

Return of "The Bumble Bee"

Boone High School Class of 1952 Newsletter

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BOONE MUNICIPAL BAND

Two years ago, a Boone city band member was touring Germany and happened on a concert in Neustadt, Germany. She talked to members after the concert telling them about our city band and the band festival every July. They became very excited and asked if they could come to the festival. They were told yes.

Over the past two years e-mails have flown back and forth and the upshot is that Neustadt city band arrived July 7th. They performed in the Iowa Municipal Band Festival on July 10th. Then they combined with our band on the following Wednesday concert.

The Boone band approved flying to Neustadt in the summer of 2005 provided enough funding is found to make the trip feasible. We will have a year to raise the money needed for the trip. Send donations to Marilyn Goeldner; 240 S Boone St, Boone, IA 50036.

Our classmate, Donna (Wade) Foshee has been a member for 26 years. Lets get behind this project and help send Donna and the Boone band to Germany in July 2005.



Deaths

1951--

Comstock, Raymond E	10-20-03
Davis, Franklin D.	9-03
Goetzman, Richard R	5-23-03
Kelly, Beverly J. Duncan	7-17-03
Rule, Bill	11-7-03
Stevens, Garold D. "Blackie"	7-19-03
Faye Zanker	7-31-04

1952--

Shirley Peter Parmentier 7-19-04

1953--

Davidson, James L.	10-22-03
Dede, Marilyn Larson	1-10-03
Elliott, Cynthia Nystrom	11-15-03

Our condolences to:

Laura Lundberg Springer on the death of her brother Lloyd Lundberg 4-04

Doris Krug Simmons on the death of her sister Leona Krug Boyd 5-18-04 from the class of '40.

Marilyn Parisho McKay on the death of her sister Shirley Heitkamp Kever 6-4-04 from the class of '49.

Janice Nelson LeMaster on the death of her Mother Pauline Stolte Nelson 7-04

Judy Elliott Koncher on the death of her sister (Whitman, Janice Fierro) 12-12-03

Beanie Larson Dittmer on the death of her sister Lois Elaine Larson Neely 9-17-04 class of '48.

Jim Smith on the death of his brother Jerry 1-15-04.

--Andrew "Andy" Kossives died 10-03 (Teacher)

--Arvid Lein died 8-04 (Teacher)

--Gordon McLean (Rosebowl Band Director) died 8-21-04

--Celia Bukoff died 10-03-04 widow of the late Sam Bukoff (teacher)

Teachers and classmates appreciate our Newsletter, cards, calls and letters. Please contribute items for the Newsletter...re: your activities, family, health updates, etc.

Please give us your suggestions and opinions. What you would like included in the Newsletter

Marshall Baldwin wrote in January to inform us of his Father's death and expressed great appreciation to us. The following are some of his quotes---"I want you to know how pleased you made my Dad by remembering him with invites to reunions, etc. He received notes and letters from students because of those reunions---namely Bob Carpenter '52, Richard "Dick" Longworth '53, and Gary Bloomquist '53. Dad was legally blind for 17 years and I enjoyed reading the reunion book and letters to him. I enjoy the Return of the Bumble Bee, Your class of '52 is some class! You must be very proud and pleased to make so many students and teachers happily remembered and informed. It takes so much work and dedication to do what you do. Congratulations and Best Wishes! Thanks for remembering Dad. Give our regards to anyone and everyone who remembers us." Marshall Baldwin

In Marshall's second letter, he expressed his appreciation for our newsletter and enclosed a check for \$20.00. We thank him for his contribution and we will send him the Return of the "Bumble Bee" Newsletter.

We received a thank you note from Jane Ealy Sayers.

90th LUNCHEON OF THE BOONE IOWA SOCIETY, OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The group met on February 7th, 2004 at the Radisson Resort Hotel in Buena Park, CA. The 65 in attendance voted to continue the annual event. "Willie" Mondt, '53 won a picture of the B&SVRR train. The grand prize of a Boone Afghan was won by Dorothy Clarke Grinstead, '48. Some of the other BHS grads attending included Dick Lantz, Alan Redeker and Owen Moore ---all in '42 and "Skinny" Anderson, '46. It looks like the society is

on the way toward 100 years in existence. Our class of '52 is planning to meet with the society for their 91st luncheon in '05. Approximately 20 people from the mid-west have indicated an interest in attending and approximately 20 on the west coast are also interested.

Here is the information that we have on our winter reunion that is planned to be held Feb. 4 & 5 at Knotts Berry Farm in Buena Park, CA. The headquarters hotel is the Radisson Resort at Knotts Berry Farm. Larry Moore is heading up the planning. On Friday evening, Feb. 4, Larry has a dinner meeting planned, and on Sat., Feb. 5, we'll have a reunion meeting in conjunction with the Boone Iowa California Society. There will be BHS class members at the meeting. Here's some info that you'll need to know: Hotel reservation, by phone, 1-800-333-3333, or online.Radisson.com or your travel agent. Mention BHS '52 for the \$92 per night rate (plus 12% tax).

Airline flights to there---If you are flying from the Des Moines airport, Danis Von Krog Lingren has volunteered to keep a check on rates from DM to there. (It is recommended that if you fly in, you should fly to John Wayne Airport, since that is about 30 miles from Knotts Berry Farm.) If you want Danis to keep track of rates flying there, call her at 515-432-3216 and get on her list. She won't be making the reservations, she'll just let you know when it appears the best rate is available. Danis says one package is for \$474 (double) or \$418 (single) Feb 3-7. This includes airplane round trip out of Des Moines plus room. You would land at the Orange County Airport which is about 20 miles from Knotts Berry Farm. If you haven't been to Knotts Berry Farm before, it may be of interest to you to know that there are many tourist attractions in the near area: Disneyland, Chrystal Theatre, the ocean and many more. The length of time that you spend is always up to you. February is always a good time to get out of Iowa. Questions? Call Larry Moore in Calif. at 714-521-1559 ---email--- larreva@Juno.com

Websites of Interest:

1. BHS Alumni Search Group:
geocities.com/cjapple41alumni_BHS_Search
2. BHS: boone.k12.ia.us
3. Class of 1959: booneclassof59.com
4. Boone Chamber of Commerce:
booneiowa.com

NORTH DORS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The north Dors renovation project cost approximately \$120,000. Approximately \$90,000 has been raised from the sale of bricks and wall plaques. Boone Community Schools have also contributed toward the project. Approximately \$11,246.36 is still owed on the project.

The Boone High Booster Club is still selling bricks that can be placed in the Toreador Walk-way. Brick orders or inquiries can be sent to either Craig Downs at the Community Bank of Boone or Bob Kelly Engineering.

Dedication of the facilities was held in the fall of 2003 with acknowledgement of the major contributors. Plaques of appreciation were distributed to several of the Booster Club members who had worked extensively on the project. All purchased bricks have been added to the Toreador Walk-way as of last fall. Bricks purchased since that time were added this spring.

Stan Moffitt was elected Treasurer of the Board of the Iowa automobile Dealers Association.

During WWII a young Iowa boy wanted something to do. After much thought he got his pals together and said "Let's put on a show." The young girls and boys sang, danced and told silly jokes in a homemade backyard theater. Admission was 10 cents and a bag of popcorn a few pennies. Hundreds of people came. The

show was great and continued each summer from 1942-1945. The proceeds were given to the USO and the American Red Cross. The boy behind the venture was Ray Pugh.

Today, 60 years later, Ray's show was turned into a play/musical--"The Home Front." Six middle school students from Iowa performed many of Ray's original songs, about happiness, optimism and sacrifice, skits and readings. "The Home Front" was presented in Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines, IA during April-May and will be presented again in November.

Dr. Ray Pugh is a long time Des Moines educator, college professor, author, motivational speaker and Executive Director of the YMCA camp. Some of the "boys" in the Class of '52 may remember Ray Pugh as their counselor at "Y" camp or later as the camp director.

The BHS building is 90 years old (oldest section) having been completed in 1914. It cost \$130,000. In 1924 the junior high addition was built/northwest addition. In 1955 the southwest addition was completed. In 1986 the east addition was completed and in 1996 eight classrooms were added on 2nd and 3rd floors of the southwest section of the building.

The first school paper was the "High School Review" in 1896, eighteen years before the "new BHS". In 1915 the name of the school paper was changed to the "Bumble Bee".

Marge Pesek Cronin has recovered well from hip surgery. She and Billy planned to visit Kathleen McCoy Muller and her husband Chris this summer.

"Dune" and Judy Kost's daughter was married on Saturday, April 17, 2004 to Gary Tucker. They reside in Overland Park, Kansas. "Dune" planned to enter some of his stained glass in the Missouri Art Council Show at the Missouri State Fair in August. Judy is recovering from leg surgery. "Dune" has recently

recovered from an auto/riding lawn mower accident and a heart attack. He has had two stents inserted and is doing very well.

John and Margee Smoot have survived all the hurricanes thus far in Florida and Margee is recovering from surgery.

Shirley "Grant" & James Prather celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Garfield Elementary School has been closed in a cost cutting measure. An open house was held for those who wanted to see the school one more time. If you have any grade school pictures of Boone elementary schools and country schools (copy), please identify persons and dates and send to Gretchen Otis.

BHS Class of '52 Scholarships

We have both good news and bad news in regards to our scholarship program. First, the good news! This past spring we awarded two \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors at Boone High. The recipients of the awards were Austin Bunning and Leslie Pepples. Stan Moffitt presented the scholarships at the awards ceremony at the high school this past spring.

Leslie Pepples is attending the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, majoring in realtime reporting/judicial and captioning. Austin Bunning is enrolled at the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls (Iowa State Teachers College in our day). Austin has a double major: Business and Physics.

NOW THE BAD NEWS: Our scholarship fund is pretty much depleted. If we're going to continue with awarding Class of '52 scholarships, we have to replenish this fund. When the scholarship committee meets each year, they have a very difficult time deciding as to who is to get the scholarships. So many of the graduating class that wants to continue their education have such a great need for help

with college costs. If we are to continue with the awards, we have to replenish the account. If you are interested, send your contribution to:

Joan Hamilton, 1403 Monona St., Boone, IA 50036. Please make the check payable to BHS Class of '52 Scholarship Fund. (And remember, this is a 501 c3 non-profit organization which means the donations are tax deductible on both your state and federal income tax.) Now finally—the need is there and we need your help. BUT, we're not going to be asking for donations with each and every issue of this newsletter. Thanks for considering this.

Country Cat versus City Cat

For all the cat lovers out there, do you really know the difference between a country cat and a city cat?

Duke, an orange striped Tom cat with one ear missing, one set of whiskers shorter than the other, and a slight limp is a country cat. He saunters out of the barn on an early May morning, stretches and scans the scenery. A gray mouse scampers from behind the shed and hurries to the bird feeder where droppings of corn keep him fed. Duke spies this mouse. He crouches down, belly to the ground, and slithers toward the mouse as he hides in among the weeds. In a split second, Duke has this mouse in his mouth, goes to the back of the shed and has a delightful morning breakfast.

Itta Bit, a long haired black and white city cat is out playing in the yard with her parents. There are leaves to chase, birds to watch and rolls to have in the grass. Suddenly a mouse appears from behind the garage and runs to the bird feeder to pick up droppings. Itta Bit spies this mouse! She crouches low to the ground, barely moves and crawls to where the mouse is feeding. Just as she approaches the mouse, Itta Bit lies down, crosses her big front feet and watches the mouse eat, almost nose to nose. Why would she get her pretty white feet dirty, and eat a disgusting filthy mouse when she has IAMS in her dish in the house and treats all day! Dorothy Gay Brogden

I told my doctor I get very tired when I go on a diet, so he gave me pep pills. Know what happened? I ate faster. By Joe E. Lewis

My doctor told me to stop having intimate dinners for four. That is unless there are three other people there. By Orson Welles