

# EHHS Missing Links of '56

When I received the "Classmates" letter about Larry Fogelson, and wanting someone to continue with the newslink he had put out for so many years, I offered my help. Bob Trotter and I got together and he said I should tell you about myself. I seem to have been interested in writing which began with the "Cat Tells," a publication from my grade school. My folks moved me from next door to the Avalon Theater at East 9<sup>th</sup> & Hull Avenue and I thought I was headed for Lincoln High but received a call from East wondering why I wasn't in school and since my friends and records were there (along with my mother's and two brother's records) I took the bus from SW 9<sup>th</sup> and Kenyon Ave. for a year-and-a-half and missed a lot of outside activities, but I was on the East High publications.

Graduation and time passes; some of us move on, some of us stay here and some of us get lost is the shuffle...I kind of did all three. I went to Brown Institute to be a radio announcer, came back, went to Grand View (worked on their publications), started my own business and DJ'd at night for 30 years, put out a newsletter for the North Side Senior Center since 2006—and here I am

I want to inform you, attempt to entertain you, bring you stories and information from other classmates, updates on who, why and where, and try to find some of those missing links of our youth and our adult lives.

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## NEWSLETTER COSTS

The cost to print and mail the newsletter is about \$3.50 per year per person. (I don't know why it is so much but I was told Janeene Carlisle has to mail the winter issue from Florida and the other from Las Vegas...it's in her contract.) We do want to thank all of you who have contributed and those who continue to do so. This is a list of those who have contributed recently (hope we didn't miss anyone):

Doris Rasmussen Richards  
Lyle Simpson  
Ray Treadway  
Harold Olsen  
Eugene Davis  
Jan Green  
Robert Warrick  
Dale & Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler  
LeRoy Law  
Larry Hockersmith  
Jan Webber  
Don Spaw

These and others will help keep the link together.

At last mailing we only had four returns. The mailing list we have was updated in December.

## Gathering the nuts in May...

Plans are being solidified for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary to coincide with East's annual gathering. We want to join in the school celebration on Friday and then do something special for the class of '56 on Saturday. If you have any ideas or suggestions about this, please let us know. You can drop a line or, Bob Trotter's toll free number is...I checked...apparently it's unlisted.

## DINNER TIME CHANGE

The next Hilltop dinner will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. For a long time it was six o'clock, but some of us have retired and so it have been moved up a half-hour.

There were over thirty at the April 27<sup>th</sup> dinner. This is from the sign-in sheet:

Bob & Connie Trotter  
Glenn & Janet (Bales) Douglas  
Chico & Kay (Edwards) Alcantar  
Jerry Smith  
Marlene Roberts Wheeler & Dale  
Larry & Jackie Soloman  
Larry & Karen Watkins  
Bill & Norma Burke (Treanor)  
Bill Foster & Shirley Selover  
Doyle & Sharon Ables  
Barbara Penn & Cindy (dau)  
Carl & Pat Little  
Carol Adams & John Jones (sp)  
Jean Allsteadt  
Don Spaw  
Jerry & Carole Hall  
John & Florita Sullivan  
Jan Webber & Larry Hockersmith  
Bette Lou (Raymond) Neal  
Janice (Holman) Green  
JoAnn (Brady) Wilson  
Jerry Schartner  
Judy Raymond ('59)  
"Bud" Robinette  
Janeene Carlisle

If you didn't know: There are murals at both entrances of Park Fair Mall and a new display downstairs having to do with Riverview Park. Various scenes cover the entire wall at the east side; the west depicts the area in earlier days. The display downstairs has items from Riverview Park.

We get notes from some of those who help defray some of the costs:

"Hi, Bob,  
As I get older I tend to forget things (not complaining, just happy to be able to later). Thanks to you and everyone involved in the Newslink. LeRoy (Law)"  
(LeRoy is still involved with horseshoes, but lately discovered that a pool cue is easier to toss.)

Ray Treadway included his new address along with his donation.  
925 New Garden Rd.  
Apt. 2405  
Greensboro NC 27410

(If you write to him and he didn't want you to...blame it on BT)

From Lyle Simpson:  
"Thank you so very much for your hard work keeping the Class of 1956 connected."  
He had a concern about our 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion and hoped it wouldn't be held over Labor Day weekend and preferred it in May about the time of the Association Annual Meeting.  
(As mentioned on the other page, we are working on this.)

DEANNA E PETERSON  
Tulsa, OK

Deanna E. (Wheatly) Peterson, 77, passed away on April 28 in Tulsa, OK. Deanna was born and raised in Des Moines. A 1956 graduate of East High School. Deanna was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Ora Wheatly, and her brother, Tom Wheatly. She is survived by her brother, Jack Wheatly (Ruby) of Ankeny; sisters, Madeline Morey and Charlotte Cox of Des Moines, and Kathleen (Tom) Lutz of Sarasota, FL, step-son Bruce Peterson, two grandsons and four great-grandchildren all of Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and their families. Family is having a Celebration of Life service July 5th in Des Moines.

## MAY I BE EXCUSED?



"Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My brain is full."

We use to have our once-in-a-while dinners on Fridays. Don Spaw has invited me on several occasions. The day always conflicted with my DJ work, but now they have been moved to Mondays, I only have conflict the first Monday of each month (Tues, Wed, Thurs, I help Bette Lou Neal with her dance classes through Adult Education), so I will be attending...what about you?

(Okay, to be fair, those that live in California or Florida can be given some slack.)

Actually, I found out that we have more attending our dinner outings than some of the younger classes.

Jerry Smith attended one of Bette Lou's dance sessions and there's a possibility he may have more than one left foot.

The song we sing at midnight to end one year and begin another is called *The Farewell Waltz*, most of us think of it as "Auld Lang Syne."

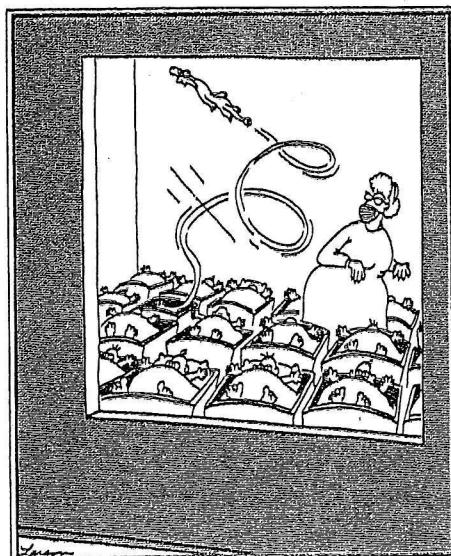
The shelter house on Saylor Road where we used to ice skate in the winter has been named "Ding Darling Shelter House."

## SPLITTING HAIRS

Until I start getting correspondence from some of you (or make stuff up about you) I will just tell about some aspects of my life or life in general.

When my family moved to E. 9<sup>th</sup> & Hull just after the war (my mother worked at Douglas Aircraft outside of Seattle), my next door neighbor was Harold Olsen. We hung out up through Warren Harding and we moved to the south side and I commuted daily, we lost track, and yet without talking to each other, we have stayed in contact. Harold goes to a barber Steve Savage, class of '67, who is married to the supervisor of the North Side Senior Center that LeRoy Law and I attend. (Harold's brother used to go) The center is next door to a beauty shop/barber shop, where "Smitty" and Wendy, two ladies who used to work for Sharon, who had a shop downstairs, in Park Fair Mall, a friend Gloria Ingorsoll, (class of '63) where I get my hair done; so in a round about way, Harold Olsen and I haven't really lost contact...unless you're splitting hairs.

Doris (Rasmussen) Richards and I went to Cattell School together, but again I lost track of her. I know she made it big in nursing:



Belly button slipknots

## CHARLES "LARRY" FOGELSON

Des Moines



Charles "Larry" Fogelson, 77, passed away Sunday, June 7, in Mesa, Arizona. Larry was born in Des Moines, graduated from East High School and attended Drake University where he was introduced to the love of his life Margaret Cota. Larry worked at City Hall and then as a Des Moines firefighter rising through the ranks to District Chief and retiring in 1993. He is also remembered for his part-time work at Irwin's Bike Shop, his charity work at St. Vincent de Paul, and his service as an Elk. The couple split their time between Des Moines and Mesa. Larry is survived by his wife, Margaret, their children, Deborah Jackson (David), Mike Fogelson (Monica), Jeffrey Fogelson; four grandchildren, Jennifer Jackson, Nyle Fogelson, Miles Fogelson and Megan Fogelson; sister, Betty Elliott; brother, Dale Fogelson; brothers-in-law, Tom Cota (Mary) and Ed Cota (Lois); sisters-in-law, Harriet Fogelson and Barb Hodge. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Helen; brothers, Don, Jerry, Robert, and Jack; sister, Mary Hodge; brothers-in-law George Elliott and Earl Hodge; and sisters-in-law, Nancy and Helen Fogelson; and grandson, Nick Jesperson. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, at Iles Westover, 6337 Hickman Rd. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, at St. Mary's, 4600 Meredith Dr. Donations can be made in Larry's name to the Des Moines Fire Department Honor Guard, 314 13th St SW, Altoona, IA 50009.



### In Memory of Larry Fogelson

Charles Larry Fogelson, a man of many names: C. L. Fogelson, Larry Fogelson, Foggie, Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Son, Brother, Chief, Exalted Ruler, Friend.

I first met Larry Fogelson in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Woodrow Wilson Jr. High. We continued our education together at EHS and graduated in June 1956. After Connie and I were married we purchased our first home on Twana Drive, little did we know Larry and Margaret lived up the street, about a block away. We renewed our friendship and our families became friends enjoying picnics together as well as our children playing and swimming together as they were close to the same age. The children attended the same schools and the boys played ball at Beaverdale Little League. Debra was the oldest and seemed to enjoy being "big sister" to our boys and her own brothers so we took her to Minnesota on one of our annual fishing trips so she could be with our sons while Connie and I went fishing in the early morning.

Larry was a proud EHS alumni and very much lived the school moto which is "service for humanity". He spent his career protecting and serving the people and property of Des Moines as a fire fighter becoming a district chief. In this service he willingly gave up many family activities; birthdays, holidays, school functions, ballgames, etc. in order to protect his community.

Larry enjoyed singing, playing golf, fishing, eating, cooking and watching the New York Yankees but most of all he enjoyed all of his children and grandchildren's activities.

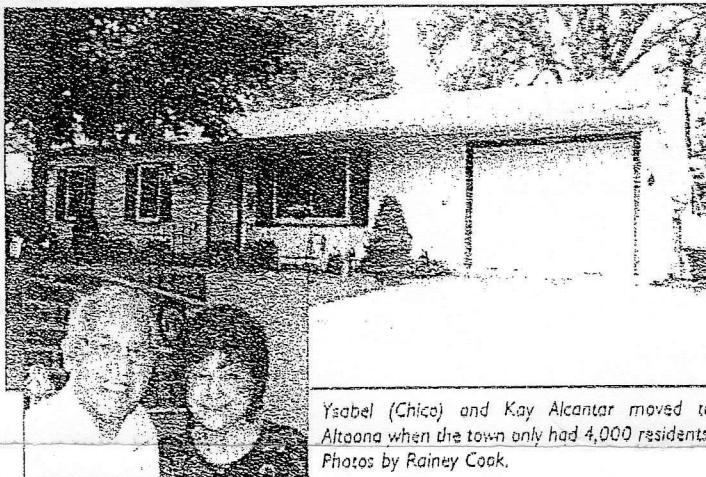
I can almost see it from here...Larry singing with the angels, tweaking St. Peter's golf swing and waiting for Rachel Ray to appear so he can show her how to make those delicious meat balls with spaghetti sauce and his infamous firehouse chili!

As Larry would say "gone but not forgotten".

I will miss you dear friend.

Bob Trotter

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Ysabel (Chico) and Kay Alcantar moved to Altoona when the town only had 4,000 residents.  
Photos by Rainey Cook.

## Altoona loyalty

Alcantars love the town, the people and the place

By Rainey Cook

If ever there was a town that had it all, it would be Altoona. Homeowners Ysabel (Chico) and Kay Alcantar have had fleeting thoughts of leaving, but moving has never come to fruition for them. They could never leave Altoona and all that it offers them.

"I love the town, the people and the pace," Kay says. "The small-town living that's close to the city is perfect for us."

In 2005 the couple purchased their ranch home from another couple — Kay's parents. Since then, they've managed to make the home their own by adding a family room and screened porch in the back. They've redone the kitchen with new cabinets and laminate flooring. There is a new roof and all new windows.

For a Mother's and Father's Day gift one year, their children landscaped the front and back yards including rock, bushes and small trees. The couple loves flowers that are hanging, potted or planted. They have rose bushes, tulips, violets and geraniums.

Soon, their annual summer picnic will be in full swing as all their children and grandchildren will gather to celebrate everyone

making it together once again. The home and backyard are large enough for 30-plus family members in the summertime, but that's not the case during the winter months. For their annual holiday party in December the couple rents Griff's RV Park for a potluck and games.

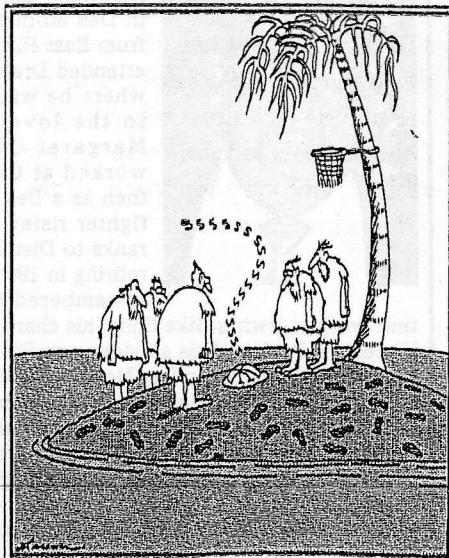
Throughout the year, Chico and Kay enjoy hosting card parties and furnishing a meal for as many as 10 people.

Kay retired in 2008, and her goal now is to be bored someday. She's very active and has more on her calendar now than she did when she worked full time. In his spare time, Chico enjoys upholstering. Away from home he is an active Shriner and can be seen in many parades across Iowa.

And still they like to come home to Altoona. They enjoy the quiet neighborhood, friendly people and proximity Altoona has to everything they do. The Alcantars moved to Altoona when the population was 4,000. Even a now-swelling population of 16,000 won't drive Chico and Kay away.

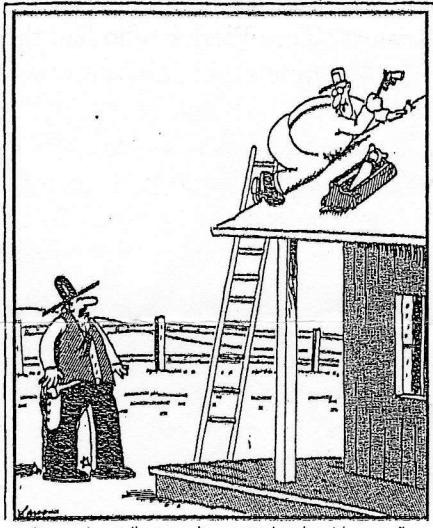
"We really don't plan on leaving," Kay says. "I have family here, and this is my home." ■

Does anybody remember what happened to the basketball team of 1956?



Was it Tom Pierick who took typing two semesters in a row and got 12wpm the first semester and 10wpm the second?

I understand there might have been some confusion when Don Stilwill first moved to Texas:



I can't remember names and  
I don't know the faces,  
Give me a name and  
I'll make up a story;  
But give me a face...  
And I'll let Janeene take the  
pictures.

I only write about what I can remember or what I can make up.

After we moved back from the south side, I had use of a car and decided to make some friends with the people I went to school with. One was this kid, he wasn't really athletic, not very muscular, more soft and ran like a girl, but I thought, "Hey, make friends" so I struck up an acquaintance and we palled around for a time. It wasn't until one of the dances that I noticed him dancing with one of the guys from school that I looked at the name tag and noticed the name was Mevelyn and not Melvin. That's when my mom took me to have my eyes checked. (At least I knew Janice Hammer was a girl.) I did call her Melvin though, just as a joke.

If you happen to get the chance, ask Lyle Simpson about when he was part of the ploy to hypnotize some girls. (Pre-East High.)

It wasn't Tom Pierick who had the 12/10wpm in typing class; it was Jerry Pearson.

My mistake, so like the man who was wearing orthopedic shoes said, "I stand corrected." (Bob Trotter thought Tom would just like to see his name in print.)

When I went to grade school, I made up a little jingle about where Doris Rasmussen lived from the school: "Two blocks north, turn to the right on the left hand side of the street." I only mention this because on the corner where I turned lived the Soderquists'. Dave graduated ahead of us and Charlie after us and their father was George, who became Fire Marshall. (Early unknown connection to Larry Fogelson.)

It's almost Fair time and the first Friday at The Bud Tent.

Ron Maigaard still owes me a quarter that he borrowed in Junior High to buy an eraser. (Room 201)

Harold Olsen, Arnold Erickson, and I would sometimes hang out at Don Monson's house. As I remember, Don used to hide things from his mother in the garage. I wonder if he still does those kind of things?



#### IS IT JUST ME?

Every time I 'reload' my weekly pill trough, I count the pills from one to seven as I put them in. (Each and every one of them.)

Genevieve O. Johnson was the gym teacher at Cattell School. She lived on the NW corner of E. 9<sup>th</sup> and Guthrie. On the same side at 2210 E. 9<sup>th</sup> was Simpson's grocery. Across from her (NE corner) is an apartment building owned by Mike Driscoll, who moved in next door to Harold Olsen and Mike is an East High grad and a retired fireman...another link to Larry.

I worked on the newsletter at East when they were adding the new section and came up with the idea of cutting the letters "N-E-W-S" out of the negatives, showing the corners as "NEWS." They cut the copies, but not the negatives, so it still printed as solid pictures... apparently no NEWS was good NEWS.

I hope you enjoy what is being done with the newsletter. I want you to get involved. I want to hear from you. I want your input and your anecdotes. Send me anything (even hate mail) that you would like to share. I can be reached by mail:

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Phone and text: (515) 277-8848. I will probably answer "Artisan Custom Framing, Helium House, and or Carr Tunes as I am still doing picture framing, renting helium tanks and playing music (mostly for older folks). You can my try E-mail; but that I may struggle with that, as I really don't know how to use the on line phone gadgets

Check Tom Lettington for new photos and stuffff he has at:  
[WWW.ehs56.org](http://WWW.ehs56.org).

# DO YOU REMEMBER?

## The Music of 1953

ANNA – Silvano Magano ANYWHERE I WANDER – Julius LaRosa APRIL IN PORTUGAL  
Les Baxter BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE – Mario Lanza C'EST SI BON – Eartha Kitt  
CHANGING PARTNERS – Patti Page CRYING IN THE CHAPEL – Rex Allen CRYING  
IN THE CHAPEL – Darrell Glenn CRYING IN THE CHAPEL – June Vali DOGGIE IN THE  
WINDOW – Patti Page DON'T LET THE STARS GET IN YOUR EYES – Perry Como  
DRAGNET – Ray Anthony EBB TIDE – Frank Chacksfield EH CUMPARI – Julis LaRosa  
GAMBLER'S GUITAR – Rusty Draper GLOW WORM – Mills Brothers  
HALF A PHOTOGRAPH – Kay Starr HAVE YOU HEARD – Joni James HO HO SONG –  
Red Buttons HOLD ME, THRILL ME, KISS ME – Karen Chandler I BELIEVE – Frankie  
Lane I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUSE – Jimmy Boyd I WALKING BEHIND YOU  
Eddie Fisher IT'S IN THE BOOK – Johnny Standley KEEP IT A SECRET – Jo Stafford  
LIMELIGHT – Frank Chacksfield MANY TIMES – Eddie Fisher MY LOVE, MY LOVE  
Joni James NO OTHER LOVE – Perry Como OH – Pee Wee Hunt OH, HAPPY DAY  
Don Howard OH, MEIN PAPA – Eddie Calvert OH! MY PA-PA – Eddie Fisher  
PRETEND – Nat King Cole P.S. I LOVE YOU – Hilltoppers RAGS TO RICHES – Tony  
Bennett RICHOCHET – Teresa Brewer RUBY – Les Baxter SANTA BABY – Eartha Kitt  
SAY YOU'RE MINE AGAIN – Perry Como SIDE BY SIDE – Kay Starr  
SONG FROM MOULIN ROUGE – Felicia Sanders & the Percy Faith Orchestra  
ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGONET – Stan Freberg STRANGER IN PARADISE – Tony  
Bennett TELL ME A STORY – Frankie Lane & Jimmy Boyd TELL ME YOU ARE MINE  
Gaylords THAT'S AMORE – Dean Martin TILL I WALTZ AGAIN WITH YOU – Teresa  
Brewer VAYA CON DIOS – Les Paul & Mary Ford WHY DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?  
Joni James WILD HORSES – Perry Como WITH THESE HARD TIMES – Eddie Fisher  
YOU ALONE – Perry Como YOU, YOU, YOU – Ames Bros. YOUR CHEATIN' HEART  
Joni James

This was taken from Billboard Chart Research and did not take in to consideration  
Country music, nor regional music.