

The Connection

**Highland Community College Alumni Newsletter
February 2010**



From the Desk of President Reist

Growing up, I remember thinking about and having questions about the future and the year 2000: how old I would be; what I would be doing; what the world would be like. All too quickly the year 2000 approached and we were being warned of the possible chaos as the clocks of our computers entered the new millennium. Now, and it can't be possible (did someone hit "fast forward"), it's 10 years later. Likewise, it seems like just a few weeks ago we gathered for last year's Alumni Banquet. This year has moved quickly, and I hope it has gone well for you.

This publication is full of good information about Highland Community College, but I wanted to place special emphasis on a few items.

Poor Economy Good Enrollment

Although we still have some late classes to start this spring, the 2009 - 2010 academic year will be the largest ever for the College in terms of enrollment. HCC will enroll more students and teach more credit hours than any other academic year. Our headcount topped 3,600 students in the fall 2009 semester. As you know, those students were enrolled in classes:

- At the main campus in Highland
- At one of our regional locations
- At the new Technical Center in Atchison
- Online

The poor economy has pushed the unemployed and under-employed back to community colleges for career change, retraining, and updating of skills. Almost all community colleges across the state and nation are up in enrollment.

Kansas Higher Education Cuts

While the poor economy has been a boon for enrollment, appropriations for Kansas universities and colleges have been harmed. Cuts to higher education appropriations are about 12% to date, dropping to the FY 2006 level. Highland Community College has lost about a quarter of a million dollars in our state appropriation since June 1 of last year.

Accreditation and Quality Improvement

As part of our approach to accreditation using Quality Improvement concepts, we have implemented a Strategic Planning Council and Improvement Project Teams. The Strategic Planning Council meets regularly to plan, implement, monitor, and amend our planning process. Improvement Project Teams are made up of

HCC faculty and staff, and each team has picked a project to improve the institution. Here are a few of the projects we have going this year:

- Electronic Documentation for Athletic Training
- College Exploration – first semester program designed for high risk students who are more likely to drop out
- Go Green HCC – project to implement a campus wide “go green” effort
- Performing Arts Initiative – create a plan for a visiting artist performing arts series
- Irvin Hall Renovation – upgrade HVAC, windows, stairway repair, electrical upgrades, roof and bell tower repair
- Learning Resources for HCC Online Students
- Youth Entrepreneur Camp

Viticulture and Enology

I have visited with you in past publications and events about getting our new Viticulture and Enology programs off the ground. We’ve made great progress this year. Highland Community College is the Kansas partner in a National Science Foundation Grant headquartered at Missouri State University. There are now eight Midwest states involved in the grant, Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, and Oklahoma. HCC can now offer an Associate in Science degree with an emphasis in Viticulture or Enology with face to face and online classes. Our first vineyard was planted five miles northeast of Wamego and was funded by a Kansas Department of Agriculture Specialty Crops Grant. This 1400 vine, two acre vineyard will be used for research and instructional purposes with our Viticulture students. About 36 Kansas students have been enrolled in courses through the VESTA partnership in the last two years.

Technical Center

The merger of Northeast Kansas Technical College and Highland Community College has been in existence for about a year and a half now and things are going well. The technical programs from this institution, along with our technical and academic programs, position us to be the education leader in Northeast Kansas.

As a result of the merger, HCC received the former Bellevue School building in Atchison. Technical Center students in Building Trades, HVAC, and Electrical programs, along with an outside contractor, have renovated the building. Beginning in August of 2009, it became the home of the Technical Center Electrical Technology Program. It will serve us well for Electrical Technology in addition to improving the neighborhood.

HCC Foundation Scholars

I continue to tell you about the HCC Foundation Scholars. These are good Kansas students who are our best and brightest, and they continue to have a significant impact on our campus. They are students who would be welcome at any Kansas institution, but they have chosen Highland because of the HCC Foundation Scholarship. The only problem: Highland Community College needs more Foundation Scholarships. Currently, HCC awards five Foundation Scholars each year and we have three that are endowed. They are:

- John and Maree Klinefelter
- The HCC Foundation Board Members
- The R.E. French Family Educational Foundation

If you’re interested in assisting us with the Foundation Scholarship program, it takes \$4,000 per student annually, or a scholarship could be endowed with a \$40,000 gift.

I’m very proud of our institution and the faculty and staff who serve our students. I hope you are too. Please don’t hesitate to contact me or stop by when you’re in our area. I love to talk to alumni and local taxpayers. Your opinions are important to us.

2010 Reunion - April 24

The HCC Alumni Board met in January to finalize plans for this year's annual alumni reunion. The date was confirmed for Saturday, April 24, 2010. This year's honored class will be the **class of 1960**. The first activity for the day will be a **luncheon** honoring this class in the College Library. It will be hosted by HCC President David Reist and his wife, Marci. This always proves to be a most interesting opportunity for the returning class as they reminisce and reacquaint themselves while remembering their time at Highland. The afternoon also allows time for a **campus tours**. The old and new buildings are visited and each brings a new memory to share.

All alumni are invited to attend a special showing of the musical "**The Wiz**" performed by the HCC fine arts department. This will be performed at 3:00 p.m. in Culbertson Auditorium. The musical is always a treat and very enjoyable. It is free and opened to all alumni and the public. Also, the Yost Art Gallery, located next to the auditorium, will be open to allow viewing of the HCC **Student Honors Art Exhibit** during the afternoon.

A **silent auction** will be set up all day in the Walters Wellness Center and everyone is encouraged to make your bids for some very exciting items. Anyone can donate to the auction by bringing items to the Wellness Center on the 24th. Proceeds help sponsor the Alumni Scholarships.

The **banquet** will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Walters Wellness Center on the west side of campus. This year's menu is: Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Twice Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Salad, and Cheesecake for dessert. Tickets for the banquet will be \$12 when reserved in advance and \$15 when reserved after noon on Thursday, April 22 or at the door the evening of the banquet.

After a short intermission, the HCC Music Department will provide **entertainment**. Alumni Board President Brian Wozniak will then present the 2010-11 scholarship awards.

The Honored Class of 1960, our 50 year Golden Grads, will then be asked to join Brian for introductions and their memories of HCC. Each classmate is given the opportunity to reflect on their HCC memories and tell a little about what they have done since leaving Highland. The program will conclude with the silent auction announcement and singing the Alma Mater.

A final treat for the day is a **reception** hosted by the HCC Alumni Board members in the Walters Wellness Center classroom, where the much anticipated **door prizes** will be distributed.

ALL alumni are welcomed and encouraged to attend the day's events. It is an opportunity to reminisce and make many more happy memories. Return the form on the back of this newsletter, email: mobryan@highlandcc.edu, or call 785-442-6018 to make your reservations.



*Recipients of the 2009-10 Alumni Scholarship are:
Bailey Ross, St. Joseph; Amanda Halling, Denton; Jordanne Miller, Highland, and John Lednicki, Everest.*

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Glenn Overdick

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Melinda O'Bryan with updates on
classmate information:
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Pictured are members of the class of 1959 that attended the 2009 reunion. Hilton Torkelson, Galen Weiland, Alan Ward, F. B. Smith, Judy (Meidinger) Hoffman, John Simpson, and James Kemp. Attending the afternoon celebration but not pictured: Cecil Barton and Dennis Alt

Class Of 1959

Dennis Alt, Kansas City, MO went on to Missouri Valley College and received a BA degree in 1961. He joined the U.S. Army and became a Vietnam Veteran. He married Debbie in 1988 and they have four children and six grandchildren. He retired from the Vend Co. in 1994. He became a care giver and is involved in Special Olympics.

Robert Brown, Wathena graduated from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia and then taught school at Cottonwood Falls and Wakeeney for seven years. He then spent 30 years with the Kansas Highway patrol as a Trooper and Sgt. He and wife Beverly have one son and three grandchildren. They are enjoying retirement, traveling in their RV.

Carl Lee Gerdes, Raleigh, NC went on to KU from HCC and then went to work for IBM in Denver. He retired after 30 years. He married Norma Kreiensieck from Robinson and they have three children and six grandchildren, all in the North Carolina area. He now enjoys horology (making timepieces).

Judy (Meidinger) Hoffman, Wathena married Boots Hoffman and they have two children. Both attended HCC and reside in Wathena. They have two grandsons. Boots died in 1990. The family still owns Hoffman Garage in Wathena. She has worked at Miller Chevrolet and American Angus Association. She attended NW Missouri State University and earned a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1970 and a

Master's in Guidance and Counseling in 1975. She taught Family and Consumer Sciences and retired after 27 years of teaching in Elwood. She currently teaches in the Doniphan West Middle School. She is active in the Kansas National Education Association, holding offices and representing teachers at state and national conventions.

Ronald Holman, Falls City, NE, earned a BS from Emporia State and his MS from the University of Missouri. He has graduate hours from OU, KU, Ft. Hays, and Emporia State. He was a teacher, coach, and administrator for 37 years. He also served in the Army and Army National Guard for 20 years.



Jim Hosier, Atchison, spends his winters in Sun City, AZ now. He earned a BA in Business from Emporia State. He was President of McCormick Distillery and is now retired. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960-62. He married Mary Ann Tuley and they have one son and one daughter and three grandchildren.

Jim Kemp, Cowiche, WA, received his BA degree from Peru State College. He taught in several schools and retired in 1996 after 35 years. He was also a Red Cross and First Aid Instructor for

20 years and was a national Certified Fire Code Inspector. He was a Washington State Football Official for 41 years and worked six state semi finals, two state championships, and in 2001 was selected Washington State Football Official of the Year. He officiated the Down Under Bowl Games in New Zealand in '94 and in Australia in '95. He is Past Commodore of the Yakima Boat Club and a Member of the International Order of Blue Gavel. He is also a member of Lions Clubs International for 41 years and served as District Governor and Council Chairperson. He is an

appointed Trustee to the Washington State School for the Blind. He and his wife Erma have two daughters and two granddaughters. They have traveled to New Zealand, Australia, China, Hong Kong, and Japan and numerous places in Canada.

Raymond Plankinton, Columbus, NE, received a BS degree from Peru State in 1961 and MS degree in 1966. He married Betty Lou Bebb and they have three children. He was a high school Math/Physics teacher for five years and a College Math Instructor for 30 years.



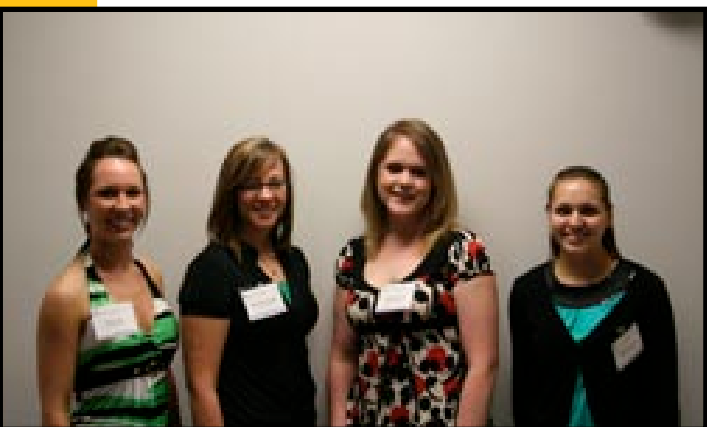
John A. Simpson, Troy, taught school for 2 years and has now owned the Troy grocery store for over forty years. He and his wife have three children who all attended HCC and now own their own grocery stores.

F.B. Smith, Highland, has been in agribusiness and farming since graduation from HCC.

Hilton Torkelson, Robinson, has worked as a farmer, truck driver, maintenance worker for the Coop, and owns a welding shop.

J. Alan "Al" Ward, Topeka, attended Washburn after HCC. He has owned Taco Casa for 45 years. He is past president of The Topeka Restaurant Association, member of The Kansas Restaurant Association, Washburn Ichabod Club, served on the National Restaurant Association, and National President for Quails Unlimited. He writes an outdoor article for the Topeka Capital Journal. He served on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and was a Vice Chair. He married Sandra McKee and they have three children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Galen Weiland, Bendena, married Ruth Howland and they have two children and three grandchildren. He worked for Bendena Grain Co. as assistant manager. He served 10 years in the Kansas House of Representatives. He worked for HCC as the Doniphan County Economic Development Director and was the Doniphan County Chamber of Commerce Director from 2001-2008 before retiring. He is active on many committees and organizations. He helped create Economic Development in the region and served on the Midway school board. He was involved in share contracting and consolidation of the Midway and Highland school districts that become Doniphan West last year.



This and That

CLASSES OF 1968-69-70-71

You are invited back to the HCC campus on Saturday, April 24 for an afternoon get-together preceeding the annual alumni banquet. HCC Board members Mike Higgins ('71) and Paul Crawford ('70) will be your hosts and are now in the process of planning an afternoon for these classes to reunite and visit the HCC campus. Look for more information coming to you in the mail soon.

The classes will have time in the afternoon for visiting and touring campus, taking in the musical, "The Wiz" and joining other alumni at 6:00 p.m. for a delicious banquet meal. Mark your calendars and plan to join in on the fun!

HCC ONLINE

HCC's online programs have grown tremendously since a handful of online courses launched in August 2006. Today, HCC offers more than 80 unique online courses as well as four complete online associate degree programs, including an Associate in Arts (AA), in Science (AS), and in General Studies (AGS). The online programs are designed to accommodate working adults who cannot fit traditional face-to-face classes into their busy schedules or those that may not be within driving distance to an HCC campus.

If you are interested in returning to HCC as an online student, please contact Sara Smith, Online Admissions, at hconline@highlandcc.edu or call 785.562.5399. Visit <http://online.highlandcc.edu> for details.

QUIZ BOWL

Highland Community College hosted the 24th Annual Scottie Invitational Academic Challenge Quiz Bowl on January 30. Twenty-two Northeast Kansas high schools participated by accumulating scores for questions answered correctly.

Community volunteers assist each year, serving as moderators and scorers. This year, 44 volunteers assisted. Anyone desiring to participate in future competitions as a volunteer may contact Eileen Gronniger for more information at 785.442.6010.

The top three winning schools this year were:

- 1st Topeka West H.S
- 2nd Blue Valley North H.S
- 3rd Immaculata H.S.

GOLFERS

You are invited to join other HCC alums when the Scottie Athletic Department hosts a golf tournament on May 21 at the Spring Creek Golf Course in Seneca. There will be lunch of grilled burgers and dogs followed by a shotgun start at 12:30. This is a four-person team scramble format. Hole sponsorships are also available to advertise your business. Look for details on the HCC Web site at www.highlandcc.edu.

To order your copy of the 2010 yearbook, use the order form below or contact Pam Ninemire at 785-442-6090 or pninemire@highlandcc.edu

Scottie Classic Order Form

Name _____

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Please send me _____ copies of the 2010 Scottie Classic at \$40.00 per copy.

Mail to: Pam Ninemire, Highland Community College,
606 W. Main, Highland, KS 66035

Class Notes

1948

John (Jack) Bowen, Springfield, MO, is now retired from Conoco after 35 years as an account representative.

1956

Robert Volker, Dallas, TX, retired in 1990 from The Texas Insurance Department as deputy commissioner and then retired in 2004 from The Nevada Division of Insurance. He is currently on the homeowner's board of directors, deals blackjack and Texas hold'em for a casino doing local parties and events; served on the Dallas County Grand Jury for three 3-month sessions; retired Certified Insurance Examiner; Certified Fraud Examiner, and Certified Financial Examiner. He is active with Senior Source and Meals on Wheels. He is a past Elder and Trustee of Northminster Presbyterian Church and Northpark Church. He has been married to Maryellen, who is a retired school teacher, for 46 years.

1957

Bobby Twombly, Highland, is a self employed farmer. **Kathleen (Tracy) Twombly**, ('90) is a retired English teacher. They farm along with two of their sons and enjoy the activities of their twelve grandchildren.

Thomas J. Schott is now retired and living in Lake Panasoffkee, FL with his wife. They have five children and eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was the captain of the 1956 undefeated HCC football team.

1958

Marilyn (Hanson) Suman, Overland Park, KS, is retired from Hallmark. She is enjoying retirement and has many wonderful memories of time at HCC.

Tom Forge, Leavenworth, has worked for a Chemistry Laboratory, a medical supply company, and taught high school science.

1960

Isidor Sittenauer, Atchison, is now retired from the Pillsbury Company.

George Hoover, Liberty, MO, is a retired teacher who is now enjoying traveling and babysitting his four grandchildren. His wife Linda sells Mary Kay Cosmetics.

1961

Larry Beam, is a retired teacher/trainer. He and wife Bev live in Topeka.

Eldon Prawl, Independence, MO, is a retired high school Industrial Technology teacher. He and wife Connie have four children and six grandchildren. He now does substitute teaching in the Independence School District.

Tom Botkin is a retired teacher living in Lakewood, CO. He is buying and selling old cars and parts in Golden at Joe B. Sales.

1962

Kenneth Stuke is retired. He presently has a small part time job working for Jostens. He and wife Cheryl live in Topeka and are enjoying retirement.

1964

Ron Tuley, Atchison, is not retired from MGPI.

Richard Anderson is a livestock producer and school bus driver. He and wife Patricia live in Caney, KS.

1965

Nancy (Koelliker) Swiggins, Sierra Vista, AZ, has taught school, became an EMT, worked in a hospital, joined the military, taught SCUBA classes, worked in West Berlin at a Combat Support Battalion; returned to the US and settled in SE Arizona. She has been a Realtor for 15 years.

1966

Lloyd E. (LEW) Webber, Lorton, VA, recently retired from a career as a civilian attorney for the U.S. Army. He is now enjoying frequent cruises, playing in backgammon tournaments, and learning to play golf. He continues to reside in the Washington DC suburbs, but says that he is hopeful that he can relocate to Kansas in the not-too-distant future.

John Lehman, Sabetha, is the Health Care Administrator for Apostolic Christian Home, Inc. for over 34 years. Previously, he taught at Effingham for seven years. He and wife Connie have five children and ten grandchildren.

David Collins, Highland, is a retired farmer and educator.

John Blanton is now retired and living in Ellinwood, KS with his wife **Connie (Crabtree) Blanton ('67)**. Connie is a medical technologist at Central Kansas Medical Park Lab.

Marty Allen, Highland, is retired from HCC. He works with Doniphan County Area on Aging with the Meals on Wheels program. Marty is also involved with area youth sports programs.

1967

Karol (Madinger) Bembrick, Wathena, is a registered nurse with Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Henry Peuker, Bendena, is a farmer and substitute bus driver.

Donald Vollrath, Carterville, IL, went on to Southern IL University from HCC and then worked in the food and beverage industry. He has recently retired.

David McLeod, Marysville, MO, is retired from Keim Trucking. He and wife have two sons and three grandchildren.

1968

Thomas Fee retired from Kickapoo Nation School in 2007 and now lives in Overland Park, which is near his son.

Sharen (Anderson-Pape) McCarty, Hiawatha, is retired from banking. She married Larry McCarty of Topeka and he died unexpected in Dec. 2008. She helps care for her mother and five grandchildren now and is active in the church and community.

Mark Wilson, Topeka, is the Director of Special Education for USD 336 Holton. **Doris Wilson ('69)** is the administrative assistant at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod District Office.

1969

Curtis Armstrong has retired and is now living in Sequin, Texas. He has returned to school.

Barb (Dutch) Oltjen, Robinson, is the manager/contracting officer for Wolf River Watershed District #66.

Paul Oltjen ('66) is the owner and operator of Oltjen Construction.

1970

Paul Crawford, Topeka, has retired from a career in education. He is working part-time as an educational consultant for Keystone Learning Center. He also serves on the HCC Alumni Board.

Dave Holthaus, Topeka, is the manager of Government Relations for Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. He received a master's degree in business from Webster University St. Louis and worked for JC Penney and Westar for 30 years. He is now lobbying for the electric co-ops of Kansas. He and wife Jean have two sons.

1971

Greg Gladfelter is now retired and residing in Warrensburg, MO.

1972

Thomas Heigert, Paxico, is an auditor for the Kansas Department of Transportation. His wife Joyce is a registered nurse.

David Taylor, is a crop insurance specialist with Frontier Farm Credit. He also is a farmer and he and wife Terry have three children, three step children, and eight grandchildren. They reside in Oskaloosa.

1973

Marsha (Bloom) Walters, Centralia, has been teaching for 35 years. She and husband David celebrated their 37th anniversary. They have three children and three grandchildren.

1974

Michael Hundley, Cummings, is a self employed building contractor. He is currently serving as president of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Richard Karnowski, Seneca is a self employed accountant. He also serves on the HCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Jan (Just) Thornton, Corvallis, OR is a medical transcriptionist for Valley Transcription Service.

1975

Terry Reschke, Hiawatha, owns and operates Reschke Farms. His wife, **Debbie (Schnackel) Reschke** is a librarian at Morrill Public Library

Robyn (Hundley) Hinton, Atchison, is the bookkeeper at Hinton Body Shop, a family owned business, and she also substitute teaches for schools in Atchison County. She and husband Gregg have four daughters.

1977

Susan (Fuhrman) Willey, Wichita, is a physical therapist at Via Christi Health.

1979

Brett L. Wilson has moved to Kearney, MO and is a physician assistant for Liberty Orthopedics.

Eileen (Huffles) Gronniger, Denton, is the Human Resource Manager at HCC. She is currently working on a master's degree in Human Resource.

Mary (Ronnebaum) Sack, Seneca, is an accounting clerk for SKF Sealing Solutions. She and husband Mike have three daughters who are all HCC Alumni.

Kay (Kendall) Krogmann, Wetmore, is an office manager for Heinen Brothers Advertising.

Connie (Brown) Barnhart, Lexington, KY, is a physical therapist with St. Joseph Health Care and Good Samaritan Hospital. She and husband Mitch have three children.

1980

Yvette (Cruse) Cook, Highland, is the Director of Bands, Piano, and Jazz History at Highland Community College. She is enjoying teaching pep band, wind ensemble, group piano, and jazz history, and working with the students on the spring music theater production at HCC.

Cynthia (Meyer) Strahm, Sabetha, is an insurance agent for SBS Insurance Agency. Cynthia is married to Rodney Strahm.

Dee (Denton) Maher, Kansas City, MO, works as a parent educator for Parents as Teachers for the Park Hill School District. Dee and her husband Jim have three daughters.

Lynette (Kuenzi) Stratham, Bern, is the CFO for C J Foods Inc. Lynette received her BBA from Baker University. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, music, and horses. She is married to Ed Strathman.

Shelly (Staudenmaier) Wilson, Woodlands, TX, currently works for the Youth Ministry Department at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. She is married to Gregg Wilson and they have 4 children.

Lori (McKittrick) Franken, Topeka, works as an administrative assistant for Stormont-Vail Health Care. Lori has lived in Topeka since 1982 and has worked at Stormont-Vail for 16 years. She and her husband Steve have two children.

Steven Dodge, Conyers, GA, is a supervisor for Mopar/Chrysler, Jeep, and Dodge. He is married to Debora.

1981

Judy (Fangman) Binder, Maple Grove, MN. After graduating from Highland she went to truck driving school where she met her current husband and is now a stay at home wife.

Mark Dunavan, Leavenworth, KS, works as a facility maintenance supervisor LFC Reservoir for the Department of Corrections, State of Kansas.

Susan (Chadwick) Baker, Wellsville, KS, works as an office manager for the Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce. Susan and her husband Charles have two daughters. She is an advocate for those dealing with ALS, following the deaths of her mom and two uncles to this disease.

1982

Jan Dittmore, Overland Park, works as a human resources manager for Platt Form Advertising.

Mark Twombly, Troy, works in banking for Bendena State Bank and is married to Lisa Twombly.

Pamela (Keller) Dunn, Highland, KS, works in Human Resources.

Dean (Kramer) Shields, Colby, KS, is an administrative assistant/powerschool administrator. She and husband **Bill Shields (82)** have been married for 24 years and have 3 children. Bill is an area manager for Crop Production Services.

1983

Sharon (Anderson) Bosse, Wheaton, KS, works as an environmental technician water quality for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She is married to Dean Bosse.

June (Walker) Christensen, Topeka, KS, is retired but working occasionally and keeping busy with church and other activities.

Charles Libel, St. Joseph, MO, works as a broadcast engineer for Nexstar Broadcasting.

Dhea (Smith) Tilton, Mission, KS, is retired from Atchison County Schools. Dhea married the late **Larry Tilton (64)**. She has three children and two grandchildren. Dhea is enjoying life, travel, and being independent.

1984

Mike Todd, Baldwin City, KS, works as a gaming operations manager for the Kansas Lottery. Mike graduated from Baker University in 1987. He is married to Shelly and they have 3 children.

Gary Dorrell, Highland, works as an account manager for Charm Sciences Inc. He is married to Karen Dorrell.

Jerry Hardin, Smithville, MO, is a transport driver for Allied Systems. He is married to Ruth Ann and they have 3 children.

1985

Brian Young, Belleville, KS, is a training manager for Dairy Queen. Brian is a cub master and assistant scout master for the scouting program and a board member of the theater in town. He is married to **Linda Rae Young (85)**.

Nancy (Havercamp) Steinlage, Seneca, KS, works as a school secretary for St. Peter and Paul School. She has been married to Mike for 18 years and they have 4 children.

1986

Brenda (Wienck) Miesner, Manhattan, KS, has been working as an accounting assistant for the Kansas State University Educational Communications Center for 20 years. Brenda got married in February 2006 to John, and their son William was born in July 2007.

Rebecca Nimz, Hiawatha, works as a CNA for AgForce Products, LLC.

1987

Michelle (Odermatt) Segelquist, Topeka, is a Bank Loan Officer for INTRUST Bank. She and husband James have four children. **James Segelquist (87)** is a building maintenance technician for the state of Kansas.

Eugene Michaelis, St. Marys, KS, is retired from the Kansas National Guard.

Jon Thomas, Seneca, KS, works as a teacher and coach for Nemaha Valley and is married to Roxanne.

Dena (Callaway) Podrebarac, Lawrence, KS, is married to Michael and they have four children.

Michelle (Lehman) Smith, Highland, has been working as deputy court clerk for the State of Kansas for the past 12 ½ years. Michelle and her husband Bobby have been married for 22 years and have 2 children. They enjoy going on motorcycle rides and spending time with family and friends.

Ronald Hollar, Topeka, works as a police officer for the City of Topeka. He is married to **Tamie (Ray) Hollar (88)**. Tamie works as a project manager for the US Postal Service. Ron and Tamie have two girls. The family keeps busy with volleyball and dance, and they enjoy taking family vacations.

Kimberly (Collins) Dishon, Horton, KS, is married to **Gregg Dishon (87)**, coaches high school volleyball, is an At-Risk tutor, and their oldest daughter Kayla is attending HCC. Gregg is a Funeral Director/Embalmer for Dishon Maple-Chaney Mortuary.

1988

Lori (Mee) Gollner, works as a para educator for USD #320. She and husband, William make their home in Wamego.

Laurali (Boswell) Masterson, Leoti, KS, has been married to Mike for 17 years. They have 2 children. Laurali has been a teacher at Wichita County High School for 18 years.

Joanna Mitchell, Mayetta, works as a PBPN VR program assistant and youth transition services coordinator for the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. She enjoys spending time with family, playing softball, doing beadwork, and keeping busy.

Matthew Twombly, Baldwin City, KS, is in the Kansas National Guard. He is married to **Terri (White) Twombly (88)** who also serves in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Brent Beck, Havensville, KS, works as a farmer/rancher and is a shift supervisor for C J Foods Inc. Brent sold his business in 2006. He travels when he can and still maintains a farm/ranch operation near Havensville with his son and daughter.

Donna (Lierz) Fatout, Dexter, has been at Dexter Schools for 18 years as clerk/payroll and also coached high school and junior high volleyball. Donna and her husband Bill have 3 children.

Deana (Thompson) Funk, works as an occupational therapist for Aegis Therapies. Deana is married to Byron and they have 4 children.

1989

Cinnemon (Bath) Buie, Gardner, is an instructional technology support specialist. Cinnemon and her husband **Gene Buie (88)** have four children. Gene is a Principal at Wheat Ridge Middle School.

Ginger (Burd) Shelley, Meriden, is a para educator for Seaman Schools and is married to Neal. They just celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary and they enjoy spending time with their son.

Jodi (Hewins) Scoggins, Kansas City, is a teacher assistant at Raytown School District. She and husband Jean have two daughters.

Doris Shopteese, Hiawatha, completed a BA degree in Healthcare Administration and currently is working on a masters degree. She is a medical biller and coder for Heartland Regency Medical Center/Steps Program.

1990

Ryan Sink, Ottawa, KS, works for Wal-Mart and Sink Farms. He and his wife have three children. He enjoys life with his family and is involved with the school they attend; from coaching to sitting on the Rec. Board and Site Council of the school.

Brad Hase, Della, KS, works as a mail carrier for USPS. Brad opened a night club called Nocturnal but after 18 months the economy forced him to close. He is now building a business in World Travel soon to launch.

Leslie (Wichman) Martin, Overland Park, KS, works as a web developer for BOLD Internet Solutions.

Timothy Hesseltine, Newton, KS, is a teacher for Remington. He has 16 years teaching and coaching experience. Timothy has been awarded State Cross Country Coach of the Year twice and has also coached track and wrestling.

1991

Betty (Schmelze) Peterson, Seneca, KS, is a math teacher for Nemaha Valley Schools. Betty is married to Bryan and they have five children. She has taught at Nemaha Valley for 16 years and coaches high school volleyball.

Dana (Sudbeck) Bradley, Seneca, KS, is an RN for Nemaha Valley Community Hospital and is married to Bryce.

Jerre Cole is the men's head basketball coach for Highland Community College.

1992

Misty (Dove) Miller, Atchison, is a benefits coordinator for Missouri Western State University.

Lana Berges, Topeka, works as a business systems analyst IV for Security Benefit Corporation.

Tiffani "Niki" (Small) Pederson, Baldwin City, KS, is a secretary for Midwest Mustang. She is married to Terry Pederson and they have 3 children and own their own business.

Joe Dunn, Falls City, NE, is a teacher for Falls City Public Schools. Joe is married to Jennifer and they have three children. He also coaches softball and golf and in his spare time he enjoys playing golf.

Andrea (Lehman) Isch, Hamilton, KS, works in accounting for Waechter LLC.

1993

Brenda (Huber) Adkins, Holton, KS, is a general manager for Rural Water District #3, Jackson County. She is married to Bobby Adkins and they have one son. Brenda received her master's degree in business from Washburn University in 2003. She is taking more accounting classes currently at Washburn in Topeka to sit for the CPA Exam.

1994

Linda (Colvin) Funk, is self employed as an author/freelance writer. She is married to Al Funk. Linda published the book, Roads of Yesterday, in 2007.

1995

Lori (Sullivan) Lindsey, Horton, KS, is a slot dispatch supervisor for Golden Eagle Casino. She has been married to Bobby Lindsey for 25 years.

Christina (Boehmer) Stallbaumer, Seneca, works as a bank teller for United Bank and Trust and is also self-employed as a computer technician. Christina is married to **Roger Stallbaumer (1991)**. Roger is an industrial technology teacher for B&B Schools and is also a farmer. They have four children.

Eileen (Goodman) Burenheide, resides in Westmoreland, KS, and is self-employed.

1996

Nancy (Woolsey) Campbell, St. Joseph, MO, is an RN for Heartland Health. She is married to Doncal Campbell.

Brian Chervek, Sioux City, IA, is a panel board operator for Wells Dairy Inc. Brian married Phyllis in September of 2008.

Joy Huber, Lincoln, NE, is the author of "You Go Girl! A Woman's Guide on How to THRIVE Around Difficult People." She is an award-winning professional speaker and business communications expert. She has international presentation experience and works directly with associations, companies, the government, colleges, and hospitals. She specializes in programs for women, human resources/recruitment, personnel supervisors and managers, customer service/retention and great first impressions/front desk programs. In addition to speaking, Joy is an aspiring country music songwriter with two Nashville publishers currently pitching one of her co-written songs to recording artists (entitled "All I See is Beautiful"). Joy has a blog entitled "Success4BusinessWomen."

1997

Molly (Noyes) Walker, Orlando, FL, is self-employed as an interior architect. Molly is married to Craig Walker and they have two children.

1998

John Weber, Topeka, works as a contract specialist for USPFO.

Brent McCrory, Emporia, KS, is a preaching minister for New Life Christian Church. He is married to Melissa and they have lived in Emporia since February of 2008. They have one daughter.

Theresa Young, Topeka, is a college student and student worker. She graduated from Washburn and began at ESU for her master's degree.

Betsy (Crawford) Leeds, Hays, KS, is a director of the School Psychology graduate program for Fort Hays State University. She is married to Jason and they have two sons. Betsy is currently working on her Ph. D. in psychology.

April (Bechard) Fahey, Clifton, is a physical therapist for Clay County Medical Center. Her husband, **Rocky Fahey, class of 1998**, works at Wildlife Management Service of NCKS. They have two children.

1999

Brian Slater, Kansas City, works in graphic design for Digital Design, LLC.

Thomas Guadagnano, Oak Grove, is an inventory specialist II for Cricket Communications. Thomas is married to Megan.

Vestanna Kolterman, Topeka, just moved to Topeka hoping to find a better job.

Christina Walker lives in Eugene, OR, where she is a high school counselor and volleyball coach.

2000

Mike Lynch, Emporia, KS, is a sports supervisor for Emporia Recreation Commission. He is married to Katie.

Christie (Stimac) Shumaker, Wetmore, KS, is a bank teller for Wetmore National Bank and she has a son Ross.

Katrina (Nanninga) Loader, works as a marketing analyst/database manager for Sunflower Bank. She and husband, Jason live in Abilene, KS.

Heidi (Carter) Jordan and husband Scott are now residing in St. Joseph. Heidi is the HCC head softball coach.

2001

Shanda Eglinton, Calhan, CO, works for Pikes Peak Physical Medicine as a medical assistant. She got married to Scott Eglinton on August 8, 2008.

Amber (Burklund) Befort, Riley, KS, is a physical therapist for Mercy Regional Health Center, and is married to Justin.

Jessica Knuth, Emporia, KS, is a K-4 special education teacher for Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative at Chase County Elementary. She is married to Tracy and they have 2 children.

Rebecca (Hamer) Kerry, Topeka, is a stay at home mom. She is married to Chris and they have two sons.

Molly (Mundinger) Kennedy, Bolivar, MO, is a nurse for Citizens Memorial Hospital and is married to Bradley.

2002

Patrick Younger, Ness City, KS, works as a P.E. teacher for Ness City K-12 and he is also the head track and cross country coach. Patrick's boy's cross country team won class 1A state championship with a record setting 14 points, and they have a great chance to win this year as well.

Corinne (Ruhnke) Cox, Long Island, KS, is a farm wife and married to Clint.

Stacey Trunecek, Wichita, KS, is a director of assisted and independent living for Kansas Masonic Home.

2003

Michael Lang, Emporia, KS, is the registrar for Flint Hills Technical College.

Caleb McAfee, Horton, is a Machinist for Hammersmith MFG.

Brock Baxter, Mount Laurel, NJ, works in construction management for Sundt.

2004

Amy (Ryan) Prochaska, Kearney, NE, is a substitute teacher for the Ravenna Public Schools and Kearney Public Schools. Amy graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in May of 2007. She was married to Andrew on February 9, 2008. They have two children.

Angelina (Tull) Enke, Robinson, KS, is a CMA and a bingo caller for Casino White Cloud and Quest Services, Inc. She is married to Robert Sha. Angelina transferred to Washburn University of Topeka to pursue her bachelor of nursing degree.

2005

Todd Roberts, Emporia, KS, graduated from Emporia State in May 2008 with his bachelor's in elementary education. He is currently working on his master's in elementary subject matter and will graduate in May 2010. Todd will also be getting married in 2010 and had a daughter in 2008.

Laura Albers, Bendena, KS, is a student at KU. She is a graduate student in the school of education and is working on a M.S. Ed. In Curriculum and Teaching. In 2008 she graduated from KU with a BA in Chemistry.

Sierra (Covert) Stortz is in the laboratory science program and doing her clinicals at North Kansas City hospital. She will graduate May 7. She and husband Brandon are living in Kansas City.

Julie (Morton) Simmons is the administrative assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at HCC. She graduated May 16, 2009 with a bachelor of arts in Sociology from Ft. Hays State University.

2006

Janice (Miller) Schroll, Manhattan, KS, is an accountant for the state of Kansas and is married to Dana.

Jennifer (Martinez) Hendrix Meyer is a registered nurse at Labette Health in Parsons, KS. She received a BSN degree from Pittsburg State University.

2007

Ashley Schmidt, Arkansas City, KS, just graduated from K-State in 2009.

Amanda Mellies, Netawaka, KS, works in customer service at Walmart. Amanda transferred to K-State for one year and is now at Washburn for her senior year.

Jacie Noel, Manhattan, KS, is a student and journalist for the Kansas State Collegian, and she also works for Rock-A-Belly Deli. After graduation, Jacie plans to work for a magazine publication company writing, designing, and editing.

Kelsey Torrez, is a student at Hays and plans to graduate in 2 years.

2008

Susan (Self) Eisenbarth, is a child and family advocate for NEK-CAP Inc.

Lynn Hartter, Sabetha, KS, is an executive director/CEO for Developmental Services of Jackson County.

Elden C. BeDunnah (77) of Robinson, died August 7, 2009

Krista Vieselmeyer, Axtell, is a CMA and a student.

Micheal Brissett, Troy, is an inspector for Platte Co. Public Works.

2009

Linda Nemechek, Waterville, KS, is a self-employed day care provider. She is married to Bryon.

Weddings

David (Todd) Heinen (84) and Loni Coy were married September 5, 2009. The couple reside in Strong City, KS. Todd has 3 children and 3 grandchildren by a previous marriage.

Kristina Drake (99) and Kirk Zeit were married July 3 in Tulum, Mexico.

Karen Bauman (2000) and Nathan Fuemmmeler were married on September 26. Karen is employed at Troy State Bank.

Adam Lackey (2000) and Melissa Folger were married June 6 in Hiawatha, KS.

Melissa Meyer (01) and Christopher Long were married on April 25 in Lawrence, KS.

Curtis Albers (01) married Jaime Woolard on August 1. Curtis is an account salesman for O'Malley's Distributor. The couple reside in St. Joseph, MO.

Stacy Neibling (02) and Andrew Fisher were married on September 5. Stacy received a bachelor's degree in broadcasting from Northwest State University in 2004. She is employed with Eagle Communications.

Sarah Burke (02) and Jake Pound were married on August 22. They are making their home in Emporia, KS.

David Drimmel (02) married Molly Marple on April 18, 2009. He received a B.S. in animal science and industry from Kansas State University in 2006 and is now employed on the management team at Bartlett Cattle Company, Sublette.

Michael Hansford (03) and Allyce Schenk were married October 4, 2008 in Lawrence. Michael is a 2008 graduate of the University of Kansas with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Gerard Olberding (03) and Megan Niehues were married May 30 in Seneca. Gerard is currently employed with Picerne Military Housing in Fort Riley.

Denise Hawk (03) of Effingham married Mickey Meers II on November 7, 2009.

Chayne Lamoreaux (04) married Trevor Novotny September 6, 2009. They are making their home in Macomb, MI.

Breann Young (05) and **Andrew Hinman (05)** were married on October 4. The couple reside in Holton. Breann is employed at Holton Community Hospital as a registered nurse and Andrew is employed by the City of Holton as a linesman.

Rachel Johansen (05) married Colby Knudson on June 27 in Hiawatha.

Rachel is employed by Rainbow Communications working as a customer service representative.

Amber Lock (06) of White Cloud married Keith Huffman on June 27.

Brandi Forney (06) and Jeremy Sonnenmoser were united in marriage on October 11. They are making their home in St. Joseph, MO. Brandi is the daughter of Betty Forney who has been in the HCC Bookstore/Mailroom for many years.

Brett Mellies (06) and **Alicia Miller (09)**, were married on January 11. They will make their home in Netawaka. Brett is manager/operator of Mellies Farms and Trucking. Alicia is a caregiver for developmentally disabled adults and works for H & R Block tax service. They have two children.

Jeffery Hale (06) and Tiffany Vanderweide, wed on November 14 in Atchison. Jeffrey is employed on the family farm.

Rebecca Thompson (06) and Nathan Charles Davis were married on July 18. She is employed by Kansas Rehabilitation Hospital.

Brian Jolly (09) and **Lyndsi Christopher (09)** were married on July 3. Brian is employed by Capital Insulation of Topeka and Lyndsi is employed by Stormont Vail Clinic. She is continuing her education toward a nursing degree.

Nevada (Paige) Werner (09) and Joshua Linck, both of Horton, were married June 6. The couple reside in Utica.

Kendra Wilhelm (09) and Shawn Durst were married in July at Holton.

Ashley Henning (09) and Jerry Michaels married on August 8 in Atchison.

Births

Dr. Greg O'Bryan (93) and wife Denise of St. Joseph, MO welcomed the birth of their baby girl, Elly Darynn, on February 21, 2009. Elly was born on her big sister, Landry's birthday.

Michelle and **Brady Rockey (95)** welcomed the birth of their daughter, Sydney Lynn, born September 9 in Cincinnati, OH. Sydney has an older sister, Payton.

Ingrid and **Matt Aller (2000)** had a son, Bradford Lee, born on April 8 in Hiawatha.

Josh and **Angie (Wright) Springs (2000)** of St. Joseph, had a son, Landan Joshua, on January 24. They have another son, Corban.

Katie Simpson (01) and Cody Askren had a son, Paden Mitchell, born on December 11, 2008.

Corey and **Pam (Korthanke) Scott** welcomed their daughter, Haley Elizabeth, on Easter Sunday, April 12.

Jeremiah and **DeAnn (McCauley) Harring (04)** announce the birth of their son, Rucker Todd, on March 12, 2009.

Tiffanie Locke (04) and Jimi Kinisch had a baby daughter, Jayde Coraline, on November 13, 2009.

Chris and **Amber (Dively) Handke (05)** had a baby girl, Ava Lynn, born on February 21, 2009. They live in Atchison.

Deaths

Paul Dean Grote (84) of Sabetha, 45 died February 24, 2009.

Dawn L. Johnson (79) died October 20, 2009 in Fort Washington, MD. Dawn was 46.

Lisa Jan (Gilmore) Santos (78) died August 13, 2009. Lisa was raised in Highland. She moved to Colorado with her husband Jim. She was 50.

Elden C. BeDunnah (77) of Robinson, died August 7, 2009

Gary Bruce Lanter (73) of Everest passed away on November 1, 2009.

Richard Walter Schrader (70) of Wichita died January 31, 2009.

David Lloyd Emert (69) died in Topeka on November 26, 2007.

Jim Bruning (61) died December 4, 2007. Jim was from rural Robinson.

Daniel T. "Doc" Holaday, (54) of Topeka died April 29, 2009.

Betty (Estep) Dickerson (53) former Highland resident died February 14, 2009.

Leo Jay Hischke (53) of St. Joseph, died November 28, 2009.

Jimmy Louis Russell (53) of Fairview died October 27, 2008.

Marvin McCormick (48) is deceased.

Charles J. Wegener (43) of Hiawatha died December 8, 2009

Jean Evelyn (Hopp) Ryan (42) of Lansing died April 1, 2009.

Quentin Herring (42) of Highland died February 22, 2009.

Jane E. (Bowron) McElroy (41) died September 28, 2009 in Hutchinson.

Mary (Clements) Parman (31) died March 12, 2009.

Helen (Andrews) Didlake (27) of Austin, TX died September 7, 2009.

Lillian (Walton) Rooney (26) of Sabetha died December 31, 2008.

Alumni in the News.....

Wanda Olson and Derek Wohlgeomugh have been promoted to Vice President of the Exchange National Bank and Trust.

Wanda Olson, class of 1981, was promoted to head teller in 1999. She currently handles the day to day operations of the teller department, including branches. Wanda is the bank's CD specialist and assists customers with new accounts. She resides in Bendena and is the choir director, the organist, and a council member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Bendena. Wanda is a volunteer for the Amelia Earhart Festival and an Atchison Hospital Auxiliary member.

Derek Wohlgeomugh, 2000, started his career in 2003. His duties include helping customers with personal loans and real estate loans and previously served as branch manager of the in-store branch inside Walmart. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Emporia State University. He is a board member of the Atchison Chamber Leadership Development Council, a Rotary member, and an Amelia Earhart Festival volunteer. He and wife, Marcey, live in Roeland Park, KS.

Keith Olsen, class of 1986, from Horton, KS has been named one of the 2009 Distinguished Kansans in Philanthropy.

The word active might come to mind when you think of Horton resident Keith Olsen. He is well-known as the "pedal tractor pull guy" and the organizer of a tractor cruise. He has been doing the pedal tractor pull for youth for fifteen years. He also farms, has been a referee for 13 years, is a second year county commissioner, K-State fan, husband, and dad.

Olsen is the father of two girls, with the youngest affected by Angelman Syndrome. He has used tractor cruises the past four years and organized a fifth football camp for this June with proceeds to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation. He just completed a three year major fundraiser for a new wood gym floor for the Everest Middle School, a \$76,000 project.

This fall, Olsen took it upon himself to make sure that all kindergarten through fourth-graders and NEK-CAP Head Start children at the local school had stocking caps and gloves for the winter.

He is active in the county fair and 4-H, recently stepping down as a 25-year leader.

Olsen met his wife Denise 13 years ago through a Farm Bureau singles in agriculture group. She works as a loan officer for a bank in Everest.

Oscar Pedroza, 1994, has opened his professional photography studio in Mission, KS. Oscar received his bachelor of fine arts from Columbia College in Chicago.

Having worked in the realm of computer graphics, Oscar returned to Kansas City, where he started his own business, Imagenes Studios. He continues to be recognized not only for his creativity, but also for his contribution to the Latino community of Kansas City. He is the photo-editor and vital part of the monthly publication Enye Magazine, a local Spanish newspaper print magazine. His eye for graphic design and photography are key elements to Enye Magazine.

www.imagenes-studios.com

Dr. Gregory O'Bryan, a former Highland native and a member of the **HCC class of 1993** has opened his own eye care center in St. Joseph, MO. He has been an optometrist locally for the past seven years and said it was always his dream to own and operate his own business.

The St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 6, 2009 and presented the First Dollar Profit Award to Dr. O'Bryan.

O'Bryan Eyecare is located on Karnes Road in Barcelona Square in St. Joseph. He offers comprehensive family eye care, many styles and brands of frames, contact lenses, pre and post operative co-managment, and diagnosis and treatment of ocular diseases. Dr. O'Bryan graduated from K-State University and completed his education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry. He and his wife Denise reside in St. Joseph with their two daughters.

O'Bryan Eyecare will provide a discount to HCC alumni who bring in this newsletter.
www.visionsource-obryaneyecare.com

Stefany Edelman, 2008, of Bern has opened her own business: a custom bake shop called "Stefalicious" in August, 2009 in Sabetha. After completing the Bakery & Patisserie program at the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Oregon, and an internship at Daniel's of Paris, a small French bakery in Aurora, CO, Stefany returned home and decided to open her business that offers a wide variety of delicious baked goods including cakes, cupcakes, muffins, special desserts, and wedding cakes.

www.stefalicious.com

Alumni Games 2009

What a great day the Alumni Games were this past August. A terrific group of 1998-99 lady graduates returned to take in the day and use the opportunity to reunite. "The Hens," as they were known in their days here at HCC, have kept in close contact over the years. Their shirts this year sported the phrase, "HCC Has-Beens" on the front. These gals enjoyed the day and made the day enjoyable for all around them. Katie Comer, Mandi Prochaska Bunnell, Tina Walker, Kelly Carmody, Dana Schultz Schiltz, Shannon Krone Molt, Erica Kirkendall, Marci Siler, Mandy Munding Banks, Darcy Tice Lucas, Jenny Charbonneau Beenken, Jenn Alley, and Becca Harpham Meixner are and always will be our HCC Hens.

HCC alumni runners, volleyball, baseball, cheerleaders, dancers, softball, and football players all took on the current varsity teams. Some of the HCC alumni returning participants who registered were: Corey Schmalz, (09), Rich Brusk (02), Brock Mays (07), William Parker (09), Dan McKenzie (07), Tory Eylar (06), Rosemary Schock Wilkerson (87), Candace Irving Crawford (01), Angie Kinkead Eberly (87), Mandi Prochaska Bunnell (2000), April Bechard Fahey (98), Kelly Carmody (99), Mary Allgeier Schock (67) and Shannon Krone Molt (98). They all participated in the alum run. Registered football players were: Don Huss (86), Rocky Fahey (98), Cole Jarrett (02), Keith Shaffer (06), Dustin Libel (08), Cody Koelliker (05), Tyre Smith (96), Matthew Duncan (07), Nicholas Jobe (05), Shane Stahl (02), Jared Kurl (86), Chris Newton (03), Jeff Summers (88), Chad Smith (05), Jerome Danner (04), Jared Mendell (05), Lance Gasper (09), Nathan Kiekman (03), Roderick Baptisto (03), Tim Saale (05), Jonathan Winder (04), Jim Howard (99), Sam Carter (04), Jordan Bauman (04), Zaach Euler (05), Nick Smith (03), Terrence Sumpter (09). Many other alumni returned for the day and were able to either participate or cheer on the teams while members of the Alumni Board manned registration, gates, and the concession stand. The proceeds from the alumni events help to fund the alumni activities and scholarships.. The pictures speak for themselves...a fun day!

Door prizes were received by all registered alumni by spinning the KNZA Wheel.

2010 ALUMNI GAMES-AUGUST 21





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These students' scholarships are made possible through your generous donations. They are shown here before serving the annual alumni banquet last April.



DIRECTOR'S NEWS

HCC alumni continue to play a major role in the current and future development of the College. The major news and accomplishments of the College and the HCC Foundation in the past few years are the result of alumni leadership, participation, and support: construction of the Stadium Center, construction of the Wellness Center, acquisition of a new facility for the HCC Perry Center, endowing the operation of the Walters Wellness Center, construction of a new weight room facility, finalizing the bequests of John Klinefelter and Gloria Plamann, creation of new endowed scholarship funds from the families of Robert A. Reeder and James Thompson, the R. E. French Family Foundation, and from Walter Byers. The ongoing enhancements to the College cannot be accomplished if not for the good work of these folks. Join us in thanking them when you see them.

ANNUAL FUND

You might have noticed that you did not receive a solicitation for the Annual Fund again this year. Instead, we are continuing the approach of letting you know giving opportunities -- using the *Connection* to let you know our emphasis continues to be endowing the Foundation Scholar awards and obtaining/enhancing new facilities for our regional centers. A bequest from the estate of Hilda Triplett provided the impetus to get the Foundation Scholars started in 1989. Since using the 150th Celebration as the impetus to get these awards endowed, three of the ten awards are now endowed. Each of the ten Foundation Scholar awards amounts to approximately \$4,000 each year. We are looking for alums who would like to either endow an award, which would take a gift of \$40,000, or to fund the \$4,000 award each year. If you would like additional information on funding a Foundation Scholar award, you can contact me at 785.442.6019, cmosher@highlandcc.edu, or in person by coming to the office on the second floor of the Administration Building.

In addition to the Foundation Scholar Awards, three memorial funds have been established by the families of people who had a significant impact on the College. The Robert A. Reeder Memorial Scholarship Fund creates an award for a graduate of Troy High School in memory of longtime Board of Trustees chair Robert Reeder. Most recently, the Reeder family also created an endowment for the Robert

A. Reeder Pre-Law Faculty Award. The James E. Thompson Memorial Physics Award will assist worthy students pursuing a degree in physics.

HCC CONNECTION

The heart of this publication is the news about you and your fellow Scottie alums. You are the best source of that news. Stay in touch. Send us an e-mail; that is a quick way to share information about you, your family, and your Scottie friends. Contact can also be made at the College Web site at www.highlandcc.edu and going to the Alumni/Friends tab. Then we can share your information in the *Connection*.

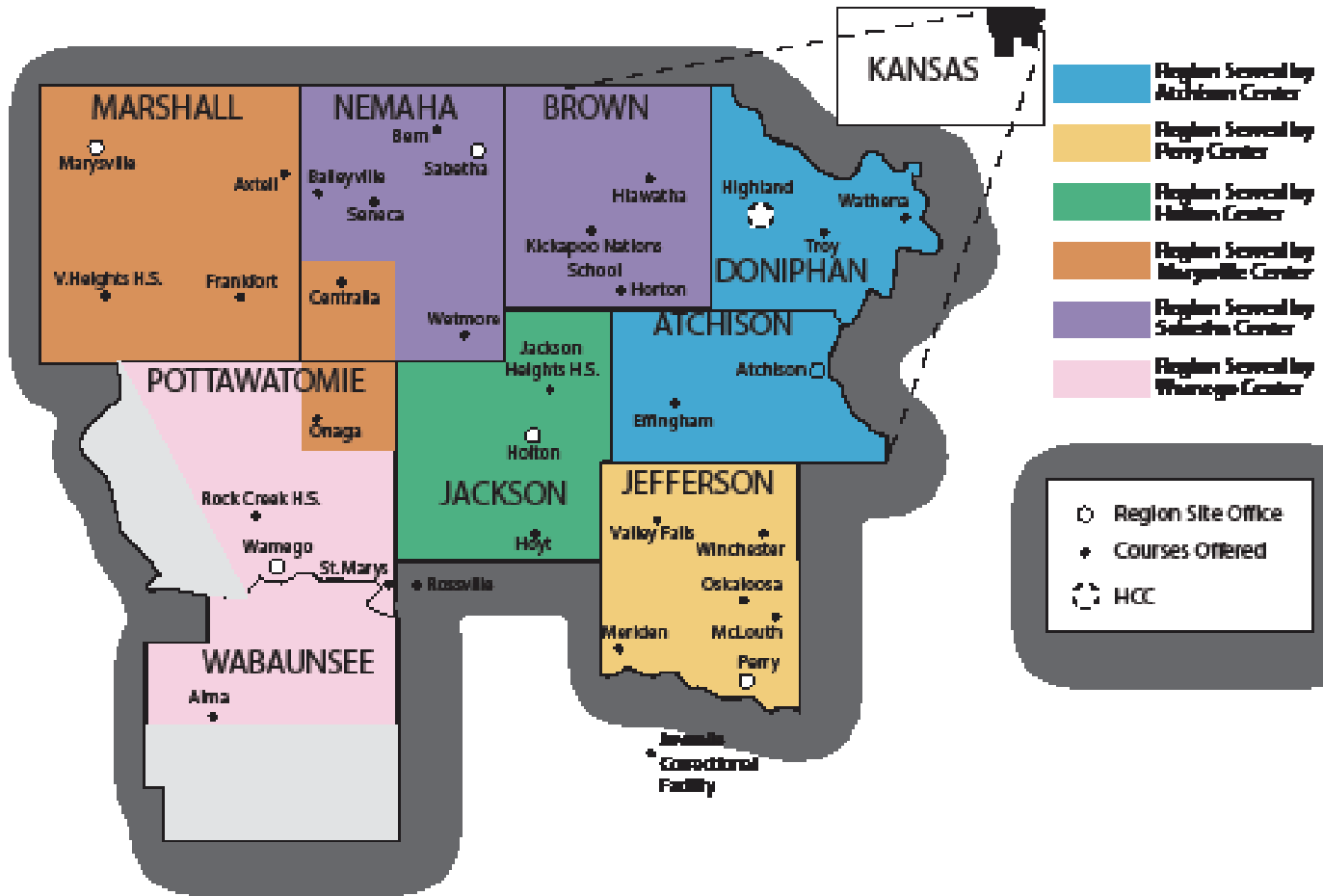
In addition, in this age of electronic connections, you can also connect with us and your fellow alums through Facebook. We have created an HCC Alumni Facebook page where you can post messages to friends you made while at the College. If you are unsure how this works (like me), enter www.facebook.com in the URL on your Main Page; enter Highland Community College Alumni – Highland, KS in the Search Bar on the resulting page. Then select Request to Join in the right hand column. Hope to see you on the alumni facebook group soon!

ALUMNI REUNIONS

In addition to our traditional alumni get-togethers in the spring (Gathering of the Clan Alumni Banquet) and fall (Alumni Games), the Foundation is hosting alumni gatherings in the College's nine county service area. The initial get-together was held in Atchison in October. Spring events will be held in Topeka and Hiawatha. If you would like to get your group together during an event or on a special day, just let us know and we'll assist you in making that happen.



Highland Community College Service Area



~ HCC serves a nine-county service area in Northeast Kansas.

~ HCC has six regional centers: at Atchison, Holton, Marysville, Sabetha, Perry, and Wamego.

~ HCC is currently working to acquire the former Gary Hardy dealership facility in Holton for use as the Holton Center.

~ HCC has planted 14,000 grape vines close to the Wamego Center as part of new programs in grape-growing and enology.

~ The HCC Foundation purchased the former Perry Middle School, which has been refurbished as the HCC Perry Center.

~ The City of Wamego and Pottawatomie County Economic Development Commission is working on a plan to move the HCC Wamego Center closer to downtown Wamego. It is currently located with Wamego Industrial Park.

~ **Andrea Collins Keller ('01)** was named Jayhawk East Coach of the Year. Andrea coaches HCC's volleyball team which this year had a 25-6 season. Eight players were recognized as Academic All Conference.

~ "The Wiz" will be performed April 22, 23, 24, 2010 in Culbertson Auditorium.

~ The SHINE Ball will be March 27 featuring the Moolinght Serenade Orchestra and a prime rib buffet. Call 785-442-6013 for details and reservations. Open to the public.

~ "A tribute to Michael Jackson" will be the theme of the Spring Concert on May 6.

~ Commencement is set for May 14, 2010.

KEEP US INFORMED

Your assistance in completing and returning this form will allow us to keep our alumni records current. (2-10)

Name _____ Social Security# _____

Maiden Or Other Name _____ Class of _____ or Year Attended _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number (Home) _____ E-Mail _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

List sport, activity, club, honors, or special interests that you were involved in while at HCC _____

Tell us what's happening _____

_____ YES, I would be interested in serving on the HCC Alumni Association Board.

Sign Me Up!

I would like to renew membership with the HCC Alumni Association. Please check the appropriate option and enclose your check made payable to the *HCC Alumni Association*.

1 year each (\$10.00) _____ Lifetime each (\$100.00) _____

Return this form to HCC Alumni Association, Highland Community College, 606 W. Main, Highland, KS 66035

Highland Community College 41th Annual Alumni Reunion and Banquet

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Class of 1960 Luncheon

12:00 noon in the Library

Entertainment

HCC Musical, "The Wiz"

3:00 p.m. in Culbertson Auditorium

Afternoon Campus Tours

Banquet

6:00 p.m. in the Walters Wellness Center

Program

Following in the Walters Wellness Center

Door Prizes and Reception Following



ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

The silent auction will continue throughout the day in the Walters Wellness Center

ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now for the April 24 Alumni Banquet! Complete this portion and mail it to us to be received by April 22, 2010 to reserve your ticket(s). You may include your payment now or reserve your ticket(s) and pay at the door, or call the Alumni Office to reserve your ticket(s). Either way, **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**. "Class of 1960" tickets are free - Guests will need paid tickets. Make checks payable to *HCC Alumni Association*.

Number of Reservations _____ Class of _____

_____ Reserve my ticket(s), payment enclosed @ \$12.00/ticket. Amount enclosed \$ _____

_____ Reserve my ticket(s), I will pay at the door @ \$12.00/ticket. Amount due \$ _____

_____ I will not reserve my reunion tickets at this time, I realize if I do not make reservations before noon on Thursday, April 22, the cost per ticket will be \$15.00

Name _____ Maiden _____

Social Security Number _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Company _____

Class of _____ Or year attended _____

My Guest's Name _____

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