



East High "Class of '56" NewsLink

December 2012



FALL DINNER AT HILLTOP

We had our fall dinner get-together at Hilltop on Monday Sept. 24. These get-togethers seem to get better all the time. Hardly anyone sat at their table except to eat. There was a lot of mingling, talking, and maybe even a couple of stretches of the truth when it came to reminiscing. What a truly wonderful night.

Those in attendance were: *Phil & Barbara (Lowe) Penn-Larry & Jackie Soloman-Joann ((Brady) Wilson & Ray Myers-Larry & Margaret Fogelson-Bill & Norma (Treanor) Burke-Bill Foster & Shirley Selover-Don Spaw and his lovely daughter Dawn Smith- Rev. John Hill-Larry & Donna Anderson-John & Florita Sullivan-Carol Adams & John Jones-Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Diane (Balinger) & Jerry Ott-Janice Webber-Larry Hockersmith-Tom & Roberta Abbott-Bob & Connie Trotter-Doyle & Sharon Ables-and Jerry Hall.*

It was so nice to see the **Rev. John Hill** again. He had been quite ill for a period of time. Also seeing **Carol Adams** again, and **Larry Anderson** and his lovely wife. Seeing different faces again helps make these get togethers a real treat. The absence of some faces also brings sorrow to our hearts. **Yvonne (Miller) Nauman** had been such a steady at these dinners, even though she and husband Ron drove 100 miles round trip to attend. Yvonne passed away the first part of September. You were and always will be missed. Yvonne also helped with the reunions on several occasions.

Our next Dinner get-together will once again be at:

Hilltop Pizza & Restaurant
2820 Hubbell Ave.

on

Monday April 29, 2013

at

6:30 PM

Since most of us will be, or soon will be **75 years** young for this dinner, we will have a **Birthday Cake** for everyone to partake of for desert. Lets make it a **huge birthday party bash.**

Lyle Simpson inquired if the committee has ever thought about holding an event at the **Latin King** restaurant since it is somewhat of an eastside landmark to most of us.

Lyle, we did hold a dinner there about 12 to 14 years ago. At that time they said they did not have a separate room to put us in, consequently we were surrounded by other patrons. Lyle if you could get us a separate room, I would love to try it again sometime. One stipulation would be everyone could order off the menu and receive a separate check, and no room charge. Our April date has been scheduled, so our next open date would be Monday September 23rd or September 30th, 2013. If you can do something with either of these dates, please let me know. Like you, I, and I am sure others would love to work this into our schedule on occasion.

Larry Fogelson

Pictures courtesy of Janeene Carlisle at Dinner



Shirley Selover & Bill Foster

Bill and Shirley epitomize what loyal EHS grads should wear to a function. They always have East High clothing on. Makes the rest of us feel bad. Go Shirley and Bill.

(I will have to see if any of mine still fit, but I think they have shrunk.....?????????)



Barbara (Lowe) & Phil Penn



Larry & Donna Anderson (wake up Larry)



Rev John Smith & Don Spaw



Janice Webber and Larry Hockersmith



Jerry Hall - Jerry Ott - Diane (Ballinger) Ott



Carol Adams & John Jones



Ray Myers & JoAnn (Brady) Wilson



Roberta & Tom Abbott



Bob & Connie Trotter



Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle



Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke



Florita & John Sullivan



Jackie & Larry Soloman



This is what the new football equipment looks like after a fire Tuesday night July 31st. The fire gutted the coaches' offices, equipment and storage

facilities and left traces of smoke and water throughout the home team's locker room, and restroom.

An electrical panel that controls the public-address system and scoreboard was a mass of melted wires.

This took place just a few days before practice was to start.



East activities director Ric Powell observes the fire damage in the coach's office at Williams Stadium, located at East 16th and University. MARY CHIND/THE REGISTER

Coaches from Ames, West Des Moines Valley, and Dowling Catholic all offered help to include equipment by late Wednesday morning. Activities director Ric Powell said the damage would be covered by insurance. Also athletic equipment suppliers banded together to expedite replacement of equipment. There was a real outpouring of empathy as well as material help offered. Even Hy-Vee grocery store on the east side held a Spaghetti feed with the proceeds going to the EHS Athletic program. East High is now playing in their own uniforms and equipment.

The fire is still under investigation.

EAST HIGH'S ATTENDANCE HONORED

Students and staff from EHS are featured in a national dropout prevention campaign unveiled in

Undroppable-a social media movement that will culminate in a feature-length documentary which includes the stories of young people from six schools spread throughout the country.

Film clips featuring Des Moines students can be viewed at easthighschool.undroppable.com.

East High School was selected to take part in the documentary because of its impressive showing in the National Get Schooled Attendance this fall.

East would up placing first in its region by raising student attendance by 3 per cent.

HALL OF FAME NUMBERS GROW



Dick Frakes-Track-1953 to 1956

Dick was a member of the 1956 , One Mile Relay State Track Championship Team. His Relay Team also won the Two Mile Relay at the Drake Relays. In 1955 Dick helped the East Cross Country Team finish 9th at the State Meet.

Dicks family includes his wife of 50 years, Sandy Frakes, and his son Randy Frakes who was inducted into the East Athletic Hall of Fame for his baseball honors in 2010.

(Wow, father & son both in the Hall of Fame, congratulations Dick)



Bill Burke – Track - 1952 -1953

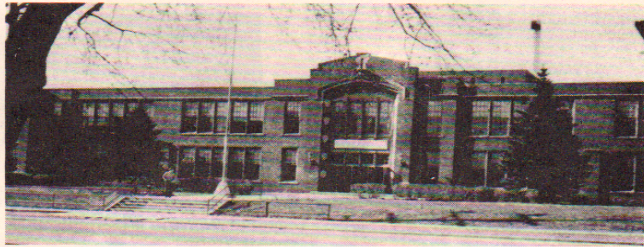
Bill is the Husband of our own **Norma (Treanor) Burke** class of 1956.

Bill was a State Champion in the One Mile Relay in 1952 and the Two Mile Relay in 1953.

In 1952, Bill won Track Championships in the Grinnell, Valley and Oskaloosa Relays as well as the Big 6 Conference Champions. Bill also won Championships in the Drake Relays and District meet.

GOOD OL WOODROW WILSON JR. HIGH

rolyn Carlson.



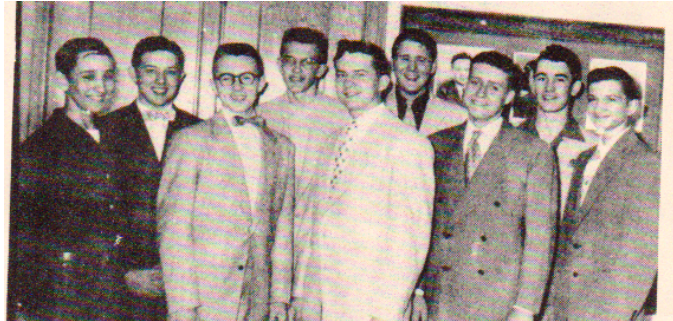
Opened in 1925. Closed as a School in the early 80's. Was utilized for a while as a senior center, then torn down to build a expanded Anderson Erickson Dairy Facility in the 90's..

GIRLS 9TH GRADE SMALL VOCAL GROUP



Glenda Houser-Ruth Cook-Jean Kangley-Shirley Kimball-Marla Roberts-Shirley Grant-JoAnn Farrell

BOYS 9TH GRADE SMALL VOCAL GROUP



John Gulic-Tom Lettington-Dick Smith- Verne Waters-Tom Abbott-Boris Yaro-Larry Fogelson-Kenny Viggers-Ron Mentzer

(My thanks to Ray (Bud) Robinette for loaning me the Woodrow Wilson "Chanticleer" 1953 edition from his deceased wife Shirley (Grant) Robinettes memorabilia.

School Colors: Black & Gold
 School Moto: "Our Spirit Never Defeated"

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

<i>Paul Goetz</i>	<i>January 19, 2012</i>
<i>Carolyn Joan Deaton</i>	<i>June 29, 2012</i>
<i>Sandra Jo Parsons</i>	<i>June 30, 2012</i>
<i>Carl Christiansen Jr.</i>	<i>August 8, 2012</i>
<i>Wilbur Paul Blachley Jr.</i>	<i>August 18, 2012</i>
<i>Yvonne (Miller) Nauman</i>	<i>September 11, 2012</i>

(Gone but not forgotten--They will answer to a higher roll call now)

Sherry (Lair) Northcutt from our class also sent me a email that her husband Glen passed away August 2, 2012.

EULOGY TO SANDRA JO. PARSONS

Carol (Graney) DeChant emailed me that Sandy told her at the 50th reunion that while working as a Social Worker she was sent to a Indian reservation. Sandy was appalled at the need and poverty. Carol and Sandy's family said Sandy spent most of her life as a champion of women's rights and passionate about the education of both children and teachers, especially in Native American communities.

Sandy was a fiercely independent risk taker who constantly reinvented herself and her life, working such varied jobs as insurance sales, farmer, radio advertising, social services administration and a grant writer. Sandy returned to college in the 1990's spending eight years to earn three degrees, including her doctorate in education.

Sandy was always advocating for fairness and equality. She lived a brave life of adventure, attention to others, and love for her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

SOME NOTES OF APPRECIATION

After 44 years of living in Missouri, I have returned to Iowa.

Please note my address change and continue sending me the NewsLink. Having had a couple of strokes, I am finding things a challenge to remember.....how great!

Helen F. (Blair) Findling

Thank you for the NewsLink and all your hard work. I love it, The minute I receive it, my memories go back to the good old days and friends.

Janet (Griffiths) Harmon

Thanks for the "Class of 56 NewsLink"

My wife, Carole, and I moved to Greensboro, NC in 1968, where I taught mathematics at Bennett College for 40 years. After retirement I have been involved in church activities with travels to India and Kenya. Many thanks for all your work.

Ray Treadway

Thank you Larry & Margaret for all you do to publish the NewsLink. I always look forward to reading it and seeing all of the photos. I still keep in touch with **Norma (Trenor) Burke**, the **Piericks**, and **Ron and Judi Larson** as well as **Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson**
Sharon (Burriss) Howze

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East High School "Class of 1956"

and mail to:

Robert Trotter
5625 Lakepoint Circle
Johnston, IA 50131

Don't forget the "Birthday Bash"

on: **Monday April 29th, 2013**

at: **Hilltop Restaurant & Lounge
2820 Hubble Ave.**

when: **6:30 PM**

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My continual thanks to my lovely wife Margaret for not only all her help, but her infinite patience. Thank you dear.

Now, the Wife and I would like to wish each and every one of you and yours a

*Very Merry
Christmas*

*and a prosperous,
healthy and*

*Happy New
Year*

*May this be
the year of
Global Peace!*