BACK IN YOUR OWN HOMETOWN: CHANGE

Downtown renovation involves digging up the streets, replacing sewer and water pipes

(We asked Mayor Gordon Canfield ’57, for an update, since he’s been on hand to observe the total operation, right down to the fancy new intersection brickwork.)

On the Streets of Grinnell — the big thing as of this writing was completing the downtown streets project on time. The planned completion date was Thanksgiving Day, 2005. What a Thanksgiving blessing for the building owners, merchants and apartment dwellers in the central business district! (Winter weather caught the project a few bricks shy, but it will still be a blessing when it’s completed next spring.)

What you will see when you come back to visit are brand new concrete streets around the business block, with gorgeous geometric brick designs filling all four intersections with brick designs mid-block and again along the outer edges of the sidewalks.

The sidewalk on the west side of Broad Street is widened to allow for future sidewalk cafes and other attractions. The brick design in the street intersections was taken from the Rose Window on the south face of the Merchants National Bank Building. It is also the basis for the design of the city’s new logo.

Underneath the new concrete streets and sidewalks are all new storm and sanitary sewers, water pipes and new service pipes into each building.

All of this is called Phase One. Subsequent phases will bring new street surfaces and services to Commercial Street (check out the snazzy new shops and businesses there) in 2007, and sometime after that, the final phase will be to extend the new paving on Fourth and Fifth avenues west to West Street and east to State Street.

Building and rebuilding

With new officers and the next all-school reunion scheduled for 2008, the GHS Alumni Association took it easy during 2005, holding meetings quarterly, as dictated by the bylaws, and settling in, trying to determine what was going to be important, besides keeping the addresses current, during the non-reunion years. With a younger, working board, it proved challenging just to find the best time to hold meetings!

In addition to the downtown renovation, the building out at Grinnell High School continued. Alumni who were back in Grinnell for the all-school reunion and those whose reunions were this past summer could see how much change there would be.

A group named the Grinnell-Newburg Education Endowment was

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Jim Ramsey ’84 was president of Strand Theatres LLC and spokesman for the group of local investors who purchased the old theatre and magically turned the facade into an updated original! Now the Strand Triplex, the theatres have been open since last holiday season.
Decade Chairs

1930s - Lucille Reavis '39, 236-4632; Claire Hutchison '39, 236-0806
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1990 - Mindy Blue Deppe
2000 - Jennifer Johnson Ashing

Representatives of your GHS Alumni Association Board: front row from left, Becky Wilson, Carolyn Grosenbach and Gail Boliver; second row, Janna Stoker, Char Bailey and Betty Gerber; third row, Mary Shuits, Donna Johnson, Jennifer Ashing, John Taylor and Richard Berman. See full list of board, below left.

Lamb’s Grin Fairy Tales

(‘The Recollection’ by Dale Lamb ’74)

Nobody asked me, but I say time warps are great fun and offer proof of one of Einstein’s theories. Most of you must feel time warps are great, too, judging from the number who elected to return at reunion time. After 30 years, two-way streets will be here for your next reunion, and stop signs rather than lights. “Deja vu all over again,” or just a time warp?

I’m concerned, will I be quick, agile, and dexterous enough to manage spry jay walk maneuvers while looking both ways rather than only one. I’ll know when not to attempt such feats as we now have a new, very visible black and white retro “Car ’54” style cruiser to discourage daring dashes across the streets. Two-way traffic, stop signs, brick cross walks, and a black and white cruiser, too, oh my; Barney Fife would be ecstatic! At reunion time you will be ecstatic, too, as in Grinnell what’s old is new again, and that includes returning alumni.

Let’s consider the mechanics of the time warp involved with the aura of class reunions and return to a retro fit community. I offer for your consideration a special insight into the space-time continuum. Past efforts to explain such phenomena have often failed for lack of thinking outside the box. Not my problem. Furthermore, since Einstein died the year I was born, I feel quite comfortable as his replacement to bring an understanding to this area. After all, it was Einstein who said “Imagination is more important than knowledge.” Of course, the greatest quote Homer is remembered for today is “D’oh.”

Einstein imagined that as you travel closer to the speed of light, time slows down. What I “Imagine” is happening in all of our lives that proves this theory is this: As we get older our movement gets slower, much slower than when we were in high school, a time when we were quite often traveling close to the speed of light. As age slows our movement we are no longer traveling close to the speed of light. As we age

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The Alumni Association of GHS has lost many members after having updated the bylaws to keep this organization in transition for the next All-School Reunion scheduled for 2008. There are nine of us representing the 60s decade and seven additional board members representing the rest of the decades. With changes we made in the bylaws governing length and consecutive terms, we hope to have more continuity but still a rotation of board members, and with that fresh ideas and energy.

We meet quarterly as a board and our main emphases have been to get organized, get members indoctrinated and keep track of GHS alumni. The address list is shared with Dollars for Scholars and also is a reference for those trying to organize individual class reunions. With that in mind, please keep us informed when you move. Jennifer Johnson Ashing ’00 is doing the data entry and keeping our list current.

— Carolyn Osborn Grosenbach ’64

(Continued from page 1) formed in August to provide financial support for the long term to teachers and students throughout the district.

The GHS Alumni Association’s bylaws state we will not give out our mailing list for solicitation. We are not an organized fundraiser for the GHS Renovation. However, with this Newsletter mailing, we can invite alumni who wish to give through the GHS Alumni Association to do so. Checks may be made to either the GHS Renovation or the G-N Education Endowment and sent to Alumni President Carolyn Grosenbach, Grinnell State Bank, Box 744, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Include your class year on your tax-deductible check.
Class reunions in Grinnell are special events because everyone feels KNOWS their class is the best!

Upcoming Reunions '06


CLASS OF '46 - 60th Reunion. Contact Irene (Main) Campbell, 641-236-4500

CLASS OF '51 - 55th Reunion. Reunion during Homecoming (date not determined). Informal Friday before game & party after. Call Jack Marcum, 236-5939

CLASS OF '56 - 50th Reunion. Homecoming weekend. Thursday, bonfire in Central Park; Friday, GHS football game; Saturday evening dinner. Dotty Hall, 641-522-7474, mındhall@netins.net

CLASS OF '61 - 45th Reunion. Contact Tom Hotchklin, 641-236-5748 or Sue (Ryan) Martindale, 641-236-3531

The Grinnell High School Class of 1955 held its 50th Reunion the weekend of June 25, with activities and a dinner at the Grinnell Country Club. Pictured (first row) l. to r.: Phyllis Gildersleeve Smith, Marie Koger Gildersleeve, DeeDee Sammons Jordan, Ollie Calwell Franklin, Earlene Dee Arment, Carolyn Esler Ritter, Grace Wittrup Stephenson, Nona Allen Johnson, Mary Newmann Herb, Judy Bunch Criswell, Annalee Criswell Horstmann, Carlene Shockley Krumm, Judy Brown Cook, Bill Noel; (second row) John Thomas, Agnes Hillmann Mikel, Hiliard Turner, Jr., Larry Millhollin, Jim Shope, Duane Arment, John Green, Ronnie Krumm, Darlene Canfield Gregory, Lois Hammon Hieber, Fred Johnson, Stan White; (third row) Charles Norris, Dave DeLong, Leon Wilson, Doug State, Worthin Gratton, Lee Gruenhaupt, and Ray Pearson. Special reunion guest was Hiliard Turner, Sr., from Marshall, Mo., who was visiting his son in Grinnell during the time of the reunion. The Class of '55 plans to meet the first Friday of each month at the Westside Family Diner for 9 a.m. breakfast.

The Grinnell High School Class of 1960 held their 45th reunion August 12-14 in Grinnell. Howard and Sue McDonough welcomed 54 classmates and their spouses to their farm home Friday evening for a barbecue. Saturday night the group had dinner and music of the 50s and 60s at the Elks Club, with Sally Meek Oxley in charge of the program. A Sunday brunch found members at the Depot Crossing. Pictured (front row, from left) Sandy Terrell VanDraska, Beverly Adams Squier, Doris Luttmann Jones, Sue Mainstedt McDonough, Sally Meek Oxley, Mylene Millhollin Hanzeika, Emily Taylor Hoffert, Nancy Brown Wolff, Lucille Larsen Green; (second row) Glenda Sears Bradshaw, Karen Sorensen Snyder, Linda Barnes Jantz, Brenda Lavent Wallace, Kathleen Westercamp Oliver, Charlotte Ditzler Smith, Nancy Rehberg Locker, Mary Lu Ahrens Watson, Steve Davis, Douglas See, Gene Oliver; (third row) Susan James Behrendt, James Brown, Bob Higdon, LaVerne Thompson, Jim Cox, Walter Harris, Howard McDonough, Elwood Garlock, and John Albers.
Upcoming
Reunions ‘06

CLASS OF ‘66 - 40th Reunion. Plans being made. Contact Mary (Downey) Wells, 641-236-6214, wellsm@iowatelecom.net

CLASS OF ’71 - 35th Reunion. Contact John Smith, 641-236-8384, j_r_smith45@hotmail.com

CLASS OF ’76 - 30th Reunion. Saturday, July 8 dinner at Grinnell Country Club. Contact Bill Smith, 641-236-6166, swsmith@iowatelecom.net

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IMPORTANT!
The project budget for the GHS Renovations has funding sources as follows:

Private Fund-Raising Campaign $3,800,000
Bond Issue Proceeds $4,200,000
One-Cent Sales Tax Receipts $4,400,000
Total Cost $12,400,000

THE GHS PROJECT INCLUDES:
- A new 714-seat auditorium with full fly system
- A new 1,600-seat gym with two practice courts, wrestling room, weight room and four locker rooms
- Renovations to industrial technology classrooms and labs and family and consumer science classroom and lab, new science laboratory, and special ed classroom
- Updated electrical and mechanical systems

The Grinnell High School Class of 1965 held its 40th reunion September 2-3 in Grinnell during Happy Days’ events. They met at A.J.’s Steakhouse Friday night, and had dinner at the Eagles Club Saturday night. From left, (front row) Lorna Beam, Ted Urfer, Rita White Walker, Paul Rayl, Jack Paulsen, Rick Benson, and Diane Brown Harrington; (second row) Mike Fouts, Benita Mitchell Foy, Jackie Norris Baile, Kathy Henderson Johnston, Rhea Wells Osland, Sue Peters Rentegar, Pat Lowrey Bernsman, Tallie Jones Burrow, Karla Jones Mayhew, Nancy Hopkins Beck, and Linda Lamb Routier; (third row) Fred Dillon, Carol Martens Peters, Beverly Freeborn Nut, Ron Edginton, Sandy Tulinstra Pearson, Pam Thompson Swab, Jane Funke Doyle, Doris Henry Price, Kathy Brown O’Halleran, Carol Spooner Ahrens, Candy Willy Ahrens, and Jo Dee Goughnor Roof; and (back row) Charles Durr, Gary Wallis, Bernard Nagel, Dennis Stroers, Dave Hutchinson, Bill Noel, Bob Sampson, Martin Galloway, Jim Ahrens, Tim Delong, Terry Cline, and Dale Larsen. Class members who attended the reunion but missed the photo are Richard Ahrens, Betty Cooper Niday, Phil Duey, Larry Grapper Johnson, Ray Heilmann, Lloyd Jones, Joyce Kriegel Hauser, John McNally, Daryl Morrison, Sam Osborn, Dwight Pease, Donna Vogt Overmiller, Larry Wade, Judy Craig VanWechel, Rusty Weston, Tom Allen and Dennis Allen.

The Grinnell High School Class of 1975 met in Grinnell July 15-16 to celebrate their 30th reunion year. Becky Ahrens Hauser and Ron Lowry hosted the Friday night get-together, with Andre Delong catering the barbecue. Music was by Gordy Sumner’s band, Rude Dog. Dan Ziegenemeyer won the drawing for a cruise around Lake Lowry. Saturday evening the group met at the Elks Lodge for dinner and music. Pictured from left, sitting on ground, are George Dale and Marvin Arment; front row, Dan Ziegneemeyer, John Milburn, Becky Gilkey Meldren, Wanda Smith Hildebaugh, Barbara Dee Meek, Becky Ahrens Hauser, Gloria Kerber Gersdorf, Cindy Bailey Asay, Cathy Canfield Whitman, Andre Delong, Kim Curry Huth, Paula Stone Smith, Mike Oger; second row, Ben Cleveland, Roger Van Donselaar, Cindy Ladely Lowry, Lori Everist Lureman, Amy Burkle Graves, Deb Tomfeld Twito, Joanna Leggett Simmwell, Kevin Lincoln; back row, Chuck Bethel, Lowell Pichhardt, John Ross, Keith Burnham, Jerry Groth, Stan McEraith, Denny Lowry, Jerry Crawford, Tom Ford, Randy McCurry, Audrey Gerrish Wessling, and Ed Church.
Upcoming

Reunions '06

CLASS OF '81 - 25th Reunion. July 28-30. Contact Donnette (Davis) Ellis, 641-236-5447 or 641-909-03175, dellis@maytag.com

CLASS OF '86 - 20th Reunion. Plans being made. Contact Leslee (Davis) Hansen, 641-672-1570, hansenl@knoxville.k12.ia.us

CLASS OF '91-15th Reunion. Friday, June 23, informal gathering; Saturday noon family picnic at Ahrens Park and dinner place undecided. Contact Julie (Ahrens) Gosselink, 641-236-1037, julie@ahrensfamilyfoundation.org or Shannon (Fitzgerald) Schultz, 641-236-0478, sschultz@iowatelecom.net

HOW DO YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT?

If you want to contribute through the Alumni Association, make your tax-deductible checks to GHS Renovation, G-N Education Endowment, or the established Dollars for Scholars chapter, care of GHS Alumni President Carolyn Grosenbach, Grinnell State Bank, P.O. Box 744, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. (Remember to write your class year on the check.)


The Grinnell High School Class of 1985 held their 20th reunion in Grinnell July 1-2. After an informal gathering at State Street Station Friday evening, the class held its formal dinner and dance at the Elks on Saturday. Attending the event were (front row) l. to r.: Chris Clausen, Vince Thomas, Mark Weaver, Ray Fish, Elston Renaud, Joel Clifton, Duane Roland; (second row) Soni Durr Burnell, Kari Ramstad Sweeney, Wendy Schmidt Griffith, Kelley Wilson Wilson, Ursula Paliwael Fellows, Sheryl Hasley Buchheit, Lynnette Simbro, Debbie Lander Mioffier, Kris Johnson Sieck; (third row) Donna Sheets Austin, Tracy Cooper Rosburg, Todd Schmidt, Patty Tharp Roland, Paul Latcham, Katie Lannom Lawley, Jay Agnew, Carol Dayton Schmidt, Tom Lannom, Kaylene Clendenen Bast, Jolene McKeag, Cathy Sepic McKay, Cindy Walter Juhl, and Kim Busse Hatting.
Upcoming
Reunions '06

CLASS OF '96 - 10th Reunion. Jennifer (Muckler) McAlester, 641-236-8732, McAlester@iowatelecom.net

Class of '01 - 5th Reunion. Contact Brienne (Davis) Goetzinger, 641-236-4089, briannerg@yahoo.com

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We've grown fast and we're still working to secure our growth and plan for the future. We want to be the BEST Alumni Association — and with YOUR HELP, we can be.

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Superintendent’s Update
by Dr. Dave Stokke

Historically the cornerstone of success in the Grinnell-Newburg School District has been the academic success of our students. I’m proud to convey to you this tradition continues today. Currently we track and report to the state and federal departments of education the proficiency levels of our 4th, 8th, and 11th grade students in math, reading, and science. I’m pleased to report that in each skill area Grinnell-Newburg students are achieving at higher levels than their peers in both the state of Iowa and the nation.

Recently the G-N School District received two awards that exemplify this academic success. The Iowa Department of Education has established a new award entitled “Breaking Barriers to Teaching and Learning.” Grinnell-Newburg was one of only five schools in the state of Iowa to receive the award for 2004-05. The award was based on the improvement of test scores on the Iowa Test of Educational Development and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. In addition, Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education has been awarded “Outstanding Support of Fine Arts Award” by the Iowa Association of School Boards for the 2004-05 school year. The G-N Board of education was selected by a panel of arts educators for the school board’s commitment to making a strong arts education program in all grades, elementary through high school.

Lamb’s Grin (cont.) (+ Repudiation, à la Ramsey)

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nearly everyone imagines and complains time speeding up on them; our common experience is proving what Einstein proposed. Our imagination, “more important than knowledge,” is reality! So now you know why the older we get, the more time seems to fly, and why we never have enough of it. Our parents, like Einstein, warned us!

Why, I recollect a youthful 4.3 second, (or was it 4.1) forty-yard dash of mine that felt so good it seemed time almost stood still. I’m realizing that as we age our race times get faster and faster. Holes often develop in the stories of a lot of alumni over the decades, often beginning shortly after graduation. Someday I’ll explain the relationship of back holes to the every-decade occurrence of the Ramsey hole-in-one recently touted in the Grinnell Herald-Register and on KGRN which are both practically run by alumni younger than me, believe it or not. But five holes-in-one, or is it six, that’s even more preposterous. Do you really believe that?

If you do, I’ve got a couple of bricks with your name on them. I’ll sell you to be permanently embedded in the current high school project; or maybe you’ll want engraved bricks for the downtown street project, a park, or name plates for theatre seats. Think it’s possible; a 2nd generation Ramsey contrivance, perhaps? Come find out, but remember these recurrent holes-in-one all supposedly started in the ‘60s, probably shortly after graduation from high school.

I digress; back to the dash. One can only imagine. . . (To be cont’d. in the sequel, “The Dash.”) -Dale Lamb ’74
Chair, 
Nobody Asked Me/ That’s the Way I Recall It

PREPOSTEROUS –
WAIT, COULD IT BE?

Incidentally, Jack Sherman ’62 caught Rick Ramsey ’56 “doing it again” at the Grinnell Country Club Oct. 18 and took the picture that made the front page of the Des Moines Register’s ‘Sports’ section on Oct. 26. According to that paper, Rick has “defied the odds by carding an ace in each of the past five decades,” since the odds of an amateur nailing a hole-in-one are 1 in 12,000. Whoa!

NEXT ALL-SCHOOL REUNION: 2008
Happy New Year 2006!