

Homecoming & Prairie Fest

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What a glorious Summer it's been! With the homecoming reunions and all the events of Prairie Fest, our little city was bustling! We would like to thank the alumni for returning to their alma mater and all those who came with them to visit our great community. We hope you enjoyed your time in Plentywood as much as we enjoyed having you here. So many activities took place and there were so many familiar

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faces! Throughout the eventful week we heard many very nice comments a few of which we will share with you here.

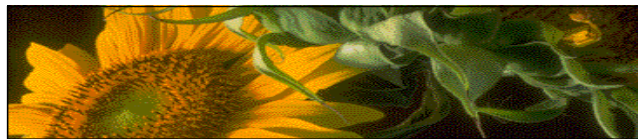
- * "Thanks again for the nice tour of the high school when I was in Plentywood on the 4th of July weekend!"
- * "Whatever it is your little city is doing, you are doing it right. My congratulations to your Chamber of Commerce, your civic organizations and your beautiful School!"
- * "I just want to say thank you to the community for your wonderful hospitality and for all of the work that you do to demonstrate your pride in your community."

- * "When you come back here, you become each other's family. Everyone knows everybody else! It's great!"
- * "The lifestyle here is pleasant...clean air and water."
- * "I feel so privileged to have grown up in such a fine community."

Our hope and our intention is for all those visiting us, no matter the season, no matter the weather, be it during Prairie Fest or even during the winter months, when you see the warm glow in the distance please know the door is open, the light is on and the welcome mat is always out!

100 East Laurel

.....a Summer message from Kordy



Q most memorable experience for me this summer was an invitation to speak at the 1940-1959 Class Reunion Banquet July 3rd. I opened with the question, "My fellow alumni, what is the common denominator that brought us all together in this place at this time, right here, right now, tonight?!" They answered, "Education." Yes! Education. The great Chesterton once said, "Education is simply the soul of one generation as it passes to another."

I continued, "If we played the game 'word association' with a stranger in a foreign country, I suspect that the word education or school, would mean the same wherever we were. For me, those words, education and school, meant teachers, study, fun, school spirit and above all, school meant my fellow students!"

School is about discovery, about entering new worlds. It's about the development of ourselves as unique persons, whether we're from the Classic 40's, the Rock and Rollin' 50's or even the

Psychedelic 70's like me! Love it or it leave it, my friends, we cannot forget the time we spent here! In fact, experts find that most lasting relationships were established during our school years. Isn't it just great getting together with your fellow classmates? And wouldn't it be a heartbreak if our school were no longer here and we weren't able to have events such as this one tonight to rekindle some of the most treasured times of our youth?

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Website & TuitionRX



The website is up and running with some exciting additions since our last newsletter. This Spring 2004, The Foundation Board hired Mr. Mark Mansfield of Sparrow & Finch, Inc, as webmaster and things have been moving in the right direction ever since! Mark has been a reliable webmaster for us since day one. He provides superior support and personalized service with honesty and integrity. Since our affiliation with Mr. Mansfield, we have been most satisfied. It's a win, win with Sparrow & Finch! On our website you'll find perks such as slides from our power point presentation, current events, this quarterly newsletter, an on-line alumni wear store and an alumni chat room.

And how would you like to save money financing your child's or grandchild's college education? It can be easier than you might think. For Alumni Association members, we have made arrangements with TuitionRx for you to have free access to all of their information that you can use to save thousands of dollars. For members, this outstanding link provides information and professional insight on how to save money when sending your children or grandchildren to college. These benefits are to show our appreciation to our alumni.

We hope you see the rewards of joining our Foundation and/or making a contribution. Please let us know if you have any questions about these benefits. We'll be happy to help.

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100 East Laurel

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- CK Chesterton



Tonight there are lots of stories making the rounds. There are a lot of 'Do-you-remember?' There may be a little bit of boasting and a lot of interest in what others have been doing since those yesteryears of yore. For some there is nostalgia and the idea that school days were in fact the good old days. But for all of us there is the acknowledgment of what we gained from our school and those who taught us.

Yes, Chesterton may be right. Education is the soul of one generation as it passes to another. And that is why the Plentywood Education and Alumni Foundation was established last summer. A dream come true for many of us, the Foundation was created to keep the torch burning from yours and my generations to the children of generations to come.

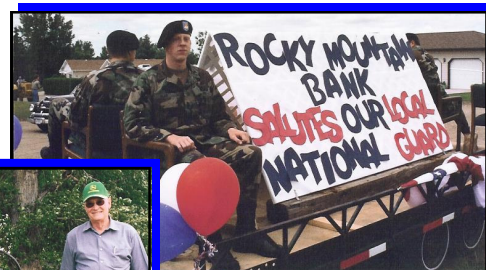
The Foundation was created as an innovative way of finding different avenues of support to ensure the quality of education we have always been fortunate to provide with great pride in our school system. The Board of Directors and I are very passionate about the Foundation and its mission!"

In closing I showed a short PowerPoint Presentation which I developed about the Foundation. The entire evening was a delight for me, especially to meet 200+ alumni from that era. I am forever grateful for having been given the opportunity to walk among such greatness.



Prairie Fest

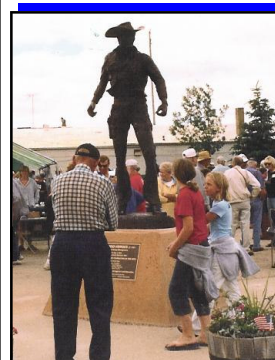
A few snapshots from the Prairie Fest events.



Rocky Mountain Bank honored Sheridan County's National Guard



Dean Glover revives old tractors



George Montgomery's statue, "Hollywood Heroes" was dedicated July 3 at Plentywood's Town Square. Local historian, Jens Sundsted, studies the marquis.



Plentywood students leading the fund drive for the new Sherwood Park playground equipment.



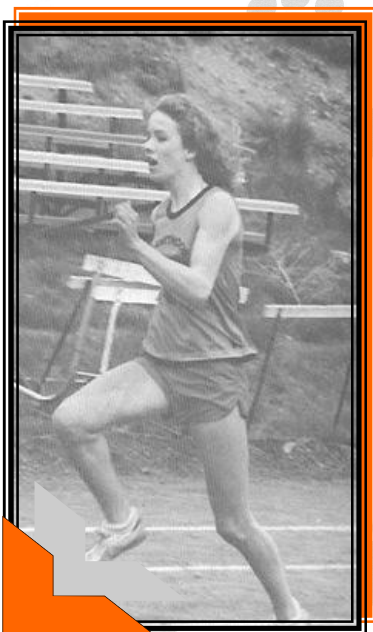
Shorty Timmerman visits with a friend



Classmates reunited!

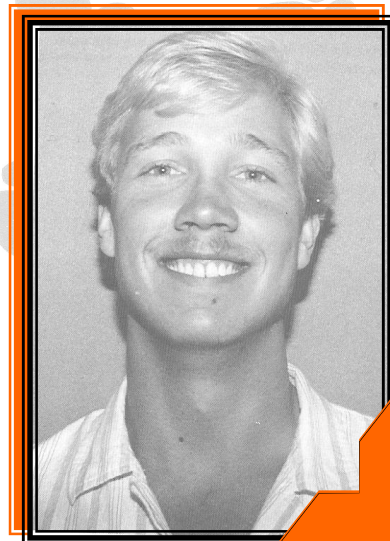


Let's Talk Sports



Sports World

- Among the most successful female track athletes at PHS was sprinter Kristy Harris (1983)
- One of the most successful swimmers in Plentywood Dolphins history, Rick Nichols later played golf for Eastern MT College. He placed 10th at the State B-C Golf Meet as PHS senior (1982)



A Tribute George Ray Johnson, Teacher 1955-1978

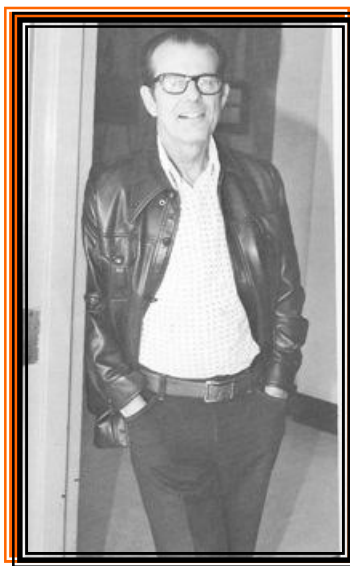
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When you find a man who really cares;
Who loves those students in those chairs;
Who loves to teach them, day by day,
You've found our math man, yes, it's Ray.
He's not too soft, and he's not too tough,
He tempers both to "just enough".
He loves his task, which is concerning
A deep desire to impart learning.

In Algebra are the "x,y,z's",
In Geometry, angles and degrees.
Up the stairs at the end of the hall
Class upon class has studied it all.

For extra help, you'll find him there,
Of special problems, he's aware.
Through the fog of the figures floating around
A clarification is always found.

Mr. George Johnson, who answers the call
stands tall
In the field of his choice, that of math
education,
He's truly a man of sincere dedication.



In the many long years at old P.H.S.
How many young minds has he helped
toward success?
No one can be sure, but this, we all see.
He's one special man! A true rarity!

~Jeanne French
Taken from the 1978 PHS Yearbook

"I strongly believe, that as students, we were very fortunate to have so many good teachers through grade school and high school, people who not only had a passion for teaching but who also cared about their students enough to see that they learned what was being taught. George Johnson, Daryl Gustin, Harold Gackle, Florence Timmerman, Zoonie McClean, Elton Overby, Jane Lord, Jeanie French, and many other wonderful teachers throughout our school years gave us such a great foundation for success later in life. Sometimes a little discipline or sometimes a little encouragement provided the necessary motivation. Each of these teachers had their own unique styles and I would not trade that experience for anything."

~A PHS Alumnus
July 2004



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