

Greetings to Alumni of Kinsley High School!

Our Reunion Committee has been hard at work planning another fun-filled and memorable All-School Reunion. The All-School Reunion will be held September 3 & 4, 2021. Because COVID disrupted our reunion schedule we plan to hold the next reunion in just two years on Labor Day Weekend 2023 (September 1-4). This will coincide with the Kinsley Sesquicentennial (150th) Celebration. So, mark your calendars now because we plan to make it a celebration to remember!

The simplest way to get information about the reunion is to visit our website at www.kinsleyhighreunion.com. This is the site where you will register. You can also get regular updates by joining our Facebook Group, KHS All School Reunion. Just ask to be added to the group! There will not be a mass mailing by the reunion committee to all graduates of KHS. We are relying on individuals in each class to contact their classmates and pass the information along. We are also relying on all alumni of KHS to help inform others who attended KHS as well as teachers and administrators with whom you may still have contact. You do not have to have graduated from KHS to be included. We want all former attendees of Kinsley Schools to join in! If you are unable to access information from one of these sources or still have questions, please feel free to email the reunion committee at kinsleyhsreunion@yahoo.com or call at 620-659-2711.

Online registration is preferred but we realize that not everyone has entered the digital age so enclosed with this letter is a paper copy of the registration form. There is no charge to attend the Reunion, however, some special events require additional fees. Payment for all special events will be collected at the event.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 3

- 5 PM – Sunset – Champagne on the Prairie – hop on a hayrack ride to the prairie then enjoy live music, champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and a gorgeous Kansas sunset! Attendees will meet at the pasture site to load hayracks. Directions are included in the description of this event.
- 6 PM – midnight – Food Vendors & Beer Garden at South Park.
- 6 PM – 9PM - Car Show - come down to South Park and view the new and old cars, trucks and bikes!
- 7 PM – Kinsley High School Football Game vs. Central Plains @ Football Field
- Following Ball Game (Approximately 9:30 PM) – Cruise Kinsley! Like we did in high school (or during COVID Quarantine).

Saturday, September 4

- 8 AM – 11 AM – Breakfast @ KHS Cafeteria
- 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM - KHS Historic School Tours led by KHS Forensic Students.
- 11AM - Food Vendors and Beer Garden Open for Biz! Set up a class tent and play yard games! Enjoy music all day in South Park.
- 3 PM - Social Reception – Visit with your classmates in air-conditioned comfort at the Fair Building.
- 7 PM – Talent Show – show off your unique talents! – South Park
- 8 PM – Reunion Benefit Auction – South Park
- 8 PM - Movie at Palace Theater
- 9 PM-midnight – Dance – South Park

Information:

An information table will be set up at the South Park beside the beer garden on the East end of the Pink Building.

Class Meeting Spots:

Classes are encouraged to set up their own areas in the park with small tents or just around a park bench. Spots will not be reserved ahead of time and are on a first come first served basis. The Edwards County Fair Building will also be open to accommodate those who want to visit in air-conditioned comfort.

Class Events:

Individual classes or groups of classes are encouraged to plan their own events. Saturday afternoon and Sunday were left open so that there is plenty of time for individual classes to get together. If you have a special event you would like us to post on the website, please contact the reunion committee at kinsleyhsreunion@yahoo.com or 620-659-2711.

What to Bring:

Individuals are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs for seating in the park. There will be chairs and tables provided in and around the Pink Building, however, if your class will be setting up an area in the park, you will need to bring your own chairs.

Parking:

Parking will be available near the Fair Building, around the City Pool, on both sides of the public bathroom facilities at the Park and on the East side of the grandstands.

Lodging:

Lodging in Kinsley is limited so individuals are encouraged to arrange to stay with friends or relatives who still live in the Kinsley area. There are also lodging options available in nearby Larned, Greensburg and Dodge City. Kinsley and Lewis both have RV Campgrounds as well.

EDWARDS COUNTY LODGING:

- Do Drop Inn - , 713 Hwy. 50, 620-659-2334, www.dodropinnks.com
- Tucked Inn Bed & Breakfast, 914 E. 3rd, 620-659-3303, www.tuckedinn.net
- 4-Aces RV Park, Hwy 50 & Massachusetts, 620-659-2321, www.4acesrvpark.com
- Lewis RV Park, Lewis, 620-255-6173 or 620-804-0410

GREENSBURG LODGING:

- Best Western Night Watchman Inn, 515 W. Kansas Ave., 620-723-2244, www.bestwesternkansas.com
- Greensburg Inn, 800 E. Kansas Ave., 620-723-2141, www.greensburginn.com

LARNED LODGING:

- Rodeway Inn & RV Park, 802 E. 14th, 620-285-2300, www.choicehotels.com
- Country Inn, 135 E. 14th St., 620-285-3216

- Townsman Inn, 123 E. 14th St., 620-285-3114, www.townsmaninnlarned.com
- Camp Pawnee, KS 264 & W. 8th St, 4 mi. S of Larned, 620-285-3721, www.pawneecountykansas.com
- Heritage Home RV Park, 200 Sycamore, 620-285-6144

DODGE CITY LODGING: Go to www.visitdodgecity.org for Dodge City Lodging Options or call 800-OLD-WEST.

Dining:

There will be a beer garden and food vendors available from 6 PM to midnight at the park on Friday and 11 AM to midnight on Saturday in South Park. The KHS concession stand will also be available at the ball game on Friday evening. Breakfast will be served at the KHS lunch room from 8 AM to 11 AM on Saturday morning. There are several restaurants in Edwards County as well.

- **Mulligan's Pub & Grill – 1046 O Road, Kinsley** – Fri. & Sat. 5PM to 10PM, Closed Sun.
Steakhouse/Bar & Grill
- **Romano's Pizza – 1000 E. 10th, E. Hwy 50, Kinsley** – Fri. & Sat. 11AM – 10PM, Sun. 11AM- 9PM
Pizza, Pasta, Sandwiches, Mexican, Salad Bar, Lunch Buffet
- **Rustlers Bar & Grill – 910 E. 10th St. – Kinsley** – Open daily 11AM – 2PM
American Bar & Grill
- **Stacy's Town Square - 612 Niles, Kinsley** – Fri. 9AM – 6PM, Closed Sat. & Sun.
Deli, Pizza, Daily specials, ice cream, specialty coffee
- **Tom's Kountry Kitchen - E. Hwy. 50, Kinsley** – Fri. 7AM-2PM, Sat. & Sun. 8AM-2PM
American Cafe, Breakfast & Lunch, Daily Specials
- **Lewis Pub - 207 Main , Lewis** – Fri. 10AM-9PM (grill) bar open till 2AM, Closed Sat. & Sun.
Mexican, American Open Daily
- **Tapia's – 105 Larned, Belpre** – Fri. & Sat. 11AM-9PM, Sun. 8AM-8PM
Authentic Mexican Food
- **Yada Thai Restaurant – 310 E 10th, Kinsley** Fri. & Sat. 11AM-8PM, Closed Sun.

Some Edwards County lodging and dining establishments do not accept debit or credit cards. So please come prepared or visit our ATM machines located at the E-Z Stop, 200 S. Niles, Rustlers Bar & Grill, 910 E. 10th, or Farmers Bank and Trust, 616 S. Colony.

Edwards County Visitor's Guide:

Visitors information for Edwards County is available online at www.edwardscounty.org or by calling 620-659-2711. The guide details Lodging, Dining, Shopping and Recreational activities available in the County.

Special Event Details:

Champagne on the Prairie: Friday, September 3, 5:00 PM. Directions to the meeting spot are: take Rozel road (ED 100) north 9 miles to D road. Turn west and go 2 miles to 80th Ave. Turn right and travel north 1 mile to the dead end. Join us for a hay rack ride to the prairie followed by live musing, champagne, and hors d'oeuvres by sunset! Registration fee of \$20. Pre-registration required. Pay at the door. In case of rain the event will be moved to Sunday evening. No cancellation for wind. To

register go to the Registration tab on the website and click on Champagne on the Prairie, or indicate on the paper registration attached.

Car Show: Friday, September 3, 6PM to 9 PM in South Park Kinsley. All new or old cars, trucks and bikes are welcome! Entry fee is \$15 payable at the show. To enter please go to the Registration tab on the website and click on Car Show or fill out the paper registration attached! Free admission to look at vehicles. Come down and enjoy ice cold beverages at the beer garden and food truck cuisine. Don't forget your lawn chair.

KHS Football Game: Friday, September 3, 7PM at the football field. Catch the action when the KHS Coyotes take on the Central Plains Oilers. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children payable at the door. Concessions will be available.

Cruise Kinsley: Friday, September 3, following football game (approx. 9:30 PM) Jump in your car show exhibit or any old car or truck and cruise Kinsley like we did in High School. Don't forget to honk at your friends and classmates. (No specific route is designated).

Breakfast: Saturday, September 4, 8AM – 11AM, KHS Cafeteria. No tickets needed, pay at the door.

KHS Historic School Tours: Saturday, September 4, 8:30AM – 11:30AM, Kinsley Junior Senior High School, 716 S. Colony. KJSHS Forensics students will give tours of the KHS buildings with historic information.

Yard Games: Saturday, September 4, 11 AM. Bring your own game or challenge your friends to a game of sand volleyball, softball, horseshoes, cornhole, disc golf (partial course), pickleball, tennis, basketball, or yard pong. Or just visit and partake in the beer garden, food vendors, and music. ***(The reunions are free to attend because we use the proceeds from the beer garden to fund the next reunion, so please purchase your beer from the beer garden rather than bringing your own).***

Social Reception: Saturday, September 4, 3 PM, Edwards County Fair Building, South Park. Visit with your classmates and friends in air-conditioned comfort. Refreshments will be provided. Free to attend. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required.

Talent Show: Saturday, September 4, 7PM, South Park. Show off your unique talent! Cash prizes for the top three acts. Free to enter and watch! Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. If you need any special equipment for your act, please contact us before the reunion.

Reunion Benefit Auction: Saturday, September 4, 8 PM in South Park. Bid on school memorabilia or other interesting items. ***(We are still accepting donated items for the auction. Contact the committee at kinsleyhsreunion@yahoo.com or 620-659-2711 to donate an item.)***

Movie at the Palace Theatre: The Palace Theater will be showing a family appropriate movie on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 PM and Sunday night at 7PM. Cost of admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under payable at the door.

Dance: Saturday, September 42, 9PM-midnight, South Park. Dance or just listen to a variety of music!

Volunteers:

It takes a lot of man power to pull off this reunion. So, we need all the help we can get. Local volunteers have spent the last year planning for this event and most of the labor for the reunion is done by those who still live in the area. We would like for this event to be fun for all who attend so we do not want anyone to have to spend the entire weekend working. If you are willing to put in an hour or two to help please contact the reunion committee at kinsleyhsreunion@yahoo.com or call 620-659-2711. We are compiling a list of volunteer opportunities for people and we can match you up with something you would like to do!

Donations:

It also takes a lot of money to put on this reunion. The proceeds from the beer garden go toward the cost of the next reunion so please purchase your adult beverages there rather than bringing your own. We will also be having an Auction to benefit the 2023 reunion on Saturday evening after the Talent Show. If you have any memorabilia or other items to add to our auction, this would be greatly appreciated. We will also accept cash donations or sponsors for specific events or items.

Reunion Memorabilia:

We will not be offering an updated version of the Alumni Book this year, however, we will have a new book ready for the 2023 Reunion. We will not be offering Reunion t-shirts for sale this year either. We will have new designs ready for the 2023 Reunion.



2021 KHS All-School Reunion Registration Form

Name of KHS Alumni _____ Class of _____
(please include maiden name)

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Number of Non-Alumni Adults attending _____ Number of Children attending _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Special Event Registrations

- Champagne on the Prairie @ Badgerhill Ranch - # Attending _____
- Car Show Exhibitor – Number of cars _____

Make, Model & Year of Vehicles _____

- Saturday Morning Breakfast @ KHS Cafeteria - # Attending _____
- KHS School Tours - # Attending _____
- Social Reception @ Fair Building - # Attending _____
- Talent Show – Type of Talent _____

Name of Act & Members _____

Please send registration form to KHS Reunion Committee, PO Box 161, Kinsley, KS 67547.