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2022 Schedule

- July 4th - 4th of July Parade
- August 5th - U-Fest (Tentative Date)
- September 15th - Homecoming Parade
- September 16th - Homecoming Game
- September 17th - UHS Distinguished Alumnus Award & Celebration

U-FEST HIGHLIGHTS

REPORT BY MERIBETH HAYNES '76



The Urbandale Alumni Association and the Urbandale Education Foundation hosted their 2nd annual U-Fest event on Friday evening, Aug. 6, 2021 at the Walker Johnston softball diamonds. The event was held to raise monies for Urbandale HS student scholarships and teacher grants for Urbandale Community Schools. Over 450 people attended this event and enjoyed a fun evening of music by "Faculty Lounge Band", along with 3 different food trucks, "Your Private Bar" serving drinks, a 50/50 Raffle, and bounce houses for the kids. In addition, several Urbandale classes kicked off their reunion weekends by gathering at this event.

The committee that worked on this event all year long was Steve Schuler, Meribeth Haynes, Shari Stevenson, Matt Gardner, Jodi Schrage, Michael Wheeler, and Nicole Berger. A special thank-you to all the volunteers that helped that evening to make this a successful event.

Please watch our Alumni sites for an announcement, hopefully by the end of February on when the 3rd annual U-Fest will be held.

The J-Hawks faced DM East for homecoming. On a great night for homecoming the J-Hawks were victorious by a score of 49-7 bringing their record at the time to 4-1. The J-Hawks now 6-1 continue their season as one of the best teams in the new 5A division. The homecoming game was a recordbreaker for Peyton Rottinghaus who threw for a school record 410 passing yards breaking and Austin Allison record from 2003. The J-Hawks also saw great performance by Graham Friedrichsen (pictured) who had 216 yards receiving and 2 touchdowns.



This homecoming also saw a large Homecoming Court. This year saw a 20 member court, but they decided not to name a King and Queen.



HOME COMING

REPORT BY JON KOELE '13

URBANDALE HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

REPORT BY DEBI SPILLER '73

Meet the committee, comprised of 6 members led by Debi Spiller '73. Debi is retired, volunteers for the State Fair Corndog Kickoff, Bras for the Cause, and is an Alumni Association board member. Debi also has two dogs Addy and Keefer. The second member of the committee is Jody (Livingston) Jacklin '82. Jody is married to Todd and has lived in Johnston since 2006. In 2017 she retired from John Deere Financial after 28+ years. She is also involved in various community and international organizations. Ashley Dhanin '12 is the third member of the committee. Ashley is engaged to Daniel and they are getting married June 11, 2022. They have a dog named Xander and live in Ankeny. Ashley is the office manager for Dynamic Auto Artists located in Urbandale. Amber Salmon '94 is the 4th member of the committee. Amber is married to Nick '92 and they have two children Megan 12th grade and Tommy 10th grade at UHS. Amber is a realtor with RE/MAX Concepts. The 5th member is Kelly Bittner '01. Kelly and her husband Andrew have a son Otis. They have also started their own design company BASEMINT Design. Amy Brown-Luke '91 is the final member of the committee. Her and her husband David have 2 kids Rob '19 and Liz '22. Amy works at UHS teaching History, Psychology, and AP Psychology. She also helps out with various activities including Student Senate and the Marching J-Hawks.

This award will be given annually to an Urbandale alum to recognize and honor significant accomplishments since attending Urbandale High School. An alum, living or deceased, who has attended or graduated from Urbandale High School no fewer than 15 years previous to nomination is eligible. The alum must have significant accomplishments while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character.

Forms for nominations can be found on our website urbandalealumni.com

After April 1st, 2022 the UHS Distinguished Alumnus Award Committee will review, select, and contact the chosen nominee.

The award presentation will be held Saturday, September 17th, 2022 at the Urbandale Golf and Country Club along with dinner, silent auction, and trivia game.

Nominees name will be added to the UHS Distinguished Alumnus Award plaque at the Urbandale High School.

Save the date and watch for ticket sales beginning July 1st, 2022!



The Urbandale Alumni Association would like to recognize and thank Margaret Ann “Boals” Boatright for serving the past eight years on the Urbandale Alumni Board. Margaret Ann was one of the original members of the Board who gathered in 2013 when it was decided to form an Alumni Association in celebration of the Urbandale Centennial in 2017.

Margaret Ann graduated from Urbandale HS in 1956. She attended K-12th grade at the building at 70th and Douglas when all grades attended in one building. She shared that during high school she was a cheerleader and sang in the girls chorus and mixed chorus. She also shared that back in the 1940's-1950's “it was like a family, as we knew everyone, even the kids in the lower grades”. The highlights of the week would be Friday nights, she said, as they would attend games and then roller skate on Saturdays. “The Urbandale Roller Rink and Emmerts was our hang out at 70th and Maryland where the street car turn around was at. There was a juke box and pinball machines, six songs for a quarter and we would dance in a tiny little space of floor. You could get a Pepsi or a hamburger. Also after the games on Fridays we would go to the Chili King for fries and a Pepsi. Life was pretty simple.”

All six of Margaret Ann's siblings, along with three of their spouses, and nieces and nephews attended Urbandale. The Boals family has a long history in the City of Urbandale and Urbandale Schools. We greatly appreciated Margaret Ann's contributions to the Alumni Association by sharing what life was like when she attended school at Urbandale. She also was able to bring graduates from the 1950's and 1960's and beyond on board with us as we attempted to connect with Urbandale graduates. Margaret Ann will be greatly missed but we know we will continue to see her at our events. Thanks for everything Margaret Ann!!!



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