



Cabool High School Alumni Association



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Some came for all the activities, others came for just a part, so getting an exact number wasn't possible, but organizers estimate between 300 and 400 people came out for the All-School Reunion June 30 and July1, 2006.

"We probably had around 200 Friday night," Cabool Alumni Association president, Vivian Alsup, said of the gathering at Gateway Park on Main Street. "People were coming and going."

About twice that many people were estimated at Saturday's activities, which began with registration by classes in front of Cabool High School and lots of visiting was done before lining up for the parade through downtown.

The parade, led by a Cub Scout Color Guard and Grand Marshals Jim Gentry and Bob Lindsey, had graduates in horse-drawn wagons, cars, pickups, and trailers pulled by tractors, as well as a few who walked the route. It all ended up back at the CHS gym where lunch was available from the culinary arts class students of Gentry Residential Treatment Center in the new Alumni Park.

Alsup said the alumni association received a lot of comments on the new Alumni Park. "There was a lot of enthusiasm about the park," she said, adding many donations were received both for the Alumni Association and for the park fund.

Alsup praised the GRTC youth for the food service. "I thought the food serving went very well," she said.

The final group activity of the day was a program and business meeting in the CHS gym. Mayor Ed Hardy, a CHS alumnus, was emcee, and speakers sharing their memories of CHS were Bill Mullins, Jim Gentry and Bob Lindsey. Jerry Hood gave an update on the Alumni Park. A framed drawing of "The Hill" by Barbara Grogan Fish of the Class of 1955 was unveiled and presented to Cabool Schools.

During the business meeting, results of balloting held during the day were announced. That voting was in favor of holding the All-School Reunion every three years and moving it to the Memorial Day weekend. This will make the next All-School Reunion over Memorial Day weekend in 2009.

Alsup said Memorial Day is always a three-day weekend, which may make it easier for people to come, also the weather should be cooler than in July.

The program closed with former CHS cheerleaders leading the crowd in two traditional cheers and the singing of the school song and fight song.

"I really appreciate all the committees working so efficiently," Alsup said of the reunion activities. "That made it a success."

Organizers said they hoped future All-School Reunions would also draw more graduates from the local area to join in the fun.