

Plattsmouth Alumni Association

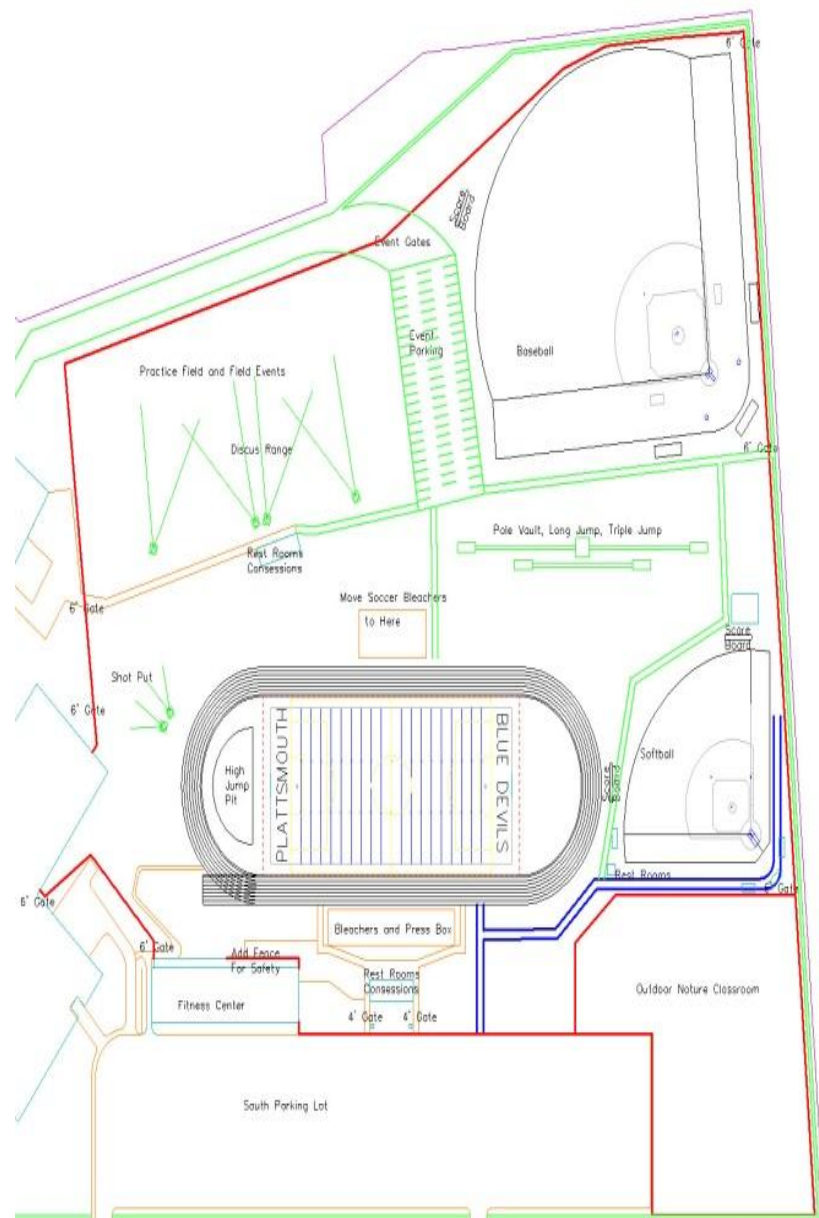
Linking the Past with the Future

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JOIN THE PACK

(Plattsmouth Activities Complex for Kids)

A couple years ago Plattsmouth High School started a baseball program. While some think it is ludicrous for a school our size to have another sport, others think it is one more way to get kids involved. PHS has a Blue Devil baseball team! They continue to use Memorial Field for practice and games. While most alums hold onto the great memories of this field, it is woefully in need of improvements to meet NSAA (Nebraska Schools Activities Association) standards. The school board and community debated their options of investing over \$600,000.00 into a field that would be owned by the city or develop a plan that would eventually provide the school with their own baseball facility. Investing in a facility the district didn't own was just not good business. When their research found The Community Sports Development Council, Inc (A National Alliance of Sponsors & Funding Partners Supporting the Development of Community Sports Facilities) they couldn't pass up the opportunity. The Plattsmouth application was approved and has a confirmed financial commitment of 70% of the turf portion of the project. This commitment changed wishful thinking into an action plan. The effort to build a better complex became the PACK (Plattsmouth Activities Complex for Kids) Project. It was decided to put turf on the football field as well as a new baseball field. This plan makes it possible to practice on the existing football field, freeing up the practice field for the baseball stadium. (all east of the school) According to Jeff Wiles, PHS Principal and former head track coach, "Synthetic turf can stand the wear and tear (marching band competitions) as well as prove usable eight out of nine months of the school year. The synthetic turf creates a safer playing surface because there are no holes in it and it's always soft. Turf would expand the physical education and wellness programs." The drawing shows that some areas can serve more than one purpose. Turf on the football field will provide a place for band practice (they use the parking lot now) and competitions. Anyone who has ever gotten a band shoe stuck in the mud during competition or half time would appreciate turf. The leveled football field provides a second choice for soccer games in inclement weather or soccer tournaments. The turf on the baseball field will also provide a second choice for the softball team when soggy fields become a problem. According to Dr. Richard Hasty, superintendent of schools, "Annual maintenance costs of the football field alone amount to \$18,000 in watering and mowing fees." The track will be resurfaced, sidewalks will provide a connection between and around the complex, and the fence will be moved to encompass the entire area for added security.



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2012 HALL of FAME INDUCTEE

Stephanie H. Moline



On Friday, August 31, 2012 Stephanie Howland Moline was inducted into the Plattsmouth Hall of Fame. The high school auditorium was packed with Stephanie's family and friends and the entire student body to hear her words of advice to becoming a successful adult. Other Hall of Fame members joining Stephanie on stage were Alyce Roberts Green^{'46}, Cecil McKnight, Sharon Ramage Smith^{'57}, and Roger Wehrbein^{'56}

Stephanie Howland Moline graduated from Plattsmouth High School in 1978. She is the daughter of the late Fred William Howland, Jr. and Jean Lloyd Howland both PHS class of 1947 graduates. Stephanie's maternal grandparents were Anderson and Dorothy Wehrbein Lloyd^{'27} and her paternal grandfather was Fred William Howland^{'25}. While in high school, Stephanie was active in Varsity Band, Madrigal, and Chorus. She was the female lead in *Flower Drum Song* as a senior. Stephanie was also a stellar student, being a member of the National Honor Society from 1976 through 1978. She was an honor graduate of the class of 1978. Stephanie was the Kass County King Korn Carnival Queen in 1981 and the Plattsmouth Women's Tennis League Champ from 1978 to 1983.

Stephanie attended college at Nebraska Wesleyan University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1982. Following graduation from Wesleyan, Stephanie started her employment with First National Bank of Omaha in 1982, where she presently holds the title of Executive Vice President, Corporate Banking Group. During her climb up the corporate ladder she experienced many different roles: In 1982 she was part of the Management Trainee Program. From 1987 to

1989 she was a Loan Officer. She served as 2nd Vice President from 1989 to 1992, becoming Vice President in 1992 until 2001. From 2002 to 2006 Stephanie was Sr. Vice President, Commercial Loan. Since 2006 she has served as Executive Vice President, Corporate Banking Group.

Over the years Stephanie has worked on many different boards and committees in service to the Omaha metropolitan area. Her work for the community has been varied and extensive. Stephanie was acknowledged for her efforts in the community in 1996 by being named one of Ten Outstanding Young Omahans by the Omaha Jaycees. She currently serves on the following boards, The Nebraska Humane Society: Humane Enterprise Executive Board and the Nebraska Humane Society Foundation. Other boards, societies, and committees she has worked with include: American Heart Association; Arthritis Foundation; Omaha Children's Museum; Robert Morris Associates: United Arts of Omaha; Opera Omaha, Board Member and Past President; Girl's, Inc.; The Food Bank; Nebraska Humane Society, Board Member and Past Chairman; Nebraska Wesleyan University Board of Advisors; Junior League of Omaha; and the Omaha Community Playhouse Foundation.

Stephanie and her husband James have been married for over 29 years. They live in Waterloo, Nebraska with children Nicole (23) and William (19). In her free time she loves to bike, read and play tennis.

PLATTSMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



There are so many distractions in today's world that some youth might never see the sun come up except by watching it on television. National surveys say most children spend very little or no time observing or interacting in their natural environment and surroundings. Youth need assistance to understand the ecology of our natural resources. This understanding is a vital part of environmental education. One-way to achieve this is through an outdoor classroom or outdoor learning facility. While creating the Plattsmouth

Elementary Outdoor Classroom can be a fun project, maintaining it requires a team effort from the school, volunteers, agencies, organizations, and businesses. The children, parents, and staff of Plattsmouth Elementary School would like to "THANK" the Plattsmouth Alumni who have supported their efforts financially as well as physically. They hope you will be able to stop and take a look at their work in progress when you have a chance. Soon everyone involved will be gratified in knowing students have a "natural" place to learn, walk, play, and study.



P.A.C.K Continued...

The school district continues to hone academic practice and offerings to be the best in the state. Most recently they took advantage of Build America Bonds and purchased the John Deere property located to the west of the high school, now known as the PACE (Plattsmouth Academic Curriculum and Equipment) Complex. This group of buildings not only gives much needed space for the copy center and storage for large pieces of grounds equipment, but has enabled the school to expand the vocational education program and the GED Program. Plattsmouth has the only High School Diesel Mechanic program in the state. The Headstart program located in the Early Childhood Center (Central School) continues to be a model program for the region, serving more than 200 children. The elementary special needs services and facilities have been enlarged due to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Plattsmouth has one of the highest rated elementary Before and After School programs in the state. A new after school program was started this year for Middle School students.

The PACK project will not affect any taxpayer funds to the district. The mission of the Plattsmouth Community School District is: **Working in partnership with the community to ensure academic achievement, responsible behavior, and civic engagement for all of our students.** A plethora of studies will vouch for the importance extra curricular activities plays in the development of a good student and citizen. The PACK Project is one more way the school district is striving to adequately prepare students for their future endeavors in college, work, and life.

The PACK Project is a \$3.8million project. The commitment of the CSDC leaves the PACK committee planning to raise \$1.8million. If you would like to support the PACK Project, you can find more information by going to the booster club web site www.plattsmouthboosterclub.org. Any financial support is tax deductible through the POPS Foundation (Foundation for Providing Opportunities for Plattsmouth Schools). The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The web site has a Paypal option, however 100% of donations paid directly to the Foundation will go to the project. (POPS Foundation – P. O. Box 283 – Plattsmouth, NE 68048) In a community where 51% of the students have a free and reduced financial status, the kids need help from outside the community. The PACK committee is hoping the PHS alumni will support this project emotionally and/or financially.



Plattsmouth Alumni Association

The Plattsmouth Alumni Association is seeking Nominations for the 2013 ALUM OF THE YEAR.

Nominations will be accepted until **April 15, 2013.**

Please submit nominations to: Plattsmouth Alumni Association
Attn: Alum of the Year Committee P.O. Box 283 Plattsmouth,
NE 68048

This award will be given annually in recognition of outstanding contributions that a PHS Alum has given to his or her community. The recipient will be selected based on the following.

- Individual must be a PHS ALUM
- Contributions the individual has made to the betterment of his/her community.

The nominator should submit a biographical statement of the nominee, to include a brief family history and accomplishments the individual has made during their life since graduation (please state year of graduation). The nominator must submit a brief statement explaining why they have nominated this individual.

Previous recipients of this award include:

- 2006 ~ Sharon Ramage Smith – Class of 1957
- 2007 ~ Carl Glup – Class of 1966
- 2008 ~ Frank Bierl – Class of 1934
- 2009 ~ Dean Meisinger ~ Class of 1951
- 2010 ~ Mary Evers Skalak ~ Class of 1945
- 2011 – Flora Belle Mead Wehrbein ~ Class of 1938
- 2012 ~ Carole Pfeifer Winscot ~ Class of 1959

IS YOUR CLASS PLANNING A REUNION?.....

We are currently collecting Class notices
for our MARCH Newsletter

Here is the space to let everyone know what your class has planned for this year's class reunion! Send information to Sandy at mom14509@yahoo.com or mail to Plattsmouth Alumni Association at P. O. Box 283 in Plattsmouth, NE 68048.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN HISTORIC PLATTSMOUTH

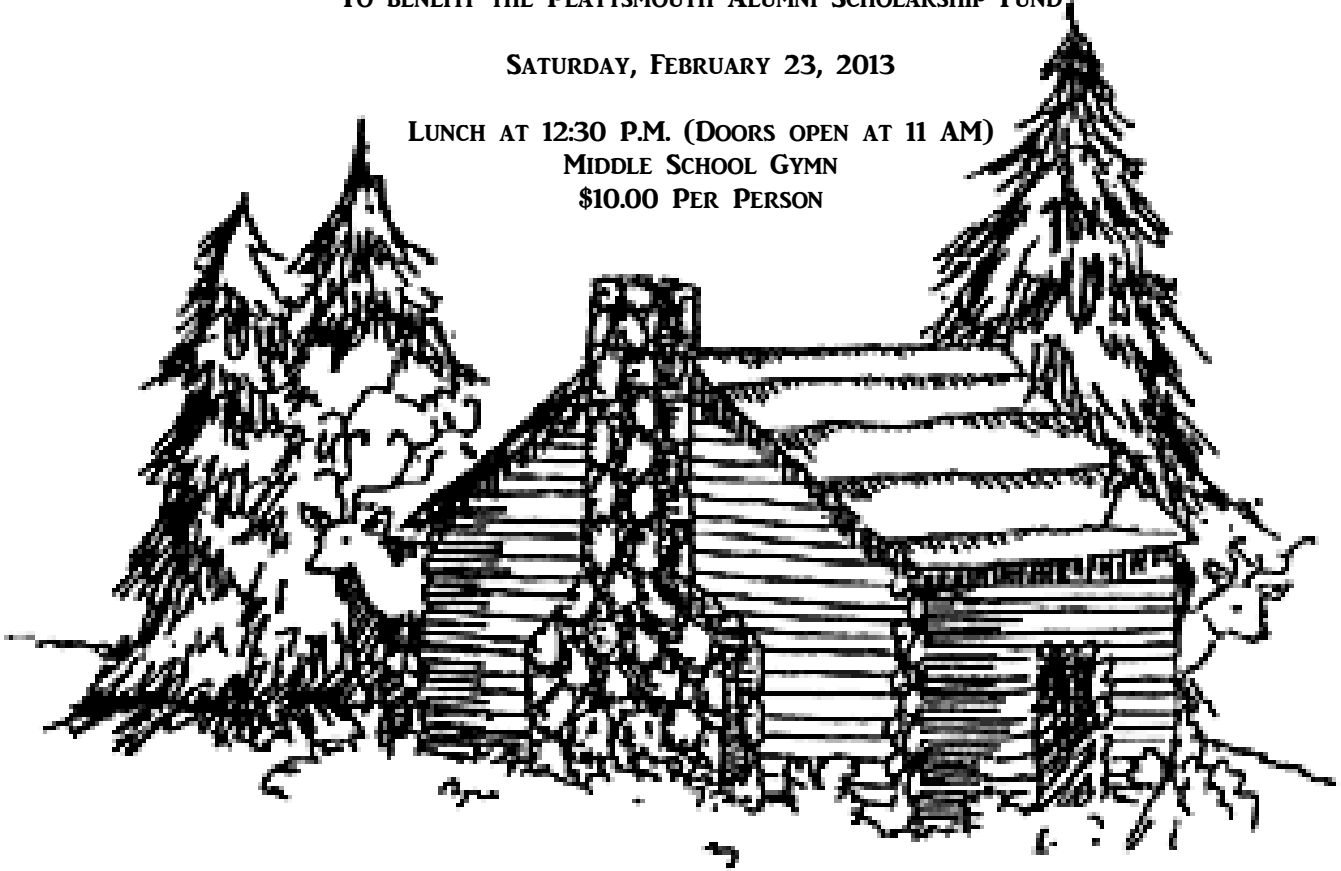
If the last time you were in Plattsmouth you had to dodge a large number of barricades causing you to take the scenic route through town, you will be happy to know that everything is back to normal. Actually everything is better than normal in "Historic Downtown Plattsmouth". If you can do so, a trip down Main Street while the holiday lights are up, is well worth the drive to Plattsmouth. The Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce and the Plattsmouth Main Street Association have kept the Plaza area at 4th and Main busy all summer and fall with concerts and special events. On Friday, December 7th from 5:30 to 8:30pm the Main Street Association will present a Victorian Christmas on Main. Come join in the fun of period dress, music, hot chocolate, carriage rides, caroling, shopping, Father Christmas, and much more. Check out the Main Street Association or Chamber web site for future events.

CABIN FEVER LUNCHEON

TO BENEFIT THE PLATTSMOUTH ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

LUNCH AT 12:30 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 11 AM)
MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
\$10.00 PER PERSON



DECORATE A TABLE FOR 8 WITH YOUR FAVORITE STYLE AND COMPETE FOR THE GRAND PRIZE
OR
COME AS YOU ARE, TO ENJOY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

RETURN THIS RSVP FORM ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2013

PLEASE RESERVE A TABLE FOR 8 _____
(NAME AND PHONE NUMBER)

WE PLAN TO DECORATE A TABLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE:

(CIRCLE ONE) YES NO

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED _____ (\$10.00 PER PERSON)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PLATTSMOUTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

PLATTSMOUTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 283
PLATTSMOUTH, NE 68048

**ALUMNI NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY
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E-MAIL

Would you like to receive the newsletter via e-mail? The newsletter is also available on the Plattsouth Community Schools web site. We require your permission to use your e-mail address instead of just transferring your address to the new site. We have set up a new e-mail site for just this purpose. If you would like to be a part of this new adventure, please send your e-mail address to: plattsmouthalum@yahoo.com

WEBSITE

All Alumni Newsletters are posted on the Plattsouth Community Schools Website. In order to access the newsletters visit www.plattsmouthschools.org. On the main page click on "Foundation/Alumni" then click on "Alumni Newsletters", click on "Newsletters." A list of current and past Alumni Newsletters will be available for viewing.

What People are Saying about E-Newsletter!

Here are a few comments we are getting from the people who are getting their newsletter via the internet. "I love the color copy." "I can print it off if I want to or keep it on my computer where I can find it later!" "It is great to be able to enlarge the pictures so it's easier for me to see faces." "The pictures are really clear."

20 Ways To Confuse Santa Claus

1. Instead of milk and cookies, leave him a salad, and a note explaining that you think he could stand to lose a few pounds.
2. While he's in the house, go find his sleigh and write him a speeding ticket.
3. Leave him a note, explaining that you've gone away for the holidays. Ask if he would mind watering your plants.
4. While he's in the house, replace all his reindeer with exact replicas. Then wait and see what happens when he tries to get them to fly.
5. Keep an angry bull in your living room. If you think a bull goes crazy when he sees a little red cape, wait until he sees that big, red Santa suit!
6. Build an army of mean-looking snowmen on the roof, holding signs that say "We hate Christmas," and "Go away Santa."
7. Leave a note by the telephone, telling Santa that Mrs. Claus called and wanted to remind him to pick up some milk and a loaf of bread on his way home.
8. Throw a surprise party for Santa when he comes down the chimney. Refuse to let him leave until the strippers arrive.
9. While he's in the house, find the sleigh and sit in it. As soon as he comes back and sees you, tell him that he shouldn't have missed that last payment, and take off.
10. Leave a plate filled with cookies and a glass of milk out, with a note that says, "For The Tooth Fairy. :)" Leave another plate out with half a stale cookie and a few drops of skim milk in a dirty glass with a note that says, "For Santa."
11. Take everything out of your house as if it's just been robbed. When Santa arrives, show up dressed like a policeman and say, "Well, well. They always return to the scene of the crime."
12. Leave out a copy of your Christmas list with last-minute changes and corrections.
13. While he's in the house, cover the top of the chimney with barbed wire.
14. Leave lots of hunting trophies and guns out where Santa's sure to see them. Go outside, yell, "Ooh! Look! A deer! And he's got a red nose!" and fire a gun.
15. Leave Santa a note, explaining that you've moved. Include a map with unclear and hard-to-read directions to your new house.
16. Set a bear trap at the bottom of the chimney. Wait for Santa to get caught in it, and then explain that you're sorry, but from a distance, he looked like a bear.
17. Leave out a Santa suit, with a dry-cleaning bill.
18. Paint "hoof-prints" all over your face and clothes. While he's in the house, go out on the roof. When he comes back up, act like you've been "trampled." Threaten to sue.
19. Instead of ornaments, decorate your tree with Easter eggs.
20. Dress up like the Easter Bunny. Wait for Santa to come and then say, "This neighborhood ain't big enough for the both of us."

Become an Alumni Association Member TODAY!

_____ Enclosed is my **annual membership fee of \$5.00 per person** for the Plattsouth Alumni Association.

_____ Enclosed is my **LIFETIME Membership fee of \$125.00 per person**.

_____ Please add me to the e-newsletter list (include e-mail address on line below)

Name (maiden name) _____ Graduation Year _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

In addition to my annual membership, I would like to make a donation in the amount of: _____

Place my donation in the _____ General Fund _____ Scholarship Fund.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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