



East High "Class of '56" NewsLink

December 2009



DINNER GET-TOGETHER AT HILLTOP

Our fall dinner get-together was held at Hilltop Pizza and Restaurant on Monday September 28.

The attendance was outstanding, and a good time was had by all 47 who were there. There were a few new faces, and a few faces that we had not seen for a while, as well as the steady reliables.

There was some discussion about a 55th reunion. (more on this later)

Those in attendance were:

Norman & Suzanne (Samo) Newton-Mary Jo (Harris) Baker (class of 57) -Dale and Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler-Bill Foster & Shirley Selover-Glenn & Janet (Bales) Douglas-Phil & Barb (Lowe) Penn-Larry Hockersmith-Bill & Norma (Treanor) Burke-Mary (Crum) Moses-Larry & Jackie Solomon-Tom & Linda (White) Towers-Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Don & Arlene Spaw-Bob & Connie Trotter-Doyle & Sharon Ables-Chico & Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Nancy Belluchi-Jerry & Ruth (Cook) Hagg-Tom & Roberta Abbott-Becky & Jerry Smith- Bill McGriff & Beverly Reed-Larry & LaVae (Konz) Willson-Larry & Margaret Fogelson-Jerry & Carole Hall-JoAnn (O'Boyle) Shelley-Bud Robinette-Janice Webber

After several requests, the next dinner get-together will be at the same place.

When: **MONDAY APRIL 26, 2010
at 6:30 PM**

Where **HILLTOP PIZZA & RESTAURANT
2820 HUBBELL AVE.**

KUDO'S AGAIN TO CALL COMMITTEE

Thanks to your efforts we had another great turnout. **Ruth (Cook) Hagg-LaVae (Konz) Willson-Don Spaw-Jerry Smith-Linda (White) Towers and Janeene (Miller) Carlisle. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL AGAIN.**

AN ARTIST



Jean Allstead with son Jeff Rider at Heritage Gallery

Jean standing with youngest son Jeff at the Heritage Gallery in Des Moines. Jeff had a one man show consisting of 70 paintings. Jeff has received recognition in mixed media and other divisions as well as Best of Show at the Iowa State Fair.

Jeff now teaches Art Classes and Jean is one of his pupils. Jean recently had a small water color in a show. Jean says she is rather a late bloomer, although those who know her well would say that is no surprise. She earned her bachelor's degree at age 40, and her Masters degree at age 46. Jean says she has spent her career as an aging specialist-but now says she is just aging.

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

Wilma (Richards) Barnes	06/28/09
Nancy Bishop	08/06/09
Shirley Mae (Shultz) King	09/19/08
Theron (Bud) Strait	07/18/09
Eleanor (Waltz) Snow	???

They will answer to a higher roll call now!

LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE



Tom & Roberta Abbott visited “The Little Brown Church in the Vale” in Nashua, Iowa this fall. Accompanied by the **Fogelson’s**, they also visited Harpers Ferry, Decorah, Spillville, and the Laura Ingalls Wilder park and museum in Burr Oak, IA; They also visited Prairie du Chien, WI. On their way home they stopped at the Amana Colonies for dinner during the Oktoberfest.

SCHOOL SPIRIT ON DISPLAY



Seniors Tom Young and Spencer Smith attend to rolling up the East High School Flag after a football game. Unfortunately, East lost to Valley in this game.

MANY FINE MEMORIES

I was so saddened by the passing of **Nancy Bishop**. She died of breast cancer. Her ashes were

spread over the mountains near Denver, CO. where she lived for many years. Many will remember that she did attend the 50th reunion. I have many fond memories of all the good times we had in school.

Doris (Steffenson) Harrington

THE CARDINAL’S LITTLE ATTENDANT



Mary Lou Katzmann (far right) was an attendant for her Uncle Maynard Boatwright’s coronation as Cardinal at East High in 1944. Her uncle Maynard will be honored in 2010 by being elected into the East High Athletic Hall of fame for his Field and Track exploits.

Editor’s note: I had the privilege of working with Maynard on the Fire Department for many years. He is a truly remarkable individual and a good friend. I Mary, I love those curls and bows!

REUNION COMMITTEE AT WORK

A committee consisting of: **Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Janet (Bales) Douglas-Larry Fogelson-Larry Solomon-Linda (White) Towers-Robert Trotter-and LaVae (Konz) Willson** have met several times in regards to a 55th reunion. We need

input from you, what do you want, and will you come? How fancy or casual do you want it???????

Please let us know!

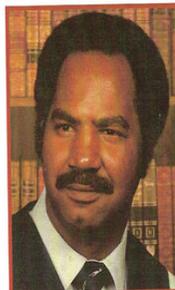
DECEASED DJ IN EHS HALL OF FAME



Dic Youngs (Youngsy) was an outstanding athlete at EHS and is in the Alumni Hall of Fame as well as the Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association Hall of Fame. He was on the air for 5 decades, and performed several wacky stunts for charity fundraisers. He also knew or met many famous entertainers. Dic was a couple years behind us, but was very well known and a huge supporter for EHS. Dic passed away 10/01/09

FOLLOWING ARE ALL HALL OF FAMERS

ONE OF EHS'S FOOTBALL GREATS



Chuck McQuery

Class of 1956

FOOTBALL – 3 TIME ALL STATE SELECTION

Chuck McQuery was an outstanding Football Player at East High School, being named to the Des Moines Register All State Football teams for 3 straight years. In Chuck's senior football season of 1955 he was named to the 1st Team All State "Elite Squad".

Des Moines Register called Chuck McQuery the finest all around prep Football player in the state. Chuck does everything well and he was the big cog in a fine East team which won the Des Moines and Big Six Conference Titles.

He played sensationally in every start, breaking away in all the big games for long touchdown runs. In the Championship game against Roosevelt in 1955, Chuck made 4 long touchdown runs, 3 of which came on 4th down.

Defensively he rated among the best in the State. He played Linebacker where he could use best his strong tackling ability and smothering pass defense. In tight games the Scarlets moved him to Defensive End, where he could best put pressure on opposing Quarterbacks.

Following his graduation from East in 1956, Chuck accepted a scholarship to play football for the University of Iowa.

Chuck is survived by family members: Brother – Donald McQuery
Sons – Chuck Jr., Chuck III, Tony, Anell.
Nephews – Charles Freeman and Jeff Cavil.

OUR VICE PRINCIPAL AND COACH



Wendell Webb

Coach 1946 to 1954

Wendell Webb coached Basketball, Football, Track, and Cross Country at East High School from 1946 to 1954. In 1946-47, Wendell was the Head Coach in Football, Basketball, and Track all in the same school year.

His 1948-49, East undefeated Basketball Team advanced to the State Tournament where they lost their first game of the season to Fort Dodge in overtime and finished with a 18 & 1 season record.

Wendell's 1949-50, East Basketball Team advanced to the Championship game of the 1950 State Basketball Tournament in Iowa City. They lost the Championship Game and finished State Runner Up with a 21 & 2 record.

Wendell attended Sioux Falls College where he received his BA degree, and then acquired his Masters Degree from the University of Iowa.
Wendell Webb served as Vice Principal at East from 1954 to 1962.

Wendell and his wife Frances are both deceased, and are survived by their children: Wendell Robert Webb, Linda Webb Koehn, and a deceased daughter, Marilyn Webb.

ANOTHER LONG TENURE AT EHS



Richard "Dick" Johnson

EAST ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ~ 1970 to 1993

East High Coach and AD for 39 years

Coach Dick Johnson began his coaching career at East High School in 1954 as the Head Tennis Coach and Assistant Coach in the sports of Football and Basketball.

East coaches who coached along side of Dick Johnson credit him for being a great teacher of fundamentals.

After serving in the US Paratroops, Dick attended Drake University and received his B.S. degree in Education and his Masters Degree in Biology. Dick Johnson became the Athletic Director at East in the fall of 1970, and served in this position for 23 years. He was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame.

Dick retired from East High School in the Spring of 1993, after 39 years of service. Dick and his wife Doris, have two daughters: Judith Carter and Joni Speros.

PLAYED A LOT WITH OUR 56 TEAM

JIM THOMAS

Class of 1957

FOOTBALL – 1ST TEAM ALL STATE

Jim Thomas was a 1st Team All State Football Selection as a halfback in 1956.

He set a new Des Moines scoring record with 109 points in eight games. He was known as a brilliant pass receiver and open field runner. He scored in every game, and on many occasions scored 4 touchdowns. In 1956, Jim rushed for 1,118 yards and had another 312 yards in pass receptions.

Jim, also was a great defensive player for the Scarlets. He led the team in tackles and also served as the punter.

Jim also excelled in Basketball and Baseball, for the Scarlets, and was selected 1st Team All City in both sports.

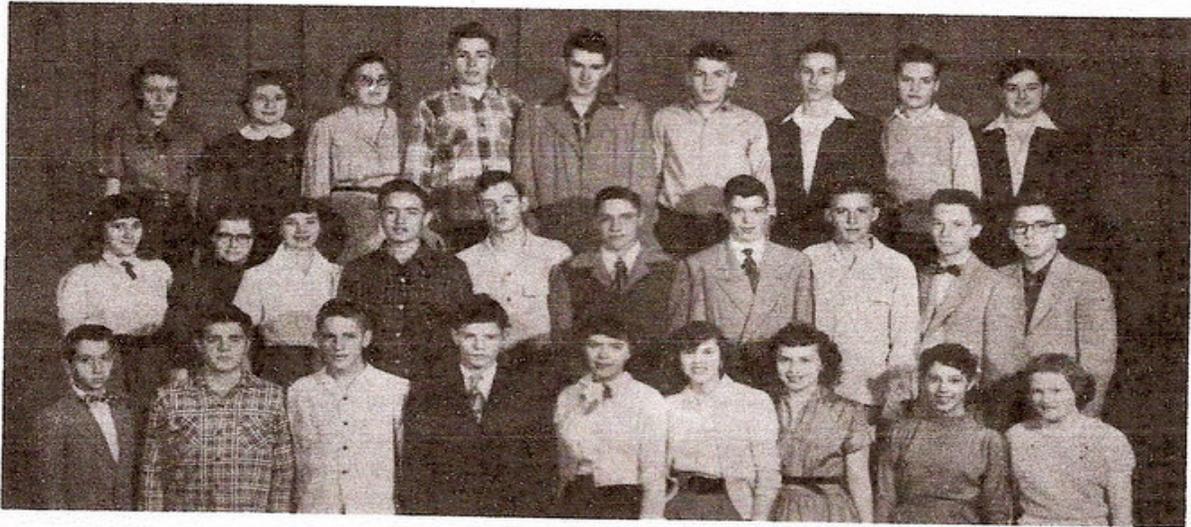
After graduation from East, Jim attended Wesleyan University in Middleton, Connecticut, where he received his BA degree. He then earned his Law Degree from Yale Law School.

After several prestigious employment positions, Jim was appointed Associate Dean of Yale Law School. He held this position for 35 Years. Although he is officially retired, he still is very active by serving as a Director and or Trustee on several boards.

Jim is married to Deborah, and has a brother John, also an East graduate. Jim enjoys golf and fishing and has also been Inducted into the East "Alumni Hall of Fame".



Several classmates had requested pictures of the Woodrow Wilson Junior High January Class of 1953. **Doris (Steffenson) Harrington** has provided the following for your enjoyment.



Front: Harold Boyd – Robert Schoonover – Bubby Bellis – John Bayte – Velma Williams – Carol O'Neil – Marilyn White – Diane Rivas – Marilyn Matheson

Middle: Arlene Reeves – Ramona Robuck – Sharon Beltsey – Tom Pierick – Paul Blachley- Conrad Mashke – Norman Jesse – Marvin Cole – Ron Larson – Jerry– Robert Warrick – Sam Grylls – Dick Bain – Jerry Billings – David Bailey –Jim Smith

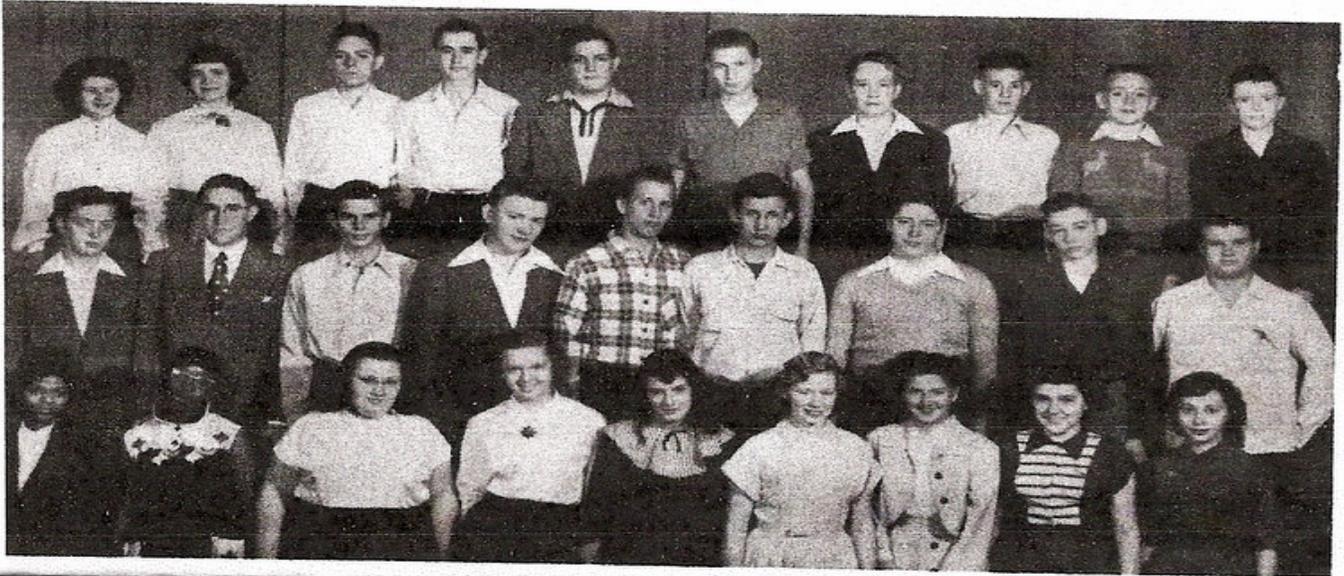
Top: Jean Boylan – Nondalee Harlan – Donna Clemens – Robert Warrick – Sam Grylls – Dick Bain – Jerry Billings – David Bailey Jim Smith



Front: Beverly Cherry – Nancy Bishop – Shirley Jones – Hazel Harmon – Sharon Burris – Harriet Reed – JoAnn O’Boyle – Eugene Davis – Terry Rushing
Middle: Margaret Walker – Erwin Nixon – Robert Patterson – Everett Henderson – Danny Brady – Jack Neades – Bunnie Robuck – Jim McClelland – Shirley Lowder
Top: Joyce Harvey – Karen Anderson – Gene Lewis – Phyllis Loll – Patty Tassin – Dennis Ross – Dick Mendenhall – Marcella Burton – Clark Hussman – Sharon Turner



Front: Lois Bengston – Gloria Snyder – Virginia Blaine – Lilly Rose – Inara Jakobsons – Doris Steffenson – Marilyn Day – Rae Atkinson – Geraldine Hobbs = Wanda Cozad
Middle: Judy Ridgeway – Delores Carson – Elizabeth Schoonover – Barbara Fox – Larry Solomon – Tom Scott – James Hamilton Jack Good – Jack Graves
Top: Bonnie Galenbeck – Mary Ellen Monaco – Don Sullivan – Jack Collins – Don Sherod – Phillip Anderson – Ronald Senecaut



Front: Jackie Higgins – Nina Graves – Mary Jane Datema – Anette Anderson – Etha Peneger – Barbara Kooker – Sharon Brown
Gladys Riddle – Beverly Adams
Middle: Jack Wolfkill – Jerry Larson – LeRoy Beebe – Ronnie Sallade – Danny Mathews – Jack Parsons – Wesley Canfield – Edward
McCartney – Tom Lane
Top: Ruby McClain – Mary Galenbeck – Darrell McCuen – Keith Bowman – Warren Baldwin – Lester Dawson – Bill Kirchner –
Gene Hyler – Dale Parker – Jim Davis

RE; WALLACE ELEMENTRY PICTURE

You are paying attention out there. I had two people **Ron Maigaard & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle** identify the girl in the back row between **Charles Sexton and Billy Zacher** as **Judy Hanson. Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler and Tom Fjelde** identified the girl with the braids between **Billy Zacher and Larry Gilliland** as **Doris Glidewell.**
Good job folks, you all deserve an A.

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Thank you for your donations to keep the NewsLink coming. Without your contributions this would not be possible.

My apologies for not recognizing the following individuals for their contributions in the June 2009 NewsLink, my only excuse is my lack of organization. I assure you that it is my personal desire to give everyone credit. Those names were:
Jerry Brown – Larry & Georgia (Vergos) Larson – Lyle Simpson – Sharon (Whitehead) Stillwell

The following names have made contributions since June:

Jean Allsteadt – Kay (Edwards) Alcantar – Diane (Kruzich) Bryan – Norma (Treanor) Burke – Eugene Davis – Carol (Graney) DeChant – Jan (Holman) Green Ruth (Cook) Haag – Johnnie & Shirley Johnson – Theresa (Hodges) Lowman – Yvonne (Miller) Nauman Doris (Glidewell) Sanborn – Kenneth Viggers

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VISIT LETTINGTON'S WEBSITE

Go to Tom Lettington's Website and see all the EHS things he has on there. Pictures, articles, Quills, NewsLinks, etc. Now some are in color!

www.ehs56.org Great job Tom!

SOME ON THE MEND-SOME STRUGLING

Nancy (Lund) Belluchi –Started taking chemo for cancer

Rev. John Hill – Recovering from a blood clot.

Yvonne (Miller) Nauman- Still recovering after 3rd knee replacement.

Please say a prayer for our classmates, and drop them a line to let them know you are thinking of them.

Next Dinner Get-together

Monday April 26, 2010 at 6:30 PM

At

Hilltop Pizza & Restaurant

EHS 55TH REUNION

Planning going on now. Get your thoughts to one of the committee members. **NOW**

My lovely wife Margaret and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely wish each and every one of you a very

**Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year**

Or

**The happiest of the
Holiday Season
what ever your belief
might be.**