



East High “Class of 56”

NewsLink

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BE OF GOOD CHEER THE 50TH IS HERE

Well, did you ever think we would make it? When we graduated, the thought of a 50th reunion was such a far distant dream that it held no actual reality to me. But, in just 5 short months it will come true.

The reunion committee is in the process of putting the finishing touches on the plans for this momentous occasion.

Basically, it will start with attending the East High Alumni Reunion meeting on **Thursday, May 11th** at East High School. East High boasts it has the largest Alumni Association in the world. You should receive an alumni notice from East High in the next few months. You must respond to this in the affirmative. If we show that we will have a large turnout, we should be given a special position of honor, and given recognition at this meeting, plus have someone from our class say a few words. Also, it will be a wonderful opportunity to tour our former alma mater and see all the changes that have taken place, plus get inside info on the future changes to come.

On **Friday, May 12th**, the current plans call for an informal Grill Out Buffet consisting of Hamburgers, and Brats and accompaniments at the Prairie Meadows Pavilion. This will afford lots of time and opportunity to mingle and reminisce.

On **Saturday, May 13th**, we will enjoy an excellent served sit-down dinner with a predetermined entrée of your choosing at the Hyperion Club.

As I stated at the beginning, your reunion committee is putting the finishing touches on this and other possible activities. You should receive an announcement flyer on this either the latter part of January, or the first part of February. It will also include a Motel location suggestion for the out of

Towner’s which will afford good access to the Friday and Saturday night activities.

Your committee has worked hard on this, and tried to make this a memorable as well as an affordable experience.

Your reunion committee consists of:

Janeene (Miller) Carlisle	Shirley (Grant) Robinette
Janet (Bales) Douglas	Larry Soloman
Larry Fogelson	Linda (White) Towers
Ruth (Cook) Hagg	Robert Trotter
Pat (Rounds) Hockersmith	LaVae (Konz) Willson
Yvonne (Miller) Nauman	

See Ya’ll at the 50th

GOOD TURNOUT AT SEPTEMBER DINNER

We had a good turnout at the September 26th dinner get-together at The Tavern Bar and Grill located at 1755 – 50th in WDM. There were 46 in attendance. Lots of good conversation.



Back of Bill Burkes Head(His best view) & his much better looking wife Norma (Treasurer) Burke – Larry & LaVae (Konz) Willson – Shirley Selover & Bill Foster (Hidden)



Jackie & Larry Soloman – Bob & Connie(hidden) Trotter – Linda & Bob Mentzer - Back of JoAnn (Brady) Wilson head – Marlene (Roberts) and Dale Wheeler



Shirley & Jamie Johnson – Ruth (Cook) & Jerry Haag



Back of Don Spaws head – Chico Alcantar – Arlene Spaw – Kay (Edwards) Alcantar – Janet (Bales) & Glenn Douglas – Jerry Smith



L to R – Chico Alcantar – Don Spaw – Mary (Crum) & Don Moses – Yvonne (Miller) & Sonny Nauman – Becky Smith



Sharon & Tom Norris – Jerry & Carole Hall – Jackie (Fisher) (Hidden) & Paul Schwartztrauber



Margaret Fogelson – Linda (White) Towers & daughter Luanne – Janeene (Miller) & Larry Carlisle

Not in pictures – Gwendolyn Stubbs – Larry Fogelson
There will be no Spring dinner get-together due to 50th reunion in May!

New Grandparents

My husband Frank and I are first time grandparents at last. Our son & daughter-in-law had Twins. A boy and a girl last December 15th.

Needless to say we're ecstatic.

I really look forward to each issue of the NewsLink – keep up the good work.

Nancy (Harris) Robinson

Hurricane Scare in Texas

Hurricane Emily gave us a scare in July, but turned South about 60 miles into Mexico leaving us in Brownsville sighing a welcome relief. Now Rita is threatening, and we are again holding our breath. She seems to favor the bigger cities up the coast – Houston & Galveston.

For me – it urges me to hurry up to get things done that are stacked up in my “To do” pile and written on long lists.

I hope to come back next year for the 50th, especially if **Sharon (Burris) Howze** and the **Piericks** are coming. They were such fun at the 45th.

Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson

Another Hurricane Scare for Houston

Hi Shirley

Thanks to you and Larry for sending us the NewsLink. I look forward to it each time. It is fun to hear from all the various classmates.

My husband Bob and I see **Harold and Carol Olson** a couple times a week at the little coffee shop I work at in Johnston.

Bob and Harold talk about sports and the world problems. Amazing how many people they both know. Every once in a while, Harold and I do the “Remember Who” thing – which is funny in itself because we visited for nearly 6 months before we realized we were in the same class.

Sorry to hear about Kay. Hopefully she is doing better. We were quite concerned about **Don Stilwell** for a while. Don lives in Houston, and they couldn't get out because of all the traffic. So they decided to take their chances at home. Luckily, the Hurricane changed directions. I told Don they should move back to the mid-west where it is safe.

Take care and keep up the good work.

Donna (Mattis) Wright “Mazie”

Looking forward to 50th

_Larry, I have enclosed **Harold Cahow's** address, he now lives in Columbia, MO.

I am so thankful that you are holding the 50th reunion at a time other than the Labor Day weekend. As a result, I will be able to attend.

I also am glad you are getting some good out of the East High Scrolls. They certainly bring back a lot of memories.

Lyle Simpson

Played against the best, and groomed the rest



Mike and Mary Lou (Katzman) Goodman

Mike and Mary Lou were in Des Moines for a family reunion in June. Mary Lou's uncle (Maynard Boatwright) and I worked together for many years. So, he and his wife Barbara hosted a nice little dinner get-together for myself and my wife Margaret to visit with Mary Lou and Mike.

Mike played football for Stanford in the mid 60's. One of the teams they played was San Francisco City College who had a little known player named O.J. Simpson. Mike also reminded me that Jim Plunkett played football for Stanford in the late 60's. Mike became a teacher and a coach, and still enjoys teaching today.

Mary Lou says she is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 50th reunion.

Mary Lou (Katzman) Goodman

Lettington's EHS Web-site

Tom Lettington's EHS56 web-site is still up and running. It is amazing how much information he has on there. If you have not visited this web-site it would be very informative. I can't begin to tell you what all is on it, but a few of the things include: Pictures from the 45th reunion, Picture from Woodrow Wilson Jr. High, Pictures from the January and June 56 Quills. Class picture from 45th reunion with individual photo comparisons to 56 quill photo. Tom has also added the 1957 and 1958 Quills photos. There are instructions there on how to add your name to the email list. The site is: <http://www.ehs56.org/>

Curly – Moe – Larry



John Moody Jerry Hall Larry Fogelson

This past July, **John Moody** was in town, and gave me a call inviting me to meet him and several others at a Village Inn Restaurant for some reminiscing. **Jerry Hall** was there, plus several other neighborhood cronies plus another individual that John had boxed with in the Golden Gloves. It was a great time. I particularly enjoyed a short story John relayed about something that happened at Woodrow Wilson. Apparently, John was supposed to box against someone for one of the "Fun Nights". Well, the other individual could not make it. So, Mr. Bittner (the gym teacher) caught Jerry Hall, and told him he needed him for something. He set Jerry up to box against John. John had some boxing experience, but Jerry did not. That really didn't seem quite fair to me, but I had to ask how it

came out. John said *Jerry beat the stuffing's out of me.*

It was a great time guys, I really enjoyed it.

MAKES YOU WANT TO CRY

1956 COST OF LIVING		
<i>LIVING</i>		
New House	\$11,725.00	
Average Income	\$4,454.00 per year	
New Car	\$2,050.00	
Average Rent	\$88.00 per month	
Tuition to Harvard University	\$800.00 per year	
Movie Ticket	75¢ each	
Gasoline	22¢ per gallon	
United States Postage Stamp	3¢ each	
<i>FOOD</i>		
Granulated Sugar	85¢ for 10 pounds	
Vitamin D Milk	97¢ per gallon	
Ground Coffee	85¢ per pound	
Bacon	58¢ per pound	
Eggs	27¢ per dozen	
Fresh Ground Hamburger	56¢ per pound	
Fresh Baked Bread	18¢ per loaf	
Seek Publishing	Remember When	1956

Coaching Legend still calls Dugout Home



Coach Savage retired at the end of the 2000 Girls Softball season. He compiled an astounding 477 wins as East's Girls Softball Coach.

His retirement lasted through the 2001 season. Then Coach Bob Ligouri who took over the Scarlets' reins asked Savage to return as a pitching coach.

So at 82 years of age, Savage is back at it, although some say that "maybe" just a little of the savage intensity has mellowed just a bit.

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Class of 56 Website

Done by **Tom Lettington**

(Now even some of the NewsLink pictures are in color on the Website)

www.ehs56.org

Mark the following Dates for the 50th

Thursday May 11th
Friday May 12th
Saturday May 13th

A flyer will be mailed out with all the particulars on the 50th reunion in January.

Help us find our missing classmates:

Please help us locate as many of the following classmates as possible. They will not receive reunion information if we don't have them on our mailing list.

CURRENT LIST OF THE LOST

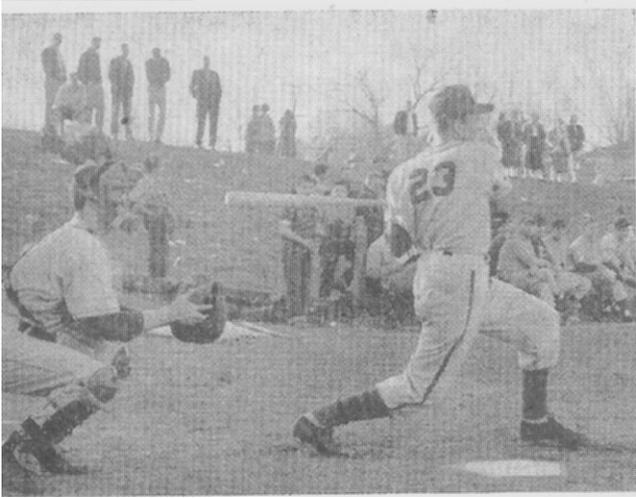
Sharon (Crawford) Allsteadt	Ralph Marshall
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Edward James Brown Jr.	Jeanne (Clark) Moore
Shirley Brown	Nancy Morrow
George Buttler	John Nelson
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William E. Fleming	Lucille (Belzer) Ryan
Robert L. Freeborn	Jack Slattery
Robert L. Graham	Betty Smith
John Hall	Elizabeth (Avitt) Smith
Jean K. Hamilton	Max K. Smith
Edward L. Harvey	Richard Tibbetts
Patrica (Martin) Hughes	Opal Tomlinson
Marlyn Jackson	Ruth Jeanine Turner
James Jesser	Lynn Van Sickle
Joanne (Bosshardt) Jergens	Anita Ward
Jim Jordan	Tom White
Barbara (Batty) Kimley	Frances (Knotts) Wright
Gary Lewis	Janet Wright
Gene Lewis	Lucille (Fortune) Wright
Frances (Tulley) Malloy	

My lovely wife and I want to wish each and everyone a very:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
OR
HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

More pictures from Lyle Simpsons Scrolls follow

Casey at the Bat - Tom Pierick



New Supply Room Window Girl - Sharel Tuers



Future Teachers Club



*Mevelyn Wooderson-Janice Hammer-Jeannine Davidson-Hazel Harmon
Back row: Ron Cockayne -Dick Jessen-Harold Cahow*

Comedy Play - 'Broom for Bride'



Jim Doop-Joan Goldfarb-Jim McClland-Roberta Mattson-Kay Clemens

Winners of Scroll autograph contest:



John Strait -

Barbara Evans

East High Cheerleaders



Top: Sherry Deskin-Sally Buford-Sally Peterson-Hazel Harmon
Bottom: Jack Hensley-Don Lund-David Penny-Orland Branjord