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2015 AHSAA Scholarship Winners



Four Ames High School seniors each received a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship from the Ames High School Alumni Association at the 2015 awards recognition on May 6th. The scholarships were awarded based on scholarship, student involvement in school activities, community volunteerism and need. Two of the scholarships were awarded to second-generation graduates from the AHSAA memorial contributions. The other two scholarships were funded from general AHSAA contributions. Congratulations to these outstanding seniors as well as the entire 2015 graduating class. Since beginning the scholarship program in 1990, thanks to your memberships, contributions and memorials, we have now awarded eighty-six (86) scholarships. You have made a difference in the lives of these Ames High graduates.

Phaedra Jane Lipsey is the daughter of Robert and Holly Lipsey. Academically, Phaedra is a shining star. She was secretary and a leader of the National Honor Society, where she carried out her responsibilities professionally and promptly. She was co-president of SHEPH (Student Helping to Eliminate Poverty & Hunger), and was a scholarship recipient in the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference. Her numerous service and volunteer activities included packaging meals for third-world countries, MLK Day of Service activities, a Los Angeles homeless awareness trip through her church, working with the

Raising Readers of Story County program. and she went to Uganda during the summer for a service project with other Ames High School students. Phaedra was the recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award. Phaedra's other high school activities included co-captain of the volleyball team for three years, sprint drill leader in track,

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kiwanis Key Club, the Dance Marathon committee and a Senior Mentor. Phaedra plans to attend lowa State University for preparation for a career in Pharmacy.

Colby Wayne Hansen is the son of Mark ('87) and Tina Hansen. Colby is an excellent, personable and goal-oriented student as well as being extremely responsible and mature for a high school student. He has set himself apart as a leader in the classroom. These leadership qualities carried over into his athletic participation where he was co-captain of his varsity football, track and baseball teams during his senior year. He was also coach and captain of his intramural basketball team for three years. In addition to his volunteer activities which included reading in an elementary school classroom, mentoring a second-grader and helping move the Ames Public Library to a temporary location during construction of the new facility, Colby worked at a part-time job. Colby plans to attend Wartburg College where he will major in Business Management and continue his baseball career by competing for the Wartburg Knights.

Rachel Anne Canon is the daughter of Douglas ('81) and Dawn Canon. Rachel is an outstanding, hard-working, very motivated and focused student-athlete. Her ability to work well with others has helped the numerous school activities in

which she has participated. Rachel, as a two-time qualifier in 1-meter diving helped Ames win their 4th consecutive state swimming championship title 2014, as well as a second place finish in 2015. Rachel earned First-Team Academic honors by the IHSSCA and Academic All-American honors by the NISCA her senior year. In addition to being elected team captain of the swimming team, Rachel also participated in track and intramural basketball. Rachel volunteered her time through her church doing multiple community service projects. She was a Senior Mentor and a member of SHEPH. She has worked over two thousand hours in a variety of jobs earning and saving money for college. Rachel plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa in preparation for a career as an Optometrist.

Serena Sue Paulson is the daughter of Joel and Lori Paulson. Serena is an outstanding student who has always demonstrated excellent leadership skills. She is highly motivated and displays a great attitude toward learning. Her academic honors include the National Honor Society. an academic letter and an AP Scholar. Serena was Managing Editor of the Web, the Ames High newsletter, the Homecoming Parade Co-chair and a member of the Mayor's Youth Committee. As a fall and winter varsity cheerleader, she was Cocaptain of the winter squad, a member of the 2013 State Cheer Champion Squad. a Most-Spirited Cheerleader selection. an All-American Cheer nomination and a 2015 Shrine Bowl Cheerleader. Her other activities included: Senior Senate. Senior Mentor, Senior Girls' Club and drama. She also volunteered as a Math Tutor, at the Good Will Store, at a local food kitchen and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Her work experience included serving as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Furman Aquatic Center. Serena plans to attend Iowa State University with a major in Mathematics with Pre-Med tracking.



Other News About Our Graduates

Robert D. Walker, '64 was the recipient of the President's Award at the annual meeting of the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) in Omaha, Nebraska on September 4, 2014. This award recognizes individuals, groups or organizations that have made an extraordinary contribution to a state, regional or national level, furthering the goal of a park or state park system. After a long professional career working in Iowa with the Department of Natural Resources and Iowa's County Conservation Board system, and with Montana's State Parks Trail System, Walker retired and continued his involvement with parks volunteering with Montana Recreation and Park Association. His involvement helped in the establishment of the Montana Bike-Walk Coalition and the engagement of the park's advocacy group, "Our Montana," in addressing park and recreation issues. His advocacy work led to increased funding of more than I.5 million dollars per year for the parks and the establishment by the legislature in 2013 of the Montana State Parks and Recreation Board. Walker currently serves as President of the Bureau of Land Management's Western Resource Advisory Council, legislative coordinator for *Our Montana* and Montana Trails. Recreation and Parks Association, and has also served as Chair of American Trails, Chair of the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators, and Chair of the International OHV Administrators Association.

Donna Sclarow Allender, '53 is the co-author with her husband, Jerry Allender, of the book, First the Child, Then Curriculum, published by Paradigm Publishers in 2008. They have now completed their next book, Ethics for the Young Mind: A Guide for Teachers and Parents of Children Becoming Adolescents. She would like very much to hear from Ames alumni who would be interested in having the book for use by teachers and leaders in their schools and church or synagogue youth groups. Parents of adolescents will find helpful ideas for dealing with their own children and their children's friends. The book is available at Amazon as well as other distributors and, of course, at Paradign Publishers. You may contact her at: an.allender@verizon.net.

Steven I. Netcott, '73, on April 8, 2015, received the Individual Recognition Award from the Office of Facility Management and Reliability at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Steven is in his 6th year as the fourth-generation mason at the Castle of the Mall. The award is in recognition of exemplary performance. Steven served his apprenticeship under the expertise of his father, Irvin Netcott.

During its 2014 annual Homecoming celebration, the Iowa State University Alumni Association conferred upon **Elizabeth Andre**, '95 of Ashland, Wisconsin the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, one of the most prestigious awards given to alumni by the ISU Alumni Association. The Iowa State University Alumni Association established the Outstanding Young Alum Award in 1968 to recognize ISU alumni, age 40 and under, who have excelled in their professions and provided service to their communities.

Andre (ISU '98 Spanish & international studies), a native of Ames, is an associate professor of outdoor and environmental education at Northland College. She has dedicated her professional career to promoting environmental sensitivity, awareness, and action. She has worked as a field instructor, a teacher with the University of Minnesota's Summer Institute on Sustainable Futures, and joined forces with National Geographic Explorer Will Steger on a dog-sledding exploration of the Canadian Arctic's Baffin Island – a research experience that allowed her to pen Global Warming 101, a curriculum for teachers and students that was endorsed by National Geographic and promoted by the National Education Association, as well as adopted by the Norwegian Ministry of Education. Her resume includes several publications, including a chapter in the text Ecology, Ethics and Hope, in press with Roman & Littlefield.

In May 2015 Elizabeth was recognized with the outstanding Teacher Award at Northland College, which carries with it a \$1000 award to be used for professional development.

We Get Letters...

Dear AHSAA.

Just thought you would like to see what is going on in Southern California in international trade. This is where 43% of all the goods coming in and out of the United states happens. The Foreign Trade Association was founded in 1919, and is the Grandfather organization in So. Cal. and a lot of tradition. The Marjorie Shostak Award is like the "Oscar" in the film industry, so this award is huge!

I was notified that I would be the recipient late Friday evening by the President of the FTA, so this is a huge honor for an Ames High Alumnus, class of 1952, and I am still going strong with a lot of speeches, and lectures on international trade, but more important, taking a leadership role in international trade for all of Southern California. I am also receiving a "Lifetime

Achievement Award" from the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce on May 7th, and being honored by the City of Yorba Linda, California on May 5, so a lot is going on for me this month that I wanted to share with my Brothers and Sisters from Ames High and the Class of 1952. It does show that one should not retire as there are still many active things you can do to keep your mind and body in shape, but more important, gives you a healthy attitude. Ames Hi, Aims High! The power of positive thinking always prevails.

Guy Fox, '52

Ames High Alumni Association, Thanks, committee, for your diligence in keeping your records up-to-date. I'm a 1943 graduate about to turn 90!!! (It's sad to realize our news at this age is all about who's still alive.) I'm in this rather imposing high-rise retirement building in downtown Madison Wisconsin, and happy to report that there are 4 or 5 lowa State alums here also, but no others from Ames High. We all definitely have an Ames, lowa connection. What a great place to grow up in!! Keep up the good works.

Kathleen "Kathy" Boland Schwanz, '43

My husband, Malcolm Turkington, was pastor of the Charleston Community Church in Charleston, Oregon for 43 years. After he retired, we moved to Keizer, Oregon. Malcolm died in May of 2005. Our son, Don, and Sue live in Salem, Oregon. He has been teaching school over thirty years. I am 87 years and blessed with excellent health. For the past three years, I have worked as a care-giver for a 91 year old lady. Sincerely, Lois Johnson-Turkington, '46

You're Not An Iowan Until...

you feel sorry for anyone who didn't grow up in your hometown.



Michael Morain, '97

lowans are supposed to be humble, but it's hard not to brag when you're from the best town in the nicest state in the greatest country on earth. That sounds far-fetched, I know, and I'm sorry. But I'm from Ames. That's just the way it is. The town is like Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon except that everyone is strong, good-looking and above average women, men and children included. You might disagree if you grew

up somewhere else (and I'm sorry for that too). My dad grew up in Jefferson with four siblings, and to hear him talk, it's the cradle of civilization, where just the other day somebody won an Olympic gold medal (archer Doreen Wilber) or predicted the future (pollster George Gallup). But let's keep it real. It was Ames that gave the world the computer (John Atanasoff), gave women the right to vote (Carrie Chapman Catt) and gave ugly basketball coaches someone to envy (Fred Hoiberg, whose mom was my fifth-grade

teacher and whose brother was in my graduating class, which makes me a pretty big deal by association). Ames High aims high, indeed.

Buck up, though. Even if your hometown never accomplished anything comparable, and really, how could it? You can always pity someone who wasn't lucky enough to sit on the curb at your town's Fourth of July parade or swim in your town pool, which everyone knows was the best pool around. And you can always feel sorry for the smaller town down the road where they don't have any stoplights or running water. (Sorry, Boone.) You can probably find a snarky Raygun T-shirt to back you up. But pride aside, we get restless. We move away. Smart, sexy researchers at Iowa State University (in you-know-where) found that Iowa's metropolitan areas grew 13 percent from 2000 to 2013, even as the state's small town shrank almost 4 percent over the same period, a gap that outstrips the rest of the Midwest. Iowans pack up their yearbooks these days and move on. And yet it remains: The love for the old hometown. Bill Bryson moved to London but wrote fondly of his native Des Moines in "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid." He couldn't "imagine there has ever been a more gratifying time or place to be alive than America in the 1950s." But that's only because he wasn't in Ames in the '80s. No matter where you end up, nothing shakes the fact that you grew up in the right place at the right time. It's just a shame not everyone else did, too.

Michael Morain, '97 (Courtesy of the D. M. Register--4-23-15).

Just a Kid From Ames Beatty's Store on Knapp Street

Nass ('46)

When we were in Junior High in Welch School we played at the playground of the Louise Crawford Grade School. This put us all in close proximity to Beatty's Store on Knapp Street. Beatty had a small, neighborhood grocery store that also sold ice cream and loose meat sandwiches. Beatty was always grumpy about having kids cut across his lot to the west of the store or bothering him in his store. Whenever I saw him swatting flies, I used to tease him that he was just going to gather them up and put them into his loose meat pan. Some might think this stunt pulled by Bob Loomis and Max Wilhelm was not very nice, but it was very funny.

Max found an old practice hand grenade (I thought that it was a gun but Max confirmed that it was the hand grenade). He and Bob made an elaborate map with a drawing of Beatty's lot. They marked a spot which was labeled Oak Tree. Then they put several "X's" on the map. This map was then folded many times and smeared with a bit of oil from the garage so that it looked old. The night before the great hunt, they sneaked into Beatty's lot and carefully dug up a small bit of sod, then buried the package wrapped in oilcloth, and restored the sod. The next day at school they showed the treasure map that "Max found in a can in the garage." We were all in awe of such a wonder.

Late that afternoon, we all went up to Beatty's lot and one of them located the tree and positioned the map to coincide with the lot. Then he carefully paced off the correct number of steps to one of

the "X" marks on the map. There, the other carefully dug up the sod and "discovered" the treasure which was carefully unwrapped. I was watching in wonder. Imagine what might be under the other "X" marks on the map. Max and Bob then told us that we could have the map; they had gotten their treasure, and they had to go home. Imagine the rush of kids for shovels. They all returned and dug up Beatty's lot. When Beatty found the holes in his lot, he was furious. I did not get to dig because it was too far from Beatty's Store to my home. I shared a shovel with someone else. After several dry holes we all discovered that it was a trick perpetrated by Max and Bob.

Many years later, Max reminisced "My initial reaction to the story about the buried gun was blank. Then it popped into my mind. Bob Loomis and I buried a fake practice hand grenade, which I had found in my grandparents' attic. We hid it in the side lot next to Beatty's Store and had half the kids in the neighborhood digging up the lot, looking for other war relics and treasure. It was not very nice of us, but Bob and I had a good laugh. I still have that fake hand grenade which I just removed recently from where it has been hanging for fifty some years. It was employed as a latch weight in the secret panel of my old attic room."

Bob Loomis ('46), Max Gene Wilhelm ('46) and Martin Edwin

The Bob Spangler Story From All State AHS Fullback to Serial Killer

Bob Spangler ('51) was an all-state running back and hard-hitting linebacker for the Little Cyclones. He is also Ames High's only serial killer. He was popular, engaging and married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Stahlman ('52) the same year he graduated in journalism from Iowa State ('55). They lived happily (or so it seemed) for 22 years. mainly in Littleton, Colorado, just south of Denver. Bob was director of public information for the American Water Works Association. But in 1978 - just five days after Christmas -- he murdered Nancy and their two teenage children. Then he went to the movies to kill time before he came home to find police at his home and the family dead.

Flash forward 15 years and two wives: During an April 1993 hike at the Grand Canyon with Donna Sundling Spangler (his wife of three years) Bob shoved her into the fatal abyss. That qualified Spangler to be classified as a serial killer - but as late as September 2000 he was still considered only as a strong suspect in any of his four murders. The Spangler story is, in some ways, the stuff of legends. His murderous affairs have been featured on TV and were the subject of a book, "Married to Murder." Rumors still persist about other Spangler-induced deaths. One problem authorities appear to have had initially was this: Bob Spangler was considered a good guy, personable, popular and civic-minded (a licensed basketball and soccer official). His persona extended to the Arapahoe sheriff's department where he had friends and proved to be an excellent actor, especially when it came to expressing grief.

This, in spite of some dubious - even incriminating - evidence with respect to his family's deaths. For example, Nancy was shot in the forehead, but from a distance of a few inches. Police were well aware that women committing suicide normally do not shoot themselves in the head - and anyone who does invariably presses the barrel against their skull. Equally unusual was the fact that Nancy appeared to have typed a note confessing to the murders of David, 17, and Susan, 15, and then wiped the keys clean of all fingerprints. More suspicious was the absence of any powder traces on Nancy's hands. On the other hand, traces were found on Bob's hand, but he explained this away by saying they got there when he picked up the gun right after discovering his wife's body. Even so and nevertheless, the sheriff's investigators gave Spangler the benefit of the doubt, probably because they thought Bob was incapable of murdering his own family. Spangler's engaging personality was already

apparent at Ames High School from 1948-

51. He was engaging and popular as well

as a stud jock. He was an all-state selection in football (fullback and linebacker) and was elected captain of a team that went 8-0. He also lettered in basketball and was a sprinter on the track team. Besides sports, he was homeroom president and secretary, served on Student Council and even played in band as a sophomore. Bob started dating Nancy Stahlman while both were at Central Junior High. She was, if anything, even more popular with classmates and graduated in 1952 with a fistful of accomplishments. They included Cubs Club, Dramatics, Pep Club, Glee Club and Spirit Staff.

At lowa State, Spangler drifted into broadcast, but kept a low profile – if only because he and Nancy were very close. In a way it was an unusual combination: She was the daughter of a father who ran an Ames gas station; he was an orphan, adopted by an internationally respected civil engineer after whom a building was named at lowa State.

Spangler's first job after two years in the Army was with an advertising and public relations agency in New York City. One of his clients was Honeywell's photographic division in Denver. In 1972 Spangler was hired away by Honeywell and moved with his family to Littleton, CO. Shortly afterwards, Bob started sending unsolicited love poems to Suzanne Ryan, who was editor of the Honeywell newsletter in Denver. This may have been the first indication that Spangler was looking for "a bit on the side." By 1976 he had not only become director of public information for the American Water Works Association, but, more relevant to the story, he had begun a secret affair with Sharon Cooper, a co-worker at the AWWA. This became obvious in spring 1978, when Bob left the family and moved in with Cooper for 9 months before returning home in September in what Spangler described as an attempt to reconcile. It is also possible that, by this time, Spangler had decided to marry Cooper, but did not believe he could financially afford a divorce and child support. In any event, Spangler concocted a plot whereby Nancy had gone off her rocker, used Bob's .38 Smith and Wesson revolver to murder her son and daughter in their beds and then taken her own life (after typing a confession). This occurred on Saturday Dec. 30, 1978. Spangler gave officers the impression that he was stunned into disbelief that his wife would kill her children and then herself. He offered to take a polygraph test and to cooperate in every way he could. He was not only totally convincing, but Spangler had another advantage: He and Arapahoe police photographer Jack Swanberg were buddies - so close that he took Bob home for spaghetti that night and housed him so he

would not have to sleep at the crime scene.

What Spangler told authorities 22 years later was this: He came to the basement where Nancy was at her desk, told her he had a surprise for her and asked her to close her eyes. Spangler then shot Nancy once in the forehead, pressed the gun in her hand for prints, and dropped it on the floor (where it was found 66 inches from her body). He also typed her confession (probably before the murder) and wiped the keys clean of fingerprints - not something suicide victims actually think to do. Bob then went up to the second floor and shot David and Susan in their beds. Many people who knew Nancy did not believe she would ever have harmed her children. Her father and stepmother were in total disbelief, but there remained that dark cloud over their daughter's grave. Meanwhile, Bob Spangler was free to continue his affair with Sharon Cooper.

His complete entries for the annual ISU Journalism Newsletter in 1978 and 1979 say only: "My family ended last year. Nancy and the children, David and Susan, were killed here in a tragic accident, just incredible. They were buried in Ames, my hometown." The next year's entry said simply: "I have remarried – everything else remains the same." The date was July 14, 1979 -- 6.5 months after he had murdered his family. Spangler divorced Sharon, his second wife, in 1988 – two years after Bob's father, Merlin, died in the family home at 1517 Grand Ave. at age 91.

Bob and his older brother (Wayne, AHS '48) shared what apparently was a substantial inheritance for the time. It was enough to allow Bob to retire from the American Water Works Association at age 55. In the divorce settlement, Spangler had to pay Sharon an immediate \$150,000 and was committed to nearly \$52,000 more over the next 10 years. This financial burden might have been a factor in their reconciliation in 1994. In between the divorce and Sharon's return, Spangler had re-married in August 1990 and moved to Durango, where he got a job at KRSJ, a country music station, as the morning radio personality. His third wife, Donna Sundling, 55, was the result of personal ads Bob had placed in a local weekly magazine in search of a new mate. They said they were drawn to each other in large measure because of their love of hiking and, particularly, the Grand Canyon. Unfortunately, that was not enough of an attraction for Bob, who had grown tired enough of Donna to push her off a cliff during a hike in the Grand Canyon on April 11, 1993 – less than three years of marriage She fell between 160-200 feet below the Redwall descent at Horseshoe Mesa

The Bob Spangler Story

Spangler scrambled down, confirmed that she was dead and then walked to the Back Country ranger station where, according to one account, he waited in line for 20 minutes before his turn came to report his wife's fatal fall.

Spangler's story seemed both plausible and suspicious to rangers who had often speculated about "Divorce by Grand Canyon." In any event, Donna's death was ruled an accident. Bob eulogized her at length at the memorial service. A friend described the service as "tearless and weird." Spangler was nothing if not a good actor and he was in demand by local and national media (including NPR) as a grieving husband who wanted to discuss the dangers of hiking in the canyon.

In July 1994 -- 15 months after Donna's murder -- Spangler's second wife (Sharon) moved back in with him in Durango. Five months later she died of an apparent overdose of prescription medication. She was alone with Bob in her hospital bed when she died. One of Sharon's friends apparently thought this sounded like "one too many dead wives" and phoned a friend in Arapahoe County law enforcement who decided to look into her death, as well as those of Spangler's other two wives. Police did question Bob about Sharon's overdose, but reached no positive conclusion – other than a decision

to re-activate the Spangler file. Six years passed during which police kept a distant eye on Spangler. Meanwhile Bob moved to Grand Junction in 1998 and took up with a new woman – Judy Hilty. He also got back into amateur theatre and while rehearsing he started having difficulty remembering his lines.

On Aug. 12, 2000, his doctor told Spangler that he had inoperable lung cancer that had spread to his brain. Just 19 days later, Bob and Judy get married. Police, worried about Hilty's safety, brought Spangler in for questioning. Police and the FBI also by now felt certain Spangler had murdered four times and very much wanted a confession before he died. So they set up a room with several banker's boxes labeled "Spangler Task Force" and brought him in for questioning. Knowing that his days were numbered, they told him that he could be classified as a serial killer if he had committed at least four murders. (This was not altogether true.) Then they added what appeared to be the clincher, namely, that only serial killers qualified to be interviewed by professional profilers. Bob was intrigued by the prospect of being evaluated by a team of psychologists and psychiatrists. Among other things he had wondered if being adopted after having lived in an orphanage could have been a factor in his behavior.

Spangler ended that day's interview without confessing, but the next morning (Sept. 15,

2000) he returned and said, "You've got your serial" -- and Bob got his profilers (three psychologists from Radford (VA) University who classified him as a "black widow" type killer.

Six weeks after confessing Spangler reversed himself and pleaded not guilty on the grounds that his brain cancer had caused him to confess to crimes he had not committed. But by the end of that same day (Nov. 5, 2000), Spangler signed a plea agreement to serve life in prison for Donna Sundling's murder at the Grand Canyon. It was also decided not to drag Nancy Stahlman's family through a trial in Colorado.

Bob Spangler died on August 5, 2001 in the Federal Corrections Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri. He was 68. His last request was denied. He had wanted his ashes to be scattered over the Grand Canyon. Instead, he was interred in Littleton. Nancy, David and Susan are buried in the Ames Municipal Cemetery next to Merlin and lone Spangler.

Tom Emmerson ('55)

For two more related (albeit brief) stories see the AHS Alumni website:

http://www.ahsalum.org/

Rumor, Myth - maybe some fact--Surround Spangler Story

Rumor, myth – maybe some fact — surround Spangler story Spangler stories – true or false. Who knows? Much has been written about Bob Spangler – a lot of it by authors in search of a juicy murder story. Here are some samples of stories that could not be verified and, as a result, were omitted from the main story. Judge for yourself.

- * As a youngster (possibly in sixth grade) Bob took a dislike to a classmate, who was found dead in the vicinity of the Ames waterworks in 1944.
- * Upon hearing that Nancy, David and Susan had been murdered, Spangler's adoptive mother (Ione) asked, "Did Bobby do it? [Confirmed: She died 10 days after the murders in Ames at age 83.]
- * Spangler told police that killing Nancy, Susan and David was "easier to manage than going through divorce."
- * After his wife and their two children were buried, Bob never contacted or spoke to Nancy's parents even though he returned to Ames at least once (in 1986)
- * Bob pushed his father, Merlin, age 91, down between one and four flights of stairs in May 1986 during a visit to Ames. Merlin died of his injuries within a week. The fall is said to have occurred after Merlin refused his son's demand that he receive his inheritance in advance of his father's death.
- * After pushing Donna Sundling Spangler to her death, passersby reported Bob was whistling to himself while strolling towards the Ranger station.
- * Bob was the last person to see Sharon Cooper before she died in the hospital even though doctors had said she was out of danger and none of the alleged drugs she took could be found in the Spangler home.
- * After confessing to the murders of two wives and two children, Spangler said, "Except for a couple of bad days I've been a model citizen."

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Ames has been home to not one, but two, serial killers. Bob Spangler has the strongest ties, since he grew up here – attended Roosevelt Elementary, Central Junior High and Ames High School. He also graduated in technical journalism at Iowa State in 1955 -- some 22 years before murdering the first three of his four confessed victims.

The other – more murderous – killer was Jeffrey Dahmer. He lived in Ames for only four years (1962-66) while his father earned a doctorate in Chemistry at Iowa State. Experts of various types have sought to detect early symptoms of murderous (and homosexual) intent during Jeffrey's earliest years. He was 2 years old when his family moved to Ames (Pammel & later Hawthorn Courts). He attended kindergarten at Whittier Elementary and then his family moved in November 1966 to Doylestown, Ohio. Jeffrey Dahmer murdered his first victim in 1978 at age 18 and carried on until 1991, by which time he had strangled or slit the throats of 17 men and boys. He also engaged in their rape, dismemberment, necrophilia and cannibalism. And that's all you will read here. Check Wikipedia or Murderpedia.doc if you want to know more.

Tom Emmerson, ('55)

Class of 1980 Reunion



Planning committee (left to right): Front: Don DoBell. Middle: Tom McKelvey, Laura Besch Bauer, Kathy Smithson Vannoy, Stephanie Lawlor Eickert, Cassie Anderson Wherry, Jana Tschopp. Back: Leslie Fenimore, Jim Twetten, Vernard "Kerm" Harrington, Brent Wightman. Not pictured: Susan Burns

In June, the class of 1980 celebrated their 35th reunion with alumni from classes of 1979 and 1981. As classmates rolled into town, the official celebration began on Friday night with mix & mingle time at Olde Main on Main Street. Golfers swung into action on Saturday morning at Coldwater Golf Links. On Saturday afternoon, classmates and their families enjoyed a little nostalgia as Bill Ripp, their own vice principal, led an entertaining and historic tour of Ames High. Several classmates brought spouses and children to experience our high school history.

The reunion culminated with a delicious dinner, "Memory Lane" program and LOTS of conversation at Scheman building (Iowa State Center). Vernard "Kerm" Harrington was the emcee for the after-dinner program which included a "Memory Lane" slide show, and entertaining anecdotes by Jim Twetten who shared memories of Ames High as well as stories of his children encountering some of the same teachers. Everyone agreed that the weekend was a success conversing with new and old friends. Although the time passed too quickly, they look forward to gathering again with their Ames High family in five years. Please keep in touch by email and join us on Facebook (Ames High Class of 1980 Reunion) and our class website (ameshigh1980.com). Also Kathy Smithson Vannoy is a class contact (ahs1980kathyvannoy@gmail.com).

"Rubber Knife Gang"

The "Rubber Knife Gang" has been around about 20 years with Ames High grads from many classes and a few that just attended school in the Ames Schools and then graduated elsewhere. Some of the AHS people in the RKG are: Lyle and Pam Scandrett, Gary Clem, Curt and Carol Houge, Lowell Kingsbury, Mark and Linda Speck, Bill Burke, Jim Olsen, Steve Risdal, Pat and Lindsay Ellingson and maybe some we missed here. We have ridden many miles together and enjoyed some wonderful sites together on those Harleys. We may not be the wildest bunch, but we have been known to enjoy the days and the neon lights together. These days it is more the days and not much after 10:00 with a little ice cream before bed.

2015 was the Tennessee and Smokie Mountain trip. Not all the RKG are able to go each year because of other scheduled events, but are missed and talked about. This year the Specks, Risdals and Ellingsons and other Rubber Knifers from as far away as Colorado took the trip to the Smokies and the Tail of the Dragon. The Dragon's Tail is a wild eleven mile ride with 318 turns. It is famous in the sport bike, sports car and Harley world. We also had stops in Memphis, Chattanooga, Northwest North Carolina and Nashville. The days were filled with some great rides with no interstates and lots of hills and curves. The nights were more reliving the day and the old days, too, with some wine, beer and Jack Daniels, but not too late for us "Old Folks!" We are lucky to enjoy these rides with good friends and lots of laughs. Many of this gang graduated in the sixties--I can't say what years and not have the girls call me out. We are lucky to be riding and not sitting at home having coffee and just getting the mail each day. Mostly, we are lucky to have these RKG friends. "Ames Hi Aims High!" (Lindsay Ellingson)

Guttenberg on the River

Leaden sky, cutting wind, fog-shrouded waterway. I descend to village below turn corner navigate shoreline road.

Levee to my left, cottages and quaint little shops to my right. Imported items, fresh ground coffee, German pastries.

Multi-colored leaves tumble into Big Muddy.

Two fishermen in parkas, cross the levee, head toward marina.

Boats, all kinds all colors, bob in choppy water.

Anglers board flat bottom boat, start engine, blue cloud floats across water. They ease into current, slowly motor downstream.

Mississippi is cradled by steep hills covered with leafy palate of oaks, elms, hickories. Tug pushes coal barges upstream to Genoa. Several rafts of coot move silently in rhythm with the river, like specs of pepper floating in nana's oyster stew.

Light of day fades...

Tomorrow, river and its people will awake, do it all again.

Edwin L. Fawkes, '68

Concussion control is a top priority in Ames High sports!

Eighteen Ames High athletes were treated for concussions in all 21 sports during the 2014-15 school year. That's 2.6 percent of the 694 students who were involved in Little Cyclone athletics. The number has generally ranged from 15-20 over the past four years, according to Head Athletic Trainer Kayla Kleihauer. She's the person in charge of concussion protocols at Ames High. Athletic Director Judge Johnston says Ames High's percentage is "average or below" compared to comparable schools. His goals are to reduce the number wherever possible and to ensure the highest quality monitoring, detection and treatment for all athletes in all sports.

Where Ames High excels today, he says, is in its ability to recognize potential problems and treat concussions once they occur among athletes, including cheerleaders and dancers. Johnston says the school has three major assets that set Ames High apart from most schools: the McFarland Clinic, Iowa State's Athletic Training program, and the two certified Athletic trainers who are now included in the Little Cyclone athletic budget. Johnston has high praise for the yearlong medical assistance and treatment provided by the McFarland's physicians and physical therapists. At most home football games, two or three orthopedists will voluntarily join the team on the sidelines.

The Clinic also holds a "Bump and Bruise" clinic every Saturday morning during the 9-game football season. Staff includes an orthopedist, a physiotherapist and a receptionist -and it's free to any athlete in the fall season. Another advantage Ames High has, Johnston says, derives from the undergraduate student Athletic Training majors at Iowa State who are looking for experience to enhance their credentials and skills. These volunteers generally number 8-12 a year. This means pods of 4-6 extra student athletic trainers are on hand each semester. This cadre makes it possible for a trained healthcare provider to attend every practice and every home game for every AHS athletic team. That's all in addition to Head Athletic Trainer Kayla Kleihauer, who is also McFarland's Sports Medicine Coordinator, and Kari Sundquist, an ISU Athletic Training graduate student. Johnston says they oversee the student volunteers and work closely with coaches to ensure they are

informed about concussions and other injuries.

Even more important, Kleihauer and Sundquist, as health providers, are empowered to decide whether a possibly concussed athlete must leave the game and what treatment he or she may require. "It's like doing triage," Kleihauer says. According to an Iowa state law (2011), coaches have been taken completely out of the decision-making process with respect to possible head injuries. Only a certified health provider has the authority to decide whether to play, bench, or even hospitalize someone showing signs of a concussion. The same is true in determining when a concussed athlete is ready to return to play. Game officials have also been empowered to send off a player exhibiting confusion or imbalance or other symptoms of a blow to the head. Johnston said the Iowa High School Athletic Association has recently implemented rules that should help reduce concussions. Two-a-day practices were prohibited as of 2014. The time for contact in pads has also been reduced to two days a week during the season. Starting in 2016 the number of play-off teams will be reduced from 32 to 16 in each of the state's six (size) divisions. This will give teams a full week for recuperation between play-off games.

Everyone who follows sports today knows that football is the number one cause of concussions. But that's not strictly true. Among high school age teens, motor vehicle accidents rank first. Then comes football with about twice the number of concussions of any other high school sport. The most vulnerable positions are linebacker, followed by running back. Johnston says the cause of a concussion "is at times not the tackle itself, but the impact of heads hitting the turf."

Parental concern – Johnston calls it "concussion fear" – has resulted in fewer students going out for football over the past five years. In 2010, he says, the AHS varsity squad numbered 70-plus. Today it's 50-55 even though greater precautions than ever are being taken to minimize chances and effects of concussions. After football, wrestling, soccer and cheerleading are next most prone to concussions. In wrestling, Kleihauer says, it's the slams accompanied by repeated

head bumps and butts that can be a problem. In soccer, "it's almost always the headers or tackling."

With cheerleaders, surprisingly, the fliers are not as much at risk as those who catch them (the so-called base of four girls on the floor). The basers feel "they must make the catch and are susceptible to all those flying knees and elbows," Johnston says. Cheerleaders do their game stunts on hard surfaces and there's not much AHS can do to minimize floor injuries. But all practice sessions occur on 3 or 4 inch mats, designed for this purpose,

While an athlete's health – now and in the future – is his primary concern, Johnston acknowledges that liability and lawsuits have proved a tremendous spur toward greater vigilance and care. The Ames School District carries liability insurance, but it's up to parents to provide health insurance for each child – except in needy instances when the School might help provide coverage. No one can play without being insured. "That's their responsibility," Johnston said. "Ours is to ensure as safe a playing environment as we possibly can."

Varsity sports attract 45 percent of AHS students in 2014-15 Some 694 AHS students were involved in sports last year – 345 boys and 349 girls. That's 45 percent of the school's enrollment of 1,541 students (grades

9-12).

In 2014-15, Ames High athletics attracted 1,052 participants. That's an average of 1.52 sports per athlete. "Coaches really encourage their athletes to go out for multiple sports," according to Head Athletic Trainer Kayla Kleihauer.

(Athletic Director Judge Johnston—interviewed by Tom Emmerson, '55)

Note: Because of the seriousness of this topic, it will be continued in the December, 2015 newsletter with "Treating concussions requires care, caution & understanding" in an interview with Head Trainer Kayla Kleihauer, by Tom Emmerson, '55. (W.C. Ripp, Editor)

Iowa State played key role in providing uranium for first A-Bomb:

The sudden surrender of the Japanese military in August 1945 that finally ended the horrors of World War II was instigated by the detonation of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima. This historic and controversial event could not have happened without the refined uranium that was supplied by Iowa State College.

The story of Iowa State's role in the Manhattan Project will be presented on Wed. Sept. 9, 2015 by Kathy Svec ('66), copresident of the Ames Historical Society, and documentarian Steve Karsjen of the Ames Laboratory. Svec's father, Harry, was one of the team of researchers who were at the center of the problem – namely creating 99% pure uranium that could

be further separated into fissionable material. The project was led by Frank Spedding. The other key player was Harley Wilhelm, whose daughter Myrna ('47) Elliott still lives in Ames. The so-called Manhattan Project was so secret that even ISC president Charles Friley was never told any details. Other AHS grads who grew up in these families during WWII were Lorna ('44), Max ('46) and Gretchen ('56) Wilhelm, Elizabeth Spedding ('57) and Mary Svec ('63).

The talk is set for 7 p.m. at the Farwell Brown Auditorium of the Ames Public Library, 6th and Douglas. It is sponsored by the Ames Historical Society. Free and open to the public. (Emmerson, '55)

Crawford Kids' Magical Mural May Face the Wrecking Ball:

Pssst. Wanna see one of the most interesting works of art in Ames? It's not in a museum or gallery. It's in a stairwell. And it was created by dozens of children some 35 years ago. At Louise Crawford elementary school – to commemorate the history of the School, Ames, Iowa and the United States between 1930 –1980.

I stumbled into the mural when researching a feature on Crawford, 415 Stanton Ave., which opened in 1930 and was closed in 2001, much to the disappointment of the surrounding Campustown neighborhood families. I was so taken by what I saw - a child's perspective on events over 50 years some significant and some as sweet as a painting of WHO-TV's cartoon character Floppy along with that old joke, "Why did the man put his car in the oven?" I went back to see the mural, accompanied by my artist-wife Linda. She loved the mural as much as I did. Not only because of the history, but also because of "the design, the spacing, the drawings and the color," which she described as "surprisingly fresh."

The paintings depict events, trends and fads coinciding with Crawford's first 50 years. Diana Schmidt's sixth-grade class spent two months digging into local, state, American and international history before winnowing their selections to what you see on the walls. Every Crawford student contributed something, so there are at least 158 drawings of one kind or another. For each decade, there's a baby with the date and population of Ames. Every AHS basketball championship is also recorded (naturally with a basketball).

But it's the major events that catch the eye, including the arrival of WOI-TV and Soviet Premier Khrushchev's visit to Ames in 1959. There's also a table holding a syringe and three small cups representing the Salk vaccine that spared the nation's children from polio (but came too late to save my little sister Nancy in 1946). You'll also find Amelia Earhart's airplane and the Hindenburg engulfed in flames, along with A-bomb explosions and lots of space rockets and Sputnik. The mural even includes an on-going event, namely the Iranian hostage crisis (1979-81). The design and application of the mural was overseen by Ames artist Cynthia Larson Richard (AHS '71) as part of Iowa's Artistin-the-Schools project. Scaffolding was erected spanning four working platforms over a stairwell measuring 23 feet from top to bottom. Larson worked 12-14 hours a day for a week, transferring the students' drawings from butchers paper to the concrete walls using an opaque projector.

That's also when the Crawford kids' army of artists took over. Everyone painted during art classes or after school and even during the evenings. Kindergartners generally were assigned "filler" tasks such as clouds and trees, but other students had a chance to strut their stuff. "We had a lot of young energy!!!" Larson recalls, "and the kids were so proud" when they finished in the early weeks of 1981.

Check out the pictures of the hippie, the hula hoop, and Elvis. And Lia Plakans' charming version of American Gothic. Her mother remembers Lia (AHS '87) telling her how she "loved painting from a scaffold -- just like Michelangelo." Especially don't miss the Steve Hoiberg (AHS '87) interpretative painting of the Beatles. Given the nature of the project, there are lots to like from bottom to the top landing, where the initials of every student artist are included by grade. And, as a special bonus, you will see as you enter the building's southeast door, the School slogan and logo created in 1979 by Lia Plakans' older sister, Brenda (AHS '85). It reads, 'CRAWFORD MEANS FRIENDS' and was accompanied by her drawing of a lion and a mouse (inflated to about half the size of the friendly lion – to make a better visual for t-shirts).

So what about the future of this mural which we, along with several Crawford parents and alums regard as a "community treasure?" The Ames School administration, which has occupied Crawford since 2001, has no plans to preserve the children's artistic product when it moves to a new building under construction in north Ames. Kathy Hanson, director of school and community relations, said there was no way the mural's existence could be guaranteed in any sale. The school board, she said, would be obliged to sell to the highest bidder. Meanwhile, please drop in anytime Monday - Friday from 8 - 5 p.m. and check out Crawford's magical mural. Take your camera — before it's too late. (P.S. He wanted a hot rod.)

Writer: Tom Emmerson (AHS '55) attended Welch School (not Crawford)

Some Have Left US

The following alumni are known to have died in recent years. Those listed in previous newsletters are omitted here. Some information may be incomplete. If you have any more information or unreported deaths, please advise the AHSAA. A complete listing of all known deceased alumni is available at www.ahsalum.org.

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Class	Name	Date of Death	City, State
1932	Anderson, Dorothy E. M. (Howard)	d. 7-21-2000	Des Moines, Iowa
1934	Schneider, Fredrick G	d. 3-12-2012	Fort Walton Beach, Fla
1935	Jackson, Phyllis (Hobbs)	d. 2-14-2015	Bloomington, III.
1936	Kessler, Ruth Irene (Hendrickson)	d. 2-10-2015	Winston-Salem, N.C.
1937	Jardine, Winnifred (Cannon)	d. 2-20-2015	Salt Lake City, Utah
1938	Butson, Edna Winfred (Knuths)	d. 3-10-2015	Wells, Minn.
1938	Evans, John Templar	d. 2-13-2015	Newtonville, Mass.
1938	Newby, Emmett	d. 9-4-2007	Toledo, Ohio
1938	Selby, Grace (Jones)	d. 4-5-2015	Monrovia, Calif.
1939	Wilson, Richard Gates	d. 6-26-2014	Centennial, Colo.
1940	Hockman, Paul Leroy	d. 4-21-2015	Des Moines, Iowa
1940	Updegraff, Jennie Serena (Evans)	d. 3-15-2015	Oracle, Ariz.
1941	Firkins, Bruce Judson, Jr.	d. 5-25-2015	Saddle River, N. J.
1941	Peterson, Joann Augusta (Cole)	d. 7-3-2015	Ames, Iowa
1942	Taylor, Carol Marie (Hendrickson)	d. 2-25-2012	Lyons, Colo.
1943	Martin, Virginia Alice (Kulow)	d. 1-18-2015	Tucson, Ariz.
1944	Moeller, Jean Frances (Sass)	d. 4-5-2013	Phoenix, Ariz.
1944	Peck, Ruth Louise (Fitz)	d. 4-15-2015	Fort Valley, Ga.
1944	Sajbel, Frances Margaret (O'Neil)	d. 9-2-2012	Appleton, Wisc.
1944	Spratt, Irving L.	d. 3-30-2015	Highland, Calif.
1944	Tilden, John Dunvcan	d. 2-5-2015	Haslett, Mich.
1945	Buck, James A.	d. 7-8-2015	Ames, Iowa
1945	Platt, Thomas B.	d. 9-3-2014	Sioux Falls, S. D.
1946	Becker, Ronald Ernest	d. 3-29-2015	Baton Rouge, La.
1946	Roach, Alita M. (Wunderle)	d. 1-6-2012	Los Alamos, N. Mex.
1946	Swanson, Robert	d. 6-2-2015	Fort Collins, Colo.
1946	Zea, Lawrence Da;e	d. 4-18-2015	Carpentersville, III.
1947	Sutherland, Margaret Diantha (fowler)	d. 2-9-2015	Florence, Ala.
1948	Harris, Ella Mae (Robertson)	d. 9-6-2012	Oak Ridge, Tenn.
1949	Bergeson, Kenneth W.	d. 3-29-2015	Ames, Iowa
1949	Mather, Roger Alan	d. 3-27-2015	Ames, Iowa
1950	Bappe, David L.	d. 5-21-2015	Decorah, Iowa
1950	Hutchison, Jack LaMonte	d. 4-27-2015	Story City, Iowa
1953	Barnhart, James O.	d. 3-27-2015	Galena, ÍlÍ.
1956	Klopf, Charles James	d. 5-8-2015	Des Moines, Iowa
1957	Johnson, Larry	d. 5-18-2015	Roland, Iowa
1958	Wright, Frederick Carrick	d. 4-12-2015	Ames, Iowa
1959	Driscoll, Martha Jane (Fisher)	d. 12-12-2014	Ames, Iowa
1959	Pierce, Darvin Donald	d. 6-22-2015	Naperville, III.
1961	Richards, Lynda Lou Elizabeth	d. 3-28-2015	Columbia, Mo.
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1965 1966 1967 1968 1970 1970 1974 1977 1979 1984 2000 Staff Staff Staff	Pounds, Toni Freel, Judy Mae Rosenberger, Sue Ann (Milliken) Tesdall, Ronald Wayne Benson, Jeffrey Donald Carner, Linda Kay (Collins) Wren, Michael Joseph Tschopp, Doug Hensch, Cynthia Lee (Vondra) Gamulin, Maura Helene (Kelly) Bond, Andrew Jacob Acuff, Hoyt Ammann, Robert Garman, Merle Jacobson, Roger	d. 7-20-2009 d. 6-12-2015 d. 3-21-2015 d. 4-23-2015 d. 5-26-2015 d. 5-23-2015 d. 4-25-2015 d. 3-21-2015 d. 12-27-2011 d. 2-16-2015 d. 3-19-2015 d. 6-2-2015 d. 4-16-2015	Anchorage, Alaska Slater, Iowa Iowa City, Iowa Des Moines,Iowa Ames, Iowa Omaha, Neb. Bluemont, Va. Ames, Iowa Foxhome, Minn. San Pedro, Calif. Ames, Iowa Ames, Iowa Cheyenne, Wyo. Ames, Iowa
Staff	Van Marel, Mary (Schalekamp)	d. 6-15-2015	Ames, Iowa

"Some have left us" needs help:

We've received word that Holmes M. Brown, '33 died in March, 2015 at age 100. His address was Afton, VA. A nephew confirmed this. Attempts to confirm a date and place have produced no results. He has two nieces living in Ames. A call to them revealed that they did not know he had died.

Delores (Fletcher) Hawthorn, '50 died in 2013. Her obituary said that her sister, Charlotte Woody, '44 predeceased her. Her address was El Cajon, CA, but we have found nothing further. We're also not sure of her name when she passed away.

Harriet (Buckles) Harrison, '32 would be 101 later this month if she is still alive. Her last known address was Flagstaff, AZ. Her mother was Minnie (Tysseling) Buckles. There are five of the Tysseling family that have graduated from Ames High. Perhaps they are related?

A postcard was sent to Denis Alan Kohl, '57. His address was Burnet, TX. It was returned marked DECEASED. I looked him up in the lowa State Alumni directory. It listed a phone number in the 2001 Edition. I ask the lady who answered if she knew Denis. She said yes and that he'd be back in ten minutes. He called me back. The address we used was his mother's.

Any help would be appreciated. A date and place of death or a current address would be helpful. (Jack Smalling, '58)

Memorials

In memory of: **Kenneth D. Anderson, '74**By: Donald ('52) & Janice Anderson

In memory of: **Wayne A. Stensland, '54** By: Nancy Fox Judd, '53

In memory of: 1961 AHS Deceased Classmates "Gone but not forgotten!"

By: Gary W. Clem, '61

In memory of: **1953 AHS Deceased Classmates** By: Nancy Fox Judd, '53

In memory of: **Dorothy J. Timmons, '58** By: John L. Timmons, '64

In memory of: **Michael J. Doran, '99** By: Leisa H. Doran, '71

In memory of: Christian Fredrick Haas, '56
Richard G. Begg, '56

By: William A. Brindley, '56 In memory of: **Dugan Ersland, '61**

By: J. Paul Clark, '61

In memory of: **Maura Kelly-Gramulin, '84** By: Tara Kelly-Granath, '81

In memory of: Marlene L. Malloy, '50 By: Tamara Rood, '81

In memory of: **Dorothy Allen Brown, '44**By: Caroline M. Gatrost, '47

In memory of: 1957 AHS Deceased Classmates By: Theil Baumann Ramsbey, '57 In memory of: Daniel Alford, Parent Steven E. Gradwohl, '79

By: Judson S. "Jud" Alford, '79

In memory of: Dugan R. Ersland. '61 Donald W. Young, '41 By: Ronald W. Young, '61

In memory of: **Cheryl Lynne Ring, '73**By: Sandra Bunce Popelka, '73

In memory of: **Dorothy J. Timmons, '58**By: Josie Timmons Josef, '72

In memory of: **Fred Carrick Wright, '58**By: AHS Class of 1958

In memory of: **Thomas B. Platt, '45** By: Donald H. Platt, '50

In memory of: **David L. Bappe, '50**By: JoAnn DeVolder

In memory of: **Jeffrey Lee Brown, '74** By: Donald W. Brown, '64

In memory of: Roger Jacobson, Staff By: Margaret & Jay Munson

In memory of: Richard G. "Dick" Begg, '56 Charles J. "Chuck" Klopf, '56 By: Donald B. Osterman, '56

In memory of: Margaret "Meg" James Hobbs, '73 By: Joan Burnet Bruns, '73

In memory of: **1964 AHS Deceased Classmates** By: AHS Class of 1964

In memory of: **David L. Bappe, '50** By: Margot Schmidt Volding, '50

In memory of: Richard G. Begg, '56 Charles J. Klopf, '56 Austin R. Nowlin, '56

By: Loren P. Larson, '56

In memory of: Jack ('41) & Ruth Fitz Peck, '44 By: David C. Fitz, '73

In memory of: Linda Hutchinson Lusby, '66 By: Brian ('65) & Elaine Johnson Anderson, '66

In memory of: Jack ('41) & Ruth Fitz Peck, '44 By: Virginia Skinner Harris, '44

In memory of: **David L. Bappe, '50** By: Norma Roelofsen Bappe, '50



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What is the most fulfilling aspect about working for Ames Education Foundation?

It is fulfilling working for Ames Education Foundation and helping over 4200 children each day and every year. One primary responsibility I have is to work with individuals or families to develop their philanthropic plan for giving. I will creatively match their mission for giving to a true educational need. This helps our students, our schools, and continues to make Ames Community Schools a world class education. It is transformational. The results are profound.

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 27, 2015 – **TASTE for Education** – 5:00 pm at the Gateway Hotel Tickets online @www.ameseducationfoundation.org – Hosted by Ames Education Foundation Alumni we need your support – continuing great education in Ames!

AHSAA and Historical Society on the look out for Ames stuff:

Animal, vegetable or mineral? Bigger than a breadbox? Borrowed or blue? Serious or silly? If you still have something about Ames in your possession (however remote) please consider donating it to the Ames Historical Society. How about things you acquired from businesses, shops, bars or movie theatres? Have you written or recorded recollections of your growing up days in Ames? Do you remember who tried to sneak into the movies by walking backwards through the people exiting at the end of a show? The bombing of City Hall? Or the famous phony shooting caper behind Moore Dairy? (Susan Allen Toth may be famous, but she can't be the only journaler.)

If your faded treasure has a special connection with high school, your gift might wind up in a display case at 1921 Ames High Drive. Otherwise, it could be part of an historical display -- about who knows what? At the very least, your gifts will enrich the society's growing collection of items dealing with

schools, businesses, and events (sad or happy) of all kinds. If it happened between the Skunk and the Ranch... or from Peterson's Pits to Kelley, it could become a local treasure.

One bonus of donating to the Historical Society, is that your gifts may be tax deductible. (You will receive a letter of thanks and it's up to you to put a "fair value" on your gift.) The Ames Historical Society, 416 Douglas, is open Monday – Saturday afternoons. Its web site is:

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AHSAA Calendar

- 2015 -<u>Meetings:</u>

August 18th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
September 15th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
October 20th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
November 17th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
December 15th AHSAA Monthly Meeting

- 2015 -Reunions:

July 31-Aug. 2 Class of 1975 40th Reunion
July 31-Aug. 2 Class of 1985 30th Reunion
August 6-8 Class of 1960 55th Reunion
Sept. 13-15 Class of 1955 60th Reunion
Sept. 17-20 Class of 1965 50th Reunion

Other Events:

December 26, 2015 - All AHS Holiday Get Together

The Ames High School Alumni Newsletter (ISSN 1055-5196) is published three times a year by the Ames High School Alumni Association (AHSAA).

Membership in the AHSAA is \$8 for 1 year, \$15 for two years, \$20 for three years (see member form for foreign pricing). Membership is open to everyone, not just Ames High School alumni.

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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