“Rediscover the Jewel of the Prairie” is the theme for the
Third All-Class Reunion to be held July 4-5, 2008.

Thursday, July 3, and Sunday, July 6, will be reserved for individual class reunions.
An itinerary and a pre-registration form is enclosed. Plan to attend this great event!

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008
9 AM – 10th Ave. & 10th Ave. Place Parade. Join in the celebration of the 40th year of parades.

10 AM TO 2 PM – Registration. Free tour of GHS every hour on the hour ending at 3 p.m. Artisans Showcase open for viewing. Buy Showcase of Talent tickets.

12 TO 2 PM – Catered lunch at GHS. Cost $5. This will be a “Meet & Greet” for classmates.

2 TO 4 PM – Showcase of Talent – $10, GHS Auditorium, Sunset St. Use west parking lot.

4:30 TO 6:30 PM – City Parade. Starts at fairgrounds and ends at Ahrens Park. We encourage class floats! Join in the fun! Alumni Association Board will be riding on a flatbed/float! Listen to the All-Alumni Band!

6:30 PM – Ahrens Park activities sponsored by City of Grinnell. Includes food booths, children’s games, entertainment featuring Mike Gross ’83 & the Coyote Band.

10 PM – Fireworks at Ahrens Park.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2008
7 TO 9:30 AM – Breakfast sponsored by Knights of Columbus at St. Mary’s Church REC.

7 TO 10 AM – Final registration for events - GHS tour - Artisans Exhibit.

8 TO 11:30 AM – Tee Time: Oakland Acres “Best Ball” Golf Tournament.

6 AM – Bike Ride (free) Meet at GHS. on Sunset, north parking lot. Hazelwood Cemetery Walk (free).

9 AM – Garden Tour, Master Gardeners; there will be a $5 admission charge. 5K Run, free; meet at Ahrens Park soccer parking lot.

10 AM – Scavenger Hunt, free: start at GHS on Sunset, west parking lot.

11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM – Catered lunch, Steve Kriegel Gym. “Meet & Greet Classmates” and “Meet & Greet Former Teachers.”

1:30 TO 2:30 PM – Alumni Business Meeting and Hall of Fame Awards, Steve Kriegel Gym at GHS, GHS Alumni Association President John Taylor presiding. (Free Candyland drawing!)

3 TO 5 PM – Showcase of Alumni Talent, $10, GHS Auditorium, Sunset St.

7 TO 10 PM – Beer Garden - Music & Dance at Elks Club parking lot. 7 to 8:30 p.m., “Whiplash”; 8:30 to 10 p.m., “The Chosen Few.”

Looking Ahead to 2008

Your board is planning a wonderful reunion scheduled July 4, 5 and 6, 2008. More details are found in other parts of the newsletter. I would recommend you reserve these dates at the present time. Registration will be at the high school near the new auditorium close to the recently installed “Wall of Fame.”

Another accomplishment this past year is a website developed by alumni Gail Boliver. It is a good way to keep up with alumni happenings and to find former classmates: visit www.grhsalumni.org.

Many improvements have been made to the “down-town” area and those of you who haven’t been back for years are in for a big surprise.

If you haven’t yet become a member of our group, you can do so by sending a five year membership of $25 or a lifetime membership of $50 that will help keep us going.

— John Taylor,
Alumni Association President
Here is a list of contacts for each individual class.


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GHS Alumni Hall of Fame installed

Recently the long awaited Grinnell High School Alumni Hall of Fame showcase was installed by the contractors, ASI-Modulux, near the entrance of the newly built high school auditorium. The stained oak wood cabinet matches the existing trophy cases arranged along the corridor of the auditorium-gymnasium complex. The LED illuminated display honors the 14 honorees as voted on at the last All High School Reunion in 2004. Their names, pictures, last year attended Grinnell High School, and accomplishments are etched on 14 7" x 10" zinc plaques with raised stain bronze lettering on clear acrylic and arranged in numerical order of their graduation.

By the honorees accomplishments, this Hall of Fame exposes to the youth of Grinnell High School their horizons and exposes their options to see that a world of opportunities awaits them by following the honorees examples of success in citizenship and serving all mankind.

Many are nominated, but few qualify for admittance to the Hall of Fame.

J.B. GRINNELL
Honorary
Founder of Grinnell, Educator and Statesman

CHARLES HINK
Class of 1907
Inventor and Manufacturer

WILLIAM (BILLY)
C. ROBINSON
Class of 1908
Pioneer Aviator and Inventor

HARRY L. HOPKINS
Class of 1908
Federal Administrator and Special Assistant to President F.D. Roosevelt

HALLIE FERGUSON-FLANAGAN (DAVIS)
Class of 1908
Author, Educator and Federal Theater Administrator

CHARLES MANLY
Class of 1909
Benefactor and Attorney

RUTH SUCKOW
Class of 1910
Author

JULIA B. WHEELER
Class of 1910
Educator

ADMIRAL ARTHUR RAPPORT
Class of 1914
2nd Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

JOHN TALBOTT, M.D.
Editor of Medical Publications, Physician and Educator

HELEN RENFROW (LEMME)
Class of 1923
Educator and Civil Rights Leader

LYMAN B. CASE
Class of 1928
Pioneer Iowa Highway Patrolman and Judicial Magistrate

CLAUDE AHRENS
Class of 1931
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

ROBERT NOYCE
Class of 1945
Inventor of Silicon Microchip and Founder of Intel Corporation

Election to the Hall of Fame is to be cumulative from time to time. Former students of the Grinnell schools, whether graduates or not, are eligible. Election is based upon outstanding achievements of the individual in his or her line of endeavor. An honorary election of those persons who were closely connected with the school but were not former pupils in the system will be considered. J.B. Grinnell is such a choice. The candidate, in addition to above, when selected must be deceased.

Two members of the Class of 1944 gifted the showcase to the school as a memorial to the school.

Members of the Hall of Fame committee are Jerry Hagen, Dick Ritter and Bob Smith.
Class of 1946 – The Class of 1946 celebrated their 60th reunion on Oct. 14, 2006, with a dinner at the Elks Club with visiting and reminiscing afterwards. Attending were 22 classmates along with guests and spouses.

Class of 1947 – Class meets every first Wednesday for breakfast at the Mayflower dining hall at 8:30 a.m. They are planning a 60th reunion evening banquet for Sept. 14-15 2007. Contact Maynard Raffety.

Classes of 1950, 1951 & 1952 – Celebrating the 2008 All-School Reunion members of these three classes will gather together on Saturday, July 5, at the Mayflower Home for dinner. A letter will be going out this fall to class members. For more information contact Gordon Felper or Larry German.

Class of 1952 – The Class of 1952 held its 55th class reunion on September 7 & 8, 2007. Class members and spouses met at the Depot Crossing Restaurant on the 7th for a social time. On the 8th they met at the Mayflower Home for a dinner and night of visiting and reminiscing.

Members of the Grinnell High School class of 1942 met recently to celebrate the 65th anniversary of their graduation. Twenty one members attended with six spouses representing the communities of Boone, Clinton and Montezuma in addition to Grinnell. The class of 1942 was the first World War II class and several members left early for service. Class members meet each month for breakfast or lunch. Present at the reunion were (front row, from left): Virgil Stone, Emory Kaisand, Helen Innis Johnson, Paul Stovers, Jim Pilgrim, Clara Bryan Halsead, Lorene Pearce Morrison, Mary Innis Louper and Betty Jean Olson Berry, and (back row): Elaine Lidtka Heishman, Tom Selle, Margaret Robbins Olson, Barbara Carter Thomson, Howard Lord, Mary Ellen Inman Lynch, Mary Lee Thompson Mc Curry, Carolyn Rutherford Stuart, Juanita Morrison Davis, Mary Pederson Gardner, Carroll Stuart and Don Pederson.
Classified Information

Class of 1957 – Planned their 50th class reunion around Homecoming 2007. Those plans included riding a class float in the Homecoming parade on Thursday, Oct. 4. On Friday Oct. 5, class members toured Grinnell High School’s new theater and gym complex at 6:30 p.m. before the football game vs. Delawen at 7:30, then met at State Street Station (cash bar) after the game. On Saturday, there was a showing of Grinnell’s 150 Years at the Strand Theatre downtown, followed by a dutch treat lunch at The Depot Crossing. Evening festivities were held at Mayflower’s Buckeye Dining Hall beginning at 6 p.m., with a group photo at 6:30 and dinner following — no bar, but attendees could bring their own wine for dinner and glassware were provided. Sunday morning class members gathered at Westside Family Dining (formerly the A&W Root Beer stand!) from 8 to 10 a.m., and were urged to bring family and friends. Contact Karen Groves.

Class of 1962 – Forty classmates and their spouses celebrated their 45th class reunion by meeting at Lake Nyanza on July 21, 2007. Classmates attended from Arizona, Maryland and Pennsylvania as well as from Indiana, Illinois and, of course, Iowa. The evening was spent visiting and recalling fun events from our high school years. The class will also be meeting during the 2008 all-school reunion. Contact Pam Kinnaird. Class members also meet the last Tuesday morning of each month at 10 a.m. for coffee at the Comeback Cafe in Grinnell.

Class of 1964 – Will not have a class reunion in 2008, but will be in charge of the scavenger hunt for the big all-school event. Plans call for a 45th reunion in 2009. Contact Mary Lou Martindale Doty.

Class of 1966 – Will host its 40th reunion as part of the GHS all-class reunion on Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, in 2008. Activities include gathering at The Depot Crossing Friday evening, with cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., and dinner to follow at 7 ($20 per person). Saturday, class members will join in an informal get-together at 6 p.m., Game Time Sports Bar — owned by classmate Gary Gibson. No advance payment is necessary; individuals are responsible for the cost of drinks and the meal the evening of the event. To register, go to http://groups.msn.com/GHSClassof6840thReunion, or call Jody Wilson Potter at 641-236-8117 or Norma Audas Lynch at 641-752-6396.

Class of 1982 – The Class of 1982 will be hosting a big bang in 2012 for their 30th reunion. Contact Pam Van Draska Sieck.

Class of 1995 – Planning a reunion during next summer's 2008 Fourth of July All-Class Reunion Weekend. Please send current contact information to Jessica Murray Dillon at jessmurray@gmail.com or 515-262-0897.

Class of 2002 – Held a five-year reunion, featuring a choice of steak or chicken breast meal, July 28 at AJ's Steakhouse. Contact Katie Cummings at 641-990-5004 or Kae Weis at 319-325-9255.


Members of the Grinnell High School Class of 1987 gathered for their 20th anniversary reunion Aug. 10 and 11. They enjoyed a barbecue at the Howard McDonough residence on Friday night and had dinner on Saturday night at the Grinnell Golf and Country Club. Pictured are (front row, from left); Rich Gilbreath and Karen Linn Walk; (second row): Troy Sieck, Michelle Ent Silliman, Mary Pattiav Mow, Kellie York McGriff, Cory Ingram, Chanda Petermann, Tina Miller Frasch and Sandra Barnum Cox; (third row): Shari Anderson Shaffer, Lea Ann Dalldorf, Brian Dreesman, Greg Wilson, Michelle Rice Miller and Angie Hotchkin; (fourth row): Kevin Nagel, Kristin Eilert Kay, Jill Reams Widder, Kelly Brooke Cymanski, Laura Illingworth and Laura Christinson Williams; (fifth row): Chad Means, Kristin Foss Carlson, Heidi Morgan Telepenev, and Dave McCluskey; (sixth row): Randy Hotchkin, Sara Bailey Wray, Dick Meyer and Curt Wilson; (seventh row): John Carter, Chad Beck, Susan Bennington Schmidt, Sara Reinecke Davis, Tim Zuehl, Chris Olson and Chris Schild; (eighth row): Paul Rasmussen, Kathy Emmert Burg, Russ Mulert, Doug Bailey, Stacy Neighbors, Curt Strawser, Mike Cline, Rod See, Bill Carlson and Craig Burnham; and (ninth row): Kyle McDonough, Mark Lebeck, Aaron Johnson and Lennie Smith. Not pictured, but also present for reunion activities, were Jeralene Renaud Roland, Michelle Meier Henne, Cathy McCulley Burns, Susan Kies Gant, Jeff Collum, Tracie Green Schuring, Cathy Corbin-Fraker and JoEllen Kinne Funk.
Dollars for Scholars Holiday Tour of Homes

Grinnell Newburg Dollars for Scholars will host a tour of homes on Dec. 8, 2007. Five local homes will be featured. Proceeds from the Holiday Tour of Homes help to fund the scholarships awarded annually to graduating seniors of Grinnell-Newburg High School.

Officers of the local organization are: President, Peg German; Vice-president, Glenn Bodenstein; Secretary, Sheila Smith; Treasurer, Hutch Kracht.

For further information about the local chapter or Tour of Homes contact Peg German at: pgerman@gmr.com.

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Class photos appeared in The Grinnell Herald-Register.

The Class of 1997 held its tenth reunion this summer, meeting at State Street Station the evening of July 21 and then gathering for a picnic the next day, July 22, at Ahrens Park where this picture was taken. Front row, from left: Sara Day Brewer, Kerrie Deppe, Kaylin Hanssen, Mandy Iverson and Allison Davis Utech; (second row): Katie Ahrens Nieleman, Jessica White, Michelle Borchers Crawford, Kristy Doty Dana, Debbie Melcher Smith, Nicole Husak Bucholz and Rachel Lombard Lopez; (third row): Shannon Hammen, Layna Meldrem Collum, Colleen Kyle Scharlau, Matt LaCasse, Candace Sumner, Lori McDonald, Angela Hilsheim and Shanna Eakins; (fourth row): Abby Copeman, Cory Blankenfeld, Molly Warburton, Rowena Kerr Robinson and Larry Delk; and (fifth row): Justin White, Brian White, Jason Anderson, Seth Wallace and Dave Barnes.

From the superintendent:

Your Past + Their Present = Our Future

The skyline in northwest Grinnell has changed with the completion of the $14 million renovation and new construction at Grinnell High School. Towering above the building is a 65-foot fly space for the auditorium stage. Seating 720, the auditorium’s inaugural event in February 2007 featured internationally renowned opera superstar Simon Estes. At rehearsal the day prior to the new facility’s Grand Opening, it took Estes just a few minutes to pronounce the acoustics as “world class” and comparable to Carnegie Hall. During his performance, he commended the community, the architects, and the builders for their efforts to conceive and create a hall designed to launch young performers and to provide a forum for school and community performances.

The 1,600-seat gymnasium, the new wrestling room, weight training room, locker rooms, renovated industrial technology, agricultural science, special education, and family and consumer science classrooms each came on line during the 2006-2007 school year. This summer saw the completion of a new science wing (in the area that was the courtyard) with a new biology lab, new physics lab, new physical science lab, new chemistry lab and a new “wet lab,” along with new storage spaces, classrooms and an office for our science instructors.

I invite you to visit us where the past is joined with the present, to create a future for all of us.

Edie Eckles