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NEW Ames High Alumni Directory



There was an article in the December, 2011 AHSAA Newsletter indicating that we, indeed, were publishing a new alumni directory, and that it was at the printers. It was printed in January and delivered to the AHSAA on January 23rd. Over one-hundred of our loyal members ordered one based on the story, and they were mailed out on the 23rd by a group of alumni volunteers--Bob and Anne Buck, Jim Dresser, Tom Emmerson and Mary Shahan.

The new directory consists of three alumni listings: (1) an alphabetical listing of all AHS graduates, (2) a listing by graduation classes, and (3) a geographical listing by city and state. It also contains a section of information about the Ames High School Alumni Association and a collection of information and trivia about Ames High School. We think you will find it useful and interesting. So, we suggest you order yours today. And while you are doing that--you may want to order one for a child, sibling or friend. They make a great gift!

- Bill and Jack

The Swingsters



Roger Deal, '51 forwarded this picture to us. He indicated that this would have been the sophomore year (48-49) of the Class of 1951. He has identified seven of the members for us. They are, indeed, a dapper looking group. We will give a three-year membership or a 2011 AHSAA Directory to the first person to correctly identify all fourteen members. How will we know if you are correct? We have our sources!

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- * James, '58 & Mary Judge Merchant, '58

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- * Thomas H. Boast, '65
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- * Janis L. Dickens, '67
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- * Warren C. Friest, '38
- * Father Thomas W. Gray, '59
- * Michael S. Knuths, '54
- Michael W. Moore, '76
- * Robert D. Munson, '51
- * Sue Mendon Powley, '60
- * Marilyn Sowers, Spouse
- * Lawrence R. Thorpe, '49
- * John L. Timmons, '64
- * James, '52 & Carol Sue Triplett
- * Dorothy P. Vance, '43
- * Wade Welshons, '69
- Julianna Rozeboom Wernimont, '79

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- * Jane Huntley Amme, '54
- * Anonymous, '57
- Dustin Avey, '96
- * Alyce Miller Bailey, '45
- Dale E. Bappe, '49
- Belinda Bathie, '82
- * Charles, '53 & Neala Benson
- Theresa K. Benson, '55
- * Connie Moore Betten, '51
- * Ruth Kunerth Bock, '35
- * Leah Bowman, '55

- Thomas J. Brindley, '67
- * Wayne W. Brown, '49
- Robert P. Brunkow, '66
- Linda Busker, '64
- Terry R. Carroll, '73
- Kayleen Coady Catus, '79
- * Pat Catron Christensen, '59
- * Nancy Neff Clark, '48
- * Gerald Cooper, '44
- Marcia Heidel Courson, '61
- Randall L. Crom, '74
- Carol Cummings, '57
- Bette J. Daffin, '45
- * Roger A. Deal, '51
- Linda Smith DeGeus, '68
- * William J. Duffy, '53
- * Sonja Accola Ehrenreich, '65
- * Allison Elder, '81
- * Larry E. Erickson, '59
- * Robert E. Ernst, '47
- * Joan "Joni" Brown Ervin, '65
- David C. Fitz, '73
- Thomas A. Fleener, '85
- Edward R. "Dick" Fye, '42
- Brian Garrett, '71
- * Rebecca Willrich Gish, '70
- * Karen Haines, '58
- * Lowell, '49 & Marcia Bernard Harper, '51
- * Phyllis Thompson Harris, '45
- J. Ted Hartman, '43
- Phyllis M. Heffron, '59
- Cynthia S. Johnson, '64
- Judy G. Johnson, '78
- Marilyn Kline Johnson, '68
- Dee Pollard Krueger, '68
- Kathleen L. Knutson, '75
- * Bonnie Kroon
- Margaret Wallace Leverett, '46
- * Veronica Lynch Lim, '62
- Keith Magoon, '57
- James, '62 & Linda Fleming Marken, '63
- * Kathy Pohl McMillin, '65
- * Kathleen Finnegan Moller, '66

- * Dennis B. Morton, '54
- * Sharon Gore Moya, '52
- * Ruth Farley Nelson, '63
- Carrie Stidwell O'Boyle, '89
- * Dean, '50 & Diane Obrecht
- David A. Ostermann, '84
- * Donald, '56 & Janice Ostermann
- Ronald J. Pedersen, '70
- Leslie Osam Pensack, '62
- * Leland A. Perry, '56
- Elizabeth Munn Poletti, '52
- * Shirley Kooser Regalia, '56
- James E. Ricketts, '62
- * Michael, '53 & Dori Ritland
- * Jean Sclarow Rodgers, '58
- Mary Runyan, '72
- * Dallas Wall Rust, '60
- Jolene Satre, '72
- * Catherine Schanche Sanders, '51
- * Donna Fae Schepers, Staff
- * Mary Dodds Schlick, '43
- Debbie Zack Schultz, '66
- Gordon M. Shepherd, '51
- * David R. Smith, '52
- Paula M. Smith, '68
- * Scott Smith
- * Jerrold Soesbe, '56
- Carolyn Beem Stammeyer, '69
- Tamara Sondrol Stein, '72
- Richard O. Stenerson, '53
- Wendy K. Swenson, '76
- * Timothy M. Stine, '59
- Donald L. Ullestad, '46
- * Sheila A. Waterbury, '53
- Jack Wharton, '62
- * Sheila Glenn Whitford, '73
- Nancy Oxley Wiley, '67
- Kyle D. Williams, '72
- Steven F. Williams, '71
- * Mary Jo Winder, '58
- Bruce D. Woods, '61
- Dale B. Woodward, '70

Wanted: Names of all AHS alums who have had books published.

So far (March 5) we have collected names of 58 authors who have written or illustrated nearly 150 published books – in all categories (fiction, non-fiction, children's, illustrated, guides, etc.)

But we think this may be only the tip of the iceberg.

The list, once compiled, will become part of the AHS Alumni Association web site.

If you have authored a published book, please

send us details (author, title, publisher and year of publication). And, if you have a spare copy, would you please send one to us for our growing collection of Ames High Authors?

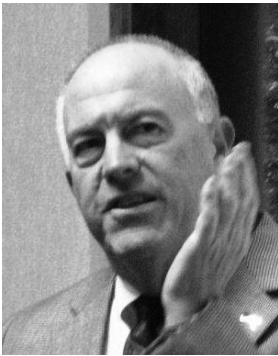
Include books that you have self-published and are selling on-line (e.g., Amazon).

E-mail details to: wcrippsaw@aol.com and emerson@iastate.edu. Please mail copies of your book to Bill Ripp, AHS Alumni Office, 1921 Ridgewood Ave., Ames, IA – 50010.

Our authors so far come from 27 different classes (from 1926 through 1989). So far, the class of 1955 leads the way with six (Robert L. Bartley, Peggy Dilts Herz, William Carney, Tom Emmerson, Ed Mezvinsky and Terry Rust).

Our list will also be filed with the Ames Historical Society (<http://www.ameshistoricalsociety.org/>)

“Reflections” by Mark D. Allen, AHS Class of 1974



Mark Allen

One of the great things about growing up in a mid-sized Midwestern town is the can-do attitude. From the time I was born, I feel my parents, Bill and LaDonna Allen, my grandmother

and our family, the business owners in Ames, the educators, and many in the community always seemed to challenge me with two questions:

• **What do you see that isn't, but could be?** and • **What are YOU going to do about it?**

Graduating from Ames High, I feel that we have been given great big opportunities to be lifelong learners and then 'doers'. Boy, you sure couldn't have told me that when I was listening/dozing to Mr. Trump, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Forssman, or any of the other great teaching minds we had working for us!

Dr. Farrar once said to me, "The world is a big place and there are lots of problems, a guy needs to look around and see all it has to offer." I had never really thought about where my life might take me after my 1974 graduation date. During my senior year, I worked at Bledsoe's in downtown Ames. Don Bledsoe was an alumnus of the University of Kansas and he never backed away from a challenge. KU sounded like a great place...far enough from home that I wouldn't go home all the time (or my parents wouldn't come find me)...but close enough that I could (or they could). And, it was still in the Big Eight. A bonus! I'm in!

So after my bright yellow 1942 Willys Jeep was done entering the Ames High parking lot, Bill and LaDonna bought me a Mustang and I headed off to Lawrence, KS for higher education. I didn't know a single person on the KU campus. For an eighteen year-old guy in 1974, that was a challenge. That move turned out to be a real gift in so many ways.

Being the son of Bill and LaDonna, who seemed to know EVERY single person in central Iowa, or everyone at least knew them, I thought my sister Kris and I would never find a soul who wouldn't report on us when something happened. How could I go wrong going to a place where NOBODY

knew my parents! I would be Mark Allen, not Bill and LaDonna's son! I'm still in!

Life at KU was great. I jumped into classes and activities, met lots of people, and ultimately completed my undergraduate degree in four years! In between, I was a Kansas Honors Program participant, Student Body Treasurer, and served on numerous university committees. I helped start several student legislative and recreation programs that are still in existence and operation today. And, most importantly, I found my college sweetheart, Lori. We are still happily married today, 33 years later.

I got the seeds of entrepreneurship from my Mom and Dad, working in the DECA program, and many Ames business owners. I bought stock in Hach Chemical, then a local Ames company, in 1972 based on listening to Kitty Hach tell Don Bledsoe and me about their work. The Hachs were at the forefront of research and discovery in water analysis instrumentation and were commercializing it. I still have the shares in the successor company forty years later.

Rather than take a traditional banking, business, or finance job when I graduated, I chose to take a straight commission job in the commodities trading business. Specifically, I traded cash transactions in the lumber and plywood futures industry. It turned out to be a great education in business and it encouraged me to be involved in starting several businesses. With sweat equity from me and others, and funding from my biggest client, we started a company that grew to be one of the largest building materials sales and distribution facilities in the Midwest.

In 1990, with encouragement from my wife and parents, we launched our own company. It was a company seeded with a new philosophy in trading lumber and building materials. Growth followed. We ultimately started several companies out of the original operation and had around 400 associates in multiple operations. It was a great learning experience, with many successes and some failures, and when it was sold, it became part of a large national building materials company.

"Do the right thing" was always a part of a conversation with my parents. Most of you who have known my Mom and Dad, know they have been involved in many facets of life in Ames, and all of Iowa, for over 60 years. My Dad was on the school board for a number of years, and my Mom was one of the original Mary Greeley Hospital Trustees. Both served as statewide

presidents of numerous organizations. Civic and community service was and is a part of our family life.

That rubbed off on both my sister and me. Kris has been involved in lots of charitable causes and good work in Ames, with her husband, John, right by her side. She focuses on special projects working with children.

I have concentrated in working to mentor youth in different ways. I joined with several other Kansas City community members to co-found two public school district educational foundations and two youth leadership initiatives. Combined, these organizations have touched about 200,000 youths citywide and distributed over \$20 million in educational and classroom grants. These are proud accomplishments for me.

An even greater joy for me is working with youth using a one-on-one mentoring and coaching approach. In the past 15 years, I would guess I have mentored/coached about 150 young men, many from disadvantaged circumstances and neighborhoods. Most of the kids I have worked with are from single parent families with multiple siblings from different relationships. The space in this population is crowded and for a young man to grow up without stability or ability to understand his role can lead to many issues. Most of these kids just need somebody to listen to them and coach them, much as our teachers and parents in Ames did for us and do for others.

I would encourage you to give it a try. You will be sharing a gift that gives both ways! I promise!

For the last several years, I have worked for the University of Missouri system, based at UMKC in Kansas City, teaching and coaching future entrepreneurs and small business owners. Our entrepreneurship program is widely known as one of the top 25 programs in the world. My work couples teaching, coaching, and working with energetic and innovative entrepreneurs! Call it my "sweet spot."

I would encourage you, my fellow alumni of Ames High, to reflect on the gifts you've been given, your education, your life, your family, and find a difficult question that needs to be addressed.

"What do you see that isn't, but could be? What are YOU going to do about it?"

Remember, "Ames Hi Aims High"!

Other News About Our Graduates

Jeffrey M. Osweiler, '90 is a member of the U. S. Foreign Service and works in the U. S. Embassy in Morocco. On Friday, November 25, 2011, Jeff was staffing a polling place in the North African Kingdom of Morocco, and with other fellow U. S. diplomats was monitoring the country's parliamentary elections, part of a reform movement by King Mohammed VI. Osweiler credits Ames High social studies teacher, Kirk Daddow, with creating a class atmosphere that developed his interest in current events and foreign affairs. Osweiler followed his interests to the University of Iowa where he earned a political Science degree, and a graduate degree at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. When he visits his home state, Jeff has been giving talks about the U. S. diplomatic corps, at, among other places, Ames High School and Iowa State University.

Gregg A. Garn, '90 was named Dean of the University of Oklahoma's Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education by the University's Board of Regents at its January meeting. Garn, who has served as the interim dean of the college since July 1, 2011 was also named as head of the Division of Teacher Education and as director of the Education Profession Division. (Editor's note: And, just in case you may have missed our December, 2011 newsletter, Gregg was inducted into the Ames High School Athletic Hall of Fame last October.)

Bryan A. Warme, '94 spent this past professional football season as a team surgeon with the New York Giants and was with the team from its under-achieving regular season through its improbable championship run. He was on the sidelines for this year's Super Bowl XLVI, giving him a first-hand look at the Patriots' bizarre safety, Ahmad Bradshaw's accidental touchdown and Tom Brady's desperate arching pass on the game's final play. Warme is also a team doctor for St. John's University's athletic teams, but he is giving up what seems like a dream job for one he considers better. In August, Bryan and his wife, Kara, will move to Ames, where he will go into practice with Peter Buck, '71 and Tom Greenwald at the McFarland Clinic. He will also work with Iowa State University's athletic teams. Welcome home, Bryan!

Still Singing

Growing up as a youngster at the downtown Methodist church it was common to see Betty (Grant) Dixson '44 singing solos as well as singing in the choir. She left Ames with her husband, Don, moved to Florida and lived there for many years. After Don, also '44, passed away in 2001, Betty eventually made her way back to Ames and First United Methodist Church.

Today in church our soloist was Betty Dixson. Now perhaps a second soprano, I'm happy to report she can still sing very well.

Jack Smalling '58

Class of 2010 Basketball Teams -Where are they now?

In 2010 Ames High boys basketball won their fifty-third consecutive game and second state championship. The five starters on the boys team all went on to play college sports. The most heralded player was Harrison Barnes who was a first team all stater. He's currently at North Carolina where he was just named to the ACC first team.

Doug McDermott, also named first team all state, signed to play with Creighton. His 23.1 point average this season ranked him third in the nation currently. He was also named the MVP of the Missouri Valley Conference this year playing for his father, coach Greg McDermott.

Point guard, Michael Weber, is starting and averaging 10 points a game at Kirkwood CC in Cedar Rapids. Forward Riley Stuve is a starter for Iowa Central CC at Fort Dodge. James Kohler is a pitcher at Evansville University in Indiana.

Kionna Kellogg and Ellen Hansen made it to State for three years while playing for Ames. Kionna is a starter for the Minnesota Gophers. Ellen is a starter and defensive specialist for Wayne State in Nebraska.

Dateline, March 13, 2012. Some All-American teams have just been announced. The Sporting News named Doug McDermott to the second team and Harrison Barnes to the third team. The Associated Press named McDermott to their first team. These may well be Ames High's first All-Americans.

Also in Division I, guard Bubu Palo ('09) red-shirted one season and then, in 2011-12, played 14 minutes a game and averaged 4.0 points for Iowa State.

Jack Smalling '58

Ames High's Only Olympic Medal Winner

– Cliff Cushman



Cliff Cushman

By Tom
Emmerson
(AHS 1955)

As an Ames High sophomore, he ran the fastest mile ever recorded for a 15-year-old; he won a silver medal at

the 1960 Olympics in Rome; then he died when his Air Force jet was shot down over North Vietnam in 1966.

That, in a nutshell encapsulates the life and death of Clifton E. Cushman who is Ames High's most successful Olympian and a true role model.

Our families met first in summer 1945, when we lived at 2708 Lincoln Way and they rented the abandoned Delta Tau Delta fraternity house at 101 Hyland Ave (not a block away).

There was Cedric, then Cliff and little Marnita. A fourth sibling – Marlene -- was a late arrival. We spent countless hours ramming around in that old fraternity, which was way too large for any family. But we had access to every room and the dorm with its dozens of mattresses.

Our families remained close -- even after the Cushmans moved in 1946 to a house they had built in the boondocks of northwest Ames – at 3316 Ontario Road on RFD 3.

As a kid in games of tag, Cliff was fast and elusive, but he only really evolved as an outstanding runner after he got a morning paper route delivering the Des Moines Register.

This was a fringe circulation area, so Cliff had only 20-25 papers, but they were spread out – like a rural postman's route.

Cliff and his dog Ginger started by walking the route. But before long he and Ginger broke into a jog and

then they added more speed and a kick at the end – and thus began Cushman's illustrious career – first as a miler and then as a 400 -meter hurdler.

By the time Cliff got into Welch Junior High we knew that we had a secret weapon that we could spring in our annual home track meet (on grass) against the much-feared boys from Central (who got to practice on the Ames High cinder track).

But we had no idea just how good – and how gutsy – he was at 5-10 and 123 pounds with his cherubic face and Cream of Wheat hair. As an AHS sophomore in 1954, he improved steadily, winning his first mile run only on May 8. He won again handily in the next two meets, but now, at State, he was up against Iowa's best miler. Senior Ron Ellickson from Decorah had qualified for state by running the mile 6.0 seconds faster than Cliff's best time.

Ellickson led almost all the way, with Cushman tucked in right behind him. Then, in the final stretch, Cliff inched ahead, lunged at the tape and beat Ellickson by a nose.

Cushman's mile broke the 40-year-old state record (4:31.8 set in 1913). It took only about 24 hours before coaches and reporters realized that Cliff's 4:27.5 was the fastest time EVER for a 15-year-old.

Cliff confided afterwards that he had “just come down to place. I said out loud that I was going to beat Ellickson, but I didn't believe it.”

One month later, Cushman learned that his family was moving to Grand Forks, ND, where he almost single-handedly won two state track championships for his school.

He earned a full track scholarship to the University of Kansas and in 1960 finished second in the Olympics in the 400-meter hurdles at Rome. He would have qualified again in 1964, but he fell after hitting a hurdle and

failed to earn a spot on the USA team.

After graduation, he was commissioned in the Air Force where he flew fighter-bombers in preparation for combat in Vietnam. He was shot down on his first combat mission northeast of Hanoi on 25 September 1966.

As a result of his gallantry, heroism and professional skill, Major Clifton E. Cushman was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Air Medals and the Purple Heart – besides his silver Olympics medal.

In 1995, Cliff was inducted into the Ames High Little Cyclone Athletic Hall of Fame, where he still stands as just one of a kind.

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Note: For more about Clifton Cushman, see teammate Bob Covey's insightful and colorful recollections on the Ames Historical Society's website, <http://www.ameshistoricalsociety.org/>. Click on “Your Stories” in the segment called “About Ames.”

Visible signs of Cliff Cushman's Ames experience:

- * Welch Field football field and grass track – west Ames between Wilmoth and Franklin Avenues on the south side of Lincoln Way.
- * Family home at 3316 Ontario Road
- * AHS *Spirit* (1954), pages 50, 60, 64, 83.
- * Athletics Hall of Fame at Ames High School. (1995)

Sources:

- * *Personal relationship with Cushman family.*
- * *Bob Covey's written recollections (Ames Historical Society and personal e-mails) (AHS 57)*
- * *Bruce B. Black's recollections (phone call on 6 March 2012). (AHS 55)*
- * *John (Jack) Stevens's recollections (e-mails) (AHS 57)*
- * *Ames Tribune and Des Moines Register stories (May 1954).*

Memorials

- In memory of: **Max W. Sowers, '47**
By: Nancy Neff Clark, '48
- In memory of: **Nancy Houge Hadaway, '68**
By: Sonja Accola Ehrenreich, '65
- In memory of: **Max W. Sowers, '47**
By: Phyllis Eschbach Schulz, '47
- In memory of: **Raymond D. Kincheloe, '45**
By: Robert W. Reichardt, '45
- In memory of: **Mary Jo Vivian, '54**
By: Ann Vivian Martin, '79
- In memory of: **Harold L. Green, '34**
By: Evelyn R. Green, '35
- In memory of: **Bettejean McCoy Barnhouse, '43**
By: James ('49) & Janet McCoy ('52) Yoder
- In memory of: **Mary McNally Paulson, Staff**
By: Tess Pappas Galati, '60
- In memory of: **Karen Wall Nielson, '56**
By: Shirley J. Regalia, '56
- In memory of: **William E. Houk, '53**
By: Richard Stenerson, '53
- In memory of: **Deceased members of: AHS Class of 1938**
By: Warren C. Friest, '38
- In memory of: **Astrid Knutson Schumell, '46**
By: Marilyn Knutson Squires, '51
- In memory of: **Ronald J. Ross, '65**
By: Steven W. Risdal, '65
- In memory of: **C. Craig Mack, '64**
By: William L. Soultz, '64
- In memory of: **Gene A. Lackore, '51**
Gene Osborne
By: Roger A. Deal, '51
- In memory of: **Austin "Ozzie" Nowlin, '56**
By: Karen K. Popelka, '58
- In memory of: **John R. Holmes, '51**
By: Charles A. Holmes, '52
- In memory of: **Norma Hammond Baker, '46**
Paul Sjurson, '46
Richard Reynolds, '46
Joyce Anderson, Reynolds, '46
Robert Long, '46
By: Dorothy Marie Schanche Hart, '46
- In memory of: **Donald Faas, Staff**
By: Michelle Faas Shaw, '79
- In memory of: **William E. Houk, '53**
By: Richard ('49) & Mary Lou Wilson Ullestad, '52
- In memory of: **Joyce Gray McManus, '50**
David Taft, '52
By: James ('52) & Carole Sue Triplett
- In memory of: **Charles E. Dahm, '60**
By: Patricia Dahm Flores, '61
- In memory of: **AHS Class of 1961**
By: Gary W. Clem, '61
- In memory of: **Clinton J. Adams, '21**
Margaret Macy Adams, '21
Bruce M. Adams, '51
By: John F. ('49) & Barbara Teig Adam, '54
- In memory of: **Joe Everds, '57**
Jerry Shipley, '57
By: William Stoeber, '57
- In memory of: **John Oley Erickson, '41**
By: Colleen Rhodes Erickson, Carol Mabus & Douglas Erickson

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 any 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>City, State</u>
1934	Kilpatrick, Margaret Mary (Kinsella)	d. 1-12-2011	Harlan, Iowa
1935	Goff, Bernice Thelma (Van Scoy)	d. 3-6-2012	Ames, Iowa
1936	Champlin, Albert Louis, Jr.	d. 2-20-2012	Wayzata, Minn.
1936	Sturm, Leafa L. (Fisher)	d. 1-5-2012	Story City, Iowa
1938	Willcox, Milton J.	d. 10-16-2011	East Moline, Ill.
1939	Merrill, Virginia Blythe (Vance)	d. 8-10-2011	Rossmoor, Calif.
1940	Fauerby, Mildred Elizabeth (Uhl)	d. 8-25-2011	Beaufort, S. C.
1940	Soreghan, Sister Cecelia	d. 2-23-2012	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1941	Arrasmith, Jean	d. 1-4-2012	Fort Collins, Colo.
1941	Erickson, John Oley	d. 3-7-2012	Van Nuys, Calif.
1941	Holt, Evelyn Vera (Anderson)	d. 7-14-2011	Marietta, Ga.
1941	Riggs, Doris (Griffith)	d. 3-6-2012	Story City, Iowa
1942	Douglass, Winfield Neil	d. 3-16-2012	Ottumwa, Iowa
1942	Turkington, Harriet Beverly (Breckenridge)	d. 3-7-2012	Norman, Okla.
1942	Ullestad, Cleone Maxine (Grant)	d. 12-27-2011	Palm Harbor, Fla.
1942	Webb, Edith Caroline (Uhl)	d. 7-23-2011	Wichita, Kans.
1943	Davey, Barbara Ann (Baustian)	d. 9-1-2011	Fredonia, N. Y.
1943	Kralik, Velma L. (Ladwig)	d. 10-13-2010	West Des Moines, Iowa
1944	Morrison, John D.	d. 2-20-2012	Portland, Ore.
1946	Long, Robert Curtis	d. 12-6-2011	Evans, Georgia
1946	Reynolds, Joyce Carolyn (Anderson)	d. 12-30-2011	Palo Alto, Calif.
1947	Taylor, Gerald Keith	d. 2-17-2012	San Pedro, Calif.
1949	Link, Betty Mae (Young)	d. 12-12-2011	Nevada, Iowa
1949	Marvin, Janis Elizabeth	d. 1-17-2012	Story City, Iowa
1950	McManus, Joyce Ann (Gray)	d. 11-10-2011	Minneapolis, Minn.
1951	Lackore, Gene Andre	d. 1-14-2012	Goshen, Ind.
1954	Compton, Jack Harry	d. 2-22-2012	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1956	Ramsey, Gerald Frank	d. 10-17-2011	Santa Fe, N. Mex.
1960	Mosness, Phillip E.	d. 1-21-2012	Novinger, Mo.
1966	Skei, Russell John	d. 2-15-2012	Ames, Iowa
1966	Wilson, Edward Fordham	d. 1-22-2012	Plainfield, Ill.
1968	Carbrey, Anna Marie	d. 10-1-2011	Kansas City, Kans.
1969	Stohlmayer, Michael	d. 2-11-2012	Ames, Iowa
1972	Fennen, Dorothy Ellen (Stuve)	d. 11-27-2011	Omaha, Neb.
1973	Martin, Rickey Dean	d. 3-3-2012	Ames, Iowa
1990	Angus, Scot Alan	d. 12-6-2011	Ankeny, Iowa

We Get Letters...

Dear Ames High Alumni,
For those of you who were fortunate enough to have had Grace Bauske and Mr. Forssman for English and/or Literature, (and my father-in-law, Dale Geise, PE teacher from Welch Jr. High) this letter will not come as a surprise. As a 1979 graduate of AHS, I was blessed to have been able to have classes with Mr. Forssman and Grace Bauske. I knew at the time they were something extra special. I had no idea, though, of the life-changing impact they would have on me.

Mrs. Bauske had made an off-handed remark when I was in high school that "I should be writing." Her words never left me, so one day I decided to write a novel. Eight years after I graduated, I contacted Grace and Mr. Forssman to see if they would be interested in reading a very rough version of my historical romance/family saga manuscript. They readily agreed and their comments were invaluable and very encouraging. Long story short...life got busy with raising kids and careers and I put the book aside. Every few years though I would dust it off, rework it and send it back to Mr. Forssman, Grace Bauske and Dale Geise for another round of reviews. They all kept urging me to keep moving forward. To my great and profound sorrow, Grace Bauske passed away in 2006. A year ago, I committed to finish the project. Mr. Forssman and his wife, Sharon, have spent countless hours reading and encouraging me to continue. I truly would not have finished this without them! I am moved beyond words for how grateful and blessed I am...as are all of us from Ames... to have teachers (and their spouses) like Grace Bauske, Mr. Forssman and Dale Geise who never stopped teaching us, their students, regardless of where we are in life. I can never thank them enough. They are the embodiment of what is good and great in teachers.

Nancy Sprowell Geise, '79
8thSeaAuthor@gmail.com

The arrival of the Ames High School Alumni Newsletter still elicits a "who gets to read it first?" response from me and my wife (Mary Alice Barber), even though it has been more than 68 years since I attended Ames High School. Mary Alice is not from Ames, but she was an ISC student and had come to know me and all three of my sisters by 1944. Also, she had many other Ames friends who were enrolled at Iowa State from 1943-47. All four of the Breckenridge children (Harriet, AHS '42, Bruce, AHS '44, and twins, Esther and Eleanor, AHS '47) had attended the Ames Public Schools from Roosevelt and/or Crawford Elementary onward. A small group of Ames High students, including me, had left the high school in 1943 in order to join the armed forces or to enroll in college, but we were awarded our high school diplomas at the 50th anniversary reunion of the Ames High School Class of 1944 in 1994. Mary Alice and I were married in 1949, and the subsequent years have taken us to Rochester, NY, St. Louis, MO, Princeton, NJ, and finally now to a retirement community in southeastern Pennsylvania. (Editor's note: I had the privilege of presenting these "long overdue diplomas" at this special assembly. WCR)

Bruce Breckenridge, '44

To: AHSAA
Enclosed please find a check for 3 years of membership in the AHSAA. I am so proud to be a graduate (1957) of AHS and even though I live away from Ames, I maintain a lively interest in Ames High School and its history, keeping in mind that I am a part of its history. I look forward to each issue of the alumni newsletter. Usually, it sends me to the phone and to conversations with my sisters and with my '57 classmates. Our motto, "Ames Hi Aims High" was an inspiration to me while a student and remains so to this day. It continues to guide me often.

John Sylvester, '57

Dear Newsletter Staff,
Here is my renewal for another 3 years! I always enjoy the newsletter, especially my era, 1943. Some who wrote letters are familiar to me--Eliz Butler Vancisin, '42. She was in my brother, Ray Byrnes', class of '42. Ray has moved to Mesa, AZ with one of his sons. Ray is in good health for his age. He follows all the important games on TV! They visited us here in Gainesville, FL before they moved to Arizona. It was a great visit. I hope you all can keep the newsletters coming. Thank you for all your efforts!

Beth Byrnes Consbruck, '43

Dear Mr. Ripp,
I'm enclosing my renewal for the AHS Alumni Newsletter. It's always a treat to get it. Thank you so much for being our tour guide of the "new and improved and bigger and better" AHS at our Class of '76 35th Reunion in July--you haven't changed a bit! (Editor's note: Sorry about your failing eyesight, Jami!) Anne Arbuckle of the Ames Education Foundation and Kathy Svec of the Ames Historical Society were also great in their presentations during the weekend. I hadn't been back to Ames for 8 years since I had to miss our 30th reunion, but was back twice last summer not only for the reunion but also for my Dad's 85th birthday and my parents' 60th anniversary in June. It was so nice to see a lot of old friends then as well, besides the required stop at Hickory Park with Jodie (Tryon) Stokke and Karen (Allen) Kerper. It's great knowing that even though some things change, some things look the same...including my classmates! What an eternally youthful bunch we are! The only ones I didn't recognize were those camouflaged by facial hair (fortunately, all men). Even though 5 years go by between reunions, we always seem to pick right up where we left off.

Our "76 Reunion Committee did a **fabulous** job in pulling everything together (thank you, Facebook), and I only wish that more of our classmates

We Get Letters...*cont.*

could have joined us, but I know how hard it is to coordinate the schedules of 400 people. I also want to thank Ed Beaudry for diving into the "Chocolate Lovers" skit (good work, Nancy!). It was great seeing Coach Arnie Zediker, and I wish more faculty could have attended. Thanks, also, to Connie (Martin) Vaclav for your help, and to Tammy (Edwards) and Stan Hyer for going above and beyond the call of duty. I hope we continue having our reunions every 5 years (or it could be every 4 years, like the Olympics and the Elections)! See you all in 2016!

Jami Simon, '76

Dear Friends,
Since I will be 98 this month (January), it would only be wishful thinking to go for 3 more years. But I do enjoy your publications.

Gladys Redlinger Wagner, '30

Enclosed is my check to renew my Ames High Alumni Newsletter for another three years. Thank you all for all your hard work all year in creating a lively and interesting newsletter year after year.

Mary Platt, '56

To Whom It May Concern:
I am a 1968 graduate of Ames High School, returned to town recently to serve on the faculty of ISU's College of Veterinary Medicine after 33 years on the faculty at the University of Arizona. Like everyone, I suppose, I had many memorable experiences during my education in the Ames Community School District, including many I'm glad to remember and a few I'd as soon forget. At Central Junior High School, there was Mr. Dunn, my first science teacher. I remember him as knowledgeable and clearly sold on both the subject and the students. Mr. Hilgerson, who taught Western Civilization, was one of a relative minority of teachers who wanted students to do individualized, rather

than standardized work. At Ames High, there were math teachers Walter Wood and Hubert Albertson, both of whom made indelible marks on my academic life. However, one teacher stands out above all others. I enrolled in Grace Bauske's journalism classes in 1967-68. She had an immediate impact on my writing, the extent of which is impossible for me to overstate. Over my 35 years in the university academic world, I have published about 160 scientific papers, and never once have I put pen to paper (fingers to keyboard, actually) without yielding, thankfully, to her influence. I have written one textbook, edited several reference books and written hundreds of grant proposals. Mrs. Bauske has been there through all of them, helping me to tell credible and appealing stories. I am grateful for the work of many teachers and professors encountered along the route to a PhD and in subsequent years when I put my learning into practice. Grace Bauske is at the top of the heap. I couldn't have made the life I've lived without her, and I'm thankful for Ames High for having provided her classes and the many other experiences in my education. All the best!

J. Glenn Songer, '68

Ames High School Alumni Newsletter: I read with interest your December, 2011 newsletter with the picture on page 9 showing the remaining members of the 1945 State Basketball Championship team. My brother, Al "Tubby" Ballard was a big part of that team and is a member of the Ames High Athletic Hall of Fame. He passed away a few years ago. I am sending you a very old newspaper clipping that I have saved all these years telling about the problem Tubby had with one of the Dowling High players. (Article by Jack North, Sports Editor, The Tribune, printed below.) I want to tell you that I always look forward to receiving the newsletter. I am still going strong, so I guess Texas agrees with me.

"Ames, the state defending high school basketball champion, played without

the services of two of its regulars and stars, Roland Knight, 6 foot, 1 inch center, and Paul Sjurson, 5 foot, 10 inch forward, but was very impressive in handing Dowling High a 54-33 drubbing in its important game in the district tournament at the Drake field house before 5,000 fans. . . . Knight is on the sick list and Sjurson suffered an injury in practice Tuesday. The contest between Ames and Dowling was a long one and required one hour and 27 minutes. The game was held up in the early minutes when Sam Colacino, Dowling's rugged guard, was ousted from the game by the officials for a flagrant foul. Nady, the Dowling coach, protested the ousting of Colacino. He held up the contest and protested to Lyle Quinn, the executive secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the manager of the local tournament. Quinn told Nady the foul was flagrant, the officials used their judgment, Colacino was out of the game and the decision was final. The play which caused Colacino's removal came in the early minutes. Tubby Ballard, the Ames forward, was going in for a setup and Colacino deliberately pushed him from behind. The shooter was rammed into the Ames bench on the north end of the court. The decision of an official in all tournament games is final whenever judgment is concerned. The rulebook STATES that officials MUST disqualify a player for any flagrantly unsportsmanlike infraction of Section 7, a Personal Foul."

Also, on the same sports page: "Max Sowers, Ames High Athlete, is, without a doubt, one of the best all-around prep guards in the state. The speedy Ames cager has been impressive in every start this season and in Wednesday night's victory over Dowling, found the range for 17 points besides playing a bang-up defensive game. He's the No. 1 guard the writer has seen in action this season."

Eugene "Gene" Ballard, '45

Ames Education Foundation Program Updates

Foundation Mini-Grants

In January 2012, \$11,000 in Mini-Grants were awarded to teachers in their classrooms. Applications were reviewed by a committee in December. The review resulted in 23 out of 27 applications being fulfilled.



Pictured Left to Right: Mr. Bill Ripp, Camille Helgeson of Meeker Elementary, Arbuckle, and Mrs. Ripp.

I think it is important to put a sparkle in the day of a teacher. Instead of sending out a broadcast email to teachers stating who the recipients were, I thought a surprise at the teacher's classroom might be more fun. For everyone!

The elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school, all had teachers receive grants. I rounded up the principal at each school and surprised the teacher in their classroom, announcing they were a Mini-Grant recipient and giving them a certificate. On one of the days that I embarked on visiting 23 classrooms, I took a trumpet player with me. Those teachers were surprised not only with a certificate but with a trumpet fanfare.

There was one recipient that didn't receive a trumpet fanfare, but received a better surprise. This teacher was Camille Helgeson at Meeker Elementary. Camille's father is none other than Bill Ripp. Bill is your Founder and Secretary of the Ames High Alumni, former Associate Principal at Ames High, and now a Volunteer at Meeker Elementary in his daughter's room. Since Camille was a recipient, I arranged a surprise for

her. I scheduled Camille's certificate presentation on a day when Bill was working in her room, and invited Mrs. Ripp to be there as well. Mr. & Mrs. Ripp have done so much for the Ames Community School District it was a delight to include them on the surprise for their daughter....**Mrs. Helgeson!**

Leveled Readers

Are you interested in Academics? Does the thought of young children learning to read, liking it, and reading challenging material in the elementary grades interest you? Would you like to be of assistance with this program? If you do not live in Ames, consider joining as a virtual member of a philanthropy group called 100's Club. If you are in Ames or near by, please consider joining. For more information please call me, at 515/268-6630 or visit the new website for information on "Leveled Readers" at www.ameseducationfoundation.org.

S.O.S.

It is that time of year when we mail out information regarding S.O.S. – Support Our Students! Did you know at one elementary, dried food is packaged in bags on Fridays and placed inside the child's backpack, so the child will be able to eat on the weekend. Our Foundation supports students like those, and many others, not with this food program, but with purchasing supplies for them, so they are prepared for school. S.O.S. therefore is our campaign program to purchase supplies for students who



Instructor Christy Franco, center, of Fellows Elementary is serenaded by a High School Trumpet Player. Franco was a Mini-Grant recipient.

may be from families who struggle financially. Your donations, no matter what size, are welcome. It is sad to say, but our program S.O.S. will probably always be in existence. Together we can make an impact on the lives of these students. All children deserve the chance to be prepared for school at Ames Community School District.

TASTE for Education

An event is being planned! This is a dinner type fundraising event. Local restaurants will provide wonderful foods to sample. There will be a silent auction and a live auction. Chris Ewan, AHS Band Director, will be arranging the music entertainment from the talents of Ames High Alumni. The Date: Sept. 30, The Time: 5:00 pm, Where: Gateway.

Can you... join us?

Do you... have something for our auction?

Would you.... like to sponsor something?

Please let me know, ann@ameseducationfoundation.org

THANK YOU

I am so grateful to all of you. Your contributions to SOS and Mini-Grant help make these programs possible! The smiles and tears teachers have when they are awarded a grant to fund a need in their classroom such as a projector or textbooks; and the joy a counselor has when they can provide supplies to students bring deep gratitude. Thank you for your interest in our causes. Thank you for making a difference. I will support your schools with pride and care! WE ARE...AMES!

Thanks,
Annie Arbuckle
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AHSAA Calendar

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Meetings:

May 15 th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
June 19 th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
July 17 th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
August 21 st	AHSAA Monthly Meeting

Reunions:

July 13-15	Class of 1992 20 th Reunion
July 27-29	Class of 1972 40 th Reunion
Aug. 3-4	Class of 2002 10 th Reunion
Aug. 3-4	Class of 1982 30 th Reunion--**
Aug. 24-25	Class of 1967 45 th Reunion
Sept. 14-15	Class of 1962 50 th Reunion
Sept. 21-23	Class of 1954 58 th Reunion
Oct. 18-20	Class of 1957 55 th Reunion
Dec. 22 nd	18 th All-AHS Holiday Gathering (Olde Main on Main St. in Ames)
Date Pending?	Class of 1987 25 th Reunion

** Check th AHS alumni website at www.ahsalum.org in mid-April for details. Other contacts: **Nancy Johanns Shaw** (shawx5@aol.com) and **Betsy Clubine** (betsyclubine@gmail.com)

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Sept. 27-29 Class of 1963 50th Reunion

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The AHSAA meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please email or call (515-232-0230) for the exact time and location of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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