



Plattsmouth Alumni Association

Linking the Past with the Future

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PHS HAPPENINGS

BY JEFF WILES, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Those who attended the Alumni Banquet last May might remember the chaos in the commons area before dinner! A mix of Hollywood moviemakers and PHS Alums created a lot of excitement. High School Principal, Jeff Wiles '81 lets us in on some of the events connected with producing a movie in the school:

"It is very rare that a movie is made in our high school and can be used in the classroom to illustrate school and curricular-related concepts," states Jeff Wiles. The movie "April Showers" was previewed in the auditorium on Monday, February 23, 2009. Students were able to see first hand the production of a movie from start to finish. PHS students and teachers not only served as extras for the movie, they also did set work, Internet marketing, and behind-the-scenes work.

The Motion Picture Industry Rating for "April Showers" is PG-13. The movie will be released to select theaters in April, on I-Tunes for downloading, and on DVD/Blue Ray this summer. Andrew Robinson and the film company will be donating profits from the movie to local school districts in cities where the movie is shown. More importantly, Plattsmouth Community Schools gets a percentage of the profits from the movie's nationwide distribution.

Andrew Robinson director, Jenna Edwards producer, Dominik Rausch composer, and actors Daryl Sabara and Sean Durrie, were present at the Plattsmouth showing followed by a Q & A with the students. The cast and crew also visited homerooms to discuss the movie, the film industry, and a variety of other issues with students. The "April Showers" crew, with the help of some of the Blue Devil TV film team, are also putting together a documentary about their day at PHS. The documentary will be included with the DVD/Blue Ray and the I-Tunes download. The day was both educational and fun for all members of the PHS family and definitely a day that will be remembered for a long time. – Continued on Page 2



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Approximately 280 community members were present at a showing and Q & A on that Monday night in the PHS auditorium. The feedback from the community was very positive and there seemed to be a sense of pride in the quality of the movie. Proceeds from the evening were donated to the high school fitness center.



Jeff Wiles comments, “I believe that ‘April Showers’ is a must see movie, not only because of the role Plattsmouth High School plays in the movie, but because it is very good art. It takes a very important and sensitive issue and allows the viewer to relate on many different levels with the various characters and situations. It was truly a positive experience for all of us at Plattsmouth High School and I hope that all of our alumni have an opportunity to see the movie and share in the pride that we all have.” For more information about the movie, go to aprilshowersmovie.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON HENRY MOTORS

We are proud to continue featuring the businesses that support the Alumni Association through their advertising. We hope you will thank all of them for their support when given the opportunity.

Jeff Henry is the son of Norm ^{'57} and Betty Smiley Henry ^{'58}. He graduated from Plattsmouth High School in 1990. Following graduation, Jeff enrolled in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in pursuit of a degree in finance and management. After a couple of years it was apparent that finance was not his interest and so he set out to follow his lifelong passion in the automobile business.

It was at this time that Mark Tincher ^{'75} became aware of his passion and suggested he try his skills at selling cars at Tincher Chevrolet. This sparked a union that spanned some twelve years. Jeff worked in every facet of the auto business rising to the position of manager in the Chevrolet Store.

The best thing however, happened when he met the boss's daughter. Mark and Kathy's daughter, Traci married Jeff in September of 1997.

Jeff has always credited Mark Tincher for giving him a solid background in all aspects of the automobile business; selling, buying, and finance. He regards Mark as one of the best in business. The desire to own and operate his own business prompted Jeff to leave his comfortable position with Tincher. In 2003 Jeff opened his own store located at 213 Chicago Avenue in downtown Plattsmouth. It didn't take long to need more space, so he jumped at the opportunity to purchase the restaurant across the street. After a complete restoration, he gained the space he needed plus rental office space and an apartment. This was followed by the purchase of the old Wiysel Studebaker Building (corner of 2nd & Chicago Avenues). Another restoration project led to the opening of a “full-service” auto center in 2008.

In 2008 Jeff partnered with Mike Headley, a 1993 PHS graduate and long-time friend, to open a second location in Nebraska City. Mike is a 1995 graduate of Milford Community College, with an associates degree in drafting. Prior to teaming with Jeff in the Nebraska City Store, they worked together at Tincher Auto Mall and Mike was manager of a large dealership in Omaha. Mike and Becky Prince Headley ^{'94} live in Murray with their children Maggie and Brock. Henry Motors of Nebraska City is located at 1402 South 11th Street.

Besides the auto business, Jeff has always had an interest in property and the rental property business. After college, Jeff bought the Nettelmann Mobile Home park, bringing it back to life. He also developed the hill-top east of the Living Water Church (1623 Chicago Avenue) into Plattsmouth's only manufactured home community, known as “The Pines”. Jeff employs more than 40 people to help him with the rental properties and his auto businesses.

Jeff has always been a strong supporter of civic activities and for several years has sponsored his own program, honoring the teacher of the month at St. John the Baptist School. Jeff and Traci reside on an acreage in rural Plattsmouth with their three Newfoundland dogs, Thunder, Pepper, and Austin.

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HERWEG BAND REUNION

Memories are a big part of any alumni celebration. The “Herweg Band Reunion” will be a celebration of a more specific nature. Those alums organizing this little party are hoping to bring together people who remember the man and the good times associated with his musical influence. They hope those attending will bring photos, memorabilia, and lively conversation about the good ol’ days. Let’s retell the stories of: 3-a-day practices, parade marching behind horses, loosing a shoe in a muddy half-time show, getting that double minstrel turn done perfectly, lips frozen to mouthpieces, pep rallies, serving yumburger, the thrill of “bugle calls”, pointing toes, idiot drills, perfect uniforms, and the different types of music we learned to play, appreciate, and love because of his passion in teaching it to us.

This party is also for the many people Jack Herweg touched as an administrator, colleague, parent, and friend. The organizers hope that everyone knows they are welcome weather they carried a low-slung snare drum, taught in the room down the hall, coached his kids, or lived next door. Pat Herweg, Mark, and Lisa will be at the party to visit with everyone.

It will be a very casual evening on Friday, May 22, 2009 at the Plattsmouth Country Club, starting at 7:00pm. There will be a cash bar and light snacks served. For more information or questions call Meridee Gall Lucas '72 at 402-296-2795 or Karen Thiede Morehead '73 at 402-296-2606

The **Jack Herweg Memorial Scholarship** has been established. Any donation towards this scholarship fund can be sent to the Plattsmouth Alumni Association, (use the form found in the newsletter). All donations are tax exempt. As a part of the POPS Foundation the Alumni Association is able to offer 501c3 tax status. It is the hope of the committee to present a substantial scholarship to a PHS graduate.

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APRIL SHOWERS OVERVIEW

Ten years ago two students walked into a local high school and opened fire. When the shots subsided 15 people were dead and dozens wounded. The day was April 20, 1999. The place was Columbine High School. Until now, the story of what took place during that fateful week following the shootings has never been told. With a world consumed by anger and disbelief, few ventured to imagine what it must have been like to be a student spared when others were not.

As the world watched in shock and horror, the surviving students of the tragedy were forced to deal with a new reality, one shaped by violence and loss. For many, the roads to recovery took unexpected twists and turns as the media turned otherwise private moments into world spectacles, culminating in the live broadcasts of the victims’ funerals.

From writer/director, Andrew Robinson, a survivor of the Columbine High School tragedy, comes “April Showers”, a dramatized retelling of what it was like to be a survivor in the midst of the nation’s largest school shooting. Based largely on actual events, “April Showers” follows the story of Sean Ryan as he and fellow survivors attempt to make sense of the horrors they’ve just witnessed and for Sean coping with the loss of his friend April. (Source: April Showers press kit)



SPOTLIGHT ON PLATTCO REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE COMPANY

Plattco Real Estate & Ins., Inc. is a locally run and owned independent real estate & insurance business. They are located at 216 Washington Ave in Plattsmouth and have been at the same location for the past 40+ years. Current owners Doug Mitteis (Class of '79) and Scott Cundall (Class of '80) purchased the business from Larry Cundall (Class of '58) in January 2008. Arlene (Bobenmoyer) Eledge (Class of '69) works as a licensed insurance agent for the company.

Plattco has sponsored and donated to many youth organizations in Plattsmouth over the past 40 years and Doug and Scott's kids have all graduated or are current students of the Plattsmouth School District.

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HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame Committee has exciting news! A new format for the Hall of Fame will be initiated this year. The new members of the Hall of Fame will be inducted on September 18, 2009. The new inductees will address students of Plattsmouth High School during the day, be presented to the public during half-time of that night's football game and then enjoy a reception for the public after the football game. It has long been a dream of the committee to connect the Hall of Fame members with the students of the high school and now arrangements have been made to do so.

"Linking the Past with the Future"

More information as well as the names of the new inductees will be published in the July/August Alumni Newsletter.

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ALUM OF THE YEAR

The Plattsmouth Alumni Association is seeking Nominations for the 2008 **ALUM OF THE YEAR**.

Nominations will be accepted until **April 17, 2009**.

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

VOTE FOR PHS at
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Plattsmouth High School can use your help. PHS is taking part in a nationwide spirit contest at **MaxPreps.com**. We need all PHS alumni to visit the maxpreps site and vote for the PHS spirit video. It is free and you may vote once every twenty-four hours until **March 31, 2009**. PHS has the potential to **WIN \$5,000.00**. It is fun and easy just follow the steps.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Class of 1944

The members of the class of '44 hope as many people as are able will get together at the Alumni Banquet on May 23rd to celebrate their 65th reunion. Eileen Aylor Morehead would like to hear from those class members who are planning to attend. Please contact her at 402-296-3383

Class of 1949

The class of 1949 will hold it's 60 year reunion on September 9, 2009. For more information call Mary Jane Harris Beins at 402-298-8281 or send her an e-mail at mbeins@npdodge.com

Class of 1954

The class of 1954 has big plans for celebrating their 55th class reunion! Friday, May 22, 2009 – at Piccolo's Steak House, 2202 South 20th Street, Omaha – a casual pay as you go evening with social time starting at 5:30 dinner at 6:30. Contact Dee Schuetz, 298-8715 for details and reservations. Saturday, May 23, 2009 – at Plattsmouth High School for the annual Alumni Dinner with social time at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm. We will also be presenting our class scholarships at this time. Reservations are to be made directly with the Alumni Association on the form included in the newsletter.

Class of 1959

The class of 1959 welcomes their 50th class reunion on June 26th and 27th at the Plattsmouth Country Club. They will be presenting a scholarship at the Alumni Banquet in honor of their class. Contact Jean Marler Wiles for more information or with questions.

Class of 1964

The class of 1964 will be celebrating their 45th class reunion on July 10th and 11th. On Friday the 10th they will meet at the Beaver Lake Pavillion. On Saturday night at St. John School Gym. More information will be coming soon, call Sherrill Jose Konfrst at 402-235-2844 with questions.

Class of 1969

The class of 1969 will celebrate their 40 year reunion at Slattery's Vintage Estates on July 11, 2009. A big day of casual fun is planned. For more information contact Rob & Gail Hackwith at ghphsclassof69@gmail.com or Larry Austin at laustin@windstream.net

Class of 1971

The Class of 1971 is trying to plan ahead! The 40th year reunion will be in 2011. Any ideas? Let us know, contact Dan T., Betsy G., or Nancy N. Thanks

Class of 1989

The class of 1989 is getting together for their 20 year reunion on June 27, 2009 at the Bay Hills Country Club from 6:00pm to 1:00am. There's a possibility of golfing fun, contact Deanna Prohaska-Winscot at deannawinscot@gmail.com for more information



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Make plans to attend the 10th Annual Alumni Association All School Banquet. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. It is held at the new Plattsmouth High School located at 1916 East Hwy 34 at 6:00 P.M., on Saturday May 23, 2009. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Return the reservation form found in this newsletter on or before May 15, 2009. Don't forget, it is also that time of year to pay your dues! Make checks payable to: Plattsmouth Alumni Association and send them to P.O. Box 283 in Plattsmouth, NE 68048. Any questions regarding the 2009 Plattsmouth Alumni CELEBRATION may be directed to Sandy McKnight 298-8513 or mom14509@yahoo.com.

Banquet Details

5:30 – 6:00 P.M. – Social Time

6:00 P.M. – Dinner

7:00 P.M. – Honors Ceremony

DINNER RESERVATION

Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. at the New High School, cost is \$20.00 per person.

_____ Number of Guests attending. TOTAL \$ _____

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Name (Maiden Name) _____ Graduation year _____
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 65 Years – Class of 1944
 60 Years – Class of 1949
 55 Years – Class of 1954
 50 Years – Class of 1959
 25 Years – Class of 1984

If you are a member of one of these classes please make plans to attend and receive your special recognition.