

EHS Missing Link '56

Sometime in 2022
John Carr Editor

Website
www.ehs56.org

Mask on, mask off. Mask on, mask off. It got so confusing for a while there that even the Karate Kid hardly had a leg to stand on. Well anyway, the mask mandate is off, however, I have times where I still wear one. My brother-in-law has COPD and out of respect I wear a mask when I visit. The only problem there is that sometimes I can't hear what he says; it a combination of my hearing and his having a tendency to mumble things behind my sister's back. (I'll pay for that later.) There are certain places I prefer to wear a mask but a friend and I went to Felix and Oscar's Restaurant and there were only seven others there so I didn't wear one and it turned out to be a good thing. As one of the parties was getting up to leave, a woman approached me and asked if I was John Carr; it turned out to be Ron Patterson's younger sister. We reminisced for a bit and she told me she had found some items while cleaning out trophy cases at East and found items of interest for Ron's children, so if you have any Ron stories you might want to send to help out, would appreciate you sending (or any stories for the *link*).

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PICNIC

Thanks to those who attended the fall picnic on September 15, 2021 (56ers-65TH) at Copper Creek Lake Park in Pleasant Hill. Also, thanks to those who made contributions above the meal cost, it was really appreciated. It was a beautiful sunny fall day where we ate overlooking the peaceful pond and talking about our time at EHS with many "remember whens"! John Carr provided three picture albums of DSM area businesses from back in the day when we were cruising the streets in our 40s and 50s automobiles. The memories and finger pointing were great! Perhaps he will share the albums again for those that were unable to attend the picnic. Thanks John for the memories.

Those attending the picnic:

Janet (Bayles) & Glen Douglas
Jerry & Carole Hall
Bette (Raymond) Neal
JoAnn (O'Boyle) Shelly
Carol Adams & John Jones
JoAnn (Brady) Wilson
Larry Watkins
Larry & Jackie Soloman
Don & Jo Sullivan
Barbara (Johnson) Brown
Steve Larson
John Carr
Bob & Connie Trotter

Photos of those at the picnic are to be found somewhere...
Information about our upcoming luncheon can be found someplace.

We also want to acknowledge those who contribute to help pay for printing and postage of our newsletter:

Irene (Viers) Bell
Larry Gilliland
Janice (Holman) Green
Leroy Law
Harold Olsen
Denny Parker
Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson
Larry Soloman
Ken Viggers
Larry Watkins
Art Wittern

Those donations can be sent to:

Bob Trotter
5625 Lakepoint Circle
Johnston, IA 50131
Make checks payable to:
EHS Class of 1956

Unfortunately we have lost a few classmates:

Jacqueline (Doyle) Collier
John Sullivan
Richard P. Thompson
Buddy Bellis, Sr.

While Jerry Hall was the baseball coach at East, Buddy's boys played on his teams. Thanks Jerry for giving back to EHS students that followed us.

Bob Trotter sent a note that Buddy Bellis was playing golf with Jerry Hall when Jerry got a hole-in-one. Now that Buddy is no longer with us, we have to take Jerry's word for it. ☺

Any change of address, phone number or other updates, please contact:

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For backlog information, Tom L. is still taking care of it. One website is on our masthead and our EHS mail is: tlettington@san.rr.com. Get in touch with Tom...he is lonely and only gets 500 emails a day and has nothing to do.

Mmmm, Food!

A decision was made to hold our Spring Luncheon and get together with classmates and friend and guests back at Hilltop Restaurant on E. 29th and Hubbell Ave. at 11:30 am on Monday April 11. As in the past we can order from the menu and pay individually. A cake will be provided to help celebrate those who are 85ish. Please consider coming to lunch, conversation and seeing classmates from EHS. We no longer have a calling committee so please mark your calendar and save the date.

The EHS Alumni Association is planning to have an in-person All School Scarlet reunion on Friday, May 6th at the Iowa Events Center. This is always a fun event and we hope that we will have as many grads join us as possible. There will be an alumni school tour on Saturday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m. for those grads interested in seeing East high as it is now, and the remodeled auditorium and updated Hall of Fame walls. Enter north doors and 10AM. Plans for alumni softball game on Thursday, May 12th. The alumni Golf Tourney is at Copper Creek Golf Course on Friday & Saturday, May 13 & 14. Find details on alumni web site: DesMoinesEHSallumni.com.

It's the end of an era. This past summer Bill Riley, Jr. took his final bow on the Bill and Ann Riley Stage at the Iowa State Fair after 25 years. Bill Riley, Sr. introduced the State Fair Talent Search 60 years ago holding auditions across Iowa and bringing the talented young people to the Fair each year for on stage competition. One of the most notable winners was Simon Estes who has performed around the world. The show must go on but somehow it won't be the same without Bill or Bill, Jr. being the Emcee!

I had the pleasure of working around both of them over the years at the fair.

Less notable, but not less important, Bette Lou has led her group of dancers for the last time, also. Through her efforts she helped Leonard's Dance Studio see 20 years of entertainment through the Adult Education system. She will keep teaching and dancing as long as she can and I'm proud to work with her and call her friend.

Mevelyn has overcome COVID and is back and running. Our Texas cactus flower has a concealed gun permit, but I don't want to be the one to ask where she hides it.

PICNIC PHOTO



Back Row: L to R: Larry Watkins, Bob Trotter, Don Sullivan, Larry Soloman, John Carr, Carole & Jerry Hall.

Front Row: L to R: Barbara (Johnson) Brown, JoAnn (O'Boyle) Shelley, Joann (Brady) Wilson, Janet (Bales) Douglas, Bette Lou (Raymond) Neal & Carol Adams.

If you wish to see the picnic photos in color, you can check with Bob Trotter 1 515-490-4630 or one line with Tom Lettington, he won't ask you to contribute to the newsletter fund.

Take care!

