



East High "Class of '56"  
*NewsLink*



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**GREAT TIME AT HILLTOP**

We had a good turnout at Hilltop on Monday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> for our semi-annual dinner get-together. We had lots of conversation, good food, and a good time. Thanks to **John Moody** we even had a former teacher in attendance, Bill Neal. A gold star should go to Chico Alcantar who showed up to represent him and his wife **Kay (Edwards) Alcantar** who remained home ill that evening.

**Mary (Crum) and Don Moses** daughter Kim Rushing has a restaurant in Ankeny which is run by her and Mary called the Noodle Zoo. It was voted to hold our spring dinner get-together there. They are normally closed on Mondays, but will be open to us. So the Spring Dinner Get-together will be:

**Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:30 PM at Noodle Zoo at 2785 N. Ankeny Blvd.**

(this is about 1 mile north of 1<sup>st</sup> street in Ankeny on E. 14<sup>th</sup>. You go north of the Dahlø Store until you see the Liberty Bank bldg. on the East side of the road. Turn east there, and the restaurant will be on your right side) (Article on Noodle Zoo later in this NewsLink)

Those in attendance at the dinner were: Shirley Robinette-Shirley Selover-Bill Foster-Larry & Margaret Fogelson-Mary (Crum) 7 Don Moses-Jerry & Diane (Ballinger) Ott-Bob & Connie Trotter-Jerry & Becky Smith-Jerry & Ruth (Cook) Haag-Don & Arlene Spaw-Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke-Romona (Hitchcock) Moore-Chico Alcantar-Yvonne (Miller) & Ron Nauman-Janeene (Miller) 7 Larry Carlisle-Carl & Pat Little-Nancy (Lund) Belluchi & daughter Jane-JoAnn (Brady) Wilson and daughter Cynthia-Bill Neal-John Moody-Steve Larson-Larry Wycoff (from the class of 657) 6John & Fenita Sullivan-Jerry Hall-Denny & Mary Ross.

Following are pictures taken by **Janeene (Miller) Carlisle** at the dinner get-together.



*Frt: Steve Larson-Bill Neal-John Moody-Back: Larry Wycoff-Jerry Smith*



*Shirley (Grant) Robinette – Bob & Connie Trotter*



*Carl & Pat Little*



*Yvonne (Miller) & Ron (Sonny) Nauman*



*Jerry Haag & Ruth (Cook) Hagg*



*Mary & Denny Ross*



*Shirley Selover & Bill Foster*



*John Sullivan Fenita*

### **NEXT GET-TOGETHER AT NOODLE ZOO**

Kim Rushing and her Mother **Mary (Crum) Moses** opened the Noodle Zoo about 8 months ago.

The eatery offers sandwiches, salads, soups and noodle bowls. They specialize in using daily fresh produce, meats sliced daily, and fresh Italian garlic focaccia bread. They also make soups daily from fresh ingredients. Their beer cheese soup has become a signature soup in high demand.

Their sandwiches are all under \$8.00 and are served with either a house salad or soup of the day. Their noodle bowls are under \$9.00 and are served with their house salad and focaccia bread.

(We will look forward to next April 28<sup>th</sup>)



*Mary (Crum) Moses & daughter Kim Rushing at Noodle Zoo*

### **SUMMER PICNIC ENJOYED BY A FEW**

Unfortunately, we only had 19 turn out for the July Picnic. But we had a super time. A person could seriously hurt themselves on all the good food we had. Meatloafs, hams, sweet corn, chicken and noodles, salads, meatballs, etc. plus numerous deserts. The day was beautiful, and of course the conversation was great. Some of us kids even strolled over to the Carousel and enjoyed a ride on it. **Jerry Smith** was responsible for setting this up.

All in all it was a nice turnout for the first time. We think it might be worth trying again, but maybe in May or Sept. or Oct. Anyone want to volunteer??

Those is attendance were: Jerry & Becky Smith-Yvonne (Miller) & Sonny Nauman-Nancy Belluchi-Diane (Ballinger) & Jerry Ott-Phil & Barbara (Lowe) Penn-Larry & Jackie Soloman-Shirley & Ray Robinette-Larry & Margaret Fogelson-Bill Foster & Shirley Selover-Jerry & Carole Hall.

Plus we had a surprise visit from **Don Biddle** who stopped by for about 15 minutes but left before we ate.

## ANNIVERSARY'S CELEBRATED



50<sup>th</sup> for Loretta (Woods) & Milo Ware



50<sup>th</sup> for Larry & Margaret Fogelson



7<sup>th</sup> for Iona Baal & Stanley Edwards

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

It was so nice to see a picture of **Dan Strosnider** in your last NewsLink with a mention of his death. He left us as he always lived his life ó in a hurry. No explanations. Perhaps the best description of him was from a friend who said, óHe was some piece of work!ö

My main purpose in writing this is to tell the óClass of 56ö how much I have enjoyed all your reunions. You have always been so very very friendly to me. You made me feel like an East Side girl rather than a Roosevelt girl.

I shall miss your warmth and kindness very much.

Thank You! **Karen Strosnider**

## THANKS FOR MANY THINGS

Just finished reading the June óNewsLinkö, and again want to say Thank You to **Shirley Robinette, Larry Fogelson, and Tom Lettington** for putting this together on a semi-annual basis. I enjoy reading it so much.

Also, a big Thank You to everyone for a wonderful ó50ö reunion. It was a huge success. I have worn the Tee Shirt I won numerous times, and carry my Key Chain daily.

Congratulations to you **Shirley & Ray Robbinette** on your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It doesn't seem possible. Shirley, I can remember you were so nervous before the Wedding that you broke out into a rash.

A huge Thank You to **Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman** for a wonderful tribute to **Kay (Johnson) Inman**. I too, spent many weekends at her house singing, while Kay played the piano, and our parents, The Johnsons, Grants, Mattis and Stillwells all danced. We would have slumber parties, listen to ó45ös, and try to decide which ankle to wear our ódog collarsö on. Everyone should have a friend like Kay. I am thankful she was a part of my life.

By the way, I remember you sitting across from me in Ms. Zs shorthand class sharing your óAqua Marineö hand lotion. I wonder if they still make that.

**Donna (Mattis) Wright**

## STARTING TO MISS GOING TO REUNION

Pictures from recent NewsLinks indicate that the reunion was a big success. Maybe I will manage to attend one soon. Keep up the good work, you folks do a great job; but what else would you expect from óLee Townersö.

Almost forgot to mention that Frank (óTobyö) and I are finally first time grandparents ó of twins. A boy and a girl who are now 2-1/2 years old now.

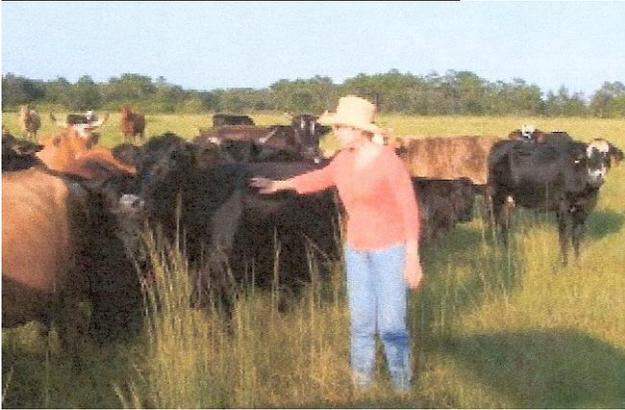
**Nancy (Harris) Robinson**

## KUDOS TO SHIRLEY & RAY ROBINETTE

For their special awards & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I enjoy the NewsLink and pictures so much.

**Nancy Bishop**

## CATTLE QUEEN OF FLORIDA



*Is Sharon (Burriss) Howze trying to play "tip the cow" ?*

At the last reunion, several people expressed interest in our cattle ranch in Florida. The central part of the state is agricultural. Eight million acres of pasture land for cattle. Florida in twelfth in the nation in the numbers of cow-calf operations. That is what we have.

Our ranch consists of approximately one thousand acres. This is not enough land to make a living, so we consider our ranch recreational and use it as such. Of these 1,000 acres, only 125 acres is in improved pasture. The rest is in piney woods, oak hammocks and palmettos. Oglivie Creek also runs through our property.

We have about 100 cows of mixed breeding and about 75 to 80 calves. We also have 4 bulls, one charolais and three brangus (brahma/angus mix.) Cows of mixed breeding can live off the pastures and woods better than pure breeds. During the winter when the grass is not growing, we supplement with molasses and orange pulp from Tropicana.

We round all the cattle up twice a year into cattle pens, where we give them their shots, check their general health and separate the calves that are ready to be sold at auction. Yes, there are still real Cowboys. But lately we have been doing it with our sons-in-law and some city slickers from town.

We also have two horses Georgia and Honey as well as three buffalo which are a novelty for our grandchildren and guests.

My husband Tom manages the land to encourage all types of wildlife. We have deer and all kinds of birds—song birds, water birds, owls, hawks, dove, quail, turkey, sand hill cranes and more. We also

have wild hogs, alligators, bob cats, armadillos, fox squirrels, coyotes, rattlesnakes and others.

Two years ago Tom saw a black bear, and about 10 years ago I saw a black panther.

It has been a dream of Toms, a native Floridian for many generations, to have some land to show our grandchildren how Florida used to look.

This Iowa girl had to move to Florida to become a farm girl.

Please call when you're in the area. **Tom & Ruth Pierick as well as Mevelyn (Wooderson) and Neil Richardson** have been here.

**Sharon (Burriss) Howze**

## A STROLL DOWN THE HALLOWED HALLS

I was talking about the start of the next school year with my grandkids, and it always brings back many fond memories.

Summer was great, but returning to East for another year was always eagerly anticipated. At this stage of my life, I think often and gratefully of the many teachers who made school so rewarding and fun.

Physics was a tough course for me, but I remember Mr. Storer fondly. About the only thing I learned in there was "Mr. ROY G BIV" his device to teach the colors of the rainbow: Red, Orange, Yellow, etc. I also recall trying to build a functioning pinhole camera for his Science Project.

Mrs Whitford was an exceptional English teacher, and I recall Mr. Stratton with admiration for his creative assignments. He once told my mother at an open house that his EHS students made teaching worthwhile, even though he had to sell shoes in the summer to pay his bills. I also recall Mr. Stratton saying as we were marching into the Auditorium to receive our diplomas, that we may earn other diplomas later in life, but none of them will ever mean as much as this one. He was so right.

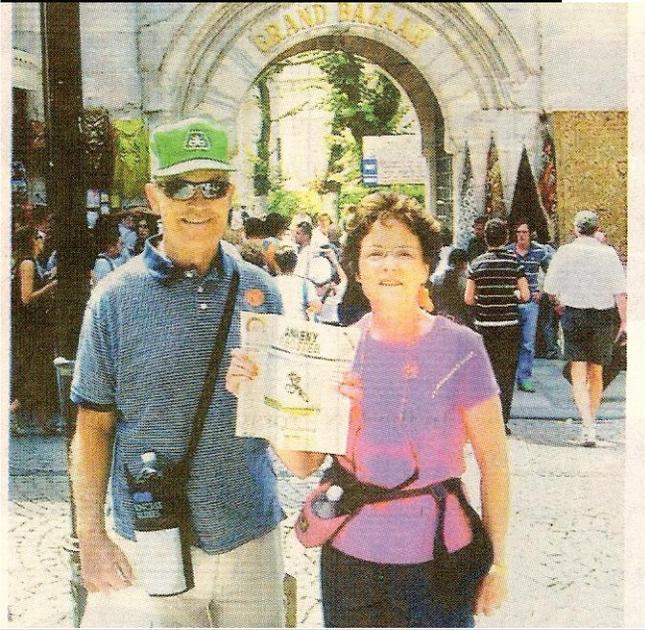
Minnekus Schakel, our girls' golf coach. How unrewarding it was to haul us girls around. **Jan Crain, Linda Neely, Kay Sullivan, Nancy Peterson, Sandra & Brenda Parsons** and myself. He never quit trying to coach us, but we never improved, although Kay and Nancy were good golfers.

Then there were the Friday morning assemblies before the football games. No one at EHS needed mood-enhancing drugs, steroids, or energy drinks, for we had Coach Savage to stir us to a fever pitch. The Coach played the underdog card perfectly in those assemblies and we loved it. Lee Township Against the World!

I'd like to know what other teachers or coaches other classmates remember and why?

**Carol (Graney) DeChant**

**WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY?**



**Tom & Linda (White) Towers** are in Istanbul, Turkey. They are pictured in front of the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest covered markets in the world with more than 4,000 shops.

**1<sup>ST</sup> BASEBALL TITLE SINCE 1986**

East swept Hoover 13-7 and 13-1 in a baseball double header to win the Central Iowa Metro League title.

It was East High's first conference championship since 1986. East record of 29-4 tied a school record set last year for wins.

When East won its last title, the conference was known as the Metropolitan Conference. East has been in two leagues since then.

**DID SOMEONE LOSE SOMETHING?**



*Larry Fogelson-Shirley (Grant) Robinette-Larry Soloman-Jeanne (Miller) Carlisle seem to be looking for something on the ground.*

**EUREKA-THEY FOUND IT**



This is the limestone paver the Class of 56ö donated to the Memory Spiral.

The Memory Spiral serves as an outdoors classroom as well as providing seating for students, faculty and friends.

The stones could be engraved to honor an event, person or memory of your choice.

After the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion the committee chose to have a stone placed in the Memory Spiral simply saying the Class of 1956.

**THANKS FOR THE NEWSLINK & 50<sup>TH</sup>**

Just received another öGreat NewsLink: Then realized I'd never expressed my gratitude for all the efforts for our 50<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your faithfulness and I am looking forward to the 55<sup>th</sup>.

**Loretta (Woods) Ware**

Hi Shirley

I really appreciate everyone's hard work toward keeping the NewsLink coming out twice a year. I, like most others really enjoy reading it.

**Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING**

**Jerry Smith** For setting up the July Picnic

**Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman** – For the beautiful eulogy for **Kay (Johnson) Inman**

**Margaret Fogelson** – For proof reading, and helping me stuff, seal, stamp and label the NewsLink.

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

- Donald Lee Doughman Oct. 07**
- Gwendolyn (Brewer) Stubbs Nov. 07**
- Shirley (Knight) Wagner Jan. 07**
- Gene Lewis (sometime in the 60's)**
- Frances (Tulley) Malloy (sometime in 90's)**

They answer to a much higher roll call now, but their spirit will remain with us always as a part of the "Class of 56". They shall not be forgotten.

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**Spring – Dinner Get-together**

**Noodle Zoo**  
**2785 N. Ankeny Blvd.**  
**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**at 6:30 PM**  
**(Call committee: call Janeene with your totals by Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Another Picnic????**

Who wants to volunteer to set one up for maybe in May or June or October???????

Larry Fogelson and his lovely wife Margaret wish to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very:

Merry Christmas  
 And a  
 Happy New Year

