

## IOWA IN-DEPTH

A CLOSER LOOK AT IOWA ISSUES AND PEOPLE



## LOST SCHOOLS

A REGISTER SPECIAL REPORT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION IN IOWA



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Graduates and former staff of the Rembrandt Consolidated School have posted pictures, stories and video on their Lost Schools page, sharing the information nearly 60 times on Facebook.

## REMBRANDT RELIVED

BUENA VISTA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL'S SITE AMONG THE MOST POPULAR

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**B**oiled heart lunch sandwiches, being chased by a mean buck sheep and a video rendition of a school song are all part of more than 800 reader submissions since The Des Moines Register's Sept. 12 launch of its yearlong project documenting the ongoing loss of public schools across the state.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT

The site documenting the history of Rembrandt Consolidated School in Buena Vista County has had some of the most activity of the more than 3,000 former schools that are now part of the interactive database. Multiple school photos, dedication to former staff and even a video of the school's song have been submitted. To date, the Rembrandt site has been shared about 60 times.

"Those of us who were there in the 1950's are indeed lucky people," Pat Teague wrote in a memory submitted to the site.