



# Return of "The Bumblebee"

Boone High School Class of 1952 Newsletter



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## 60 YEAR CLASS REUNION SET FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 29

After the summer phone campaign, talking with most classmates, and correlating opinions, it was found that the majority preferred the September dates for the 60 year class reunion. Therefore, plans are being made for September 28 and 29, 2012.

An informal gathering will be held at 7 p.m. at The Tic Toc in the 700 block of Keeler on Friday, September 28. Hors d'vores and a cash bar will be available.



**At the 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, Paul Harder, Larry Moore, Bill Christensen, and Jim "Swede" Larson enjoy reminiscing.**

A Saturday evening dinner and business meeting will be also be held at The TicToc, with a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 and a dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting.

Please turn to the last two pages of this newsletter for further details and to register.

At the time of this publication, it was decided not to do any further advance planning.

Ideas that small groups might wish to pursue on your own include: breakfast on Saturday morning; an afternoon tour of the new Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad Museum (see article on pg. 3); tour the new interactive Kate Shelley display at The Boone County Historical Building; or explore the High Trestle Trail. (See article on pg. 4). -1952-

## NEWS OF CLASSMATES . . .

Marleen and Stan Moffitt were recently honored for their early support of Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) of Boone County. Their commitment to YSS for the last 24 years has been essential to its development.

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Jim and Jean Brunner's daughter, Lori, is an associate professor with the Interior Design Department at Iowa State University.

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Lee "Squeak" and Danis (Von Krog) Lingren won season tickets to the Iowa State University men's basketball games. Congratulations!

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Stan and Doris (Krug) Simmons recently had lots of excitement in their lives when Doris won \$100.00 in Boone Bucks and their grandson, Eric, earned a football scholarship at Iowa University. He will study engineering.

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In 2011, Dick Canady again ran in the Boston Marathon.

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Mary Lou (Fritch) Olauson began her nursing career in the operating room and transferred to the maternity center in 1960.



**Currently, Mary Lou serves Iowa Lutheran and Methodist West Hospitals on an as-needed basis as a bereavement co-ordinator. She provides support to parents who have lost their babies or suffered a miscarriage and helps families through their times of need.**

-1952- -Val (Schoff) Heldt

(For more news of classmates, please turn to pg. 3)



## CARING CONCERNS . . .

### DEATHS

Bernard Reid, December, 2011

\*Raymond Shadle's sister, Vera Needham,  
October, 2011

Jimmylee Gildea, February, 2012

Dr. John Green, (Band Director), August, 2010

Lois (Statton) Deakins (51), May, 2010

### CONDOLENCES TO

Gary and Beverly (Pepper) Bloomquist, death  
of her brother, Gerald (43), April, 2011

Yvonne (Fitzgerald) Elsberry, death of her  
sister, Marylee (Fitzgerald) Doers, April,  
2011

Jim and Alice (Martin) Whittlesey, death of  
her sister, Maxine (Martin) Duncan, May,  
2011

Virgil and Joanne Robertson Zunkel, death of  
her brother, Tommy (57), June, 2011

Barb (Bennett) Musser, death of her brother-  
in-law, Bud Sorenson, July, 2011

Gretchen (Caldwell) Otis, death of her grand  
daughter, Emily Simpson, June, 2011

Kenny and Kay (Wirtz) Richards, death of her  
sister, Ruth (Wirtz) Swanson, August, 2011

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jim and Jean Brunner on the birth of a grand  
daughter, August, 2012

Dick and Marilyn (Olson) Chamberlin on the  
birth of a grand daughter, Paton Allie,  
October, 2011

Chuck and Lorraine Lovin, (former  
teachers) on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary, June, 2011

Brandy Otis, grand daughter of Gretchen  
(Caldwell) Otis, on her marriage to  
Travis Storm, November, 2011

Lila Pervier on her marriage to Gary  
Mallicoat, August, 2011

Virginia Elsberry on her marriage to William  
"Bill" Pepper

## COMMUNICATION UPDATES

### ADDRESS / PHONE / E-MAIL

Marilyn (Gustafson) Straughan, add 1001  
to her new address in Huntsville, TX

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## COMMUNICATION UPDATES (cont.)

Margaret "Pug" (Nowels) Baker, new  
addresses in Ankeny, IA, from April  
through October and in Mesa, AZ, from  
November through March. She also has  
new both cell and land phone numbers  
and a new e-mail address.

Gary and Lila Pervier Mallicoat have a new  
address in Boone, IA

Ed Goodnough has a new e-mail address.

Jim Larson has a new cell phone area code:  
319.

Bill Otis now has only a cell phone number.  
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## AN INTERESTING NOTE

Boone High School was the place where  
several teaching couples met.

According to their daughter, Nancy (Green)  
Wright, John Green, former high school band  
director, met his wife, Josephine Holtquist,  
who was the high school choir director, at  
Boone High. She stated that they married in  
1948. Consequently, Boone High School had  
a "special place in their hearts."

Other Boone High School teaching couples:

Marguerite Skilling, World History,  
and William Hartley, Business;

Frieda Pagel, American History, and Dave  
Honeck, Social Studies;

Chuck Lovin, Social Studies, American  
History, coach for both Girls' Basketball and  
Golf, and Lorraine Lovin, English. (She  
taught at Jordan before coming to Boone.  
They were the first married, teaching couple  
at Boone High School.)

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## RAILROAD HERITAGE REMEMBRANCES

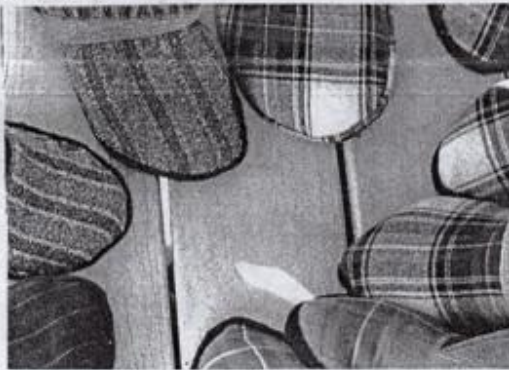
With all of the railroads transporting goods  
both east and west through the center of town,  
Boone's heritage is that of being a "Railroad  
Town." Many members of the Boone High  
School Class of 52, therefore, grew up in  
"Railroad Families." Ed Goodnough was one  
who did.

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## NEWS OF CLASSMATES (cont. from pg. 1)

Doug Keigley further developed his interest in woodworking and produces and finishes fine furniture. Pictured at the right are a beautiful desk and chair Doug recently completed. He has a reputation of being such a fine craftsman that people place special orders with him, and also select the wood they prefer for the pieces they order.



## BOONE & SCENIC VALLEY MUSEUM TO OPEN SOON

A new addition to the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad will be completed and opened in the spring of 2012. James H. Andrew, Jefferson, Iowa, has donated his extensive railroad artifact collection of the more than 3,000 items he has collected through the years.

In addition to his generous donation, Andrew has offered to cover one third of the cost of the project. The museum will be a 9,000 square foot building and will contain a theater, library, and a large area to display railroad artifacts.

A railroad depot built by Andrew at his home was brought by train to its new location at the B&SVRR. This entire project will greatly enrich the original depot and yards location and will increase the popularity of the railroad.

-1952- - Chuck Haberer



Ann Johnstone writes about her family's Christmas in her Missouri cabin retreat and the joys of having her family together there. To prepare for them, she made gifts for everyone to treasure. From old family clothes of wool, such as Brick's tweed jacket, her mother's coat, her dad's shirt, an Army blanket, and the Johnstone tartan, she cut and layered the material and made "toe-warmers" for everyone to wear during their celebration. Pictured on the left are some of the "Labors-of-Love" that represent many hours of handsewing. Her 2011 project was pillows.

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Pictured above is the new James H. Andrew Railroad Museum & History Center. When finished, the project is projected to be valued at about 1.5 million. Memorial bricks are being offered to those interested in purchasing them.

## DUES ARE DUE!

*Have you paid your \$10.00 dues for this past five-year period? They are due. They pay for the publishing and postage of the newsletter, cards, phone calls, and extra reunion expenses.* -1952-



## SCHOLARSHIPS 19 AND 20 AWARDED IN 2011

Stan Moffitt presented The Class of 52 Scholarship awards of \$500 to Presley Earl and Emily Hackenmiller at the 2011 award assembly. Presley is enrolled at Iowa State University, majoring in accounting and Emily at The University of Northern Iowa, majoring in elementary education.

The scholarship committee will meet in April to select the recipients of the 2012 awards. Funding will be provided from the CD coming due in July. In order to continue awarding scholarships beyond 2012, contributions to the fund are needed, as the balance in that account is down to \$343.85.

*- Stan and Marleen Moffitt*

## BRIDGE IS BOON TO RECREATIONAL, TOURIST, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Inspired by the area's coal mining industry, artist David B. Dahlquist designed a twisting "tunnel," formed by 41 steel frames over the High Trestle Trail Bridge between Madrid and Woodward.

The bridge looms 13 stories high above the Des Moines River. It gives majestic views of the river valley to walkers, joggers, cyclists, and nature lovers of all ages. Its beauty at night is enhanced by the steel arches with their nightly blue glow, visible to motorists on State Hwy. 210, between Madrid and Woodward.

*-1952- -Stan and Marleen Moffitt*

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Birthdays are good  
for you; the more  
you have,  
the longer you live.



## RAILROAD HERITAGE (cont. from pg. 2)



Pictured is Ed's grandfather, Fred Edmunds, who was an engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad in the 40's and 50's.

Ed recalls riding in the cab of the City of Los Angeles when he was about six. He rode from Boone to Cedar Rapids and got to blow the horn and hold the speed control. His grandfather had two runs, one from Boone to Clinton and the other, Boone to Council Bluffs.

A celebrity Ed's grandfather enjoyed meeting was Sonia Henie, ice skater, film star, and three time Olympic Champion.

*The "Bumble Bee" staff is looking for more classmates who have a railroad background and stories to share of your experiences. Please send your stories and pictures to Joan Hamilton, 1403 Monona Street. We'll run your stories and pictures as long as you keep sending them.*

*-1952- - Chuck Haberer*



## ***THE CLASS REUNION***

*(Author Unknown)*

Every five years, as summertime nears,  
An announcement arrives in the mail,  
A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand;  
Make plans to attend without fail.  
I'll never forget the first time we met;  
We tried so hard to impress.  
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,  
And wore our most elegant dress.  
It was quite an affair; the whole class was there.  
It was held at a fancy hotel.  
We wined, and dined, and we acted refined,  
And everyone thought it was swell.  
The men all conversed about who had been first  
To achieve great fortune and fame.  
Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses.  
And how beautiful their children became.  
The homecoming queen, who once had been lean,  
Now weighed in at 196.  
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,  
And the cheerleaders could no longer do kicks.  
No one had heard about the class nerd  
Who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon;  
Or poor little Jane, who's always been plain;  
She married a shipping tycoon.  
The boy we'd decreed "most apt to succeed"  
Was serving ten years in the pen,  
While the one voted "least" now was a priest;  
Just shows you can be wrong now and then.  
They awarded a prize to one of the guys  
Who seemed to have aged the least.  
Another was given to the grad who had driven  
The farthest to attend the feast.  
They took a class picture, a curious mixture  
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.  
Tall, short, or skinny, the style was the mini;  
You never saw so many thighs.



At our next get-together, no one cared whether  
They impressed their classmates or not.  
The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal;  
By this time we'd all gone to pot.  
It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores;  
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw, and beans.  
Then most of us lay around in the shade,  
In our comfortable T-shirts and jeans.  
By the fiftieth year, it was abundantly clear,  
We were definitely over the hill,  
~~Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed,~~  
And be home in time for their pill.  
And now I can't wait; they've set the date;  
Our sixtieth is coming, I'm told.  
It should be a ball, they've rented a hall  
At the Shady Rest Home for the old.  
Repairs have been made on my hearing aid;  
My pacemaker's been turned up on high.  
My wheelchair is oiled, and my teeth have been boiled;  
And I've bought a new wig and glass eye.  
I'm feeling quite hearty, and I'm ready to party  
I'm gonna dance 'til dawn's early light.  
It'll be lots of fun; But I just hope that there's one  
Other person who can make it that night.

*- Submitted by Dorothy (Gay) Brogden*





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## PLANS FINALIZED FOR 60<sup>th</sup> REUNION IN SEPTEMBER

The planning committee for the class of 52 met on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Tic Toc. The plans for the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, to be held on September 28 – 29, were finalized. The registration form deadline for the reunion was extended to September 1. For those who haven't registered, a copy is stapled to the back of this newsletter.

The Baymont Inn has also extended their time for holding the block of rooms reserved for the class of 52 to September 1.

So, if you were waiting to make your final decision on whether or not you are well enough to attend, it's not too late, and there is still "room at the inn" to rest your weary bones.

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## SATURDAY BREAKFAST AT THE GOOD NEWS ROOM

Breakfast will be available at a new place in town, located in The Livery. Classmates who indicate(d) their interest on the registration form can meet at 9:30 a.m. at The Good News Room on the ground floor, 806 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street, for a breakfast cassarole, fresh fruit, home-made rolls, and coffee. The charge will be \$8 ~~5~~ 9, payable after being served. -1952-

## SNACK BUFFET TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY EVENING

On Friday evening, classmates can gather at the Tic Toc at 716 Keeler Street for an informal evening of visiting and becoming reacquainted. A snack buffet will be served. The charge is \$7.00. If you sent in your reservation form and plan to attend, you prepaid. If you plan to attend, and haven't sent it in, please do so before September 1, so an accurate count can be turned in. A cash bar will also be available.

A registration table will be set up near the room entrance. An updated class list will be available, along with your tickets for your selected events on Saturday.

A table for "High Trestle Trail" seekers will also be set up. So far, only three have signed up for this excursion. Perhaps having a place to touch base and organize, will encourage more to car pool and to explore. It is truly a sight to see!

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## TOUR OF KATE SHELLEY EXHIBIT TO BE GUIDED

The new interactive Kate Shelley Exhibit Tour at the Boone Historical Center, 602 Story Street, is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday. The charge will be \$3. Pay at door.

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### **3,000 PLUS ITEMS TO SEE AT RAILROAD MUSEUM**

A guide will point out and explain the highlights of the new James H. Andrew Railroad Museum, located on the grounds of the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad, 225 - 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The tour will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. The \$8.00 charge may be paid at the door.

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### **BOTH DAY AND NIGHT VIEWS OF THE HIGH TRESTLE TRAIL ARE SPECTACULAR**

The High Trestle Trail Bridge, visible to motorists from State Hwy. 210, between Madrid and Woodward, is a half mile work of art to people walking or biking in the daytime or driving by at night.

Classmates may want to carpool and drive down to Madrid between activities on Saturday afternoon, park, and walk the half mile to the bridge, and then walk the 13 story bridge and take advantage of seeing the spectacular views of the Des Moines River Valley.

Another possibility would be to drive down on either Friday or Saturday night. The 41 arches and the supporting pillars are enhanced with blue lighting which creates a glow that can be seen from Hwy. 210. Written directions will be available on Friday night.

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**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

### **REUNION DINNER ~~TO BE~~ HELD SATURDAY NIGHT**

A reunion social hour and dinner have been planned for Saturday evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Tic Toc. Class pictures will be taken from 7:00 to 7:30, followed by a chicken or roast beef dinner. The charge is \$20.00, to be pre-paid with the registration form. Dinner will be followed by a short business meeting. A cash bar will again be available.

Items to be discussed and voted upon include scholarships and the next reunion.

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### **NEW AROUND TOWN . . .**

Coming into town on Hwy. 30, from either the east or west, are classy new welcoming entrance markers, funded by the Mary Garvey Trust.

Volunteers, a wealth of donations, and donated time have created the mural on the wall of the building on 8<sup>th</sup> and Story Street. It was finished just in time for last year's RAGBRAI July bike riders.

Reminisce grade school days when you drive around town and see the lots where Bryant and Lowell Schools used to be. See the addition to Franklin and learn how the high school is going to be remodeled and added onto.

Also of interest are the opening of the lower Ledges after the flooding, city park updates, and new businesses.

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