



East High "Class of '56"

NewsLink

June 2008



HUGE CROWD-GOOD FOOD

We had a fantastic turnout for our Spring Dinner get-together at the Noodle Zoo in Ankeny on April 26th. **Mary (Crum) & Don Moses**, and their daughter Kim Rushing all operate it. They were opened this night exclusively for our class. It was very nice that all the people in there were grads representing East for the year 1956.

The food was great and the service was commendable. I would say it would definitely be a *õdo overö* if we would get another invitation. Let me know what the rest of you think.

Those in attendance were:

Bob & BJ McAfee - Pat (Rounds) & Larry Hockersmith - Dale & Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler - Larry & Margaret Fogelson - Jerry & Ruth (Cook) Hagg - Bill Foster & Shirley Selover - Glenn & Janet (Sales) Douglas - Larry & La Vae (Konz) Willson - Linda Towers - Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle - Jerry & Carole Hall - Jerry & Becky Smith - Larry & Jackie Solomon - JoAnn (Brady) Wilson - Diane (Ballinger) & Jerry Ott - Shirley (Grant) & Ray Robinette - Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke - Barbara (Lowe) & Phil Penn - Romona (Hitchcock) Moore - Milo & Loretta (Woods) Ware - Don & Arlene Spaw - Nancy (Lund) Belluchi - Kay (Edwards) & Chico Alcantar - Mary (Crum) & Don Moses - Tom & Roberta Abbott - Bob & Connie Trotter - Doyle & Sharon Ables

The fall dinner get-together will be:

Monday October 6th, 2008
6:30 PM in the Party Room
Hilltop Lounge & Restaurant
2820 Hubbell Ave.

The call committee would need to get their numbers in to Janeene by Wednesday Oct. 1st. Janeene will then call me so I can call the Restaurant on Thursday Oct. 2nd to give them an approximate number.

CLASS PICNIC TO BE AT UNION PARK

Jerry Smith has once again set up a date with the Des Moines Parks and Recreation for the use of **Union Park** for our Class Picnic. It will be at the: **West Shelter House** (just North and West of the Carousel) **Friday Sept. 12th**

5:00 PM to 7:30 Pm

Last year we had a rather small turnout of about 20 or so due to the heat in June. So Jerry set this one up for September in the hopes it might be a little cooler.

We had a lot of good food for the last Picnic. We probably could have fed 30 to 40 people. It was a real culinary experience. Everyone really showed their talents. Lets do the same this year, but lets have a turnout of 30 to 40 people.

It would be great if the call committee would call everyone on this starting around the first of September.

Lets have a huge turnout!!!!

MORE PICTURES FROM DEC. 2007 DINNER



Don & Mary (Crum) Moses



Arlene & Don Spaw



Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle



Chico Alcantar (Kay Edwards Husband) Kay was home sick



Jerry & Becky Smith



daughter Cynthia & JoAnn (Brady) Wilson



Nancy (Lund) Belluchi & daughter Jane



Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke



Jerry Ott & Diane (Balenger) Ott

A REUNION FLASHBACK

At our 50th Reunion I was introduced to Sonja Kesterí Kester? Kester? then someone told me it used to be Bingaman.

“OH, YEARS AGO YOU SAVED MY LIFE” I exclaimed.

One summer day during my 16th year, I was at Greyø Lake with a bunch of girls and somehow found myself alone out in the lake and panicked. I did not scream or bob up and down, no crowd gathering. I had suddenly become very tired. I decided to try and float on my back, but stiffened and started sinking. Then this hand cupped under my chin and gently guided my body to a small wooden platform. I got out of the water, and said a sincere “thanks” and went on my way, not really wanting anyone to know at the time just how scared I was at the time. I never talked about that incident to Sonja at school, but I never forgot. As far as I am concerned; **Sonja (Bingaman) Kester** saved my life that day. **Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson**



Sonja (Bingaman) Kester & Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson

INDIANA JONES V - ?????

I connected with a girlfriend in Dallas and proceeded to Buenos Aires. We initially were headed to Iguazu Falls in Argentina. We took a smaller plane through the jungle to see the falls. The landing strip looked like something out of an Indiana Jones flick. We spent a couple of days in Buenos Aires before embarking on our cruise down around Cape Horn. We had ports of call in Montevideo, Uruguay, Falkland Islands (Stanley),

Cape Horn. We cruised through the Beagle Channel (got a little rough) so we couldn't tender into Ushuaia. Continued to Punta Arenas, Chile (Strait of Magellan) up through the Chilean Fjords to Puerto Montt Chile. Then onto our final destination Valparaiso where we disembarked and took a bus to Santiago, Chile. Chile reminded me of California. We met folks from Canada, Brazil and of course Argentina. We had a wonderful time and I can't wait to save up some \$\$ for another trip.

It would be a hoot if our class could take a cruise for our next reunion. A friend of mine is going on a 5 day cruise with his graduation class. Guess it would just take some brave and energetic person to coordinate it. **Mary Lou (Katmann) Goodman**

(The Gauntlet was thrown down, anyone willing to accept it?)



Mary Lou (Katmann) Goodman

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmate

Joseph E. Woxell Sr. December, 2007

The family would like any memorials to go to: The Alumni Foundation in Joes name preferably for the Scholarship Fund. Send to: PO Box 3070 Des Moines, IA 50309

Correction to previous NewsLink Memoriam

Gene Lewis' name was given to me as having died sometime in the 60's. **Rae Leto** is Gene's cousin, and has informed me he was still alive in 1999 as he

officiated as Minister at the funeral for Rae's Aunt. Rae admits no one knows where he is now, so I will put Gene Lewis back on the Missing list. Thank You Rae.

HAS A MYSTERY BEEN SOLVED?

Ramona seems so serious and composed.



Ramona (Hitchcock) Moore

While Loretta appears so jovial

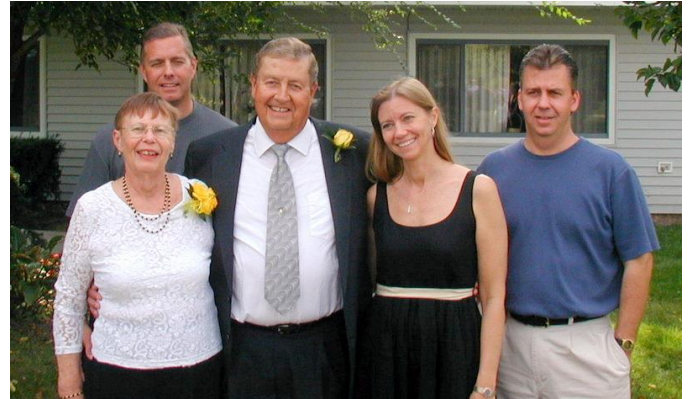


Loretta (Woods) Ware

Is it because according to **Don Spaw**, rumor has had it that **Ramona (Hitchcock) Moore** was the party being blamed for pulling the Fire Alarm for the June of 56 graduation ceremonies. Don Spaw says he found out that it was actually **Loretta. (Woods) Ware**. When he confronted her about it,

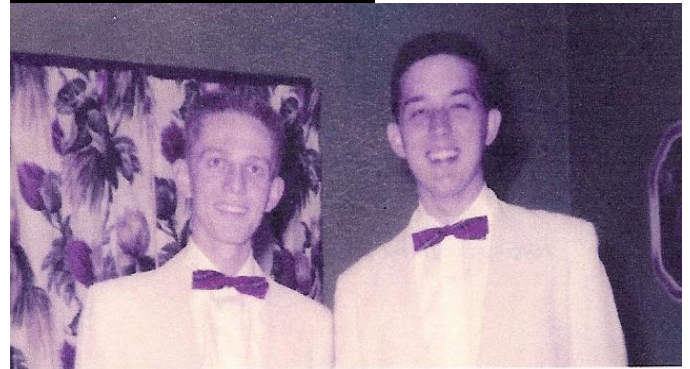
the previous picture was her reaction. (She looks pretty guilty to me)

Editors family for 50th Renewal of Vows



Front: Margaret & Larry Fogelson- daughter Deborah (Fogelson) Jackson – Son Jeff Fogelson Back: Son Mike Fogelson
Larry & Margaret Fogelson renewed their vows for their 50th Anniversary prior to an open house given by their children and their families in Oct., 2007..

GIGOLOS FOR HIRE???



Lyle Simpson & Tom Lettington

Lyle Simpson and **Tom Lettington** appear ready for a prom night out.

COMMENTS ON NEWSLINK

It is always good to receive and read the East High Class of 56 NewsLink. Thanks to all for its production.

I have mostly retired after having taught mathematics at Bennett College (Greensboro, North Carolina) for 40 years.

Ray Treadway

Thanks for your work & efforts that benefit others. I look forward to the NewsLink and my memory of the old days is refreshed.

Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson

To the NewsLink and ALL.

Just a note to say Thanks for all you do. I know it must be time consuming.

It is always great to see the NewsLink arrive.

Sincerely, **Larry Gilliland**

Thanks for the latest NewsLink. I enjoy all the news and photos. To keep it coming I am enclosing a contribution. My best to all.

Nancy Bishop

THE LEGEND HAS PASSED



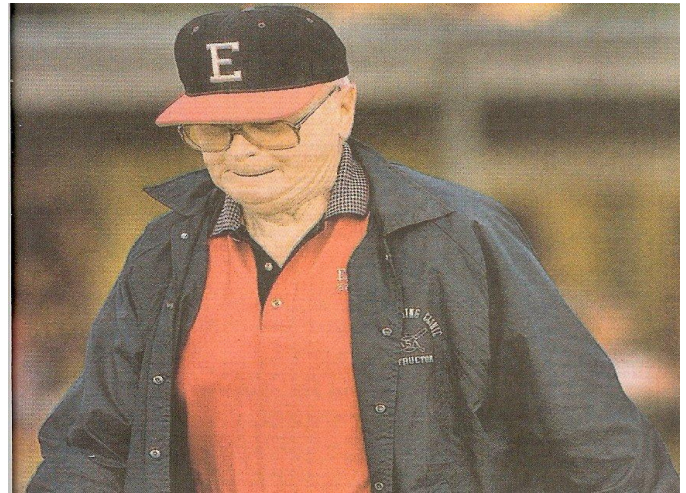
Bob Savage 1921 – 2008

Bob Savage, who coached football, baseball, and softball teams to success during a five-decade career at Des Moines East High School died Wednesday July 2, 2008 at Iowa Lutheran Hospital at the age of 86.

Savage led East to 477 victories in softball, 312 in baseball, and 131 in Football.

Savage is a member of Iowa Amateur Softball Association; Des Moines Amateur Softball Association; West Texas Amateur Softball Association; Iowa Football Coaches Association;

Boys' Birth; Iowa Girls Coaches Association; National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Hall of Fame.



Coach Savage returns to sidelines after visit to pitching mound

He played professional Baseball for one season in 1943. Then served in the Navy in WWII along side Hall of Famers Pee Wee Reese and Johnny Mize.

Savage is survived by his wife Ruth whom he married in 1945.

East High Athletic Director Ric Powell said "Savage was one of my mentors."

Kathleen Robinson who played on the last team that Savage coached said "he built the program into what it is today."

Disc Jockey Dic Youngs, who played football under Savage said "the east side is in great mourning."

East High Softball coach Bob Ligouri said the Scarlets continued to list Savage as their pitching coach. "To me, Bob Savage is a legend," Ligouri said.

Coach Savage's association started with East in 1951 when he took the football team to an 8-0 record, their first unbeaten team in 31 years.

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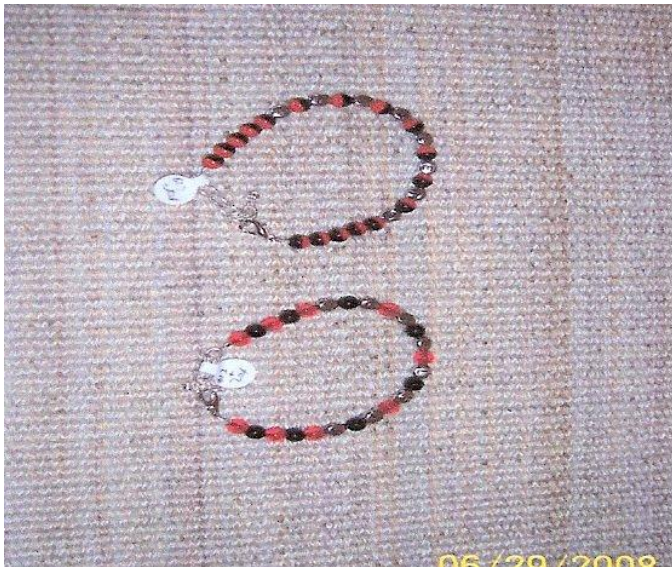
Peggy Doane

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\$15.72 ea. Includes tax & shipping & handling
(For a maximum wrist circumference of 8ö. Larger diameters
will require more beads at additional cost) Contact Peggy!



- #1. Each bead is half red, half black
- #2. Beads alternate every other one, red öblack

Both bracelets come with silver beads spaced out
spelling out the word öScarletsö in the bracelet.

SEE THE NEWSLINK IN COLOR

Go to **Tom Lettingtons** Web-site

www.ehs56.org

CURRENT LIST OF THE LOST

Sharon (Crawford) Allstead	Jeanne (Clark) Moore
Lily (Rose) Avery	Dixie (Hart) Nelson
Karen (Anderson) Barton	John Nelson
Shirley Brown	Donald Patton
Dewayne F. Clark	Robert Patterson
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Gary Lewis	Ruth Jeanine Turner
Gene Lewis	Lynn Van Sickle
Ralph Marshall	Anita Ward
Bill McGriff	Tom White
Barbara (Byerly) Monahan	Frances (Knotts) Wright
	Lucille (Fortune) Wright

REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Dinner at Hilltop Lounge & Restaurant
Monday 6:30 PM October 6th, 2008
2820 Hubbell Ave.

Picnic at Union Park West Shelter House
5:00 – 7:30 PM
Friday Sept. 12th, 2008

CALL COMMITTEES DO YOUR THING

Editor Apology

I just want to apologize for the tardiness of the
June, 2008 NewsLink.

Circumstances for which I had no control over
were the underlying cause for this delay.

Thank You for your patience.