



# Ames High School Alumni Newsletter

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## AHS Alumnus Shines Light During Pandemic

by Carrie Stidwell O'Boyle, '89



Rod and his daughter, Gemma

As a top student throughout his years at Central Junior High and then Ames High, Rod Harl ('89) was accustomed to burning the candle at both ends. After receiving his undergrad with a double major of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering from UC Berkeley, he spent four years working for Merck and then achieved his MBA at Harvard. In the following years, Rod continued to establish successful entrepreneurial businesses and eventually ended up purchasing a contract candle manufacturer in Milford, New Hampshire. In 2019 alone, Alene Candles ([www.alene.com](http://www.alene.com)) made 75 million candles for mid- to high-end brands.

However, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Alene was forced to shut down production the third week of March, 2020. Never one to sit idly by, Rod decided he and his company had an opportunity to give back to their community.

*"We wanted to use our resources for something as part of the greater good. We pretty quickly narrowed-in on assembly of face shields as something we could turn-on in under a week and produce in our New Hampshire facility," Rod explained.*

After downloading an open-source face shield design from Johns

Hopkins, and partnering with a nearby plastics company, Alene Candles' employees got to work, putting out 3,000-5,000 plastic face shields a day. To date, 60,000 shields have been donated to those in need of scarce and valuable PPE (Personal Protective

Equipment) in nearby communities, including EMS workers, hospital systems, visiting nurse associations, as well as others on the frontlines. "Our soft goal is to do as much as we can for as many people as we can," said Rod.

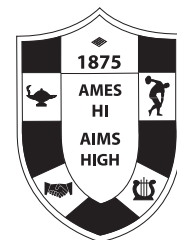
As they continue to help during this crisis, Alene Candles has been featured on Good Morning America's "Pandemic: What You Need to Know", a CBS Boston's news segment, The White House social media pages, and other great press, as an example of how a company can repurpose itself to keep a flame of hope alive during dark times.

With Rod at its helm, Alene has grown from 75 employees to 400, they opened a second facility in Ohio in 2010, and are now building a third factory set to open before year-end. In 2019, they also launched a program, Milford Luminaries, that honors local leaders for outstanding contributions to the community.

*"My Iowa upbringing instilled core values I carry with me every day," explained Rod. "As a leader, I know this is a prime time to step up and 'do the right thing'. Everyone I've worked with on this project has risen to the challenge and wants to help, which has been incredibly inspiring.*



Much to Rod's surprise, Alene Candle was featured on The White House Facebook page and other social media.



# Harrison Barnes, '10 *by Tom Emmerson, '55*

## With Harrison Barnes it's not just about basketball --it's about giving back and helping others.



Harrison and Brittany Barnes

As a youngster, Harrison shot hoops in his Curtiss Avenue driveway, at nearby Roosevelt School, at the Boys and Girls Club, sometimes at City Hall gym and, especially, old State Gym on campus where he could play against college kids. All that was before he set foot on the Ames High basketball court, where he blistered the nets on a team that won two consecutive state 4-A championships (compiling a 53-0 record in the process).

Harrison (now in his 8th season in the National Basketball Association) returned to Ames High in May with his checkbook. He and wife Brittany dropped off the equivalent of a check for \$195,000 as a kind of payback for the education he got as a Little Cyclone both in the classroom and on the basketball court.

The money is earmarked by the Harrison and Brittany Barnes Community Fund for improvements in the new AHS gymnasium – scheduled to open in Autumn 2022. But, Barnes stressed, this was one way he could “give back to Ames.”

“Growing up,” he explained, “I knew so many people -- tons of coaches, teachers, family, friends and all kinds of people—who gave me so much, making sure I was always in a safe environment.” Especially, he added, “my mom [Shirley]. I never felt like I lacked anything while I was growing up in her household.” Harrison added that he and Brittany “want to fuel a tradition among AHS graduates of giving back to the school and the community.”

The Barnes's latest gift is another example of their dedication to Ames – especially to boys and girls (K-12). Check this out: He and Brittany have already given \$300,000 to help build the all-inclusive and accessible Miracle League Playground and Field next to Inis Grove Park for anyone in central Iowa with a physical or intellectual disability. Last year they gave \$53,000 to the Ames Public Library to fund the Harrison Barnes Reading Academy for children in Story County.

Harrison has also funded and appeared at basketball camps in Ames. And he and Brittany are closely associated with Boys and Girls Clubs, not only in Ames, but also in each of the cities of teams he's played for (Oakland, CA – Golden State Warriors; Dallas, TX – Mavericks; and Sacramento, CA -- Kings). Harrison has served on Boards in these cities. He has also been a key player in Christmas shopping trips for kids who might otherwise come up short. In Dallas he covered the funeral costs for a woman who was shot by police during a routine check this past October.

Barnes has also facilitated meetings and conferences that brought together community leaders and police to talk about racial and welfare concerns.

And when the Covid-19 pandemic struck Sacramento in April, Harrison and three Kings teammates helped to provide and deliver 1,350 meals

to those in need. A few days later he and Brittany pledged \$40,000 to purchase groceries for vulnerable families and seniors in the area. They also partnered with local non-profits to distribute dry goods, as well as fresh fruits, vegetables and meats to those impacted by the virus.

Harrison and Brittany also provided a steady supply of pastries and quality coffee to physicians and other front-line workers at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit in Sacramento.

On the flip side, Harrison will don a costume to read Dr. Seuss to children and recently he played the lead role in a cartoon explaining to youngsters why it's important to know about voting.

As for Ames, Barnes says “I grew up in this community and owe everything I am to it.” But the last word goes to AHS varsity basketball coach and teacher Vance Downs, who describes Harrison as “one of the finest young men I have met in my life. His character is second to none. His dedication to his family, faith, and community is nothing short of amazing.”

**STOP THE PRESS: IT WAS A SLAM DUNK**—not by Harrison Barnes, but by the people of Ames who recognized him (and his wife Brittany) and his Foundation for the incredible performance off the court. The “Harrison Barnes Gymnasium and Court” was not only unanimously endorsed on June 15 by the Ames School Board, but also by no fewer than 10 Ames and Story County organizations, as well as a fistful of people who wrote and spoke on his behalf. School Superintendent Jenny Risner described Harrison (& Co.) as being “incredibly high caliber.” And that was that!



# 2020 AHSAA Scholarship Winners

Four Ames High School seniors each received a \$ 1,500.00 scholarship from the Ames High School Alumni Association, and additionally, one senior received the Ripp Family Scholarship of the same value. The scholarships were based on academic achievement, involvement in school and community activities, volunteerism and financial need. Jacob Gorman, Matthew Higgins and Xavier Johnson are all second-generation Ames High graduates. Congratulations to these outstanding seniors as well as the entire 2020 Ames High graduating class. Since beginning the scholarship program in 1990, thanks to your memberships, contributions and memorials, the AHSAA has now awarded one-hundred-seven (107) scholarships. You have, indeed, made a difference in the lives of these Ames High graduates.

**Cooper Alan Downs** is the son of Vance and Stephanie Downs. The same discipline that Cooper shows in the classroom also appeared in his high school athletic career. He has been a fierce competitor in football, basketball and track all four years. His disciplined approach in practice and competition has resulted in a leadership role with his teammates and other students. Cooper cares about his community and works well in group settings. He volunteered for a reading program with young students at Fellow Elementary School. Cooper plans to continue his athletic career at St. John's University, in Collegeville, Minnesota where he will pursue a major in business.

**Jacob Daniel Gorman** is the son of Gary, '81 and Tina Ferleman Gorman, '84. Jacob is bright, vibrant and self-assured young man with incredible compassion and potential. He is a confident leader and family member, a respected member of his school community, a loyal friend and an upright person of substance and principles. Outside of the classroom, Jacob has shared his talents and garnered success through sports and volunteering. Jacob has been a senior mentor to high school freshmen and to elementary students

in the school district, a member of the drill team and baseball team. He has been a role model for academics, sports and life as a whole. Jacob's work experience includes about fifteen hours a week at Wal-Mart. Jacob plans to attend Iowa State University where he will prepare for a career in Graphic Design.

**Matthew Aaron Higgins** is the son of Chad and Elizabeth Jurgens Higgins, '88. Since the age of four, Chad's career choice has been to become a commercial pilot for a major airline. During high school, Chad has worked multiple jobs to save money for tuition and flight training. As a member of the boys' swimming team, working for the Ames Park and Recreation and WCI Pools and Spas provided the opportunity to use these skills in the work world. Matthew was a member of the Key Club, the Ames High Student Council and the National Honors Society. He was also a member of DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, which is an extension of the business curriculum. Matthew plans to attend the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks where he will study and train to become a Commercial Airline Pilot.

**Xavier James Johnson**, the son of Darin and Trisha Johnson, is the third recipient of the Ripp Family Scholarship. His grandmother, Cynthia Nordhagen Johnson, is a 1964 graduate of Ames High School. Xavier's high school activities have included soccer, band and the AHS Green Team—a club designed to help the cleanup efforts at sporting events and to lessen the load of the janitorial staff. He has been active in the Collegiate/Wesley Youth Group, Food at First and Clothing



Pictured: Xavier Johnson, Matthew Higgins, Cooper Downs and Jacob Gorman.  
Not pictured: Teagan Lipsey.

That Works (required volunteerism for the Government course). He has participated in Poverty Assistance/ Disaster Recovery Service Trips to Chicago; St Paul; Rosebud Native American Reservation; Sneedville, Tennessee; Sinton, Texas; and Wilmington, South Carolina. Xavier's work experience includes Hy-Vee and his church nursery. Xavier plans to attend Iowa State University where he will later declare a major field of study.

**Teagan Janea Lipsey** is the daughter of Robert and Holly Lipsey. Teagan has not only been involved in numerous school and community activities, but she has also held leadership positions in many of them. As a senior mentor, she routinely visited freshman homerooms and as a student ambassador give tours to students new to Ames High. She was the senior captain of the PILOT program, a leadership development program for juniors and seniors in the Story County school districts. She was president of the National Honors Society and co-chair for both the Publicity Committee and Community Outreach Committee for the Dance Marathon. She also participated in the Uganda Service Trip. Athletically, she earned four varsity letters in both swimming and basketball and three varsity letters in track and field. Teagan plans to attend Iowa State University where she will major in Architecture.

# AHS Class of 1964 Awards Scholarship



Pooja Kasiviswanathan

After holding their 55th class reunion in September 2019, the Ames High Class of 1964 was fortunate to have significant funds in reserve. It was decided that the excess funds should be used to award a \$1000 scholarship

to a graduating Ames High senior based on academic achievement, involvement in school and community activities, volunteerism, and financial need.

The AHS class of 1964 is honored to announce the recipient of that scholarship is Pooja Kasiviswanathan, daughter of Kasiviswanathan Venkatraman and Vijajapalani Paramasivan. Ms. Kasiviswanathan plans to attend Iowa State University with a career goal of pediatric dentistry or biomedical engineering.

Ms. Kasiviswanathan's many high school activities included the Science Research Club where among other honors she was named a candidate for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Program, named a Regeneration Science Talent search Top 300 National Scholar, qualified as a finalist to complete in the 2020 Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair, and received a 1<sup>st</sup> Place award for her research at the 2020 WISEF. Pooja's other honors included a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the 2019 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, Associate

Member of the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society in Phoenix, AZ, 1<sup>st</sup> place winner at the I-JSSHS to advance to the 2019 National JSHA competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico, represented Iowa as a 1<sup>st</sup> place winner to present research at the American Junior Academy of Science/American Association for the Advancement of Science/National Association for the Academies of Science in Washington, D.C.

Along with the Science Research Club Ms. Kasiviswanathan was involved with the Silver Cord Program/Key Club; Teens Against Human Trafficking Club; Ames Middle School Mentoring; Environmental Protection Agency-sponsored Internship with Iowa State University, and the Ames High orchestra.

While not busy with school activities Ms. Kasiviswanathan volunteered for many community programs and activities including Northcrest Retirement Community, Food at First, Mary Greeley Medical Center, Heartland Baptist Church, Reimen Gardens, and many more.

## We Get Letters...

I enjoy receiving the newsletter. I am especially interested in the class of 1961. I came to Ames last summer to visit the grave of my sister, Janet Zober. I wish I could have connected with old class members when I came. I spend the winter season in Boca Raton, Florida. If anyone else from the class of 1961 comes to this area of Florida in the winter—please let me know. Otherwise, I live 12 miles outside of Washington, D.C. Thanks! (Cell: 240-888-3331)

**Norman Zober, '61**

As the novel *WHITEOUT* begins, Maggie arrives at an Illinois farmhouse during a full-blown blizzard and finds herself alone. Louise Shaw hired

Maggie to do some painting in the dining room, so why is no one home to welcome her. The reckless Maggie has risked her life driving through the harrowing storm and doesn't mind being alone in the warmth and safety of an unfamiliar home. Not at first! WiDo Publishing, Salt Lake City, Utah; Available at any on-line bookstore.

**Mary Brown Howard, '60**

Our new high school (Class of '68) will soon be replaced by the next generation new high school. I have been remembering with smiles and sadness: (1) Entering into the huge lobby and big bright office. (2) The long wide hallways, and so many of them. (3) All of those orange and yellow all-

in-one student desks. (4) The large parking lot and it was so far away from the building. (5) Football games way out in the field—"From prairie to pigskin". (6) After game dances in the big modern cafeteria. (7) We were the first class (1968) to graduate in the new school. Remember the plastic covering on the gym floor to protect it? (8) We had a swimming pool! (9) Going to class with wet hair after gym class in the pool. "To everything there is a season!"

**Marlene Elaine Lee Bonwell, '68**

## News of our graduates

**Heidi Shierholz, '90** is a Senior Economist and the Director of Policy at the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, DC. Prior to joining EPI, she was the Chief Economist at the U. S. Department of Labor. Throughout her career, Shierholz has provided policymakers and economic commentators with research and analysis on the labor market dynamics, labor and employment policy, and the effects of economic policies on low- and middle-income families. She has also coordinated closely on initiatives with allied economic justice organizations. Her research and commentary on labor and employment policy, on the effects of automation on the labor market, on wage stagnation, inequality, racial and gender disparities in the labor market, market power, the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, and other topics have been cited in many broadcast, radio, print and online news outlets, including ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, PBS, NPR, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Her first job after receiving her Ph.D. was as an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Canada. Shierholz has an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan, an M.S. in statistics from Iowa State University and a B.A. in mathematics from Grinnell College.

### AAWM Center for The Arts— November and December, 2019 Artist of the Month: Carol Sletten, '63



Carol Sletten, '63

has always loved art and has always loved birds since she was young, so it is no surprise that many of the photographs she takes

are of winged creatures. Interestingly enough, however, her colorful and up-close photographs are often mistaken for paintings. "I never thought of myself as an avian photographer," said Sletten. "Just something I do because they are so beautiful. I am a fledgling member of Audubon."

In the past, Carol worked for an ad agency and a university information center, did a stint as a reporter, taught at a community college, was co-owner of an art gallery and collected oral history. When she was on the East Coast, Carol had a gig as an Artist in Residence, designed publications and had a one-woman show at the Staten Island Botanic Garden. She is currently focusing on the history, landscape and people of the American West. Her play, *Three Strong Western Women*, books and artwork reflect her ongoing fascination with those subjects. Carol is the co-author and illustrator of *Story of the American West—Legends of Arizona*, which weaves quintessential elements of the mythic West into a high readable history about one of the last untamed regions in the American frontier.

Carol says there is so much to learn about nature. For anyone who wants to know more, she says there are experts locally who offer things like eagle workshops and more. She also encourages people to check out the White Mountain Nature Center, Arizona Game and Fish and the White Mountain Audubon Society. On her personal Face book page, Sletten sums it all up with a quote: "History is my teacher; nature is my music; wonder is my companion and I am still learning." More information about Sletten, writer, illustrator, speaker, visual artist and avian photographer—can be found at [www.OakHillStudio.com](http://www.OakHillStudio.com). Congratulations, Carol. (Courtesy of Barbara Bruce, White Mountain Outdoors, and the AAWM Center for The Arts.)

**Sevond Cole, '98** has been hired as principal of Fellows Elementary School, the largest of the Ames District's five K-6 schools. Cole previously was principal and director of curriculum and instruction at Schaller-Crestland (Iowa) Elementary and Middle Schools. Cole earned a Bachelor's degree from Buena Vista in 2000 and a Master's in Educational Administration at the University of South Dakota in 2018. Sevond also served a 6-year (2008-14) stint as head wrestling coach at Buena Vista, where he was a Division III All-American at 174 pounds both as a junior and senior.

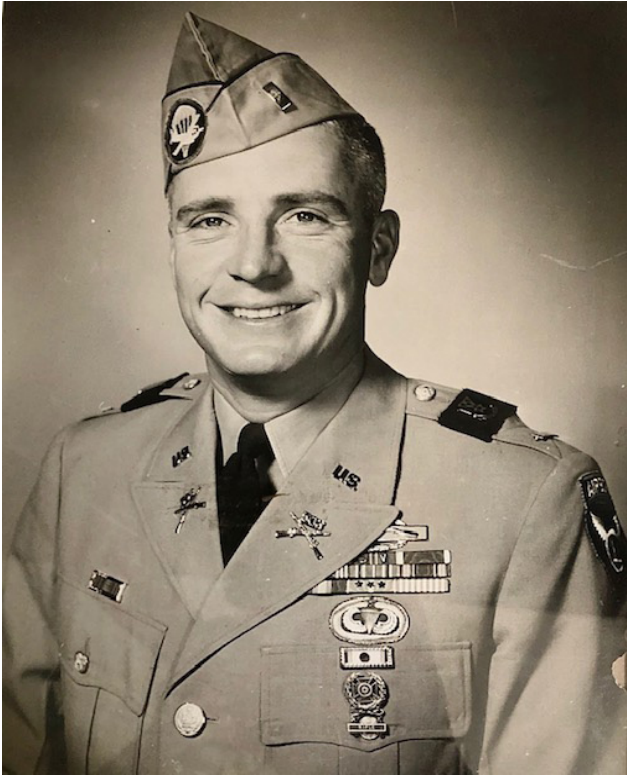
### FYI:

**Fellows** (1235 20<sup>th</sup> St.) is the largest of Ames's five elementary (K-5) schools with a 2019-20 enrollment of 575.

**Meeker** and **Sawyer** had 422 and 419 students, followed by **Edwards** (389) and **Mitchell** (319). The **Middle School's** (6-8) enrollment in 2019 was 1,098 while **Ames High's** (9-12) was 1,412. (TE)



# Lieutenant Colonel (RET) Robert I. Simpson, Jr., '44



LTC (retired) Robert I. Simpson, Jr., '44

LTC (retired) Robert I. Simpson, Jr. completed a distinguished 26-year career in the United States Army in 1970. His combat branch remained Infantry during this period. He served in command and staff assignments from platoon to Army Group and Joint Staff levels. He enlisted as an infantryman in 1944 and was sent to Camp Roberts in California to prepare for the invasion of Japan. He subsequently attended Infantry OCS and the U. S. Military Academy, graduating in 1951. During the Korean War he served in the 8240<sup>th</sup> Augmentation Unit leading partisans in amphibious raids into North Korea, north of the bomb line. He subsequently commanded E Company, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division at the Battle of The Boomerang during the Korean War, during which he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds from enemy gunfire.

Seventy-five percent of Colonel Simpson's military career was spent either in a military training role as a student or in actual troop training. While in the Troop Training Branch, G3 Section, HQ 7<sup>th</sup> Army, Colonel Simpson prepared and implemented numerous troop training programs through the 7<sup>th</sup> Army, including the establishment, staffing and equipping of the 7<sup>th</sup> Army Marksmanship Unit—a first for that command, for which he was recognized by General Speidel, the first post-World War II German Commander of NATO Central Army

Group, and Erwin Rommel's former Chief of Staff.

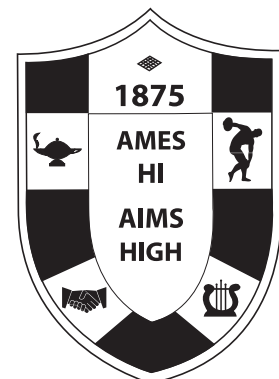
As a young infantry officer, LTC (RET) Simpson commanded airborne rifles companies in both the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, as well as Support Company 503<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. He served multiple times as an aide de camp, to include service as ADC to the Commanding General 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.

While an Instructor in tactics at the U. S. Army Infantry School, then Captain Simpson prepared the first Airmobile unit of Instruction for presentation to the advanced class and participated in the preparation and presentation of the massive combined arms demonstration to students from throughout the U. S. Army schools system, foreign and dignitaries and U. S. Military Academy Cadets.

At U. S. Army, Europe level, Col Simpson personally wrote the general orders reorganizing the 300,000-man forces in Europe at that time using the appropriate TO & E for each unit from postal element size to division size. As a member of the G-1 staff, Military Assistance Command-Vietnam, LTC Simpson served as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army on training to reduce AWOLs and desertions, and the maintenance of good order and discipline.

In his final active Army role, LTC Simpson served as the Combat Infantry Line Member of the 6<sup>th</sup> U. S. Army Physical Evaluation Board that determined disability ratings of soldiers returning from Vietnam. In that role, LTC Simpson ensured that infantrymen who were wounded or injured in the war were properly compensate

Lieutenant Colonel Simpson's personal dedication and distinguished service was recognized by his award of the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Valor, Bronze Star for Meritorious Service with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Good Conduct Medal.



# USPHS Rear Admiral Timothy H. Holtz, '82



RADM Timothy H. Holtz, '82

The United States Commissioned Corps Headquarters (CCHQ), responsible for the administration and response coordination of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps, announced the selection of a small group of exemplary PHS Commissioned Officers to the rank of Rear Admiral in the Commissioned Corps of the USPHS. This is an honor that comes with great responsibility. It is equally an honor for us at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of AIDS Research (OAR) to share that our own Deputy Director, Dr. Timothy H. Holtz, MD, MPH, FACP, FACPM, is one of the distinguished NIH leaders to receive this prestigious recognition.

Commissioned Corps leadership relies on flag officers to exhibit the highest caliber of public health leadership and to provide regular input and recommendations on the future of

the essential public health and clinical service roles with the Nation's Federal Government agencies. Those chosen as flag officers embody the values of the Commissioned Corps and tirelessly work "to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of our nation." Commissioned Corps flag officers also are designated with the title and responsibilities of an Assistant Surgeon General in the USPHS. RADM Timothy H. Holtz joined OAR in June 2019 to provide scientific leadership, including policy development and strategic planning,

for the NIH HIV research program. He has been instrumental in helping coordinate the NIH HIV/AIDS research agenda, direct the development of the scientific components of the NIH Strategic Plan for AIDS and AIDS-Related Research, and guide the development of the \$3 billion NIH HIV research budget.

With a robust and long track record in global public health, RADM Holtz has served as a Commissioned Corps medical officer since 1999, when he entered as a primary care physician into the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS). He trained as an officer in two postgraduate programs, advancing through three CDC Divisions, including postings in two countries for nearly ten years with increasing leadership competency at each step. Previously, he was a Team Lead in the CDC's International

TB Branch, a Program Director and Principal HIV Research Site Investigator at CDC Thailand, followed by HIV Program Director India, and then Acting Country Director of CDC India. To date his career includes three deployments (hurricane relief, Haiti cholera, and West Africa Ebola), and emergency response to two national disasters (World Trade Center disaster, anthrax outbreak).

"Maximizing public health impact through effective leadership has been my professional goal, which has involved efficient management of personnel, facilities, and processes," said RADM Holtz, who also highlighted that as a flag officer he will continue to work to advance the NIH/OAR vision to End the HIV Pandemic in collaboration with the HHS *Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America* initiative. He also underscored that "achieving the goals will require excellent communication and collaborations between U.S. government agencies to implement promising research."

Please join OAR in congratulating RADM Timothy H. Holtz, AHS '82, in this notable accomplishment.



## Class of '62 Limericks!

GORP, Group of Retired People from the AHS Class of 1962, has met monthly for many years. But with the COVID-19 pandemic, they have been home-bound for several months. Since they are a naturally active group, doing nothing did not appeal to them. A limerick was submitted by Tony Pappas, and a number of his classmates chimed in. ***"Ames Hi Aims High"***

Stay home and wear your mask  
Or the government takes you to task.  
You can go to the store  
For booze, beans and more.  
But a restaurant? Don't even ask!  
***Tony Pappas***

Covid was a virus,  
And not a friend of Midas.  
The government spoke,  
The economy broke,  
And poverty came and fried us.  
***Tony Pappas***

To the Limerick Hall of Fame?  
Now that would be really lame.  
I'm sure in Nantucket  
That they would just chuck it.  
Those fools just ain't got no game.  
***Tony Pappas***

Two guys went into a bar,  
Their names were Pappas and Carr.  
They were trying to rhyme,  
And lost track of the time,  
And now nobody knows where they are.  
***Loran Randles***

Tony will get some fame.  
Clap your hands and exclaim.  
But before he was born,  
His genes were torn,  
Between doctorship and poiitis acclaim.  
***Jim Gould***

There is a group called GORP.  
Meets monthly with knife and fork.  
Laughter and questions  
Power the sessions,  
And responses are a lark.  
***Mary Sue Arrasmith Brown***

One good in coronavirus crisis:  
It brings out the poet in all of us.  
Our words might not rhyme,  
Our meters not time,  
But it distracts us from making fusses.  
***Scott Feamster***

We treasure the wonder in Mary Sue;  
She's great at finding great things to do.  
She posts photographs,  
She leads us in laughs,  
She keeps class in the Class of 62.  
***Scott Feamster***

A virus named COVID-19  
has throttled the world so obscene;  
So, let us write poems  
And stay in our homes  
So, we can get back to keeping Earth green.  
***Leslie Osam Pensack***

As we live under house arrest  
We are being put to the test  
We can follow the rules  
Like non-thinking tools  
Or decide that Freedom is best.  
***Tony Pappas***

I love this class of six-two!  
It helps to carry me through...  
With mem'ries and pics  
They all do the trick  
To keep me from coming unglued!  
***Bev Aegerter Power***

Asthma, COPD, Cardio-Vascular Disease,  
Old Age, High BP, Peripheral Vascular Disease,  
They keep me in isolation.  
A gift of stay-cation.  
I do miss your hug, but not your sneeze.  
***Mary Sue Arrasmith Brown***





Weeding through emails is tough.  
Like old rotary phones it is rough.  
    To maintain old connections,  
    It spawns new objections,  
So Facebook gets all my good stuff.

***Jonathan Huntress***

I might be schizophrenic,  
But I seem asymptomatic.,  
    To mask or not to mask  
    That's what I ask.  
But every day, I'm optimistic .

***Scott Feamster***

China's a sneaky enemy  
In arms, yen, virus and IP.  
    For centuries long,  
    We must stay strong  
Freedom will conquer tyranny.

***Scott Feamster***

My Stimulus check has arrived!  
I no longer feel deprived –  
    With money to spend  
    When COVID shall end,  
Unless by then I've died. . . .

***Bev Aegerter Power***

### **Ode to COVID 19:**

Staying home is lots of fun  
Plenty of time to get stuff done.  
Sewing masks is my ideal  
Using my stash has great appeal  
From my window as I sew  
Spring is coming as you know  
Watching the robin in her nest  
Feeding her babies is the best.  
While others hate being confined  
For me at least it is sublime

***Ann Sande Reed***

### **“Oh Madison”**

Oh Madison, where art thou now  
As liberties we disavow  
Society has been shut down,  
To overlords we now must bow

The doors are closed in every town  
The people's faces wear a frown  
No graduations for this year  
No seniors wearing cap and gown

To loved ones we cannot go near  
For we have all been taught to fear  
We mask our face to go outside  
O freedom, which we once held dear

We watch the news and learn they lied  
We think we may have turned the tide  
Official numbers we can't trust  
There's no one that can be our guide

To be above us is their lust  
To have us begging in the dust  
To be dependent on their state  
Our fields are fallow, cities rust

Too dangerous to find a mate  
To start a business, well too late  
And church is not a place to go  
The petty tyrants bare their hate

Atlas shrugged to let us know  
It is up to us to stop the flow  
We cannot let them sweep away  
The liberty that lets us grow.

***Tony Pappas***

## Que sera sera, Anthony G. "Tony" Pappas, '62

*Que sera sera.* I think Doris Day made that song popular in an Alfred Hitchcock movie back in the 50s. I loved that movie. The Collegiate Theater backed up to an alley and our house was on the other side of the alley. It was on the back wall of that theater that I practiced hitting a tennis ball. I had one can of balls and a racquet that I bought from the drug store across the street from City Hall. I have no memory of why I was interested in tennis. I didn't know anyone that played. Bob Carr played and we became friends, but I didn't meet him till years later.

The theater had cheap matinees, and I could afford them on my paper route income. After all, I got \$ 3.00 per week. I was rolling in it! The bonus was that every time I got someone to start taking the *Ames Daily Tribune*, I got a point and the points added up to being able to select something from a list of merchandise. That's how I got my first camera. It was a silver-colored plastic job that took film that was a little wider than 35mm, maybe 60mm or whatever was common at that time. Film was expensive, and it also used flash bulbs for low light. Each bulb cost about \$ .35—a big expense for me. The camera was a top view. You held it on your belly by a strap around your neck and looked down into a view finder. When you took the picture the internal mirror that allowed you to look through the lens flipped up allowing the light to hit the film. That little camera got me started in my life long interest in photography and eventually led me into a radiology residency. But I started talking about cheap matinees and I saw some great classic films in the that theater—*River of No Return*, *The Strategic Air Command*, *Psycho* and some Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis movies. Lots more I can't remember.

There was a big dumpster-like wooden box behind the theater where they dumped all the used thin

cardboard popcorn boxes. There was also a nearby burn barrel like the ones you would see near farm houses back then. There were two boys that lived with their divorced mother upstairs in the rental we occupied till 1957. One was older and the other younger that I was. The older one had lots of ideas and one day he came out with some matches and we commenced to burn the popcorn boxes. It was so much fun that we did it many times during as least one summer. No one ever tried to stop us. Our house was just off the end of Main Street. As long as we didn't do anything damaging, everyone left children alone. Those were the days!

This was the same house that once had a remodel of a small restaurant going on next door, kitty corner from the Ford dealership. One day the workmen left the ladder to get on the roof. It was a one-story, flat-roofed building. So that night we climbed on the roof and we dared each other to jump. And we did, landing on our feet. None of us got hurt. Our parents never knew.

In the vacant lot on the other side behind our house, Montgomery Ward parked new farm wagons. In those days they were pretty small, maybe 20 feet long, and made out of green

painted metal. It was great fun to climb inside and play various make-believe games, like we were hiding from imaginary people, or we just sat in there and talked.

Every summer I got a new pair of black tennis shoes from J. C. Penney which I wore out by the end of the summer. Every fall I got a pair of leather shoes from the same place. Rubber overshoes, also! Once my dad commented that I sure wore shoes out rapidly and that he had his shoes for many years. He was a bit out of touch with what I did. Another time he watched me brushing my teeth and thought I was a bit too vigorous. He had dentures which, even as a grade-schooler, I commented on. But he was a good guy in many ways. Here he was, in his 70s, getting up every day and going to the hotel restaurant and working as a busboy from 5:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. He got things ready before the breakfast hour and cleaned the restaurant after the lunch hour. He worked hard as an old man to support his family. I never heard him complain. I don't know if he ever had any aches or pains, but I'm sure he did. Even at that, his life was better than it had been in occupied Greece during World War II.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

A very special 100<sup>th</sup> birthday wish to John Howard Hug who reached the century mark on April 11, 2020. John graduated from Ames High School in 1938. John had a 30-year Air Force career flying B-29s, WB-47s and Co-130s. He then spent another 20 years as a civilian pilot. We believe John is currently the oldest Ames High graduate to have an active membership in the Ames High School Alumni Association. We

featured John in an article, "Fifty Years in the Air", written by Lance Thompson in our December, 2017 newsletter. We encourage you to read, or in some cases reread, the article which in our website: <http://www.ahsalum.org>. **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your birth, John!**



## From the AHSAA Archives . . .

### Once Upon A Time -- Even before Television

If you are between 75 and 90, can you remember what books you read (or had read to you) when you were a nipper? A few years back, I asked that question to Marcia Wilsie Campbell ('55. and a long-time elementary school teacher). She's the kind of person who remembers vividly. Here's her list (with her comments in parenthesis).

#### Ages 3-4: (1940-41)

The Little Engine That Could; Babar; The Pokey Little Puppy (fav!); Make Way for Ducklings; Peter Rabbit; The Littlest Angel; The Night Before Christmas (all year long!); and Little Black Sambo (trying to figure out how the two tigers turned to butter!).

#### Age 5-6: (1942-43)

Winnie the Pooh & The House at Pooh Corner; Curious George; The Moffats by Eleanor Estes; Babar (the words were in script and I tried to trace them with white paper!). Also, Manners Can Be Fun by Monro Leaf. (My parents tried to scare me into being good!). A Child's Garden of Verses (loved all the poems, especially when he was sick and played with his toy soldiers); Horton Hatches the Egg; and The Boxcar Children.

#### Ages 7-10: (1944-1947)

Nancy Drew books (my Dad had to check under my bed each night though if he read me a chapter early on); The Bobbsey Twins; Caddie Woodlawn; Ruth Sawyer's Roller Skate; and the Betsy-Tacy & Tib series, And, of course, there was Heidi by Johanna Spyri in 1881 followed 50 years later (after Spyri's death) by Heidi Grows Up (1938).

### Were you ever stricken with Horse-Fever as a youngster?

Sometime in the third grade (1946) at Crawford Elementary, Marcia discovered horses (with an exclamation point). She devoured books on horses -- Mary O'Hara's My Friend Flicka and Thunderhead and Marguerite Henry's Misty of Chincoteague. She also drew or traced pictures of horses, horses, horses.

Marcia also pleaded with her parents to buy her a pony and keep it in the garage on Donald Street. To no avail, but her dad built Marcia a mini horse barn for her 9th birthday in March 1946 -- and he also got her a subscription to *Horse World* magazine.

That's when two other Donald Street classmates joined Marcia's band of 3rd grade horse lovers -- Sheila Grant and Mary Alice Merchant, (both also AHS '55). They held horse meetings at the Wilsie house -- because Marcia had *Horse World* -- and because her father built for each girl a pair of horse's hooves -- wooden blocks with large leather coverings their hands slipped into.

Every school morning, the trio convened at the corner of Donald and Stanton and clip-clopped on all fours some 530 feet (176 yards) to the Crawford playground. After school, they hoofed it back to Marcia's home where they drew horses and made-up words that included "horse."

They were well into 4th grade when Marcia jumped off a cement wall and broke her wrist. It only took 6 weeks before the girls were back "galloping" to Crawford and back. The following year the girls changed schools -- to Welch -- for 5th grade and the distance, Marcia writes, required a different mode of transportation, namely bicycles.

By junior high Marcia, Sheila and Mary Alice had picked up other interests. But Marcia, especially, never forgot Flicka and her son.

**FACT CHECK:** Astute readers of a certain age will have spotted a Serious Equine Omission. Who is it? (Hint: It is autobiographical.)

-- Tom Emmerson. ('55)

#### 60 years ago...

Managing the business affairs of the Class of '60 was the primary function of the Senior Senate. Heading the Senate were the class officers elected at the end of last year. They were: president, Steve Dreeszen; vice-president, Jim Piper; secretary, Vicky Kirkham; and treasurer, Ilo Leppik. One member elected from each senior homeroom at the beginning of the year also served in the Senate.

#### Fifty years ago...

This year Ames High acquired the most extensive and up-to-date drivers' education program in the state, according to Mr. Posegate, one of two new teachers for the course. Student received 36 hours of classroom instruction which consisted of movies, lectures, discussions and tests. The driving simulator, financed by a federal grant, was used by each student for

12 hours. The driving range located on 13th Street was also financed by a federal grant and gave the students practical skills that they would find most difficult in driving on the street. In the last phase of the program each student had 4 hours of driving on the street.

#### Forty years ago...

Recycling played an important role for Ames High Students with the Ames Solid Waste Recovery Plant in the community and the new Iowa bottle bill. Dwindling available sources of energy also forced the nation to research new energy options and to utilize current sources more efficiently. Student surveys showed a generally positive view towards recycling as a plan for tomorrow. The bottle bill, requiring Iowans to pay a five-cent deposit on beverage cans and bottles, went into effect in July of 1979.



## Pulling the Squaw out of the Creek, by Tom Emmerson, '55

What's in a name? Plenty, especially if it's considered offensive in the 21st century.

We're talking specifically about the word "Squaw," (as in Squaw Creek) which Native Americans see as being equivalent -- in insensitivity -- to Injun or Redskin or, in some cases, worse. Even Simpson College in Indianola changed its nickname from "Redmen" to "Storm" in 1992 -- almost 30 years ago. That's also the same time that criticism of Squaw Creek re-surfaced in Ames after a brief flurry in the 1970s. But calls for a name change fell both times on more-or-less deaf ears.

(In all likelihood, that was a time when a squaw was thought of as what Indian maidens became when they got married.) The issue is back on the table today -- in spades.

Both the Ames City Council and the Story County Board of Supervisors voted in January to support a change to loway Creek -- in honor of one of

the two major Native American tribes in Iowa in the 18th and 19th centuries. A persuasive case was made to both bodies about Squaw being a pejorative. Some have even described it as a sexual slur.

Slightly less disparaging was the explanation for naming the creek that was provided 65 years ago by Mrs. Gladys Hultz Meads (AHS 1913) who was the unofficial Ames historian before Farwell Brown. She wrote regular newspaper columns about Ames which were published in 1955. In her then-definitive book, "At the Squaw and the Skunk" (on page 8) she wrote: "*The Squaw . . . was named because it was fat and brown and ambling.*" Mrs. Meads provided no citation or reference for this statement, so it could just have reflected her own view. Still, her explanation rather reinforces the case for a fresh start.

But that is just a beginning of a process that might drag on for a

while. That's because the 42-mile creek also runs through two other counties -- Boone and Hamilton -- and they also have a say in the matter. In fact, Supervisors in both have more-or-less shrugged and asked, "Why bother?" Still, the government agency responsible for naming things (U.S. Board of Geographic Names) has been petitioned. It may take a while, but the BGN has approved other requests with regard to things named Squaw.

Also, it must help a little that there is no river, creek or brook in the U.S.A. with loway in its name. Only that song. It's also worth noting that the other indigenous tribe considered in the Ames and Story County discussions. It did not make the cut. Maybe just as well. Try saying Sauk Creek three times in a row. Oh, and by the way, Ames still has a Squaw Creek Drive and a Squaw Creek Park to deal with in order to wipe clean the slate.

## Has Ames short-changed its Native Americans?,

by Tom Emmerson, '55

Apart from that Creek-about-to-be-renamed, Ames appears to have forgotten that Native Americans were here first -- by a century or two. So, it would seem. But it wasn't always like that. For the first 46 years of the town's existence (1864-1910) what today is called Main was actually Onondaga Street -- named almost accidentally after an Indian tribe 1,000 miles away in New York state.

This occurred because one of our most important and influential residents was Cynthia Olive Kellogg Duff. The village's three most important thoroughfares in 1864 were named in her honor: Duff and Kellogg were pretty obvious. But the most

important street in Ames was named Onondaga -- after the village in New York state where Cynthia was born (in 1820). It had been the primary settlement of the Onondaga tribe since 1600. That name prevailed as long as Cynthia Duff was alive. Soon after she died in 1907, the City Council approved 22 street name changes in one swoop. The most important was dropping Onondaga in favor of Main Street.

As the Ames *Times* put it, that Indian name "never did mean anything worthwhile and never will." Onondaga, the writer asserted, "would sound all right for a name on a pullman sleeping car, but it's the limit when

you try to utilize it seventeen times a day in speaking of a street." [Spelling wouldn't be so easy either -- as was the case when Ridgewood was known as Chautauqua Ave.]

After that Native Americans were pretty much overlooked when it came to naming streets, parks and the like. Two short streets subsequently carried the names Maricopa and Cocomino, both counties in Arizona which were influenced by native tribes -- some 1,350 miles west of Ames. That's all folks -- except a portion of northwest Ames -- largely undeveloped -- has been designed by the City as being for Native American names. So far, not even a smoke signal.

## Why Skunk River? Blame smelly onions:

Not many things are named after a skunk for pretty obvious reasons. So, why us?

The answer has some logic even if it is odoriferous. According to best accounts (including Gladys Meads) wild onions growing at the head waters of the Skunk River (about 30 miles north of Ames) gave off a strong (even obnoxious)

smell at times. More accurately, the Skunk should have been called Onion River.

Meanwhile, Iowa can take pride in being the only state in the Union that has a Skunk brook, creek or river (and we have two – the North and South). And those onions? When boiled they kept insects at bay (or so they said). (TE)

## Frogtown & Swamp Street:

Speaking of names and nick-names, the land from Squaw Creek west to campus town was swampy when it wasn't flooded, which is why it came to be known locally as "Frog Town." It's not easy to pinpoint the full area of this squishiness – except to say that, until the early 20th century, Lynn Avenue was named "Swamp Street". (TE)

## Ames High Construction

*Pictures by Jane Ripp*



## 2020 Ames High School Commencement Ceremony

After the cancellation of the last scheduled commencement ceremony, the Ames High School Commencement Ceremony finally did take place at the Ames High Stadium at 10:00 a.m. on July 11<sup>th</sup>.



# Memorials

In memory of: **Eileen Walsh Born, '63**  
By: Mary E. Walsh Neitge, '58

In memory of: **Merl Robert Core, 68**  
By: John M. Core, '81

In memory of: **Gary L. Groat, '60**  
By: Richard N. Garman, '59

In memory of: **Gary L. Overland, '64**  
By: Marilyn Gibbs Alger, '71

In memory of: **Joan Bachman Burrell, '58**  
**Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Jean Bachman Bruner, '58

In memory of: **Barbara Squires French, '63**  
**Blaine G. Zenor, '60**  
By: Micki Johnson Strusky, '63

In memory of: **Pamella Cole Sipes, '61**  
By: Lois Knutson Lynch, '61

In memory of: **Katy Reid, '57**  
By: Barbara Kurtz Bunning, '57

In memory of: **William R. Donels, '59**  
By: Timothy M. Stine, '59

In memory of: **Valerie Tesdall McClimon, '70**  
By: Gloria Jones Erickson, '71

In memory of: **Roger M. Brown, '65**  
By: Kendrick L. Brown, '62

In memory of: **Louis M. Thompson, Jr., '56**  
By: James S. Balloun, '56

In memory of: **Patricia A. Rasmussen, '77**  
By: Peggy L. Rasmussen, '70

In memory of: **William R. Donels, '59**  
**Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Thomas W. Gray, '59

In memory of: **Ronald L. Alfred, '60**  
**Patricia Carney Nauman, '60**  
**Blaine G. Zenor, '60**  
By: Sue Mendon Powley, '60

In memory of: **Gary D. Ellis, '58**  
By: Daniel, '58  
& Annette McCarthy

In memory of: **John M. Daine, '47**  
**George E. Turner, '47**  
By: Phyllis Eschbach Schulz, '47

In memory of: **John N. Dunlap, '63**  
By: Margo Dunlap Reeg, '61

In memory of: **Clinton C. Marken, '63**  
By: James, '62  
& Linda Fleming Marken, '63

In memory of: **Brian H. Barron, '55**  
By: Bruce Barron

In memory of: **Brian H. Barron, '55**  
By: Dean J. Lange, '62

In memory of: **Stephen B. Carr, '59**  
**Gregg L. Gammack, '59**  
**Barbara Ann Hoover, '59**  
**Frances M. McTague, '59**  
**James P. Stuart, '59**  
By: Bruce Barron

In memory of: **1976 Deceased Classmates**  
By: David J. Crawford, '76

In memory of: **Becky Batman Reinsch, '69**  
By: Steven H. Reinsch, '69

In memory of: **Thomas Edwin Barnard, '50**  
By: Anne Barnard Bice, '48  
Benjamin R. Barnard, '52  
Martha Barnard Rohde, '54

In memory of: **1968 AHS Deceased Classmates**  
By: Diane Brandenburg Soper, '68



## Some Have Left Us

Class	Name	Date of Death	City, State	Class	Name	Date of Death	City, State
1939	Proctor, Jean Louise (Hug)	d.3-14-2020	Emporia KS	1962	Thompson, Claudia M. (Smith)	d.4-24-2020	Safety Harbor FL
1943	Schlick, Mary (Dodds)	d.3-17-2020	Stevenson VA	1963	Marken, Clinton Gary	d.4-25-2020	Valley Mills TX
1946	Payer, Donald Robbert	d.4-3-2020	Ames IA	1962	Green, Judith Ann	d.4-20-2020	Ames IA
1947	Brown, Charles Norman	d.12-10-2019	Normal IL	1962	Wetteland, Jerry	d.5-25-2020	Edina MN
1948	Barnes, Forrest Austin	d.3-10-2020	Story City IA	1968	Groomes, Donald Raymond	d.6-19-2020	Nevada IA
1949	Beckley, Russell Fay	d.5-22-2020	Ames IA	1969	Stammeyer, Carolyn Kay (Beem)	d.2-14-2020	Oelwein IA
1950	Howerton, Norman Ray	d.5-22-2020	Story City IA	1971	Schaller, Carl Frank	d.3-4-2020	Ames IA
1951	Knutson, Sterling Arden	d.3-14-2020	Lee's Summit MO	1974	Craig, John Charles	d.5-14-2020	Chandler AZ
1953	Thielman, John H.	d.6-23-2019	Kent WA	1975	Redmond, Cleve Robert	d.5-31-2020	Salt Lake City UT
1955	Barron, Brian Hughes	d.3-11-2020	Ballard WA	1976	Burnet, Elaine Kaye	d.6-5-2020	Des Moines WA
1955	Guy-Riley, Carolyn Sue (Thrasher)	d.4-22-2020	Parkville MO	1978	Hocker, Karla Lyn	d.3-20-2020	Des Moines IA
1955	Rust, Evan Terrence	d.5-9-2020	Lodi CA	1980	Carr, Brian W.	d.5-14-2020	Ames IA
1956	Battles, Norman L.	d.5-22-2020	Des Moines IA	1980	Hoffman, Rikel Martin	d.3-12-2020	Ames IA
1956	Carr, James David	d.7-1-2020	Lincoln NE	1981	Talbott, Dawn Marie (Gibson)	d.8-24-2019	Walford IA
1956	Ratliff, Richard Forest	d.6-23-2020	Carroll IA	1982	Beckett, Lawrence John	d.8-15-2019	Everett WA
1958	Erickson, Donna Louise	d.1-23-2020	Story City IA	1983	Ortgies-Jones, Denise Key	d.2-17-2020	Scottsdale AZ
1958	Niemann, Joanna Mary (Schultz)	d.9-11-2018	Ashland OR	1996	Kihl, Christopher	d.5-11-2020	Newport Beach CA
1960	Nauman, Patricia Kay (Carney)	d.4-4-2020	Fort Myers FL	2014	Olson, Paul Nathaniel	d.5-9-2020	Des Moines IA
1960	Von Bergen, Mickey	d.5-25-2020	Madison WI	Staff	Freed, Julie (Jensen)	d.3-10-2020	Ames IA
1962	Kelso, Patricia Ann (Roberson)	d.5-24-2020	Austin TX				



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

## From the Desk of the Editor

“Virtual Process” according to Webster: “A process used in creating a hypothetical model, where a real model is not realizable.” One of the greatest understatements of my lifetime is: “This has been a difficult year/time!” I doubt that there is anyone in the world who has not been affected in some way by COVIN-19. And, our national unrest, has made the situation even more difficult. Prayer is powerful, and at times like this, we need more of it. End of sermon. Amen?

construction of the new Ames High School, we had no idea the planned 2020 class reunions would also be cancelled or postponed. Although the AHSAA has not met “in person” since February, we have carried on technologically with the issues at hand. With the lockdown of Ames High School, for construction and pandemic reasons, we are running a bit behind on preparing a 2020 AHSAA Directory, but we still are hopeful of having one out this calendar year. Ora(te) pro nobis! (WCR)

When we cancelled the class reunion tours of Ames High for this summer because of the on-going



## AHSAA Calendar

### 2020 AHSAA Monthly Meetings:

August 18	September 15
October 20	November 17

### 2020 Class Reunions:

All, or almost all, planned class reunions have been cancelled or postponed to 2021.  
Check with your class officers or our website.

Oct. 1	AHSAA Distinguished Alum and AHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
Dec. 26	All Classes Holiday Gathering

### 2021 Class Reunions:

June 11-13	Class of 1965 - 56th Reunion
June 25-27	Class of 1981 - 40th Reunion
June 25-27	Class of 1980 - 41th Reunion
Sept. 16-18	Class of 1966 - 55th Reunion
Oct. - TBA	Dist. Alumnus—Hall of Fame
Dec.- TBA	AHS All Classes

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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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