



# Return of "The Bumble Bee"



## Boone High School Class of 1952 Newsletter

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### CLASS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO TWO SPRING GRADUATES

Stan Moffitt, representing the Class of 1952, presented \$500 scholarships to Boone High School Seniors, Angela Musser and Jeff Welder, at the 2003 spring awards assembly. Angela is enrolled at DMACC, Boone Campus, majoring in elementary education and would like to teach in Boone. Jeff is taking Pre Med Biology at Cornell and is participating in student government, tennis, and the music program.

Class of '52 members contributed \$500 in response to last spring's request in the "Return of the Bumble Bee." A special thank you to Joyce Becker who contributed a significant donation in Mike's memory.

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### BOONE GUARD ACTIVATES 270

Boone has always been a big National Guard town, even going back to the days when we were in high school.

Most of the local units have been activated for duty in various parts of the world. The Los Angeles Times recently sent a reporter to Boone to write about the town and its Guard units. (Boone has the distinction of having the highest percentage of its population, with members of the Guard who have been activated, in the United States.) Four of the five local Guard units, with 270 soldiers, are currently on active duty. One of the Boone units was activated and served one year, was back in Boone for a short time, then was reactivated again.

In addition to the Boone Guard units, there are some local Guardsmen who are serving in units which are not based in Boone. Boone Guardsmen and women are currently serving in Kosovo, Afganistan, and Iraq, with a few still left in the states.

-Tom Crooks

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### HOME TOWN NEWS...

#### "MO" WRITES MO'

"Mo" Kelley, Class of 53, is now Sports Editor of The Boone News Republican. "Mo" retired from the Iowa High School Athletic Association in Boone, a year or two ago, and rather than sit around, took the job at the local newspaper. In addition to his duties as Sports Editor, "Mo" writes many human-interest stories about local people and happenings. For many of us who still live in Boone, it's good to have someone at the local paper with knowledge about the town and its people.

One of "Mo's" local interest articles last summer featured Larry Moore's involvement in the Boone Iowa Society of California. "Mo" wrote at length about the society's annual meeting, held in February at Knotts' Berry Farm, and the former "Booneites" who attend the "get-together." (See related article elsewhere in this issue.)

Two articles featuring graduates from the Class of '53 concerned Roma Achenbach (Hare) and Richard (Dick) Longworth. Roma is now "Girl Friday" for Jim Lehrer who broadcasts "Jim Lehrer's News Hour" on IPBS. Dick recently retired as a senior writer and European correspondent for the Chicago Tribune.

-Tom Crooks

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#### SCHOOL BOND ISSUE PASSES

After three unsuccessful attempts, Boone recently passed a bond issue to alleviate the space issues at the high school and to separate middle school students from the high school students. The new building will house sixth, seventh, and eighth graders and is expected to be completed prior to the 2006-'07 school year. The school board will begin narrowing down site selections within the next few months.

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## SEARCH GROUP TRACKS TEACHERS, RECORDS CLASSMATE UPDATES

The BHS Alumni Search Group recently located **Wayne Sparks**, Class of '52, in Gridley, CA; and former teachers, **E.G. Gilbert** in Sun City, AZ; and **Eugene O'Toole** in Peoria, IL.

The Search Group also keeps track of change of address of BHS / SH graduates, as well as former teachers and classmates. Class of '52 graduates who have recently moved include: **Shirley (Burke) Kline** from Boone to Ogden; **Joy (Crouse) Farley** from Forest Drive to William Drive in Mountain Home, AR; **Joan (Enquist) Whitmer** from Columbia, MO to Breckenridge, CO; **Kathy (McCoy) Muller** from Lake Tahoe, CA to Sparks, NV; "**Skip**" **Otis** from Phoenix to Youngtown, AZ; **Marilyn (Reed) Cureton** from Lake View, IA to Omaha, NE; and **Art Thede** from Ames to Boone.

Former teachers who have recently moved include: **Gale Johnson** from Ft. Collins, CO to Plymouth, MN; **Dave and Frieda (Pagel) Honek** to Retirement Villa in Storm Lake, IA; and **Arvid Lein** to OES home in Boone, IA.

Gretchen (Caldwell) Otis may be contacted for further information and changes in address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. (Editor's note: Gretchen is to be commended for her dedication and determination in her efforts to find and keep track of **ALL** former BHS / SH students.) One of "Mo" Kelley's feature articles also focused on Gretchen for her work.

The search group website is:  
[http://www.geocities.com/cjapple41Alumni\\_BHS\\_Search.html](http://www.geocities.com/cjapple41Alumni_BHS_Search.html)

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## DID YOU RECEIVE THE FIRST EDITION?

Several classmates indicated they did not receive the first issue of "The Return of The Bumble B," particularly if it was e-mailed. If you did not receive yours and would still like a copy, please notify anyone on the staff: Joan (Logsdon) Hamilton, editor; Gretchen (Caldwell) Otis; Tom Crooks; Doris (Krug) Simmons; and Donna (Wade) Foshee.

*The "Bumble Bee" staff would like to remind you that this newsletter depends on your keeping us informed of your happenings.*

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## CARING CONCERNS...since the first issue...

### DEATHS

Don Anderson – 6/27/03  
Don Crapser (Merna Siders' husband) – 3/04/03  
Grandson of Marilyn (Gustafson) Straughan  
Grandson of Wilmer Peter  
Mother of Marge (Pesek) Cronin  
Mother of Shirley (Grant) Prather  
Maxine (Mrs. Howard) Stutzman – 4/24/03  
Margaret Taylor

### WELCOME TO

Beverly (Parkinson) Mullins – Great Grandchild

### PLEASE REMEMBER...

...Ill classmates – Charlie Crumbaugh who is awaiting major surgery - and teachers, our armed service members, and those in care centers.

### GREETINGS (from...)

Marilyn (Hartman) Thies, Paul Harder, Marilyn (Parisho) McKay, Bill Christensen, and Ramon Nordstrom.

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## CALIFORNIA REUNION IN 2005?

Even though it's a little over a year away, we're still wondering if there is enough interest to have a reunion at the Boone Iowa Society of Southern California the second Saturday of February, 2005. It usually takes place at Knott's Berry Farm Chicken Dinner Restaurant in the Anaheim area, just south of Larry and Reva Moore's home. It lasts about four hours and includes a meal, visiting, reminiscing about "good ol' Boone," singing the Iowa corn song and the Toreador fight song, and a grand door prize. We could get together at other times as well while we're there.

We would still plan to have our regular reunion in 2007. Send your response to Gretchen (Caldwell) Otis, 209 Benton Street, Boone, IA.

-Doris (Krug) Simmons

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS!