



# NOPHSAA “THE ACORN”

## FEBRUARY 2026

Hello NOPHSAA Alumni and Members,

**I pray this message finds you well and in great spirits! We are just four months away from what promises to be the best high school reunion in the State of Mississippi, and the excitement is building. I look forward to your participation and support through the purchase of package deals and tickets, attendance at our tailgate and fish fry, and the purchase of ads for our commemorative souvenir booklet. Please review the important details below regarding our scheduled events listed below!**

### Community Kickoff Celebration – Thursday, July 2nd

President Stanley Norris and the Class of 1981 will officially launch our reunion with a community event that is free and open to the public on July 2 at 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 210. This vibrant celebration will highlight NOPHSAA’s commitment to community involvement and unity. Come out and enjoy food, fellowship, laughter, and love as we reconnect and celebrate together.

## Reunion Parade – Friday, July 3rd

The reunion parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. The route will start at Providence Baptist Church (participants should meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m.) and conclude at Oak Park Elementary School. Whether you choose to march in the parade or cheer from along the route, we encourage everyone to come out and show their Oak Park pride.

## Welcoming Ceremony, Lighting of the Torch, & Fish Fry – Friday, July 3rd

Following the parade, join us at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium for our Welcoming Ceremony and the symbolic Lighting of the Torch. Supervisor Stacy Comegys & Friends will sponsor a fish fry at 1:00 p.m. on the grounds of Oak Park immediately following the Memorial Service.

## Outstanding Citizen Banquet – Friday, July 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

The Outstanding Citizen Banquet at South Central Place is expected to be a highlight of the reunion weekend. Tickets are selling quickly—more than any other event—so please secure yours early. Please note that no tickets will be sold at the door for the luncheon or banquet, as both are catered events. All payments must be mailed to the post office box along with your ticket request before tickets sell out.

## Memorial Service – July 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Our Memorial Service will honor Oak Parkites with a heartfelt tribute in their memory. Traditionally, white attire is worn as we remember and honor the people we love.

## T.E. Roberson Luncheon – July 4th at 12:00 Noon

The NOPHSAA Laurel Chapter is preparing an exquisite meal for the T.E. Roberson Luncheon at the Laurel Train Depot.

## 4th of July Tailgate

Then at 6:00 p.m., join us at the Oak Park football field for our 4th of July Tailgate celebration. Oak Parkites, family, and friends are welcome. Be sure to reserve your spot on the field with Fire Chief Leo Brown as soon as possible, as space will fill quickly. A DJ will provide musical entertainment in the center of the field to keep the celebration lively.

## Biennial All Black Dance – Sunday, July 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Wear your best all-black attire and join us at the Cameron Center for an evening of music, refreshments, and fellowship. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, reminisce, and enjoy time together on the dance floor.

## Business Meeting – Monday, July 6th at 9:00 a.m.

The Business Meeting will be held in the auditorium. Please remember to wear your registration badge upon entry.

As President, I extend my deepest gratitude to NOPHSAA and our board members for the opportunity to serve in the lead role for the homecoming. Your vision, dedication, and tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed. I also sincerely thank the chairs and co-chairs for their countless hours of service, wise counsel, and genuine commitment, which have helped guide the organization in a positive and progressive direction. I am truly honored and blessed to serve the NOPHSAA community. I look forward to continuing to build upon the strong foundation we have established together.

With appreciation and anticipation,

Stanley E. Norris, President



Membership Dues for 2025-2026 are due.  
Please pay immediately.

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