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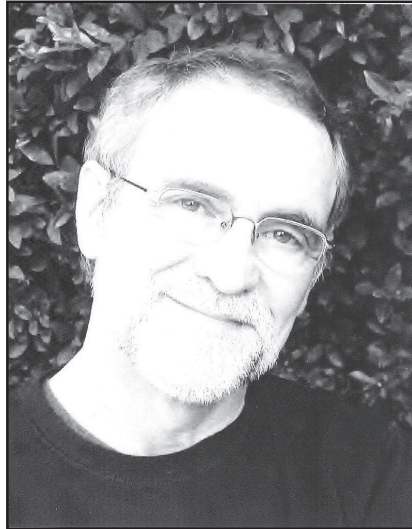
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Thompson '66 is Honored Alumnus

Neil Thompson graduated from Ames High School in 1966 along with his twin sister Mary. Neil participated in a wide variety of high school activities which included student council, band, orchestra, French Club, Boys' Club, chorus, year-book staff, track and cross country. Neil was proud to be a part of the state championship track teams during his tenure at Ames High School, and he co-captained the state indoor champions of 1966.

Neil attended Iowa State University where he joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and discovered an interest in dramatics, performing in a number of campus productions including lead roles in two "Stars over VEISHEA" musicals. Upon graduating with distinction with a degree in History, Neil moved to Minneapolis where he worked for four years and became active as a performer in commercials and industrial films.

In 1975, Neil journeyed to Hollywood, California to pursue a career in film and television, first as an actor, and then, most prominently, as a writer. Neil's performing credits include "M*A*S*H", "Laverne and Shirley", "Happy Days", "Kojak", "McCloud", "Working Stiffs" and "Private Benjamin" among others. In 1981, Neil shifted to television writing and producing, a focus that would occupy him for the next 25 years. In that time he worked on 15 television series and contributed to over 430 prime-time programs, 85 of which bear his "written by" credit. He created and executive produced two series, "Stand By Your Man" for FOX



Neil Thompson '66 is named the 2009 Ames High School Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus

television and "The Faculty" for ABC. He co-executive produced six series, including "Malcolm in the Middle", "God, the Devil and Bob", "Caroline in the City", "The Boys are Back" and "Night Court". Other writing credits include "Happy Days", "Love Boat", "Webster" and "Police Squad".

In 2000, Neil shared a Peabody Award, conferred on the producing staff of "Malcolm in the Middle". He was three times nominated for best comedy script of the year by the Writers Guild of America, West, and won the honor in 2004 for his "Malcolm" script entitled "Ida's Boyfriend".

Shifting gears, in 2007, Neil received his Masters Degree in U.S. Cultural History from California State University in Northridge where he subsequently began teaching. His Masters thesis on the 1959 American

National Exhibition in Moscow was recently praised at a 50th anniversary commemoration of the event at George Washington University.

For twenty-six years, Neil has lived in North Hollywood, California with his wife, Barbara, an actress and hypnotherapist. They have three children--Matthew, Amanda and Emily--and were recently blessed with the arrival of their first grandchild, Daniel.

The AHSAA Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Neil during the Ames High Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet in October at Ames High School.

Congratulations Neil!

Sorry, you did not miss a newsletter issue....I did

So sorry but I missed publishing an AHSAA newsletter, the third issue for 2009. The last issue published was the October 2009 one, Volume 20, Issue 2.

Several alumni have asked if their membership had expired since they did not receive the third issue of the newsletter (usually mailed in December or January). No, you

did not miss the newsletter because of expired membership. I just did not get that issue published. The days sure do fly by faster as we get older, just like we were told they would. Volunteer time gets scarce. However, it is super to know the AHS alumni enjoy the newsletters and watch for them in their mailboxes.

Connie (Martin) Vaclav '76

2009 Ames High Athletic Hall-of-Fame



Ames High School Hall of Fame members elected for 2009

Back: Ed Huffman '66, Neil Thompson '66 (Distinguished Alumnus), Karl Schloerke '70.

Front: Marguerite Piper '52 (Nick's widow), Prim Jackson (Bill's mother), Leslie Richard Reschly '80, Amy Holm Brown '88.

The 18th Annual Ames High School Athletic Department's Hall-of-Fame Induction Banquet was held October 8, 2009 in the Ames High School cafeteria. After social time and dinner, award presentations began. New Hall-of-Fame members were also recognized at the AHS football game October 9. Induction into the Hall-of-Fame is the highest honor the athletic department can bestow upon an individual. Students must have been graduated for at least 10 years and coaches must have been retired for at least 2 years. Congratulations to all!!!

Karl Schloerke '70, is being inducted for his role as Ames' volleyball coach. He was the first volleyball coach in school history and in his eight seasons (1985-1992), the Little Cyclones compiled a 159-78 record overall and 64-33 mark in conference play. In both the 1988 and 1989 seasons, his teams recorded perfect 14-0 records in the Metro Conference matches. Karl recently retired, with his wife Cheri, after 35 years in the education field, working in Nevada, Ames and Gilbert. He has worked as a volleyball official for over 15 years.

Nick Piper '52 is the only Ames track and field athlete to ever set new records in eight meets during a single season. He set state pole vault records at both the state indoor and outdoor meets during his senior season. Piper was also a standout football and basketball player. Heading to the University of Iowa, he competed in the pole vault and received a BA in physical therapy. Piper became director of physical therapy at Omaha's St. Joseph Hospital. He died in 1997 after retiring to Lake of the Ozarks with his wife Marguerite.

Bill Jackson '62 is the only Ames athlete to win both the mile and the 880-yard run at the state meet. Jackson's career was also highlighted by three straight Drake Relays two-mile relay championships. He helped the Little Cyclones to an outdoor team state title in 1960 and a state indoor title in 1962. Jackson went on to compete in track at Rice University for two years before returning to Iowa to

pursue his medical training. He served in the Navy and then worked as an emergency physician and director for many years in New Mexico. He died in 2004 and is survived by his widow Marley, and two children.

Ed Huffman '66 was the first Ames wrestler to qualify for the state meet, and he won the school's first individual state wrestling title his senior year under new coach Jack Mendenhall. The heavy weight compiled a three-year 48-6 record while competing on the first three wrestling teams in recent school history. Also a standout football player, Huffman went on to wrestle for four years at Iowa State under legendary coach Harold Nichols. Today he owns and operates Huffman Construction & Design with his wife Diane and three daughters.

Leslie Richard Reschly '80 was a state-record holder in the 100-meter freestyle in swimming and was a school record holder in the 200-meter dash in track. In 1978, she was part of the Ames swimming team that compiled its first-ever undefeated dual meet season. She went undefeated in individual freestyle races with seven 50-meter wins, nine 100-meter wins, three 200-meter wins and one 500-meter victory. She was inducted into the Iowa Swimming Hall of Fame in 1985. Leslie graduated from Iowa with a BS in nursing. She is currently employed in a cardiac rehabilitation outpatient program in Southport, NC where she lives with her husband, Keith, and three children.

Amy Holm Brown '88 helped the Ames girls track team to back-to-back state titles in 1987 and 1988. In 1988, her senior season, she won the 400-meter hurdles with the fastest time in any class, ran leadoff on the runner-up shuttle hurdle relay team and also ran the first leg of the 4x400-meter relay that placed third. Holm competed in track for two years at Northern Arizona and earned a BA. She also earned a Masters Degree in business administration from Iowa. Holm now resides in Waukee with her husband Matt and is a full-time mom to their three children aged 9, 6, and 4.

Alumni Still Aiming High

Chuck Harmison '76 was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. He led Ames High School to the state championship game in 1975. In 1976, the team had a 24-0 season, the first undefeated season in AHS history, and won the state championship. In his two seasons he scored 1,054 points and snagged 644 rebounds before playing four years at Iowa State. He then played 15 years professionally in Australia. He is currently the general manager of the National Basketball League in Sydney, Australia.

Derek Anderson '87 was awarded the Iowa State University 2009 Outstanding Young Alumni Award by ISU Alumni Association, President, Jeff Johnson. Anderson's *New York Times* best-selling children's book *Little Quack* and the 11 others he has created or helped to create, have truly inspired children. *Little Quack* and *Little Quack's Bedtime* both received the National Parenting Publication Gold Award, and *Little Quack* and *Little Quack's New Friend* received the International Reading Association/Children's Book Council Children's Choice Award. Many of Anderson's publications have appeared on national "best book" lists, and *Little Quack* has been translated into nine languages. Anderson is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Children's Literature Network.



AHS Today --- State basketball champs, again



Ames High School 2009-2010 Varsity Basketball Team
Front: Sam Vertanen, Devonte Welch, James Wandling, Kyle Anderson, Monty Robinson, Tanner Hansen, Michael Weber, Darin Blum, Bol Tong, Cooper Downs.
Middle: Jamey Smith, Bruce Vertanen, Vashawn Green, Nathan Cruise, Harrison Barnes, James Kohler, Doug McDermott, Rob Kain, Jess Von Behren, Vance Downs.
Back: Malcolm Squire, Riley Stuve, Austin Adkins, Kyle Rodgers, Leo Bird, Eric Smith.

On Saturday, March 13, at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, before a record crowd of 13,000-plus fans and with countless others watching on TV and on the internet, the Ames High boys basketball team did what never had been done before.

With a 47-37 win over Southeast Polk in the Class 4A Championship, the Little Cyclones, coached by Vance Downs, became the first team in Iowa's largest class to celebrate back-to-back titles. Their winning streak, 53 games, is the longest ever recorded by a school in the state's largest class. Their last loss was to Marshalltown in March, 2008 in a state tournament district match.

"It's just unbelievable," said point guard Michael Weber. "Growing up and knowing all these guys and then winning back-to-back state titles. Our dream pretty much came true."

Harrison Barnes, the state's superstar and a McDonald's All-American, was named the tournament's

MVP. Barnes' future coach, North Carolina's Roy Williams, was present for the victory.

Six-foot-7 Doug McDermott stood tall after having scored 21 points and making four 3-pointers showing his versatility that's allowed him to share in Barnes' spotlight. McDermott will play basketball for the University of Northern Iowa Panthers next year.

Barnes, McDermott and Weber were all named to the all-tournament team with Barnes as the captain. Senior forward James Kohler received the Class 4A Iowa High School Athletic Association student-athlete achievement award at the championship game. "He is as selfless as they come," Downs said. "He is as modest as they come. We couldn't be happier for him."

Ames High School has now won 8 state basketball championships in school history. They won in 1936, 1945, 1955, 1973, 1976, 1991, 2009 and 2010.

Congratulations Little Cyclones!!

Upcoming AHSAA Reunions

Check www.ahsalum.org
for all the reunion details.

- 1950** --- May 17-19, 2010
contact Bob and Anne Buck
robuck1@aol.com
- 1955** --- October 8-10, 2010
contact Nancy Burkhart
pueblo6@comcast.net
- 1960** --- May 20-23, 2010
contact Dallas Wall Rust
drust@mchsi.com
- 1963** --- April 17, 2010
(VEISHEA informal class gathering)
contact Karen (Skold) Tow
KarenTow@ISUAlum.com
- 1970** --- July 16-17, 2010
www.ameshigh1970.com
- 1975** --- June 25-27, 2010
www.ameshighclassof1975.net
reunioncommittee@ameshighclassof1975.net
- 1980** --- June 25-26, 2010
www.ameshigh1980.com
- 1987** --- Sometime 2012
contact Kirk Goodwin
kirkgoodwin@whirlpool.com
- 1990** --- July 23-24, 2010
contact Stephanie (Graves) Burras
sburras@gmail.com
- 2000** --- August 6-7, 2010
contact Megan Flaws
Meganflaws@hotmail.com
- Lincoln Grade School** --- June 19, 2010
contact Shirley (Backous) Evans
msttb@msn.com, 515-292-4259

Be sure to send notices of reunions to the AHSAA. We will post them on our website and print them in the newsletter. Also, please send articles and pictures of the reunion events. Thank you.

Lincoln Grade School Reunion Planned

Did you attend Lincoln Grade school or play on the field or on the wonderful play ground toys? Then this is for you. Many who attended Lincoln Grade School were following in the footsteps of parents, grandparents and possibly even great grandparents. This event will be a chance to share memories and reconnect with childhood friends.

DATE: JUNE 19, 2010

TIME: 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

PLACE: HEARTLAND SENIOR CENTER
205 SOUTH WALNUT
AMES, IOWA

As the day gets closer, there will be a mailing and other reminders on local radio, TV and newspapers. If you are interested in attending or want more information contact:
Shirley (Backous) Evans: 515-292-4259, msttb@msn.com
Donna (Green) Clink: 515-232-4030
Alechia Bodie Daniels: alechia58@yahoo.com

Walker Reunion

The annual Walker reunion will be Sunday, August 1, 2010. Location is the east end of the City Park on the shores of Leech Lake in Walker, Minn. Time will be from 11:30 to 2:00 P.M. It will be potluck. Bring a couple dishes to share. Drinks will be provided. Jack Smalling '58

Golf Outing

The annual AHSAA Golf Outing may be held this year if an enthusiastic alumnus would like to head up the event. Veenker golf course does most the work, so the time commitment can be minimal. Please contact the AHSAA if you can help out. And check the AHSAA web page for the latest status of the outing.

After 20 years for AHSAA, help is always needed.

It has been 20 years since the Ames High School Alumni Association began. Wow! That is a lot of memories, awards, scholarships, newsletters! The crew that keeps the AHSAA going is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to share the fun with them. Please consider coming to a monthly meeting (the 3rd Tuesday of the month) just to visit. (We won't put you to work right away.) If you would like to help out with research, newsletter writing, mailings or "whatever", please contact the AHSAA (see page 12). With the wonders of email, anyone, anywhere can be a part of the AHSAA crew. Please consider lending your talents to the AHSAA.

Class of '54 has 55th reunion

The blustery, Ames weekend of Oct. 9-11, 2009 saw 41 members of the Class of 1954 (and numerous spouses) marking 55 years since graduation. Kick-off was a catered BBQ picnic at Inis Grove Park, where attendees picked up their information packets and put their cameras to work. About 20 attended the Hall of Fame game, and a few even braved the cold for all four quarters.

Duane Green, driver par excellence, procured a bus for the 19 who went to Boone for a scenic ride through the Des Moines River valley on the steam-locomotive train Saturday morning. That evening, we gathered at the Gateway Hotel for a buffet banquet and an AV presentation prepared by Barb McLaughlin Marr chronicling our Ames school years from elementary through graduation. Conversation, much laughter, and many more pictures filled the remaining hours.

A Sunday buffet breakfast wound down the weekend. Jan Blair Wilson and Mary Hosmer Shahan arranged for all the delicious meals and the autumn decorations. Keith Covey, class president, served as general chair, Frank Judisch was treasurer, and Jeanne Cooke Collins took care of all communications.

We are considering a gathering in the spring of 2012, perhaps in the southeastern U.S., because our ranks grow thinner and our memory book grows thicker. The reunion could be part of a great vacation, or even be the vacation, because we would pick an interesting location with choices of things to see and do. Willing to help? Have ideas? Notify Keith at kcovey@rconnect.com or Jeanne Collins at bluepencil21@q.com.

Jeanne Cooke Collins '54



(Photo taken by Robert Phillips Photography, Ames, www.greatphotographer.com)

Row 1: Karla Holst Renaud (KY), Janice Blair Wilson (IA), Vera Kauffman Swoboda (IA), Donna Wilson Stiegler (OH), Barbara Mc Laughlin Marr (IN), Marna Adams Stevens (MN), Mary Cattell Brown (IA), Barbara Teig Adams (IA), Jeanne Cooke Collins (CO), Katherine Wright Garland (VA), Mary Hosmer Shahan (IA)

Row 2: Mary Jo Vivian (IA), Suzanne Clark Lunde (IA), Janet Skeie Nesbit (IA), Patricia Thompson Berhow (KY), Keith Ancel Covey (MN), Loraine Earls Safly (IA), Linda Nordyke Shortridge (IN), Shirley Nicholson Thornsberry (IA), Mary Ann Ahart Valley (MN), Marilyn Kyle Freel (IA), Patricia Deaton Kyle (IA), Duane Green (IA), Thomas Bilek (TX), Gary Fain (OK), Paul Lunde (IA), John Welden (IA), Marilyn Walsh Hegland (IA)

Row 3: Frank Judisch (IA), John (Jack) Steil (CA), Leverne Seversike (IA), Robert McCardle (SC), Dennis Rust (TX), Barron (Barry) Gulliver (MI), George McJimsey (IA), Donald Sprague (IA), Larry Larson (IA), David Everds (MN), Lawrence Kelley (CA), Michael Knuths (TX), Bruce Griffith (AR)

Attended a Friday event: Jack Compton (IA), Joan Finch Bennett (TX), Jan Piper Jaqua (IA)

Note: State of residence follows name in ()

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 may be 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.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
1929	Howell, Avis B. (Edwinson)	8-31-2009	Mason City, Iowa
1930	Dailey, Laura (Christensen)	1-1-2010	Ames, Iowa
1932	Fieldus, Ina Marie (Martin)	7-1-2009	Orlando, Fla.
1933	Ralsten, Melvina Eileen (Davis)	7-10-2009	Lexington, Ky.
1935	Berry, Martha Jean (Reed)	9-25-2006	Peyton, Colo.
1936	Crandall, Margaret Ruth (Taylor)	10-1-2009	Pullman, Wash.
1936	Rouze, Berneice H. (Gates)	12-30-2009	Parker, Colo.
1938	Zimmerman, Howard Keltner	8-26-2009	Carrollton, Texas
1940	Collins, Edgar Vermont	11-4-2009	Ames, Iowa
1941	Bradshaw, Francis William	10-14-2009	Ames, Iowa
1941	Morgan, Frances (Manning)	12-12-2009	Ames, Iowa
1941	Phillips, Robert Daniel	7-31-2002	Dunellon, Fla.
1942	Larson, Silas B.	10-2-2009	Youngstown, Ohio
1943	Bourne, Gerald Lee	7-27-2009	Sun City, Ariz.
1944	Brouhard, John William	11-7-2009	Arlington, Heights, Ill.
1945	Tilden, Robert Cooper	10-12-2009	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1947	Feazell, Marilyn Anne (Pierson)	7-24-2009	Fontanelle, Iowa
1947	Smith, Donald Merle	4-9-2009	Mitchell, S. D.
1947	Zink, Elizabeth J. (Beard)	10-25-2009	Cedar Hill, Texas
1948	Angle, John Ronald	10-12-2009	Mason City, Iowa
1950	Dunlap, Richard Donald	6-4-2009	Sharon, Pa.
1951	Huntington, Mary Jane (Arnold)	1-3-2010	Mason City, Iowa
1951	Holmes, John Robert	10-12-2009	Savannah, Ga.
1951	Scott, Carol Anne (Hohenshell)	1-24-2009	Des Moines, Iowa
1952	Litchfield, Charles Edward	11-15-2009	Ames, Iowa
1952	Town, Anne Margaret	12-11-2006	Altoona, Iowa
1953	Crapser, Jacqueline A. (Long)	9-8-2009	LaHabra, Calif.
1954	Jameson, Walter Harold "Jamie"	5-11-2009	Marshall, Wisc.
1954	Killam, Timothy I.	10-17-2009	Ames, Iowa
1954	Underkofler, William Leland	10-31-2008	Leominster, Mass.
1955	Shultz, Raymond E.	12-23-2009	Abilene, Texas
1957	Hillman, David King	6-27-2007	San Jose, Calif.
1957	Pfuderer, Helen Ann (Throckmorton)	4-22-2009	Oak Ridge, Tenn.
1957	Strayer, Celia Ann (Hammond)	11-25-2009	Hudson, Iowa
1958	Clapp, Lyle William	12-31-2009	Des Moines, Iowa
1959	Martin, Anne Elizabeth (Easton)	12-25-2009	Ames, Iowa
1961	Sakamoto, Winifred A. (Bensend)	9-16-2009	Columbia, Mo.
1962	Chase, Stephen H.	3-29-2006	Arlington, Texas
1964	Scarola, Mary Teasdale (Thompson)	8-3-2007	Lubbock, Texas
1967	Madsen, Steven Lynn	12-18-2009	Ames, Iowa
1968	Anderson, Charles Joseph	10-24-2009	Ames, Iowa
1968	Spencer, Carol Jolene (Anderson)	10-27-2009	Ames, Iowa
1969	Kruger, Sandra (Underhill)	12-21-2009	Ames, Iowa
1970	Wildman, William Young	12-21-2008	Summerville, S. C.
1974	Tilden, Kristie Lee (Johnson)	1-9-2006	Springfield, Mo.
1976	Sydney, Roger Lee	11-24-2009	Ames, Iowa
Staff	Cunningham, Helen Hunter	10-6-1988	Moscow, Idaho
Staff	Hales, Joan (Boswell)	8-1-2008	Carmel, Ind.
Staff	Hulley, Julie (Menefee)	6-16-2002	Montgomery, Ala.
Staff	Sherbon, Elizabeth	6-7-2000	Wichita, Kan.

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 L. Timmons '64

In memory of

John R. Angle '48

by Janet A. Hoff '48

In memory of

Joan Stock Scott '51

by Dorothy L. Green '53

In memory of

John R. Angle '48

by Forest '48 and
Mary Anne '48 Barnes

In memory of

Delmar M. Brue '56

by O'Dale B. Brue '50

In memory of

John R. Angle '48

by Sharon Arrasmith
Petersma '48

In memory of

Janet E. Parker '47

by Caroline Edmand
Gatrost '47

In memory of

John A. Lawson '56

by Marjorie Lawson
Burman '54

In memory of

Elizabeth Beard Zink '47

by Patricia Smith Dieterich '47

In memory of

John R. Angle '48

by Jane S. Angle (spouse)

In memory of

Donald J. Milliken '58

by D. James Bundy '54

In memory of

Mary Daine Sharp '49
Paul Arrasmith '49
Richard Ross '46

by Margot Schmidt Volding '50

In memory of

Robert W. Stafford '42
H. Brown Otopalik '42
William M. Buck '42

by Phyllis Rademacher '42

In memory of

D. Howard Shearer '39
Elizabeth McCoy Brown '41
Bonnie O'Brien McLaughlin '42
Robert W. McCoy '45

by Dorothy McCoy
Ochanpaugh '42

In memory of

Robert "Bob" Doran '66
Christine Latta McKenna '66
Sandra Underhill Kruger '69

by Sharon Bunce Boen '66

In memory of

Lyle William Clapp '58

by Ames Second
Saturday Group

In memory of

Phyllis M. Buttolph Dillavou '32

by Uryth J. Dillavou '33

In memory of

E. G. Ritland, Staff
Patricia Ritland-Willig '58

by Bette Ritland Estate:
Mike '53, Rosemary '55,
Mark '65 and Mara, Craig
and Eric Sonnenschein.

In memory of

Mary Louise
Taylor McDowell '55

by Charles L. Rutter '55

In memory of

James Sterling Westvold '57

by Steven Westvold '63

In memory of

Patricia Pollock Sharr '54

by Thomas Winslow '54

In memory of

Sandra Underhill Kruger '69

by Brian Johnson '69

In memory of

John M. Dickinson '48

by William V. Hukill '48

In memory of

Scott B. Watson '70

by Mark E. Watson '61

***** **Note** *****

John E. Miller '35 is not deceased. A memorial to him from Parry Dodds '35 was printed in the previous newsletter in error. It should have read "In honor of" rather than "In memory of".

***** **Note** *****



Neva Morris talks with her son-in-law Tom Wickersham at Northcrest Community. (photo by Nirmalendu Majumdar, The Tribune)

couple had four children: Leslee '34, Betty Lee '37, Mary Jane '38 and Walter '46. They lived with Edward's parents, Gertrude Rutherford and Walter Leonard Morris on a farm. She assisted in helping her four children attend Iowa State University by raising chickens, hogs and dairy cattle. Walter is the only one of the four still living, and resides in Iowa.

The Morris homestead was located at 2519 Hoover in Ames, where Mrs. Morris lived for over 55 years. Neva's husband Edward died in the 1960s. At age 99 Neva moved from her farm home to North Grand Care Center and later to Northcrest Community. Although facing hearing and vision challenges, Neva still enjoys visiting with her close relatives and spending time with her eight grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren. Neva's son-in-law, 90-year-old Tom Wickersham, who lives in the same retirement home as Neva, said "It didn't hurt that she worked hard all her life and ate hearty and healthy meals prepared from meat, dairy products and vegetables produced on the farm."

Visit <http://www.ameshistoricalsociety.org> for more information on this extraordinary Ames resident and the only supercentenarian (anyone validated to be 110 years or older) in Iowa!

Ames Native is Oldest American

Neva Morris of Ames is now the oldest person ever from Iowa, she is America's oldest person, and is the second-oldest person in the world. The previous oldest American, Mary Josephine Ray of New Hampshire, died recently at age 114. Morris will turn 115 in August this year. The oldest person in the world lives in Japan and is less than 100 days older than Neva.

Neva (Freed) Morris was born in Ames August 3, 1895, which means she has lived in three different centuries. She was the youngest of four children born to Schuyler and Carebie Freed, who farmed land located just south of Highway 30 on South Dakota. All of the children attended a one-room country school through the eighth grade before entering Ames High School.

Edward Leonard Morris and Neva married in 1914. The

Ames Education Foundation (AEF) News

Katie and John Milleman Memorial Mini-Grants

In September 2006, Katie (Finn) and John Milleman were tragically killed in a car accident, just one day before their first wedding anniversary. Their memories will live on in part through the memorial gifts made to Ames Education Foundation. Both the Finn and Milleman families have decided to use the memorial funds to provide a mini-grant annually to a teacher at the Ames Community School District in their memory. The Katie (Finn) and John Milleman Mini-Grant is available to all Ames School District faculty (K-12). At least one \$500 mini-grant award will be made annually. Each year there will be a specific curricular area of focus for the mini-grant. This year it was reading.

The real unique thing about this mini-grant is the Ames High School student government conducts the review process. Representatives from the student government met, reviewed the applications and considered the merit of each, based on the written criteria. The review committee awarded the grant to Mike Lazere, AHS Science teacher to fund his project Reading Groups in Environmental Science.

The Environmental Science course has attracted a wide range of students, including students who would typically not have taken a science course in their junior or senior years. Through this mini-grant, the students are given an opportunity to read books that give a first-person account from noted naturalists, biologists, and park rangers who have a passion for the natural world, and who have done research or work that they share in their books. These books capture one's attention in a way that a textbook could never do.

John graduated from Ames High School in 1994 and Katie graduated in 1998. They cared a great deal for their families and friends. Their lives as students touched nearly all aspects of what was available in the Ames School system. They were athletes, honor roll students, involved in fine arts, student government, and mentoring younger students. They were respectful of those around them and their environment. Above all they were just normal students with similar aches and pains that we all experience. Katie and John dated while in law school and medical school at the University of Iowa and were married in September of 2005. Fulbright and Jaworski in Austin, Texas, employed Katie as an attorney. John was a Resident Physician Urologist at Scott and White Hospital system in Temple, Texas.

Let The Band Play On

With the funds raised to-date, through the "Let the Band Play On" campaign, we have been able to purchase nearly \$93,000 in new instruments. That includes 7 instruments for the 5th grade band, 13 instruments for the middle school bands and 13 instruments for the high school band. These purchases don't include the over \$100,000 raised for the band endowment.

The "Let the Band Play On" capital and endowment campaign has raised over \$290,000 in cash and pledges and funds are still being sought. If you are interested in supporting the campaign please contact the Ames Education Foundation.

AEF – Who We Are and What We Do

Creating a learning environment that goes beyond the ordinary is the purpose of the Ames Education Foundation. How does that happen?

** By awarding mini-grants to faculty to provide special projects in the classroom. Funded projects promote reading, encourage science, enhance music, and bring social studies to life!

** By equipping our students with the school supplies they need to begin the new school year through the Support Our Students (SOS) Fund. Financial support for this program is generated through the annual Phantom non-events, such as the Phantom Class Reunion (you didn't attend) or the Phantom Ball (where no waltzes occurred).

** By seeking financial support from outside the Ames community through grants from state and federal agencies.

** By assisting groups within the district to raise funds for worthwhile projects: AHS Turf Field, Band Instruments, Press Box, and computers at the AHS Ralph Farrar Media Center.

** By creating an endowment to support future projects – including the Band Endowment to help fund the program in the future.

We need your help! With your investment today, the Ames Education Foundation can continue to provide programs to benefit our children.

Donors can securely make donations on the Foundation's Web site with an e-check or credit card, through Give2Schools, provided by the National School Foundation Association (NSFA) and Information Services USA. To make a donation on-line simply go to www.ames.k12.ia.us/AEF/Foundation and click on "How To Give" to connect to the on-line giving option..

Contact the Ames Education Foundation

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We Get Letters . . .

Dear Friends,

Reading the article in the latest issue of the newsletter of the closing of Carr's Pool literally brought tears to my eyes! None of you remember but in the late '70's my husband, Tom Oates and two other men literally saved the pool from being closed by the city. Thanks to many, many volunteers, letters to the editor, and generous donations, the pool was saved to be used by the citizens of Ames for another 30 years. My brother, Jack, and my three sons grew up swimming in that pool, I took my Red Cross swimming training there and knew the Carr family intimately. I know we have to embrace progress, but nonetheless, it's almost like losing a cherished friend.

Delores (Dee) Oates '42

AHS Alumni Committee:

In your most recent newsletter, Volume 20, Issue 2, Page 3, at the bottom right hand corner is an invitation to send Carr Pool memories to the Ames Tribune. In the first paragraph of that article, it states that when Ames voters approved funding for the Furman Aquatic Center on 13th Street in Ames, they also approved closing Carr Pool. This statement is seriously inaccurate!

The closing of Carr Pool was never included in the vote to build the aquatic center nor was it ever possible for the Friends of Carr Pool to influence bringing the Carr Pool issue to a citizen vote. The pool was closed solely at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation recommendation and approved on that basis by the city council despite facts and opinions brought to the Park and Rec Board and the Ames City Council by Friends of Carr Pool. The Friends of Carr Pool also carried a petition and have signatures of between 2000 and 3000 people in support of keeping Carr Pool open for the more than 20,000 enthusiastic annual users of Carr Pool.

A newsletter correction in your next publication indicating that Ames citizens did not vote to close Carr Pool, and have never had the opportunity to vote on the status of Carr Pool, would be very much appreciated!

Yours truly,

Leah Bowman '55

AHS Alumni,

Dave McFarland '58 and Lee McFarland Murray '49 have begun a project to gather information regarding their fathers, Dr. Ernie and Dr. Julian as well as their grandfather, Guy Ernest McFarland, Sr. An article was published in the Ames Tribune around November 1, 2009 showing a picture of Lee and Dave interviewing Dr. George Montgomery.

This project is designed to provide information to their many descendants who were not even alive during their lives. The Drs McFarland provided many community services during their lives. Please send any stories and recollections to Dave, Dave@McFarland.com or Lee Murray, LMMurray2001@Yahoo.com. Thank you.

Dear Ames High friends,

Dorothy Allen Brown '44 and I, her husband (and a 1944 graduate of Roosevelt High in Des Moines) always enjoy the news about Ames High's alumni. Recently the newsletter featured "The Girls from Ames" so naturally we obtained a copy and read it. Then for contrast we took from our own shelves "Blooming", Susan Allen Toth's memoir of her time in Ames in the fifties.

Thus we had three eras to observe: 1944 (call it mid-forties), Susan's book about the mid-fifties and the story of the Ames Girls set in the seventies and early eighties - and beyond.

We wonder how many other Ames High grads did as we did. Drawing conclusions from the process was inevitable for us and we're sure others must have come to their own conclusions about the trend of life-styles over these periods...almost a half century. Thanks for keeping us up to date.

Dorothy '44 and Joseph Brown

Ames raised the standard in high school sports

by Luke Plansky, The Tribune

There will never be a year quite like 2009.

That's an ambiguous, blanket statement, but in the case of Ames High athletics, it was a year when extraordinary success became common.

Three AHS teams (boys basketball, girls golf and girls tennis) won state championships. Three more (boys swimming, girls basketball and boys soccer) were second-best. Two more (boys track and field and girls swimming) placed third.

And a week before Christmas, the nationally ranked boys basketball team embarrassed one of the best teams in Illinois, while the student body partied on national television. It was a proud moment for not only the school and the community, but the whole state of Iowa as well.

State champions populated the ranks of the school's individual sports. Little Cyclone Katie Purcell led the girls golf team to glory, while also posting the best score in the Class 4A tournament. Swimmers Maddie Bro and Ben Utesch won 100-yard backstroke title, while Nick Toben (shot put) and Jessica King and Evelyn Qin (doubles tennis) proved to be champions.

Their performances serve as examples in a widespread pursuit of excellence, which allowed the AHS body of student-athletes to share in one great collective achievement.

In August 2009, Ames was named winner of the 2008-09 Traveling Challenge Cup, an honor that recognizes the best combined athletic and academic school in Iowa. The 19 AHS sports teams had a combined grade-point average of 3.0 or better, with a total cumulative grade-point average of 3.14. The rest of the schools had an average of 2.38.

Later in life, success in athletics is useless to most, unless the lessons learned spill over into other pursuits.

Success in the classroom is credit to hard work of the student-athletes and the guiding influence of parents, teachers, coaches and supporters.

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AHSAA Reminders

Be sure to check your mailing label below to see if your AHSAA membership is about to expire. Memberships expire December 31 of the year indicated on the label.

Also, check out the new photo gallery on the AHS alumni web site (ahsalum.org). Photos are now easier to browse through and also easier to add to the web site. Please email any alumni photos that you would like to share. Thank you to Ed Hendrickson '74 for adding the photo gallery to the website.

And you can still request a complimentary copy of the new AHS Athletics newsletter by contacting Judge Johnston (515-817-0611 or jjohnston@ames.k12.ia.us).

AHSAA Calendar

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Apr. 17	Class of 1963 Gathering
Apr. 17	VEISHEA
Apr. 20	AHSAA monthly meeting
May 17-19	Class of 1950 Reunion
May 18	AHSAA monthly meeting
May 20-23	Class of 1960 Reunion
May 23	AHS Graduation
June 15	AHSAA monthly meeting
June 19	Lincoln School Reunion
June 25-26	Class of 1980 Reunion
June 25-27	Class of 1975 Reunion
July 16-17	Class of 1970 Reunion
July 20	AHSAA monthly meeting
July 23-24	Class of 1990 Reunion
Aug. 6-7	Class of 2000 Reunion
Aug. 17	AHSAA monthly meeting
Oct. 8-10	Class of 1955 Reunion
May 17-19	AHSAA monthly meeting

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Sometime	Class of 1987 Reunion
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The AHSAA meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please email or call (515-232-8343) for the exact time and location of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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