
The Hedley Owl-Let

November 3, 2009

Just a note to let you all know that I have started this newsletter to help keep everyone informed about our situation. First of all I'll get the business part over with....

I found the bank account for the Ex-Students. It was with the school secretary, Pat White, thru the Donley County State Bank in Clarendon. The bank info is PO Box 967, Clarendon, TX 79226, (806) 874-3581. Pat turned it over to me and I went to the bank to get everything transferred to me with the Statement coming to me at home. Besides me, Tonya (Ward) Metcalf is on the account. I have not asked him yet, but I want to see if Jon Leggitt will put his name on it too. That way we will have three (3) people on the account. All I have to do now is get a Tax ID number and I will do that this week. The account only had \$35.10 in it, but with the deposit that I made with money collected at the Cotton Festival of \$321.00 the total now is \$356.10.

Carolyn (McPherson) Baker sent me the list of everyone that registered during the Cotton Festival this year. Marie (Hill) Skaggs brought me the 1955 names and addresses today. I hope someone will take the initiative to find out addresses from your class and let them know that we are planning a **BIG COTTON FESTIVAL** in 2010. We want to have a float, pick-up or trailer for each participating class in the parade. If we can get this done then I will contact the Amarillo TV stations to have them there along with the Amarillo Globe News. Please contact your own classmates and send me a copy of all names, addresses and emails. All my info is at the top of the page. Carolyn (McPherson) Baker and Delores (Messer) Crump will be handling the reunion next year.

If you were at the reunion this year then you know that we are trying to **KEEP HEDLEY ALIVE**. We need help with funds, suggestions and man-power. Right now our school is the only thing keeping Hedley here. If you don't want to lose your home town please help. Some of us here are trying to see if we can get some things changed by helping the people in our community and also cleaning up the town and maybe bring a few small businesses here. All of you out there may know someone - who knows someone - who knows someone. Any ideas right now would be appreciated. We would like to bring the Cotton Festival back like it used to be with a carnival, all kinds of booths and maybe work it out for a couple of days instead of just one. We know it will take a lot of work and man-power and it still may not be just like it was, but we can try. After we have our first meeting I will send out another letter letting you all know what we are doing and planning. Right now, at this time of year, we may not get a meeting done, but we are talking about it and it is still in the works. If you have any ideas please let me know ASAP so I can bring them up at the meeting.

I am still trying to get a new building for the Senior Citizens. If I can do that we will have a great "Community Building". If anyone knows of anyone who might be able to donate time, supplies or whatever it would be wonderful. We don't need anything fancy, just a metal building, but it would have to be built from the ground up with a concrete slab, etc. I have written to Oprah Winfrey and others, but have not heard back yet.

Well, this is something for you all to think about so I will finish off the first Newsletter by saying

"GREEN and WHITE HEDLEY OWLS RULE"

Kathy Spier