

EHS Missing Link '56

Fall - 2024
John Carr - Editor

Here's a bit of irony. Two of the people I had written about last issue were not at home when the newsletter arrived. Harvey Thompson was in Texas and our traveling Texan was in Mexico. Mevelyn Richardson was in Huatulco, Mexico for over 2 weeks celebrating her daughter-in-laws 50th birthday and Harvey and Eddie were in Dallas celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary. When he told me about it, Harvey chuckled and said, "She was lucky to get me." (The lump on Harvey's head was gone in about five days.)

Mevelyn responded with a card and a couple of items for this issue and she included a check with a suggestion I should get it to help pay my salary for putting out *the line* which I promptly passed on to Bob Trotter. (Connie said he was still laughing 10 minutes after he hung up the phone.)

LeRoy Law passed away April 15. He had wanted to play professional football but was injured in one of the games and prevented that. Over the years, I ran across him when I sold supplies to both Wallace Homestead and Meredith Printing, and later on when he joined the Northside Senior Center. We have a Friday jam session where the seniors take turns entertaining the other seniors. LeRoy always wanted to dress up and 'ruin' various songs and somehow would get me involved. He served as Superintendent of Horseshoes at the Iowa State Fair, Director of Iowa Senior Games Horseshoes and was inducted into the Iowa Hawkeye Pitchers Association Hall of Fame in 2008.

From Lyle Simpson, attorney to Simpson, Jensen, Abels, Fischer & Bouslog, P.C.

Among other things, he graduated with an L.L.B. and J.D. from Drake University Law School. He spent 30 years in the Military Reserve, 13 years as an Army Signal Corps Officer in the Iowa National Guard and 17 years as a JAG Reserve Officer, retiring having qualified as a Navy Judge. Lyle has contributed one-third of his time to our society through the service of our country, our community, and for non-profit and charitable organizations.

He has authored two books. He has been involved with the East High Alumni Association and inducted in to the East High Hall of Fame.

He spear-headed the East High Class of 1956 Scholarship program. I, personally and I'm sure the entire class wishes to thank him for all his effort and for all he has done.

I have been "informed" by the entire "Trotter family" that Connie does not "roll her eyes" but rather uses "air quotes" where she holds up two fingers of each hand in the air to "emphasize" her point. I have not had the opportunity to "watch" a Trotter conversation, but Connie is a very talented person and I have seen the "eye roll". Or is it "eyes roll"?

How do you know if you could be going deaf?

When it's "hear" today and gone tomorrow.

There's a rumor FedEx may merge with UPS. The new company will be call FedUP

Website
www.ehs56.org

Your presence is requested for a gathering of the clan on the hill. The EHS Class of '56 will converge with conversation, cuisine, and cake, with several: "What did you say"? and "Huh"? at the:

Hilltop Restaurant
2820 Hubbell Ave.
Monday – September 23rd
11:30 A.M.
BYOD
(Bring Your Own Donation)

Last luncheon had the following participants:

Kay (Edwards) Alcantar
Norma (Treanor) Burke
Barbara Johnson Brown
John Carr
Alfreda (Moore) Emery
Carol Adams & John Jones
Jerry Hall
Bob & Connie Trotter
Larry & Karen Watkins
JoAnn (Brady) Wilson

We wish to thank those who are able to contribute to the cause to keep us "linked together":

Norma (Treanor) Burke
Tom Lettington
Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson
Lois (Bingston) Thompson
Larry Watkins
JoAnn (Brady) Wilson
John Carr

If you are a regular reader then you know you may send contributions to:

Robert Trotter
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We lost two classmates:
JoAnn (O'Boyle) Shelley (2/24)
LeRoy Law (4/24)

Our records are kept in a climate controlled wine cellar in California, but you can reach out to Tom Lettington at the website posted on the masthead for past memories.

As for me, my little brain isn't very bright, but you can send your stories in and I will try make them write:

John Carr
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A note from Carole Olsen:
Dear John-

I just want to let you know how much your thoughts about Harold meant to me.

East High and especially the Class of '56 was always close to his heart.

We even moved once so our son could attend East High.

Again, thank you for your kind words in the '56 newsletter.

Carole Olsen

The 2024 EHS All-Alumni Scarlet Celebration was a success! Our new 2024 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees are: Anesa Buchanah (1999), David Maxwell (1989), Kris Young (1969), Marcia Wanaaker (1968), and Mike Zelenovich (Honorary Scarlet). The EHS Alumni Foundation awarded \$226,000 in scholarships to 68 deserving students. Nancy Elliott introduced the new Cheerleading Scholarship, expanding our support for EHS students. The EHS Golf Classic raised \$43000 to support various needs at East High School. Our oldest attending graduate was Geraldine Daniels from the Class of 1944. Mark you calendars for the 147th EHS Scarlet Celebration on Saturday, June 7, 2025.

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That's my "SOS" call for people to send in items, articles, updates, any information to add to the "Link". "SOS" has become shorthand for just about any emergency. You may have heard that it stands for "save our ship" or "save our souls," but that's actually a backronym, or an acronym made up after the fact. The letters in "SOS" didn't initially stand for anything, they were originally chosen because they form a sequence of Morse code that can be transmitted more quickly than others. All I'm trying to do is get you to send things to prints twice a year.

Who was it that said "The journey of a thousand miles begins with first step? Someone who couldn't afford an Uber driver.

Blue Whale, the largest extant animal, is also thought to be the largest animal to have ever lived on Earth. These leviathans feed on krill, and can consume up to 500,000 calories per mouthful, have you ever seen Bill Foster eat?

The Gateway arch memorial marks St. Louis' role in the westward expansion of the United States during the nineteenth century. It commemorates Thomas Jefferson, whose vision opened the West.

I used to do a self-published newsletter for the North Side Senior Center called "**Northern Exposure**"...they wouldn't let me do one for the South Side.

"Autosomal dominant compelling helio ophthalmic outburst" Syndrom.

BLESS YOU!

The very first Iowa State Fair was held in Fairfield Iowa in 1854, from October 25 – 27.

Toilet wine, also known as prison wine or pruno, is an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting fruit, sugar, water, and other ingredients in a bag. The bag can be submerged in warm water, such as in a sink or toilet, to activate the fermentation process. Personally, I'd be a little skeptical of the Peenot Noir.

Then there was the dinosaur that had hemmoids:
The Brontosoreass.

The word of the Day: Kinesis
Definition: Movement, motion.
Use the word in a sentence:
The old joke was, "My back goes out more than I do, now my kinesis is doing the same thing"

It was a toss-up between these two:
Denture cream for Auto Repair Shops:

Fix-o-dent
Denture cream for parrots:
Polly{wanna}grip

There's no voting, you're stuck with both of them.

It's pleasing to travel through life looking backward. You can see everything you care about that way. Everything looks better in hindsight--especially memories. They are, after all, the guaranteed asset of every human being's life. The love we have for our past is unrequited; to get real value out of your memories, use them to propel yourself forward; do something with the skills you have you have accumulated if life; anything is better than doing nothing, if you want to be nostalgic about something, be nostalgic about the future.

In Memoriam to Our Deceased Classmates
"GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN"

Doyle Ables (2023)
Danny R. Adams
Betty (Warren) Albright
Larry D. Anderson (2021)
Louise (Ellen) Anderson
Richard Bain
Wilma (Richards) Barnes
Gloria (Snyder) Baumgartner
John Beal (2018)
Buddy Bellis, Sr. (2022)
Madonna (Turner) Beal (2017)
Nancy (Meline) Beekman
Jerry Belluchi
Nancy (Lund) Belluchi (2015)
Reed E. Betts (2019)
Donald Biddle (2019)
Barbara (Elder) Bougher
Jerry Brown (2006)
JoAnn (Grylls) Brown
Joy (Sherod) Burns
Larry Butler (2018)
Harold Cahow
Janene (Miller) Carlisle (2022)
Jacqueline (Fitzgibbons) Carlson
Virginia (Blaine) Carlson
Karen (Peterson) Carmichael
Joan (Smith) Chance
Betty (Wiggins) Chapman
Eugene Clark (2021)
Nancy (Bender) Cimino
Robert H. Cisna (2020)
Jacqueline (Doyle) Collier (2021)
Lowell Cooper
Kenneth L. Cowie
Hazel (Harmon) Crocker
Marilyn (Overton) Davis
Orie (Dean) Dawson (2022)
Judy (Ridgeway) Denning
Donald Lee Doughman
Joyce (Baker) Doyle (2020)
Donald Dugan (2017)
Cathrine (Rodine) Duver (2015)
Harry Ellis
Elizabeth (Schoonover) Emanuel
Donna Belle Exline
Leslie J. Farrer (2024)
Jonita (Rizer) Fisher (2019)
Charles "Larry" Fogelson (2015)
Donna (Bennett) Glas
Paul Fritz Gould
Lola (Baker) Grandstaff (2017)
Delores (Carson) Guyer
Ruth (Cook) Haag (2022)
Dorothey (Angell) Hallberg (over)

Donald Kiefer
Kay (Sullivan) Kloppenburg (2022)
Larry C. Lane, Sr. (2011)
LeRoy J. Law (2024)
Carl Litle (2022)
DeeAnn (Brewbaker) Logan
Norman Long
Theresa (Hodges) Lowman
Susan (Bebe) Lupo
Janet (Beeman) Madsen
Frances (Tulley) Malloy
Louis G. Martin
Tom Mason
Steven McBrian (2017)
Edward McCartney (2021)
Kay (Baumann) McMain
Charles J. (Chuck) McQuerry
Gary R. Mines (2014)
Janice (Livengood) Mitchell
Mary Moine
Don Monson (2017)
Harmon Nolte
Lyle R. Norman (2022)
Darlene (Sanders) O'Keefe
Harold Olsen (2023)
Diane (Ballinger) Ott (2020)
Bill T. Owens
Robert D. Patterson
Tom Perrick (2021)
Deanna E. (Wheatly) Peterson (2015)
Barbara (Lowe) Penn (2018)
Gail (Black) Polson
Don Prugh
Nancy (Miller) Quillen
Dayton Rear
Gerald (Jerry) Reese (2023)
Conrad Rehard (2019)
Shirley (Grant) Robinette
Dennis Ross (2011)
Mary (Graeve) Ross (2019)
Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson
Raymond See
Larry Shanks
JoAnn (O'Boyle) Shelley (2024)
Mary (Wintersteen) Sherer
Don Sherod
Jeanne (Mabel) Simmons
Wendel S. Skinner
Carolyn (Gatewood) Smith
Darwin B. Smith (2020)
Jerry O. Smith (2022)
Phyllis (Butts) Smith
Ed Sondag
Don Spaw (2023)
Opal (Stepp) Stephenson

Barbara (Rose) Harlan (2020)
Charles Hastings
Rea Jean (Johnson) Hawxby (2019)
John Hill III (2019)
Patrica (Rounds) Hockersmith
Mary Lou (Carnal) Howard
Jacqueline (Middlekauf) Howser
Jerry Hull
Clark Hussman
Kay (Johnson) Inman
Jim Jacobson
Sharon (Gentry) Janssen (2017)
Tex Johnson (2018)
Carol (Langford) Jones

Don Stevens (2019)
Linda (Neely) Stickle
Donald Stillwell
Terry Stover (2021)
Theron "Bud" Strait
Dan Strosnider
Gwendolyn (Brewer) Stubbs
Janice (Crain) Stueckrath (2023)
John Sulllivan (2021)
Dale G. Taylor
Richard P. Thompson (2021)
Larry Tillman
Ray Treadway (2022)
Shirley (Knight) Wagner
Daryll E. Waters (2020)
Karen (Whitlatch) Wenell (2018)
Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler (2018)
Ronald Williams
Joseph E. Woxell Sr.
Noel Wright

Though they are gone, they will be in our hearts forever.

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June 2024

Robert Trotter
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Dear Robert,

In the past, you may have received – as an East High Alumni Foundation scholarship sponsor or lead contact – a thank you note from the graduating senior who received the scholarship award you are affiliated with.

Our Scholarship Committee decided to do something different this year, knowing you and others supporting your scholarship are most interested in learning who received the award, where they plan to continue their education, and the area of study they are pursuing. Fortunately, this is information our committee collects and verifies during the application, interview and final award stages of the process, which enables us to provide it on the students' behalf.

Your scholarship: Class of 1956 Scholarship

Student receiving your scholarship award: Chantae King

College plans: Undecided Major or area of study: Psychology

We are proud to report your East High Alumni Foundation awarded more than \$226,000 in scholarship awards to 68 deserving students. That is the highest dollar total our foundation has ever awarded, making a big difference in the lives of these students and families. That was very evident throughout this process as we became familiar with our scholars, and your scholarship has a great deal to do with that.

We truly appreciate your support. Please let us know if you have any questions on our scholarship program or the students who benefit from it.

Very kind regards,

Jeff White, EHS Alumni Foundation president
Class of 1987

Please share w/ your classmates

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