be at the golf outing. Classmates should meet in the club house at Country Oaks Golf Club. The tee time is 9 am. The Friday morning Euchre Party at the Baymont Inn remains on the schedule. The K of C is lunch begins at 11:30 and at 1:30 p.m. a walking tour of downtown Washington will be led by Don Spillman. The tour starts at the K of C. Finally, Friday at 5:00 p.m. the Daviess County Museum will be open for a self-guided tour.

Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. the class will have a tour of the high school. The presentation of the WHS Class of '71 Legacy Gift will follow the tour. Tables have been reserved for an 11:30 lunch at Mi Pueblo. The main event will start Saturday at 5 p.m. at Vicki (Collison) Bubalo's House, 757 E Bean Dr. The class photo will be at 6:30 pm. The main event includes food, beer, wine, and water.

On Sunday the class will have a tent at the 20th Century Chevy Carfest & Cruiz-In. Friends and classmates of the class of 1971 are encouraged to stop by and visit.

From the day COVID-19 became a part of our daily conversation the reunion committee has recognized and struggled with the challenges planning our reunion. As things changed with COVID the committee altered events in an attempt to address people's concerns.

Respecting concerns about COVID the committee's hope is that all attendees will be vaccinated. We are providing masks and hand sanitizer at all our events, and we urge anyone who is sick or not feeling well to stay home. Finally, If COVID allows and there is interest, the planning committee is considering a 50 +1 gathering in 2022. The planning committee thanks everyone for their patience and understanding.