



East High "Class of '56" NewsLink

December 2008



These Trivia answers and others will be at the end of Newslink

FALL DINNER AT HILLTOP

We had 32 people in attendance at the fall dinner get-together. We had some good conversation, reminiscing, and all in all, had a very good time.

The group voted to return to the Noodle Zoo in Ankeny for our Spring Dinner get-together.

Those in attendance were: *Chico & Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Bill Foster & Shirley Selover-Donna (Mumford) Eide-Larry & Margaret Fogelson-Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Norma (Treasor) & Bill Burke-Larry Hockersmith-Phil & Barbara (Lowe) Penn-Larry & La Vae (Konz) Willson-Jerry & Carol Hall-Tom & Linda (White) Towers-Don & Mary (Crum) Moses- Don & Arlene Spaw-Ruth (Cook) & Jerry Haag-Jerry & Becky Smith-Jerry & Diane (Ballinger) Ott & Arlyn Ballinger-Denny Ross*



Donna (Mumford) Eide-Shirley Selover-Bill Foster



Mary (Crum) Moses-Larry Hockersmith-Bill & Norma (Treasor) Burke-Don Spaw-Kay Edwards



Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Margaret Fogelson-Arlene Spaw

1. *What well known 1958 graduate is known as the "Old Youngster" on local Radio?*
2. *What football Coach gave EHS "10 City and 8 Big 6" Championships?*
3. *Name the only EHS student as of 1985 to ever win a state wrestling Championship?*



Janeene (Miller) Carlisle - Diane (Ballinger) Ott

The beautiful quilted wall hanging on the previous page was hand quilted out of 16 squares by **Diane (Ballinger) Ott**. It was then presented to me as an expression of appreciation for the NewsLink efforts and the Dinner get-togethers. I was speechless. Believe me when I say; "I will treasure it always".

IT RAINED ON OUR PARADE (PICNIC)

Jerry Smith graciously arranged a day at the Union Park Shelter house for our class picnic on Sept. 13th.

It had rained a lot on that day and was still raining at the time the Picnic was held. Several suggested that others had told them they were coming, but called to cancel because of the rain. Several suggested that it was their loss. Because it was high and dry in the Shelter House. 18 brave souls ventured out and had a good time and enjoyed a lot of very good food. Among some of the things I can remember were: *Meatloaf-Chicken-Roast Pork-Chili-Potato Salad-Pistachio Salad-Brownies-Doughnuts-Pies-Rolls-Corn Bread-and Toffee(made from the same recipe that those enjoyed at Warren Harding from Diane (Ballinger) Ott.*

Those in attendance were: *Jerry & Becky Smith-Sonny & Yvonne (Miller) Nauman-Buddy Bellis & Beverly Wade-Shirley (Grant) & Ray Robinette-Larry & Margaret Fogelson-Shirley Selover - Bill Foster Jerry & Diane (Ballinger) Ott-Chico & Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Don & Arlene Spaw.*



Buddy Bellis introduces his friend Beverly Wade to Margaret Fogelson

4. In what year did EHS Girls win State Basketball Championships?
5. Name the 1957 EHS Grad who received "g" letters in his 3 years at East?



Jerry Smith-Yvonne (Miller) Nauman-Ray Robinette



Jerry Ott-Sonny Nauman-Shirley (Grant) Robinette-Shirley Selover-Diane (Ballinger) Ott

NEXT DINNER GET-TOGETHER

As stated earlier, the group overwhelmingly voted to go back to the Noodle Zoo in Ankeny. This restaurant is owned by Kim Rushing and her mother and dad **Mary (Crum) Moses** and husband Don. We had a great time there last time as well as good food.

When: Monday-April 27th, 2008

6:30 PM

Where: Noodle Zoo

2785 N. Ankeny Blvd.

(about 1 mile north of 1st street in Ankeny on E. 14th. Go North of Dahl's until you see the Liberty Bank Bldg. on the east side of street. Turn east and Restaurant will be on right.

6. Name the Past Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court who graduated from East?
7. What annual event features a booth for students to have a "Mock Marriage?"

EAST HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

East High has started a Hall of Fame to honor great Athletes of the past. Their first inductions took place last February, the second group of inductees took place in September. Included in the new group of Inductees are:



Chuck McQueery- 1956 for Football and Track



Wendell Webb- Basketball Coach

Each inductee will have a 8ö x 10ö photo that will hang in a specially made wooden case in the school's cafeteria.

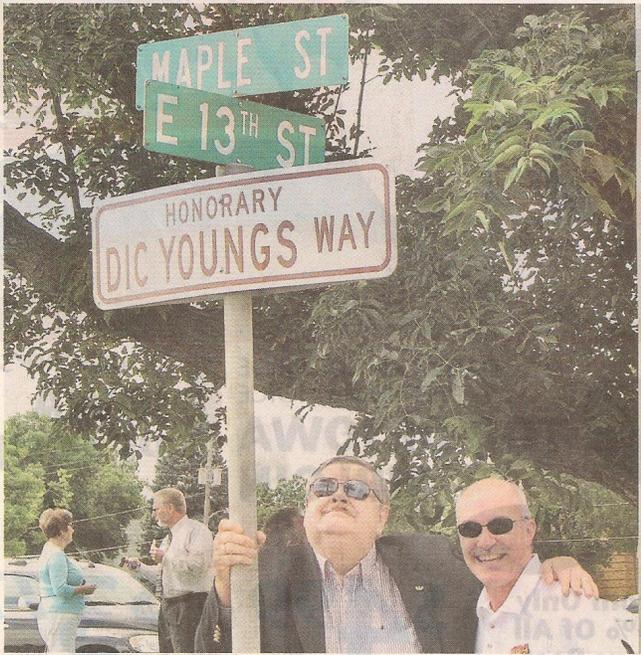
A RINGER TO BE SURE

LeRoy Law returned from York, Pa. in July having attended the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. There were 1,300 participants. LeRoy said they lobbied for the WT site for Cedar Rapids for 2010 and succeeded.

LeRoy says they play about noon each day during the Iowa State Fair. They also play at Holiday Park in WDM.

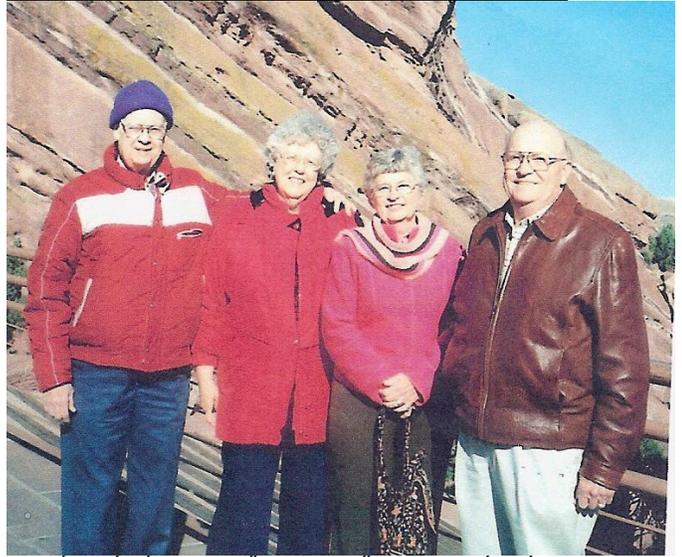
Larry Watkins has a group at the Des Moines Elks Lodge pitching horseshoes now. LeRoy says he and Larry would like anyone to join them, and perhaps they can teach you the fine points of the game. Try it you may like it.

SPECIAL DAY FOR SPECIAL DEEJAY



Longtime Des Moines radio personality Dic Youngs, center, and Tim Fox, program director at KIOA radio, stand at the newly named Dic Youngs Way on Des Moines' east side. Youngs received the honor at a Wednesday ceremony. Dic Youngs Way is a section of Maple Street near his alma mater, East High School. He grew up about half a block away. Youngs developed an interest in radio while excelling in football, basketball and baseball at East High. Youngs currently hosts a Saturday night show on KIOA's sister station, KRNT.

A GOLDEN MOMENT – (COLORADO)



Gordon & Sharel(Tuers) Spendlove - Kay (Sullivan) & Dave Kloppenburg

Enjoying the scenery around Golden, Colorado

WALLACE ELEMENTRY SCHOOL 1948-1949



I was not given a name list to accompany this photo --- But I think I recognize about 8 or so.

LOVES 3 SEASONS OF MINNESOTA

Next year I am going to retire. I want to find someplace for the winter where it never snows. I love the Spring, Summer, and Fall, but Northern Minnesota in the winter; forget it!!! The kids threw a 70th birthday party for me. We had a great time, very exhausting but very good. Tell everyone hi, and I am already planning for the 55th.

Sandra Parsons

8. *Name the 1943 Grad who became a medical doctor and served as the football team doctor- later was the Polk County Medical Examiner?*
9. *In what year did EHS join the "Big 6" in football?*
10. *What teacher always drew a coat hanger on the chalkboard and threw his coat at it?*

The kids wanted to know what I wanted for my 70th birthday. I said to go home for the Iowa State Fair. All the relatives and friends made this a very special celebration.

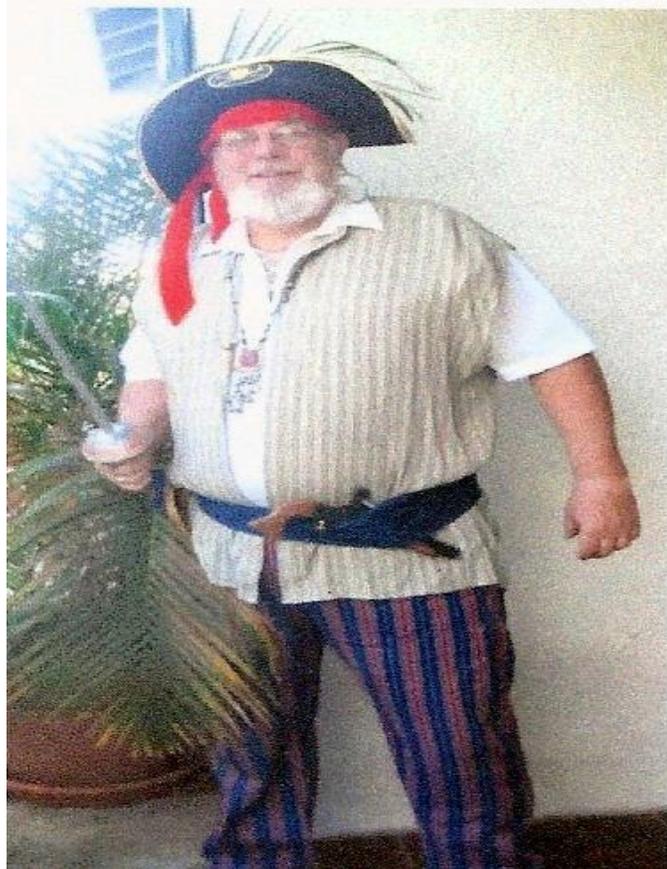
Mike and I ended the year with a Mediterranean Cruise out of Civitavecchia, Rome. We saw all the ruins, Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica, Fontana di Trevi to name a few. We visited most of the do's between Genova to Florence. Cinque, Croatia, and Genova were pleasant surprises. Mike's favorite was the drive along the Amalfi Coast, and mine was the charming hilltop city of Taormina in Sicily. The Pompei ruins were absolutely unimaginable. Love and God Bless. May we keep the true meaning of Christmas always present in our hearts.

Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman
AHOY YE LANDLUBBERS

WOW-SIGHTSEEING & SHOPPING

I finally retired after 31 years of teaching Speech/Theater at the University of the Virgin Islands. I have started a new career as a Pirate Captain. I am working for a company called Pirate Harbor Tours and spend most of my days on a vessel called The Queen Ann's Revenge. Harrgh Matey, they calls me Captain Greybeard. Harrgh.

I invites me school chums that might be on a Caribbean cruise to join me on me boat. Harrgh.



Captain Greybeard (aka) Dennis Parker

I really enjoy every issue of the NewsLink, and wished I lived close enough to come to some of the Dinner Get-Togethers.

11. *What wrestler, broke his collarbone in 1958, went to state in 1959, and then later returned to East as "Coach"?*
12. *Which four consecutive years did the girls basket-ball team hold the metro title?*

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

Jolane (Wickersheim) Kirby May 2007
 Patricia (Rounds) Hockersmith Sept 2008
 Wendel S. Skinner

Wendel Webb (Vice Principal) 2008

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PATTI HOCKERSMITH

Patti and I became dear friends during our Sophomore year at East High School. I recall many fond memories of our high school years, slumber parties, Pizza House, Babe's pizza, and Patti's dad, "the good hearted cop" always looking out for us.

Patti and her husband Larry have always been devoted to each other and their families. This love continued for 52 years.

Although I have not lived in Des Moines for many years, we still kept in touch with each other. Patti was a kind, thoughtful, caring and unassuming woman. We will remember Patti's commitment and dedication in helping to organize the events and reunions for the East High Alumni Association "Class of 56".

I feel privileged and honored to have been Patti's friend for all these years. "Thank You Patti."

Patty (Jones) Mondike

GREAT MEMORIES OF 50TH

It is with a great deal of sadness that I report to you that my wife Jolane (Wickersheim) Kirby, passed away in May of 2007.

She often reflected on the great time she and I had at her 50th class reunion event. She was particularly proud of being the only woman to brave the cold weather at the reunion golfing event. Memorials could be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

(www.pancan.com)

John Kirby

ON THE MEND – AND OTHER LOSSES

Ruth (Cook) Hagg - Broken Arm during summer

Yvonne (Miller) Nauman 3rd Knee Replacement

Janet (Bales) Douglas husband Glen recovering from stroke.

Larry Anderson also recovering from Stroke.

Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson's husband Richard was killed in an Auto Accident during the summer.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLINK

The following individuals have made monetary contributions which keep the NewsLink coming to all the Class of 56. Thank You!

Contributors whose names were omitted in the June NewsLink edition.

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PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

Go to **Tom Lettingtons** Web-site to see all the information on East High and the ðClass of 56ð that he has on there. You can see most items on there in Color including the NewsLink. You must see the quilted Wall Hanging in Color. It is absolutely Gorgeous. **Thank You So Much For Everything That You Do Tom!.**

www.ehs56.org

Also, follow Tom's instructions to get your email on there or any change in your email

QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Richard "Dic" Youngs
2. Coach Bob Savage
3. Ted Tuinstra
4. 1978-79
5. Chuck Collins
6. C. Edwin Moore
7. Spinster Spree
8. Dr. Jack W. Hatchitt
9. 1942
10. Minnekus Schakel
11. Tom Lutz
12. 1978-79-80-81

These quiz questions come from a game given to me by Shirley Selover called "Trifles" Basically it is on the history of East High School. If you like it there will be more trivia questions in the future.

I would like to thank my Lovely Wife Margaret for all her continued help with the NewsLink, and especially her help in taking care of me while I was recovering from a triple bypass, and pacemaker implant this summer. She has the patience of Job.

From both of us to all of you!

*A Very
Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year*