



# Ames High School Alumni Newsletter

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## Scholarships increased, \$5,000 awarded

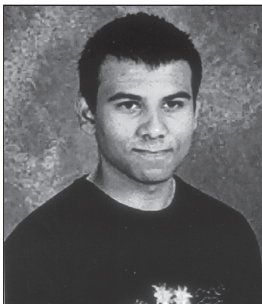
Thanks to increased donations by AHSAA alumni, to the Memorial Fund and to the AHSAA in general, the AHSAA was able to award five \$1,000 scholarships this year to deserving AHS seniors. Scholarships are awarded based on grade point, student involvement and financial need. Two scholarships were funded from memorials received and awarded to second-generation seniors. Three scholarships were funded from general AHSAA donations. Congratulations to these outstanding AHS seniors. Thank you to all alumni whose donations made these scholarships possible!



**Caitlin Herrnstadt** is the daughter of Steven '71 and Mary (Healy) '72 Herrnstadt. Caitlin was active in choir, dance, drama, Junior and Senior Senate. She was in the National Honor Society, an AHS Ambassador and a Senior Mentor. She will attend the University of Minnesota to pursue a major related to history, writing and cultures.



**Katie Kramer** is the daughter of Dwight and Zoeann (Adams) '71 Kramer. Katie participated for four years in Cross Country, Basketball, Track and Softball. She was also a member of Senior Girls Club and of P.E.P.P.E. which helps mentally challenged students in P.E. She will pursue a career in Physical Therapy or Sports/Fitness Management.



**Muhammad Rahim** was active in Key Club, DECA, 100th Green Butterfly, Amnesty International, Chess Club and Track. He

volunteered at church and at the Ames library. He will attend Iowa State University.



**Debbie Bennett** was involved in Fall Cheerleading, DECA and Basketball. She was an AHS Ambassador, a Senior Mentor and in

Senior Girls Club. She will attend college in Iowa studying Business Management and Fashion Design.



**Rachel Davis** was involved in Fall Cheerleading, DECA and Senior Mentors. She was co-chair for the Homecoming committee and

for the Senior Girls Club. She will attend Iowa State University studying Business/Marketing.

## Latest Honorees

James Duea, a retired Social Studies teacher, and John Sletten, a retired English teacher, were named AHS Honorary Alumni prior to the start of the June 27th Ames High baseball game. Both are highly successful track coaches.

Jim coached girls' track at AHS for 22 years. His teams won seven state championships (five outdoor and two indoor). They were conference champions 13 times. Jim continues to coach sophomore football and boys' track.

John has been coaching boys' track and cross country at AHS for 36 years. His track teams have won nine outdoor state championships and his cross country teams have won five state championships. His track teams have won 24 conference championships and his cross country teams have won 17 conference championships. Although he has retired from coaching cross country, he continues to coach boy's track.



And ...  
Congratulations  
to all  
343 graduates  
in the  
Ames High School  
Class of 2006!

## 1956 Team Honored

On September 8, the undefeated 1956 AHS Football team was honored. Fifteen team members and three cheerleaders returned. The 1956 team had a record of 8-0 and was arguably the best Ames High team ever. They were coached by legendary coach Ken Wells, who was assisted by Hi Covey and Wally Linn. The highlight game of the season was a 27-14 win over #2 Des Moines Roosevelt under the lights at Drake Stadium. The Little Cyclones were rated #1 in the Register's season end poll.

The 51-player roster had 17 who participated in college athletics and ten who played college football. Four first team all-staters, Chuck Lamson, Bill Stuart, Ben Fellows, and Larry Munson, were on this team as well as two others, Dave Sucher and Stan Scholl, who made an all-state team. One, the quarterback AND middle linebacker, Chuck Lamson, played five seasons in the NFL.

### Jack Smalling '58



**Front:** Bob Covey, Bob Callahan, Denny Fain, Pete Getz, Jack Stevens, Ed Bomberger, Larry Evans.

**Middle:** Cheerleaders Pat (Smith) Blaker, Patti (Miller) Nervig, Dorothy (Van der Wilt) Kilstrom.

**Back:** Roger Jones, Chuck Kilstrom, Dick Clem, Ben Fellows, Marv Berry, Jim Dresser, Jack Smalling, Dave Sucher.

## Walker Reunion 2006

Approximately 25 alumni and their spouses gathered at the City Park Shelter in Walker, Minnesota, on Sunday, August 6. It was a sunny, windy day on the shores of Leech Lake.

Ken Torrey '61 was the only first timer this year. Also potlucking were Jack '49 and Barb (Teig) '54 Adams, Don '53 and Ann (Lee) '53 Harris, Jill (Anderson) Farry '54, Maryn (Searls) Rogge '56, Carol (Wells) Emery '54, Gordy Hertz '56, Virginia (Cunningham) Gordon '49, Margo (Dunlap) Reeg '61, Jack '57 and Carole (Walsh) '59 Stevens, Martha (Groth) Winter '58, and Jack Smalling '58. Gordy Hertz came the furthest from California. Carol Emery traveled a few blocks from her home. She's a school board member in Walker.

### Jack Smalling '58

## Alumni Still Aiming High

**Ada Hayden '1904 and John Madson '41** are two of nine key figures in Iowa conservation history who are commemorated with "memorial boulders" at Ada Hayden Heritage Park in Ames. Hayden provided the foundation for the modern prairie preservation movement. Madson was a longtime collector of stories depicting how events in the natural world affected people's lives.

**David Stone '61**, Machinist Mate Second Class, who died May 22, 1968, aboard the nuclear attack submarine USS Scorpion, was remembered in a full military-style memorial service May 21 at the Ames Municipal Cemetery. A group of submarine veterans put on the service. A book has been written about the Scorpion which was mysteriously lost with all 99 hands and which the Navy has never identified an official cause.

**Kathy Svec '66** was named the 2006 Queen of Main Street in Ames. She was chosen as the woman whom would best represent the Main Street Cultural District. Svec is president of the Ames Historical Society and has served on the Ames Community Arts Council Board for many years.

**Kenneth Madden '71**, Master Sergeant, United States Air Force, retired, as an Aerospace Science instructor at John Jay High School in San Antonio, Texas, was awarded the Outstanding Instructor Award for 2005-2006.

**Michael Maroney '73** has been awarded the Samuel F. Conti Faculty Fellowship award for excellence in research in Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

**Susan (Engen) Heinzeroth '80** received the 2006 Marinas Recognition Award from the University of Colorado Parents Association. The award recognizes instructors who have made a significant impact on the lives of CU-Boulder undergraduates. Susan teaches a course on leadership.

**Bob Pritchard '80** received Walt Disney World's "Partners in Excellence" award. He joined Disney World in 1989 as a "Kid of the Kingdom," became an entertainment manager in 1998 and has been at Epcot since 2003.

**Ron Chieves '90** has accepted the position of Assistant Executive Director at the Woburn, Mass. Boys and Girls Club in suburban Boston. Chieves was the club director for the Ames Boys and Girls Club and has been part of the organization for the past 28 years.

**Travis Nichols '97** is part of the Poetry Bus Tour 2006 traveling in a large bus through 50 cities in 50 days with poets of various walks of life. "It's about trying to bring poetry to different places and finding poetry in different places," said Nichols. The bus started in Seattle on Sept. 4, visited Ames on Sept. 12 and will return to Seattle Oct. 27.

# Ames Education Foundation (AEF) News

## Al Brown '56 Establishes Named Endowment Funds

In appreciation for the outstanding education at Ames High School given to him and his brother (**Dennis Brown '63**), **Al Brown '56** has made provisions in his estate to create two named endowment funds within the Ames Education Foundation.

With funding from Al's estate, the AEF will establish and maintain The Howard Brown Family Endowment Fund for the benefit of students in the Ames Community School District. The purpose of the AEF endowment is to secure ongoing income for ongoing Foundation programs, such as the minigrant program, the Support Our Student fund and the development office.

Al has also established the Al and Dennis Brown Endowed Scholarship, in memory of his brother, that will benefit a graduating senior in their pursuit of higher education. The preference is for the scholarship to be awarded to a student who has overcome extreme obstacles, extenuating circumstances, or who has special needs, which may include a learning or physical disability. However, it is not mandatory that the scholarship be awarded to such a student. The criteria for the scholarship include the following: (1) Financial need (2) Attend a 4-year college/university, community college or trade school (3) Be a United States citizen (4) Graduate from Ames High School and have attended AHS for at least three years (5) Cumulative grade point of 2.5 or above (6) Involved in activities at Ames High School and in the Ames community (7) Exhibit good citizenship and conduct.

Karen (Martinson) Zunkel '79, past president of the AEF stated, "In addition to making a wonderful gift, Al's generosity is setting an example for other alumni of Ames High School. With his support, the AEF can help the school district and the students for years to come."

For more information on how you can provide support to the Ames Education Foundation, contact the office below.



Ames Education Foundation  
Board of Trustees 2006-2007

**Front:** Monica Porter, Karen Strehlow '79, Dianne Bystrom (President), Kim Linduska (Vice President/Secretary), Dr. Linda Beyea (Superintendent)

**Back:** Karen Zunkel '79, Jerry Hatfield, Chuck Winkleblack, John Timmons '64, Scott Bauer (Treasurer), Kurt Friedrich '88, Kim Wass '73, Steve Ringlee

**Not Pictured:** Gail Johnston (Board of Education), Mike Wittmer

## SOS Phantom Bike Ride

Each year the Ames Education Foundation raises money for the Support Our Students (SOS) program. The program helps children who are not able to afford all the school supplies necessary to attend classes. This year's "non-event" was a Phantom Bike Ride led by Team Ames Captains Joanie and Ted (former Ames Mayor) Tedesco. Through the communities' generosity, the campaign raised over \$11,000. Having adequate school supplies is essential if a student is to make good progress in the classroom. It is not too late to join the fun! You can always contribute to the SOS fund by contacting Jean Kresse.

"Team Ames" will be led by Joanie and Ted,

On this "no pedal" bike ride, good feelings are spread.

You don't need your bike, your helmet or tent.

It is donations of cash that we really need sent.

Keep your bike tires flat...and don't grease your chain.

Pens, paper and school supplies our students will gain.

The hills will be lonely; the roads will be empty,

But the school backpacks will be filled with plenty.

Stay home and relax, you won't need to train.

Your back and your muscles won't hear you complain.

It isn't a race, from east to west.

We won't put you through a riding test.

But come join the fun, the group spirit is high,

As all our Ames students begin school with pride.

You can skip the dip in the mighty Missisip'

and be a winner without even taking the trip!

## Contact the Ames Education Foundation

Please remember us in your will.

The Ames Education Foundation  
415 Stanton Avenue  
P.O. Box 1125  
Ames, IA 50014-1125

515-268-6630  
Jean Kresse, Development Director  
jkresse@ames.k12.ia.us  
Web access through [www.ames.k12.ia.us](http://www.ames.k12.ia.us)

## Memorials

The Ames High School Alumni Association has received the following memorials since the last newsletter. Memorial funds go into the Memorial Scholarship Fund for AHS seniors.

In memory of

**Dorothy J. Timmons '58**  
by John Timmons '64

In memory of

**W. Michael Bliss '66**  
by Ruth (Kunerth) Bock '35

In memory of

**Ruth Ann (Smith) Compton '56**  
by Jack Compton '54

In memory of

**Helen Holt, Staff ('41-'45)**  
by J. Ted Hartman '43

In memory of

**George Torrey '57**  
by Robert "Bob" Callahan '57

In memory of

**Eva Mae Bates '42**  
by Janice (Lee) Brady '62

In memory of

**Len McGilliard '74**  
by Lance McGilliard '71

In memory of

**Patricia McNeal '53**  
by Shirley (Small) Steckelberg '53

In memory of

**Dona (Sauvain) Byrnes '42**  
**Mary (Williams) Chingren '42**  
by Alice Willis '42

In memory of

**James Allen '52**  
**Mary (Halden) Earl '52**  
by Elizabeth (Toresdahl)  
Liemers '52

In memory of

**Betty (Grimes) Dixon '43**  
by Mary (Dodds) Schlick '43

In memory of

**Dennis Brown '63**  
by Alan Brown '56

## Some Have Left Us

The following alumni are known to have died in recent years. Those listed in previous newsletters are omitted here. Some information is incomplete. If you have more information or unreported deaths, please advise the AHSAA.

**A complete listing of all known deceased alumni is available at [www.ahsalum.org](http://www.ahsalum.org).**

Class	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death
1924	Mendon, Ivadelle (Dixon)	12-29-2005	Ottumwa, Iowa
1927	Rath, Elmer George	9/11/2006	Iowa Falls, Iowa
1929	Getz, Loya Nettie (Durrell)	6/3/2006	Ames, Iowa
1930	Smith, Ruby (Hamm)	11/6/2005	Mesa, Ariz.
1931	Neal, Maxine E. (Frick)	2/26/2006	Jackson, Mich.
1931	McCullough, Carita (Knuths)	4/14/2006	New London, Iowa
1933	Miller, Erma (Bates)	2/5/2006	LeCalire, Iowa
1933	Richard, Marie (Rognlien)	10/24/2003	Camarillo, Calif.
1935	Rifer, Louis (Pfautz)	7/20/2006	Manchester, Conn.
1936	Hiltz, Eula Mae (Hiland)	3/19/2006	?
1936	McNutt, Mary Merle	11/21/2005	Madison, Wisc.
1936	Miller, Richard Bethurem	3/17/2006	Rossville, Indiana
1938	Best, Orlo Robert	7/21/2006	Ames, Iowa
1938	Roberg, Robert Oscar	5/13/2006	Oxnard, Calif.
1940	Weagley, Don W.	8/12/2006	Albuquerque, N. Mex.
1941	Wall, Fred A.	3/5/2006	Marshalltown, Iowa
1942	Smith, Joyce Marion (Thomas)	3/1/2005	New Richmond, Wisc.
1942	Clark, Karl Benjamin (Red)	4/24/2006	Ames, Iowa
1942	Chingren, Mary E. (Williams)	7/14/2006	Eldora, Iowa
1943	Dixon, Betty Jane (Grimes)	6/24/2006	Ocala, Fla.
1943	Yeomans, Donald Dodge	3/30/2006	Abingdon, Ill.
1944	Bates, Willard Gene	8/7/2006	Fayetteville, N. C.
1944	Reckert, Ann Ruth (Rozeboom)	4/28/2005	Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
1945	Cottrill, Walter	9/22/2006	Ames, Iowa
1945	Cena, Beatrice C. (Morrison)	7/29/2006	Seattle, Wash.
1946	Arnold, Stanley Merton	8/11/2006	LaMesa, Calif.
1948	Barnes, Jo Ann (Sorenson)	8/4/2006	Ames, Iowa
1952	Handley, Larry Arthur (Howell)	2/20/2006	Las Vegas, Nev.

In memory of

**Everett Ritland, Staff**  
**Raymond Smalling, Staff**  
**Kenneth Wells, Staff**  
by Howard Mullica '34

In memory of

**Herbert Adams,**  
**AHS Principal ('44-'69)**  
by Charles & Phyllis Adams '54

In memory of

**Mary McNutt '36**  
by Franklin McNutt

In memory of

**Marvin Davis '46**  
**Richard Davis '48**  
by Ruth (Davis) Kafka '51

In memory of

**JoAnn (Sorenson) Barnes '48**  
by Janet Hoff '48

In memory of

**JoAnn (Sorenson) Barnes '48**  
by Sharon (Arrasmith)  
Petersma '48

In memory of

**Beatrice (Morrison) Cena '45**  
by Betty (Morrison) Sinnott '46

In memory of

**Beatrice (Van Scoy) Jones '31**  
by Marilyn (Miller) McFarlin '57

To Scholarship Fund

by Terry Carroll '73

## Some Have Left Us (cont.)

Class	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death
1953	Bradley, Donald Eugene	9/5/2006	Grinnell, Iowa
1953	McNeal, Patricia Ann	7/16/2005	Las Vegas, Nev.
1955	Wardle, Ronald William	9/18/2006	Logan, Utah
1957	Berck, Ira S.	4/30/2006	Des Moines, Iowa
1957	Combs, Jack Duane	8/31/2002	Orem, Utah
1958	Nairn, David Monroe	5/26/2006	Sun City, Ariz.
1960	Nelson, Roger Norman	8/29/2006	Ames, Iowa
1962	Carmean, Charles Samuel	4/12/2006	Danville, Ind.
1963	Androy, Conrad	8/18/2006	Ames, Iowa
1966	Grady, Robert Neil	6/14/2006	Des Moines, Iowa
1966	Sansgaard, David Fredrick	5/2/2006	Ames, Iowa
1969	Hill, Curtis Wayne	12/30/2005	Rockport, Texas
1971	Wallize, Inga	4/17/2006	Iowa City, Iowa
1974	Eugene, Mary	6/16/2005	Tucson, Ariz.
1975	Hemingsen, Calvin Wayne	11/13/2003	Austin, Texas
1976	Besch, Michael R.	9/12/2006	Rochester, Minn.
1976	Kreamer, Rhonsa Sue (Nilsson)	4/14/2006	Red Lodge, Mont.
1977	Olsson, James	5/16/2006	Nevada, Iowa
1980	Fleshman-Seward, Andrea M. (Fleshman)	8/25/2006	Omaha, Neb.
1985	Kim, John W.	7/2/2006	East Lansing, Mich.
1993	Lamont, William Eugene	5/6/2006	Kansas City, Mo.
1994	Milleman, John Thomas	9/2/2006	Fremont County, Iowa
1994	Nichols, Roy Travis	6/15/2006	Denver, Colo.
1997	Richardson, Nicole Lynn	4/25/2006	Grand Junction, Colo.
1997	Schondelmeyer, Jason Ray	8/17/2003	Phoenix, Ariz.
1998	Milleman, Katherine Marie (Finn)	9/2/2006	Fremont County, Iowa
2002	Peterson, Benjamin Joseph	7/7/2006	Ames, Iowa
Staff	McMillin, Leta	7/17/2005	Spencer, Iowa
Staff	Sielert, Gerald Lyle	6/2/2006	Cape Girardeau, Mo.

## Bauske Celebration

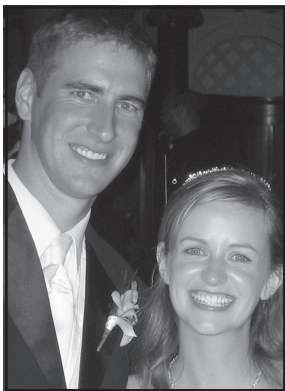


Friends and family gathered in July at Lake Okoboji in remembrance of Bob and Grace Bauske, who passed away last winter. Pictured are the Bauske's four children, Lynn '71, Clay '69, Mark '67 and David '65. The festive gathering was a celebration of their parents' lives. Guests were encouraged to share favorite stories and anecdotes about Bob and Grace, in tribute to the loving, joyful spirit they personified. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind letters and generous contributions to the scholarship in Grace's name at Ames High School.

In memory of

**Grace R. Bauske (Staff '62-'86)**  
(since the last AHSAA newsletter)  
by Linda Watson '72

Keith & Judy Carlson  
Lester & Mary Hull  
Jane (Gradwohl) Nash '81  
Jo Ann Peterson '41  
Charles & Martha Ellis Trust  
Kenneth '67 & Deborah  
(Coupal) '67 Rozeboom  
Julia (Waggoner) Trojanowski '77  
Stephanie (Waggoner)  
Kroeker '77  
David Waggoner '77  
Patricia Beneke '73  
Bruce & Marie  
(Schaller) '67 Johnson  
Bruce Trump '67  
Kurt Wanieck  
Curt Seifert '68  
Holly (McCoy) Larson '64  
Dennis Little '77  
Carolyn Jane Bliss '65  
Katherine Trahanovsky '88  
John & Jan Chapman  
Stacy Dalton '85  
Mr. & Mrs. William Wuehrmann  
Michelle Clement  
Catherine (Brown) Tkacz '69  
Margaret Medcalf  
Jerold Bowen '65



## Goodbye John and Katie

Ames High lost two of their most promising alumni in a tragic accident in southwest Iowa on Labor Day weekend. **John Milleman '94** and wife, **Katie (Finn) Milleman '98** lost their lives when their car hydroplaned on a rainy I-29 near Hamburg. The couple was on their way to Lake Okoboji to celebrate their first wedding anniversary on September 3.

John received his B.S. from Vanderbilt University in 1998 and his M.D. from Iowa in 2003. He was following his father's footsteps as a doctor in urology and was in

his fourth year of residency at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas. Katie also chose her father's profession, graduating from Miami (OH) University in 2002 and then cum laude from law school at the University of Iowa in 2005. She was starting her career with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski in Austin.

Both John and Katie's parents, Timothy and Marilyn Finn and Dr. Leo and Jane Milleman, live in Ames. The families have requested memorial funds be directed to the Ames Education Foundation or a memorial fund which will benefit the academic interests of John and Katie. This was an outstanding young couple who had already made an impact in their young lives. They loved life and were loved by many in return. Ames High has graduated thousands of outstanding people. John and Katie Milleman were at the top of that list. They will be missed.

**Jack Smalling '58**

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Mail to Ames High School Alumni Association, 1921 Ames High Drive, Ames, IA, 50010. Make checks payable to AHSAA.

Please circle membership dues enclosed:      1 year - \$6.00      2 years - \$11.00      3 years - \$15.00  
Foreign: 1 year - \$12.00      2 years - \$22.00      3 years - \$30.00

Additional Donation enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Memorial enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_      Graduation Num: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first number on name label)

City: \_\_\_\_\_      State: \_\_\_\_\_      Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_      If married, is your spouse an AHS grad? \_\_\_\_\_      If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

First and last name of spouse (maiden name of wife): \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's first and maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and addresses of brothers and sisters who graduated from AHS: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other relatives who graduated from AHS: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of someone who will always know your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions / comments for the AHAA (special events, newsletter ideas, anything): \_\_\_\_\_

**Book Order Form      Book Order Form      Book Order Form      Book Order Form**

Mail to Ames High School Alumni Association, 1921 Ames High Drive, Ames, IA, 50010. Make checks payable to AHSAA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- \*\*\* 2001 Ames High School Alumni Directory \*\*\* (close out)      qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 ..... subtotal \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes pictures from every Spirit from 1920-2000.)
- "Ames-From Marsh to Modern City" by Farwell Brown      qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 ..... subtotal \_\_\_\_\_
- "Ames in Word and Picture" by Farwell Brown      qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 ..... subtotal \_\_\_\_\_
- "Ames-A Ride Through Town on the Dinky" by Farwell Brown      qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 ..... subtotal \_\_\_\_\_
- "Ames-Tales from Two Old Timers" by Farwell Brown      qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 ..... subtotal \_\_\_\_\_
- "Once Upon A Time" by I.W. (Red) Milliken      qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 ..... subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

**add \$4.00 postage for each directory or book ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$8.00 max for postage)      **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

## AHS's 12th Presidential Scholar

Sarah Gidlewski, Class of 2006, was selected as one of three Iowa high school students named Presidential Scholars by the United States Department of Education. Approximately 2500 high school students are chosen annually to enter the competition with only 141 being named as a Presidential Scholar.

An interest in international relations and in how governments work led Gidlewski to apply for a page's job in the Iowa Senate. She also is a volunteer working with leader dogs for the blind. Gidlewski consciously decided to remain in Ames, even though her parents are moving to Colorado, and will attend Iowa State University, possibly pursuing a major in engineering. She would like to join "Engineers Without Borders" and travel overseas after college.

Gidlewski is the 12th Ames High School student named as a Presidential Scholar since the program began in 1964.

## Retirements at AHS

Eight Ames High staff members retired at the end of the 2005-2006 school year

**Marilyn Hanson** retired after teaching Math for over 45 years. She wants to continue teaching math at AHS as a volunteer and get involved with other activities, too.

Registrar **Nikki Wittmer** retired after 23 years and is going to spend more time with her family. **Janet Olson** retired after 18 years in the student services office as a guidance secretary and looks forward to volunteering more.

The special needs department has **Jane Jorgensen** retiring after 27 years and **Hilary Ziebold** retiring after 22 years teaching at AHS. **Leonard Larsen** and **Lucy Carey** are also retiring from the department.

**Joyce Knol-Digby** taught 6 years in the English department and is retiring. She will travel in her R.V. with her dog and will write an autobiographical novel.

## ---- Upcoming Reunions --- check [www.ahsalum.org](http://www.ahsalum.org) for more details -----

\*\*\* Reunion committees, past and future, please send articles and pictures from your reunions to the AHSAA to include in upcoming newsletters. \*\*\*

<b>1948</b>	Sep. 4-6, 2008	Contact Robert Amme (robert.amme@nsm.du.edu)
<b>1952</b>	August 17-19, 2007	Contact Don Anderson or Chuck McClure (janders@isunet.net)
<b>1955</b>	July 16-19, 2007	A Birthday Celebration/Reunion -- 70 in '07 in Seattle Contact Vonnie (Vilmont) Secketa (vsecketa@comcast.net)
<b>1957</b>	October 4-6, 2007	Contact Patt Nervig
<b>1972</b>	August 2-5, 2007	Contact Joan M. Waters (jmwabq@aol.com)
<b>1967</b>	July 13-14, 2007	Contact Lynda (Jackson) Masulli (lyjacks@corporatelearn.com)
<b>1987</b>	July 27-28, 2007	Contact Margaret (Townsend) Graff (mgraft1126@msn.com) or Maggie Lewis (m-lewis@northwestern.edu)
<b>1997</b>	July 13-14, 2007	Contact David Kinley (kinley@hotmail.com)

And, for the Class of **1995**, there is a Yahoo Group to chat and post pictures. For an invitation to join, email ameshighschool1995@yahoo.com.

## We Get Letters . . .

Dear Mr. Ripp,

Please renew my membership to the Ames High Alumni newsletter for three years. Members of my family still reside in Ames, and when I visited recently we visited the old high school which is now City Hall. We were so happy they kept the building and have kept it beautifully maintained. I have ordered a reproduction of a watercolor of the Bandshell in Ames. They have the original watercolor hanging in City Hall. Such fond memories!

**Janet (Abbott) Busch '51**

AHSAA,

I would like very much to thank the class of 1939 as I have been rereading some letters from my dad. At the end of the awards assembly, he was called to the stage and presented a billfold. A report of this event said, "An unusual feature of the program was the presentation of a gift to E. H. Bennett, custodian of the high school. The gift was made in token of appreciation for fine service given by Mr. Bennett." The teachers confided in dad that they were so proud of the class because the teachers had had nothing to do with it.

My dad was a wonderful father. He had been a strong leader in the farm community. Unfortunately, he had purchased too much land at the beginning of the depression. He accepted his new role in life with dignity.

Another class gave him a beautiful blanket. I am sorry that I have no record of the year.

**Mildred (Bennett) Larson '31**

## AHSAA Calendar

**---2006---**

Dec. 8 State Champ Recognition

**---2007---**

July 13-14 Class of 1967 Reunion

July 13-14 Class of 1997 Reunion

July 16-19 Class of 1955 Reunion

July 27-28 Class of 1987 Reunion

Aug. 2-5 Class of 1972 Reunion

Aug. 17-19 Class of 1952 Reunion

Oct. 4-6 Class of 1957 Reunion

**---2008---**

Sep. 4-6 Class of 1948 Reunion

## AHSAA Reminders, etc.

Be sure to send to the AHSAA:

- \* name and address changes
- \* reunion dates
- \* alumni accomplishments
- \* names for Distinguished and Honorary Alumni Awards
- \* newsletter ideas, pictures
- \* death information
- \* Spirits or any other high school memorabilia that need a home

And check out the web page for:

- \* complete reunion information (past and future reunions)
- \* directory of email addresses
- \* complete list of "Some Have Left Us"
- \* listing of alumni authors (help us expand the list)
- \* links to great web sites
- \* past newsletters
- \* .....and more

Welcome to the youngest Ames High School alumni! **Leah Ackerman '06** and **Muhammad Rahim '06** are the first members of the AHSAA from the Class of 2006. They both joined for three years!

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