



“It’s Time to Come Home”



50-Year Reunion Details and Registration Information

July 2, 2026

Greetings GHS Class of 1976,

Can you believe it? In just a few short months, we will celebrate 50 years since graduating from Goodland High School. WOW!! How is that even possible?

The plans are set, and we are excited to share the details for the **50-Year Reunion of the Class of '76**, taking place **Thursday, October 8 through Saturday, October 10, 2026**. The GHS Alumni Association and the Sherman County community will honor our class during Homecoming festivities, and we certainly hope you will make plans now to come home and celebrate this milestone with us.

Registration Information

Please complete your reunion registration by **September 1, 2026**, so the committee can finalize meal counts, seating, class book orders, and event arrangements. Registration includes T-shirts, Class Book, and the Banquet Meal on Saturday evening. The cost depends on the items you select. A Registration form is attached; however, **we encourage registration forms and payment to be submitted online** (because you never know about the mail). We will accept registrations by mail if you prefer or do not have online access, but allow sufficient mail time to meet the deadline. Please make checks payable to **GHS Class of 1976** and mail them to Shellie (Russell) Gausman, 816 E 6th St, Goodland, KS 67735.

Class Book Information

The **Class of '76 Book** is still in the works and will feature stories and pictures from all classmates about where life has taken each of us over the past 50 years. **Biographies are due by August 1, 2026**, so if you have not yet submitted yours, please do so. Your bio information should be entered directly to our class page on the Sherman County Alumni website at “*Complete your Biography Here*” button. Even if you will not be able to attend, we want to include you in the Class Book. The books may be ordered as part of your reunion registration.

Class T-Shirts

Class T-Shirts are available to purchase when you register. These are typically worn to all the events on Friday, including the parade, pep-rally, class pictures, and the football game.

Weekend Schedule – all times are Mountain Time

Thursday, October 8, 2026

- ❖ **5:00 P.M. - Registration, social time, and meal** – Join classmates for registration, visiting, reminiscing, and an informal meal at Shiraz (formerly the Buffalo Inn Restaurant) 824 W Highway 24. Ordering will be from the menu.

Friday, October 9, 2026

- ❖ **11:00 A.M. - Lunch at Crazy R's Bar and Grill**, 1618 Main St. Registration will continue and there will be more time to reconnect. Order from the menu.
- ❖ **1:15 P.M. - Parade Line-up at Max Jones Parking Lot.** The Class of 1976 will have a float for all class members to ride. Wear your T-shirt (if you ordered one). Feel free to bring candy/treats to throw out as all Goodland grade school kids will be there.
- ❖ **2:00 P.M. - Parade** – the parade route will be from the Max parking lot to Main, up to 8th Street, then back to the Max.
- ❖ **3:00 P.M. - Pep Rally at the Max** – The Class of '76 will sit together and will be introduced during the assembly. Class pictures will be taken following the rally.
- ❖ **4:00 P.M. - Tour of the Max and the High School** – Both buildings have had extensive remodeling.
- ❖ **5:00 P.M. - Chili Feed in the HS Cafeteria** – Enter on the Northeast corner of the High School. Pay at the door. Hamburgers/cheeseburgers are also available at the concession stand and can be brought into the cafeteria.
- ❖ **6:00 P.M. - Goodland Cowboys vs. Colby Eagles Football Game** – The long-time rivalry continues! There will be special seating for class members and one guest.
- ❖ **8:30 P.M. - Post-Game Get Together at Shiraz** – Cash Bar, munchies and more fun times together!

Saturday, October 10, 2026

- ❖ **10:00 A.M. - Tour of Rod Cooper Properties** including the historic Gulick-Cooper House and the White Eagle Gas Station.
- ❖ **12:00 P.M. - Lunch at Shiraz** – There will be a buffet.
- ❖ **1:30 P.M. - Tour of Fort Hays Tech Northwest** - Meet with Administrators then tour the campus.
- ❖ **5:30 P.M. - Social Time and Banquet at Shiraz** – Reservations are required and can be made at the time of Registration. **The deadline for Dinner Reservations is September 1, 2026.**

Note: All food and drinks for the weekend will be at your own expense. The Saturday evening banquet meal will be the only meal paid for up front with your Registration.

Update Contact Information

If your email address, mailing address, or phone number has changed, please send updated contact information to Jan (Rethmann) Lohr at jan.lohr@aol.com so we can keep our class records current.

Reunion Donations

If you would be interested in donating (any amount) to help defray some of our 50th Reunion expenses, we would greatly appreciate it. Donations can be made electronically via the Alumni website at <https://shermancountyalumni.com>. Just click on the Menu and select the option for *Honor Class 1976*. At the bottom of the page is an option for “*Donation for 50th Reunion Celebration*.” Or if you prefer, you can send a check to Shellie (Russell) Gausman, 816 E 6th St, Goodland, KS 67735. Make checks payable to GHS Class of 1976.

Class of 1976 Legacy Gift

Legacy donations can also be made on the Alumni website. This is a one-time tax deductible gift in honor of the 50-Year Reunion of the Class of 1976. All funds will go directly to Goodland High School through the Alumni Association. On the website just select *Honor Class 1976*, then click on “*Donate to our Legacy Fund*.” The Alumni Association provides all accounting for this tax deductible gift. If you have questions about this special opportunity, please feel free to contact Peg (Short) Hennick at pshennick@hotmail.com.

Deadline Reminders

- ❖ **Personal bio information is due by August 1st.** Please submit it electronically, if possible.
- ❖ **Registrations are due by September 1st.** This is your chance to order Class Books, T-shirts, and sign up for the Banquet.

We hope this information helps you make your plans to attend. If you have any questions, there are phone numbers and email addresses listed on the website. This is a once-in-our-lifetime milestone, and we truly hope each of you will come home to celebrate with us. We’ve missed you, and **“it’s time to come home!”**

GHS Class of '76
50-Year Reunion Committee

Registration Form

Goodland High School 50-Year Reunion of the GHS Class of 1976

Please register and pay online at <https://shermancountyalumni.com>. Click *Honor Class of 1976*, then scroll down and select the *Registration* tab. And don't forget to complete your biography if you haven't already done so. Same website and tab, but select *Complete Your Biography Here*.

Biographies are due August 1st and Registrations are due September 1st.

If you are unable to register online, please complete this form and mail it with your check payable to **GHS Class of 1976** to Shellie (Russell) Gausman, 816 E 6th St, Goodland, KS 67735. Allow sufficient mailing time to ensure you meet the deadline.

Your Name: _____
First Last Maiden

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred contact method: Phone Email Mail

Please check one: **Yes, I plan to attend** **No, I cannot attend**

Guest's Name, if attending: _____

| Item | Price | Quantity | Total |
|---|--------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Class of 1976 Book | \$30.00 each | _____ | \$_____ |
| GHS Class of 1976 T-shirts S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ 2X: _____ 3X: _____ | \$25.00 each | Total shirts: _____ | \$_____ |
| Prime Rib banquet dinners | \$38.00 each | _____ | \$_____ |
| Chicken banquet dinners | \$18.00 each | _____ | \$_____ |
| Shipping, if applicable* | \$15.00 | | \$_____ |
| Grand Total | | | \$_____ |

*If you are unable to attend but would like to purchase Class Books or T-shirts, we will be happy to mail them to you. Please include shipping cost, if applicable, or contact us for details.