



**EAST HIGH “CLASS OF 56”
NEWSLINK
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GREAT FALL DINNER GET-TOGETHER

We had a great turnout for the fall dinner get-together at Pagliai’s on Monday October 9, 2006 in Johnston.

We had 47 in attendance. Many had attended the 50th Reunion in May, and so there was much discussion in that regards. More on that later along with more pictures.

Those in attendance at the Fall Dinner were:

Kay (Edwards) & Chico Alcantar – Nancy (Lund) Belluchi – JoAnn (Brady) Wilson – Norma (Treasor) & Bill Burke – Janeene (Miller) & Larry Carlisle - Janet (Bales) & Glenn Douglas – Kathleen (Grancy) Finkenauer – Larry & Margaret Fogelson – Ruth (Cook) & Jerry Hagg – Jerry & Carol Hall – Pat (Rounds) & Larry Hockersmith – Steve Larson – Leroy Law – Romona (Hitchcock) & Gary Moore – Mary (Crum) & Don Moses – Yvonne (Miller) & Sonny Nauman – Barbara (Lowe) & Phil Penn – Shirley (Grant) & Bud Robinette – Shirley Selover & Bill Foster – Don & Arlene Spaw – Jerry & Becky Smith – Larry & Jackie Soloman – Linda (White) & daughter Luanne Towers – Bob & Connie Trotter – Marlene (Roberts) & Dale Wheeler – LaVae (Konz) & Larry Willson

There was discussion about where to hold the Spring Dinner Get-Together. The Pizza Ranch in Altoona was brought up by several people. So we have made reservations for the Spring Dinner Get-Together at:

**The Pizza Ranch
465 Center Place SW, Altoona
Monday - April 23rd, 2007 at 6:30 PM**

(8th Street SW is the main East-West street through Altoona. So take 8th Street to 5th Ave SW. Go south one block. The Pizza Ranch will be on the East side of the street.)

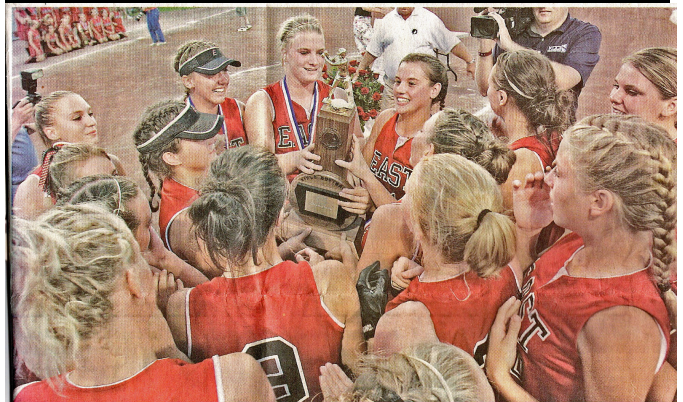
The Pizza Ranch is a Buffet Bar. They have a Pizza bar – Salad bar – Pasta – Chicken and Mashed Potatoes & Gravy – Hot Wings – a side usually of Green Beans or Corn.

Tell them you are a “Senior” and it will cost you \$6.99 when you enter, and that includes your drink.

Some of you had better be prepared to show your Drivers license to prove that you qualify for the Senior rate.

Tell them you are with the East High Class of “56” and go back to the Party Room.

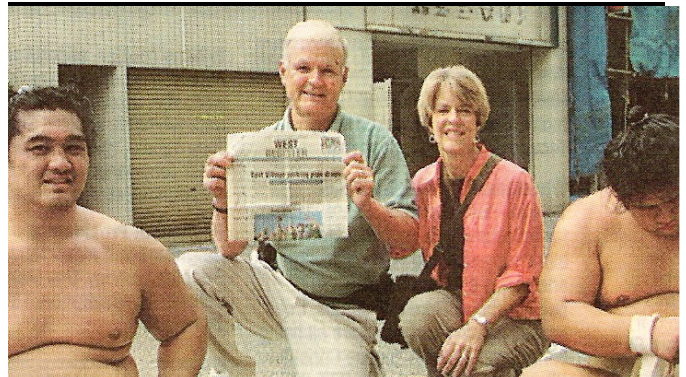
EAST GIRLS WIN STATE SOFTBALL TITLE



Scarlets win State 4-A Softball Title for East-Side Pride

Top ranked East (45-5) stunned their opponent with a 7th inning rally by scoring two runs, and winning the Girls State 4-A Softball Championship for the first time in 25 years at Fort Dodge. It was in 1981 at this same sports complex that the Scarlets last won a state championship.

AHH SO GRASSHOPPER WHERE ARE YOU



Steve and Carolyn Larson with exclusive viewing of Sumo Wrestling practice in Japan. Sumo Wrestling is Japan’s national sport.

A MILESTONE FOR COACH SCHARTNER



Jerry Schartner applauds his team as they give him his 500th win.

Lincoln girl's basketball Coach Jerry Schartner was treated to punch and cake after his 500th win as a coach. This ranks him 5th in victories as an active coach. Schartner has been active as a coach for over four decades when he started with the South Side Sewer Rats boy's team at the Jewish Community Center.

"I really enjoy this. I play golf and drag race in the summer and coach basketball in the winter. It is really hard to see my life without basketball."

BONDING AT PALMERS DELI



Tom Fjelde-Larry Gilliland-Steve Larson-Max Miller-Denny Parker

The above group got together after the East High School tour on Saturday during the reunion, and spent about 2 ½ hours talking over old times and bonding again. They hope to meet somewhere to celebrate their 70th birthdays.

They want to convey a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the committee for the "50th" and thought it was a big success, and just couldn't have been any better. They are looking forward to a 55th, 60th, etc.

A 53 YEAR REUNION OF A CAMPING TRIP



Back L-R Carol (Graney) DeChant – Kathleen (Graney) Finkanauer
Sharon (Whitehead) Stilwell
Front L-R Mary Lou (Weisbrod) Nicholson – Marlene (Roberts)
Wheeler – Bing (Kinney) Miller

53 years ago the above 6 Musketeers graduated from 9th grade at Amos Hiatt. To celebrate that accomplishment, they embarked on a weekend camping trip for further "bonding".

Now here they are again 53 years later celebrating another milestone, their 50th class reunion since graduation from high school.

ELEVATOR TICKETS ARE NOW GOOD

(Taken from the Herald-Index. An eastern suburbs newspaper)

At least one tradition is totally ruined by the newly remodeled East High School.

Back in the "good old days" upperclassman tried to trick freshman into buying elevator tickets for a few bucks.

The joke of course, was that there were no elevators.

Alas, the new East High with \$28 million worth of improvements has an elevator for wheelchair users.

"People are very excited to see what's been done to our school" said Connie Boesen, a 1969 grad and current president of the East Alumni Association.

"Sometimes they have a little trouble figuring out where they are, but they like what they see"

No kidding. The revitalized East made Jerry Hall and Larry Fogelson- members of the class of 1956- fell like awkward freshman again.

“You’ve heard the expression ‘this is not your father’s Oldsmobile?’” Fogelson quipped. “Well, this is not the class of 1956’s East High School. They took me around inside there the other day and I had no idea where I was. It all looked really good, but it was not the same.”

Mike Zelenovich, East’s principal, noted that the alumni association reunion is 129 years old.

“That, “ he said “is tradition.”

FOR THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY



Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson – Sharon (Burriss) Howze – Norma (Trenor) & Bill Burke Stand under EHS plaque during tour.

A MEETING OF THE MINDS



Tom Lettington
Web- Site Editor

Larry Fogelson
NewsLink Editor

Wearing our official title hats given us at the 45th reunion.

ACCOLADES AND A CORRECTION

Thank you one and all for everything you did to make our 50th so special. One classmate and I were discussing that our children’s high school experience wasn’t nearly as much fun as ours was.

Ours was a special High School, at a special time, and place, and of course, special people .

I really appreciate all the time, and thought and effort that everyone put into the reunion.

One correction though in the last NewsLink. Larry Fogelson said I gave Tom Fjelde a “toilet brush” corsage for the Spinster Spree. I would never have done that. What were you thinking Larry? Please! The corsage was made out of a “Rat Trap,” OK!

Carol (Graney) DeChant

(My humblest apologies Carol, that is much more dignified)

APPRECIATION GROWS WITH THE YEARS

I want to express my thanks to all of those who planned and worked to provide such a wonderful 50th Reunion experience for us in Des Moines earlier this year.

As the years pass my appreciation grows for the privilege of being a part of the “Class of 1956” at East High School.

Warmest regards, **Ken Viggers**

WHAT A GRAND PARTY IT WAS!!

To the Reunion committee. What a **Grand Party** it was. Thank you, thank you – ALL – for your time and efforts; you truly are to be commended.

I know of at least two husbands (who had never attended a reunion before) who commented on how impressed they were – of the school, the festivities, the motel, and yes – the city and of course the people.

Thanks again for the wonderful party and memories.

Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2011

Thanks again to all of you for organizing the reunion. It was great. I had such a good time. It was great to be home. Hope to see you all in 5 years.

Love and Prayers to all my Classmates.

Deanna (Wheatly) Peterson

ONE LOCATION DID NOT CHANGE

It was great seeing so many of my classmates! What a wonderful time. I personally wish to commend all those who worked so hard for our benefit....and for those who didn't attend...so sorry! You missed a great event.

A special thanks to Steve Larson for providing the "Sing Along" music on Saturday night. **Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson** and I thought it was a "highlight" of the weekend loving music the way we do.

When **Sandy (Selover) Bramel** and I toured the EHS building, I jokingly said the Girls Advisor's Office was the only place I could locate and recognize.

Onward and upward dear Old School.

Nancy Rai (Miller) Quillen

REALLY HYPED UP ABOUT REUNION

Dear reunion committee,
WOW!! What a great job you did for all of us at the reunion. The EHS Annual Alumni Meeting, the informal gathering at Prairie Meadows, the tour of the Renovated School, and Saturday night at the Hyperion Field Club all showed your attention to **every** detail. Stoney Creek Inn was a very nice place for all of us "out-of-towners" to stay.

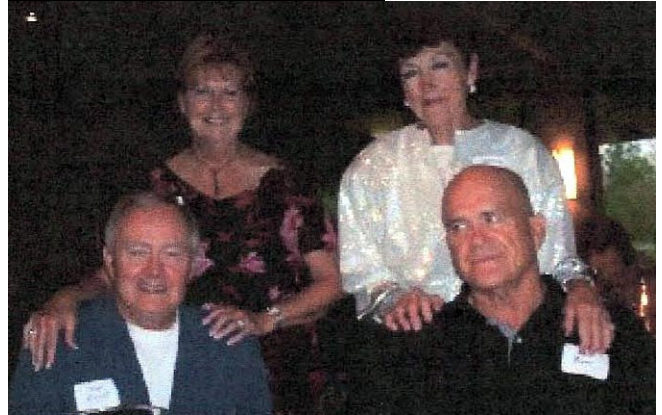
After our last (45th) reunion, I came back home bragging about the warmth, sincerity and success of my classmates. This time I came home bragging about the great enthusiasm that the committee and the EHS graduates have for the school. None of my friends here had ever heard of a high school with a scholarship endowment program.

Tom Pierick had an idea that we should each contribute to the Scholarship Fund in increments or multiples of 1956 such as:
\$19.56...\$195.60...\$1,960...etc. The treasurer of the fund would certainly take notice of our class.

As you can tell, I am proud of my classmates and my high school. But most of all I am grateful to each of you on the committee for making it so much fun for each and everyone of us. Thank you Janeene, Janet, Larry F., Ruth, Yvonne, Shirley, Larry S., Linda, Robert and LaVae.

Sincerely **Sharon (Burriss) Howze**

More 50th Reunion Pictures



Tom & Ruth Pierick

John & Donna (Turner) Beal



Don Patton-Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson-Sharon (Burriss)

Howze-Paul Goetz



Lyle & Jan Simpson

Harold & Carol Olsen

LOOKING FORWARD TO A 55TH

We had such a good time at the reunion. It was great to see everyone, and hope to do so again in 5 years.

Sincerely

Charles & Jo Allen

MORE 50TH REUNION PICTURES



Bob & Marion (Adams) Cotter



Karen & Larry Watkins



Georgann & Jerry Brown

WANTS MORE PHOTOS IN NEWSLINK

Sure was great attending our 50th reunion and seeing many friends after so many years. I enjoy seeing photos in the NewsLink and look forward to more in the next issue.

Best to all! **Nan Bishop**



Don & Janet Stevens

VISIT THE "CLASS OF 56" WEB-SITE

Tom Lettington has set up a "Class of 56" web-site that is outstanding. He has put a lot of time and labor into this.

You can see many more pictures there, including a higher resolution class photo (without the red cast) zoom in and slowly scan across to see who is who; and if you get stumped, hold the cursor over the head of the one you don't recognize and "walla" their name will appear.

Tom also has **Lyle Simpson's** class response representing the "Class of 56" at the Annual Alumni Association Meeting during the reunion.

There are many other things on this Web-site also including Elementary photos, Junior high photos, past issues of NewsLink, 45th reunion, etc.

For those who have a computer, you are missing out if you don't visit this.

Web-site address is: www.ehs56.org

Thank You Tom!

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

It is with a profound sadness that I list the names of the following deceased classmates:

Mary Lou (Carnal) Howard 6/23/06
Kay (Johnson) Inman 9/27/06
Charles J. (Chuck) McQuerry 6/10/06

They answer to a different roll call now; but their spirit will remain with us always as a part of the "Class of 56."

CLASSMATES ON THE MEND

Donna (Nichols) & Bill Wilson were rear ended into a Semi. Both were seriously injured, but are on the mend. Donna's mother was killed in this wreck.

Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke have both suffered strokes. Bill's was first, they discovered his carotid artery was blocked-put in a stint, and he is doing better. Then Norma had her stroke, they haven't found her cause yet. Therapists are still working with her.

The Wilson's and the Burke's could use a Thinking of You card, and or a phone call!

NEWSLINK DONATIONS

Nancy Bishop- Norma (Treanor) Burke-Janice H. Green-Sharon (Burriss) Howze-Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove-Ken Viggers-Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler.

Thank You! Your Donations keep the NewsLink coming.

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THANK YOU FOR THE PICTURES, ETC

My sincere "Thank You" to the many who sent pictures, articles, etc. for the NewsLink. If you have additional pictures or comments on the reunion, and or other matter, please send the information to me. I will continue to use photos of the reunion in future NewsLinks as space permits.

SPRING DINNER GET-TOGETHER

Monday Night – 6:30 PM

April 23rd, 2007

The Pizza Ranch

465 Center Place SW, Altoona

(Take SW8th St. East into Altoona, turn south at 5th Ave SW. Go 1 block. Pizza ranch will be on NE corner.)

Tell them you are a "Senior" even if you don't look like it. Pay your \$6.99 (or whatever it may be then) and go back into the party room

Telephone Committee

Please make your phone calls, and get back to Janeene as soon as possible, as the Pizza Ranch will be calling me on April 17th.

Thank You for all that you do! (*Larry Fogelson*)

*Merry
Christmas
And
Happy
New Year*

Let us all hope that the New Year can be the beginning of Peace and Tranquility in the World.