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Tami Nansel Kleffman Will Emcee 2002 Program

Tami Nansel Kleffman, Class of 1979, will be Mistress of Ceremonies of the 2002 AHS alumni program.

After graduation Tami attended Clarkson College of Nursing in Omaha, graduating in 1982. She began her nursing career at Clarkson Hospital and continued her nursing education part-time. In 1985 she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. For the past 20 years, she has continued to work at Clarkson Hospital, which is now called Nebraska Health System-Clarkson. Currently she is a part-time staff nurse on the orthopedic/neurology/medical/surgical floor.

In 1989 Tami married Leo Kleffman. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Nicole Leuna, born in April 2001. Their family also includes a kitty named Fancy Face.

Tami now claims her greatest joy has been that of a proud Mother and Wife. She also enjoys yard work, flower gardening, walking and reading. She and Leo are avid Husker football fans. They



Tami Nansel Kleffman
2002 Mistress of Ceremonies

also are enjoying their newly acquired home in Omaha.

This will be the second year in a row that a member of the class of '79 has stepped up to serve as emcee. Last year's master of ceremonies happens to be this year's Association president, Tim Rosentrater.

Welcome From The President

Greetings and salutations from the kitchen table of the President. I'm sitting here in my rectangle office wondering where the last year has gone.

On September 11th of 2001 our country suffered a devastating loss that seemed to stop our world from turning for a few days. During that time I felt pain, heartache, loss and intense hatred, but as time moved on I started to feel secure and, as the rest of the nation did, a strong sense of patriotism. God went from a word our kids could only use in school if they were swearing, to the only word that kept our nation together through this crisis. When the phrase "God Bless America" was used, it was meant with reverence. We have come together as a nation "under God" and have picked up the pieces and moved ahead.

I'm so looking forward to seeing old friends and classmates this alumni. You never know, this could be our last alumni banquet and our last chance to see that special friend or classmate we haven't seen for years. So

pack up the kids, pets and Grandma and come back home for Alumni this year. Let's pack that old school house out. I'm going to go out on a limb here and guarantee at least one laugh the night of the banquet.

Have a safe trip home. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you!

God Bless America.
Tim Rosentrater '79

Class of '82 Will Host Annual Breakfast

The Class of 1982 will host a pancake feed Saturday morning, May 25, at the Legion Hall. Proceeds will go to the Rialto Theater restoration fund. Serving will be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The event is becoming a traditional Alumni event.

After they enjoy breakfast, and throughout the day on Saturday, everyone is invited to visit the theater. The room adjacent to the lobby will be finished and popcorn will be served.

The Rialto Theater Board will also be offering a tour of historical sites around Arnold. *One Hundred Years on the South Loup* author Norene Hall Mills will narrate the tour.

Class of 2002 New Members

The Class of 2002 will officially become new members of the Arnold High School Alumni Association during this year's program.

Listed are the incoming members. A (1) beside their name indicates their father is an alumnus; a (2) indicates that their mother is alumna; a (3) indicates third generation, and a (4) indicates a fourth generation graduate.

John Anderson - 2-5
Rachel Auble - 1
Justin Beans
Aaron Beshaler - 1-2
Roy Bierman
Jordan Carlson
Candi Coleman
Abby Hagler - 1-5
Bridget Kimball - 2-5-4
Stacie Larreau - 1-5
Elizabeth Magill - 2-3-4
Elizabeth Mills - 1-2-5
Sarah Mills - 1-2-5
Evan Mohr
Traci Pearman
Oliver Pelton
Edward Tullis - 1-5
Tyrel Witthuhn - 1-2-5

Live Band Will Play At Street Dance

By Tim Rosentrater,
Alumni President

Remember the good ole days when we would block off a street and have a dance? Well we're gonna have us a big ole street dance.

Quasi Mojo, a rock band comprised of three Arnold alumni and one person from England, have agreed to take time out from their busy schedule and give us some live entertainment. What a treat!

Ty Phillips (drummer) '92, Mike Purcell (bass) '82, Phil Koubek (lead) '88, and John Walmsley from England will perform. I've heard them play and they can bring it!

The dance will be held on the street between Jim's Bar and the mini park.

The band has been working hard to be able to play a variety of music that I'm sure will be enjoyed by all. We will "pass the hat" to help this band out with expenses.

So grab a lawn chair, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to rock this town.

(P.S. Pray for good weather).

Officer Candidates

Alumni attending the banquet will cast their ballot for 2003 officers. The following names will appear on the ballot:

President: Dallas Beshaler and Melanie Peters Chesley.
Vice-President (meal) Janet Olson Blowers.

2nd Vice-President (program): Matt Lucas and Jackie Atkins.



Present to represent the 70-year Class of 1951, and the first to be introduced during the 2001 program, were (l-r) Freda Bowers Hircock, Hazel Atkins Atkins, and James Chapin.

2002 Alumni Banquet & Program

Banquet Menu: Boneless Pork Loin Roast, Scalloped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. \$7.00 per person. Serving 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Program: "September Song" - 8:00 p.m.

Street Dance: "Quasi Mojo"

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Street between Jim's Bar & Mini Park

Last Year...

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The Class of '41 had 8 out of 15 living members present; '51 had 9 of the 17 living members in attendance; the Class of '61 took top honors for the best attendance with 18 out of 31; '71 had 19 out of 34 members there; the Class of '81 had 13 out of 27 attending; and the Class of '91 had 12 of 21 members present, and came in a very close second.

The Class of '51 had a disappointment when Glen Lee Martin of Susanville, Calif., who had arrived on Friday to take part in the reunion, was called back to Oregon due to the death of his brother.

Taking honors for coming the greatest distance was Kerry Potter, '61, of Wasilla, Alaska.

Former A.H.S. teachers present were: Dick Bassett, Don Hardin, Bonnie Rose, Jane Hornung (all alumni, also), Marion Fuller Nelson, and Diane Finch.

Cleo Spratt Deterding, 1927, added another great-grandchild, Candi Strasburg, to her roster of four generations.

Bob Hough, who is lucky

enough to be married to an alumna, sang, "If Their Hadn't Been You."

Elton Flodman sang an original composition, "Save a Place for Me," paying honor to our veterans. Very moving moments occurred, as the veterans stood up during the song.

The "Hardin Boys" concluded the program singing a song especially written by John for the Coming Home program, "Smiling Back at Me."

Deb Bean Brosius, '75, strolled onto the stage in her party clothes, and revealed some secrets of alumna.

Marlene Hircock Flodman, '61, sang "The Green, Green Grass of Home," accompanying herself on the keyboard, and her husband, Elton, played the harmonica.

Down through the audience, looking for her date, came the Homecoming Queen of _____.

(She couldn't

remember the year.) Her date, Jerry Jacobson, was located hiding in the Class of '81, and was coaxed onto the stage.

After telling of her problems, the Queen and Tim led the crowd in singing, "Arnold High," while the Queen (Lana Anderson '91) and Jerry danced.

Bob Hough, who is lucky

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Rosentrater, Arvada; Craig and Jo Lucas Rosentrater, Highland Ranch; Harold Halouska, Arvada; Rogene Yanken Lowe, Littleton; Renee Yanken Cunningham, Westminster; Cindy Crow Byar, Castle Rock; Dustin Connely, Denver; Harold and Barbara McMahon Westman, Denver; John and Shirley Hardin, Castle Rock; Bill and Carol Trobee, Eaton; Dan Nansel, Bennett; Brent and Kim Olofson, Colorado Springs; Adam Crow, Glendale; Brandon Crow, Security; Elvin and Shirley Anderson, Broomfield; Dee Croghan, Boulder; Jeff and Rose Croghan, Longmont; John Mills, Denver; Frank Hagan, Boulder.

CALIFORNIA: Claris and Luda Bailey Myers, Anderson; Ervan and Joann Sailor Groves, Ukiah; Robert McMahon, Anheim; Frieda Lewis Sutton, Hemet; Betty Halstead, Yorba Linda, Buena Park; Alta Atkins Babcock, Seal Beach; Mel and Charlene Brower, Los Osos; Travi and Clifton Ross, Seal Beach; Tom and Diana Gunther, Brea.

MISSISSIPPI: Marilyn Catlett for Wilma (Bailey) Dainton '32 Sharron, You may have already picked up on this, but we wanted to let you know that my mother, Wilma (Bailey) Dainton, Class of '32, passed away on February 23, 2002.

She always looked forward to the Alumni and was, of course, hoping to be there this year. But it was not to be.

Thank you for all your work with the alumni association.

Marilyn Catlett Broken Bow, NE

Dusty and Becky Mills, Salt Lake City.

ALABAMA: Hazel Marie Mills Smith, Montgomery.

MARYLAND: Floy Auble Summers, Temple Hills.

VIRGINIA: Marion Auble Mirehouse, Annandale.

Thanks for the letters, Alumni. This is an extra good issue!

Class of 1932

Class of 1942

Terri L. Cook for Robert L. Cook '42

Dear Class of 1942,

My father, Bob Cook, was an honest, hard working person. I feel blessed knowing that such an honorable and truth-loving person gave me life. His moral strength, integrity, and absolute credibility live on within myself. I find it impossible to tell a lie, to cheat someone, or to steal. What better characteristics can a person acquire from her father?

He loved animals. I remember when I was a little girl, if we drove by a pasture with cows, he would stop the car, roll down the window, and let out the longest, lowest moo any cow had ever heard.

The cows would stop chewing, slowly lift their heads, and lock eyes with my father. I was so embarrassed! But, unbeknownst to me at that time, those memories provide me with unbelievable comfort at this time. My

father was a kind and gentle person who would give the shirt off his back to those in need. I feel honored.

Bless you all, Class of 1942.

Sincerely,

Terri

Sarah (Shaw) Crouch '42

Anselmo, NE

I'll try to bring you up to date on my life over the past 60 years.

After graduation I taught school for three years. The first two years, I taught at Rye Valley. The third year, I taught at Hoosier Valley. That's where I met Ora Crouch and we were married just before Christmas in 1945. We have lived in the Anselmo area ever since.

We had six children during the course of the next 20 years. Our oldest daughter, Patricia, was born in '47, followed by Robert in '49, Barbara in '51, Carla in '56, James in '61 and Marvin in '65.

I started carrying mail in '51 and continued with that job for 42 years. After retiring from carrying mail, I started selling Avon (which I am still

doing). Last June my husband and friend of 55 1/2 years passed away, leaving a big void in my life. But I find that my 18 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 1 step-great-granddaughter try to fill that void as best as they can. I also enjoy gardening, crocheting, visiting my Avon customers, and being a grandmother and great-grandmother.

We would like to thank the many local alumni who put in so many hours to keep the Association going. Without all your work, the rest of us who are miles away wouldn't have the enjoyment of coming every year or when we can.

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By the way, ask Lloyd about our trip to Alaska. He'd love to tell you about his cousins there. We did find out the high school in Nome is named Beltz High School, after his relative from Nome, who was a senator.

Hope all my classmates come for our reunion. I'm looking forward to it.

See you in May.

Jean

Jean Nelson Beltz '42

Bloomington, MN

Dear Ginny,

You asked if I'd write a letter for the paper so I better get busy. Yes, I'm planning to attend the reunion. It's hard to realize it's been 60 years since I graduated from high school. My husband, Lloyd,

graduated from Arnold, too, and we haven't missed many

of the yearly celebrations. We appreciate having the reunion scheduled on the Memorial Day weekend so we can be home for that, too.

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Jean

Julie Hartman '42

Phoenix, AZ

Dear Duane,

My son Ernest Jr. and I moved to Phoenix, Ariz., from Longmont, Colo., April 1, 2001. It is better here for my health. I get around in a little scooter now as I can't walk very good. I am doing pretty good now and feel good living here. The doctors seem to care more for the elderly here.

The cost of living was getting so high in Colorado, and it was like one big city from Ft. Collins to Colorado Springs.

It has been 70 to 80 degrees in the daytime and 50 to 40 degrees at night. We went to Lake Pleasant, a big, beautiful place. It was 77 degrees.

I have two other sons and a daughter in Tucson and two in Phoenix. I also have family in Montana and Wyoming. My wife of 40 years passed away in 1986.

Ralph

Our two daughters gave us five grandsons, and we now have eight great-grandchildren. They all live within a few miles of us - another blessing!

We sold our big home several years ago and now live in a condo - no lawns to mow! We divide our "stay at home time" between the condo and a small place right on the ocean, about 100 miles west of here. Of course you don't mow sand, so we definitely are taking advantage of our "Golden Years."

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 25th of May.

Betty

Betty Twiss Korb '42

Bremerton, WA

Dear Classmates and Friends,

Ed, my husband of 47 years, and I are blessed with good health; therefore, we are able to enjoy our love of traveling. On September 11th we were in Venice, Italy. We are grateful to those who worked to get us home safely. "God Bless America."

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Betty

Jennette Bassett Andrew '55

North Platte, NE

Dear Sharron,

Our class of 1955 lost three

class members this past year.

How sad. I want to attend the

banquet this year, but that is a

very busy day, so it just has to

work into the schedule.

Thanks for all the work you

and others do for the Alumni.

It is a great event.

Take care.

Jennette

Alumni Association Financial Report

INCOME:	
Bar.....	172.50
Dance Income.....	257.00
Donation.....	183.00
Dues.....	1,500.00
Meal.....	3,035.00
Ne. Directory.....	36.00
Paper.....	75.00
Pictures Income.....	67.00
Postage Income.....	5.70
Program.....	74.00
Redeposit.....	730.00
TOTAL INCOME.....	6,135.20
EXPENSE:	
Advertising.....	14.00
Banquet:	
Food.....	1,049.76
Labor.....	164.44
TOTAL BANQUET.....	1,234.20
Bar Expense.....	215.40
Dance.....	365.00
Flowers.....	56.70
Labor.....	75.00
Pictures.....	28.61
Postage.....	387.29
Postcards.....	88.00
Printing.....	894.47
Program Expense.....	90.00
Rent.....	100.00
Secretary Fees.....	500.00
Starting Cash.....	730.00
Supplies.....	161.81
Tax:	
Other.....	128.51
TOTAL TAX.....	128.51
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	
	5,068.99
OVERALL TOTAL	

Bill and Helen
Leonard Crosland '42

Omaha, NE

Dear Virginia,
It was nice to hear from you.
No we haven't forgotten that
this year is the 60th year of
your class reunion. We are
going to think about that class
when the time comes.

I know that Helen and I will
not be able to attend, but we
send the Class of 1942 our
best wishes. You guys bring a
lot of good memories back,
and we hope you have a
wonderful reunion.

We are both getting along
pretty good, but we do seem
to have our old age problems.
But we will surely read about
the event in the alumni paper.

Best wishes,
Helen and Bill

great-granddaughters.
Virginia

Class of 1952

Frances Geiser Scott '52
Arnold, NE

Here is a short summary of
things, since I am a 50 year
graduate this year.

After graduation I worked
the first year in Arnold at the
Arnold Cafe, then I thought I
could do better, so I went to
Kearney State College for the
summer months and taught
country schools for four
years: two years at Sunny Hill
south of Callaway, one year at
Eureka Valley near Anselmo
and one year at Echo south of
North Platte. It was during
the last year of teaching that I
met Eldon "Bud" Jensen and
we were married December
23, 1956. We lived in Arnold
the next four years. During
these years I worked at the
cafes and started my family
with the birth of Bob and
Becky. In 1959 we moved to
North Platte. While there I
worked at Tuckers Restaurant
as a waitress. Must say I loved
that job. Our family increased

We had two children, Melva
and Loren. Melva lives in
Arnold and has three
children. Loren lives in
California and has two
children. We now have three
great-grandchildren, which we
really enjoy.

We have taken many trips to
different places in the United
States and outside the States
with our steel building and
grain bin companies, which we
have enjoyed.

I am looking forward in
celebrating Alumni this year
to see all again, also my four
children.

Margaret

Virginia Brown Geiser '42
Arnold, NE

I will be attending our 60th
and hope to see many
classmates.

I haven't left the Arnold area
since graduating. I married
Elmer (Bub) Geiser October 3,
1945. We made our home
here and raised five children,
three boys and two girls. The
boys live in Nebraska and the
girls in Iowa and Kansas. We
have 18 grandchildren and 2



Class of 1961: (back, l-r) Kerry Potter, Darrell Dillon, Leonard Harding, Jeannine Steele Vandel, Joyce Halstead Howe, Bill Trobee, Roger Gray, Denny Watkins, Terry Sailor; (front) Marion Kasper Diers, Marlene Hircock Flodman, Joann Sailor Groves, Sandra McDowell Stockall, Dennis Beatty, Janet Purcell Adams, Rosalie Christen Barker, Cheri Overton Armagast, Jerry Potter.



Class of 1971: (back, l-r) Mike Sheets, Jeff Croghan, Mitch Geiser, Richard Zierlein, Dwaine Lehmkuhler, Travi Parks Ross, Kathi Halstead Nobbman, Mary McKain Dymond, Barbara Berg Allen; (front) Bill Holt, Rick Beshader, Karen Cole Hough, Janie Harberts Vogel, Patty Struempler Wathen, Caro Keyser Lehmkuhler, Pauline Swanson Norman, Betty Jo Lucas Rosentrater, Karla Ahrens Huscher, Marla Forrester Fattig.

sisters will be here: Jackie,
Geraldine, Brenda and Rickie
Frances

Margaret Lilly Jensen '52
Cozad, NE

Wow! Are you telling me it
has been 50 years since we
graduated from AHS? I guess
if you stop and think about it,
many things have happened in
those 50 years.

Thinking we needed a better
job, we moved to Cozad in
1954 and still live in our good
town of Arnold. I worked in
the Jack & Jill store, also in my
father's Arnold Cafe for many
years, and now I have worked
at the school for maybe 15
years.

We were in Kearney in
November for our
granddaughter, Jamie Skala's,
wedding and saw Stanley
Engleman. He's hardly aged
and is still giggling much like
me! We have become "Kissin'
Cousins" since high school as
my father married his aunt.

Would like to challenge

family numbers. We have,

from our four children,

sixteen grandchildren and six

great-grands. Can a classmate

top that? We'll find out May

25th.

Until then - do take care,

Dear Friend.

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Jo Spargo Keyser '52
Weslaco, TX

Dear Darlene:

Hi! Good to hear from you.
Thanks so for writing.

Yes, we plan to attend our
50th class reunion and so
looking forward to seeing and
visiting with everyone.

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November for our
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Engleman. He's hardly aged
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me! We have become "Kissin'
Cousins" since high school as
my father married his aunt.

Recently I quit piloting after

35 years. Shirley and I

traveled extensively and plan

to continue in spite of worldly

threats. Nebraska is on the list

several times a year.

We plan to be at the banquet

this year to see all the OLD

classmates and feel sorry for

the ones who have really

aged.

Our health remains good.

More than six years ago

treatment for a melanoma

required high maintenance!

The Arnold Alumni does a

fine job. We're planning to

attend this year and 2012,

too!!!

Elvin Anderson '52
Broomfield, CO

Dear Arnold Alumni,

Every year I look forward to
reading the Alumni News.

Fifty years ago we watched

those "older" alumni

recognized, never dreaming it

would become a reality for us.

In May, we have lived at the

same address 31 years, been

married 42 years, raised and

educated three children

(Tracy is 40 and lives in

Florida, Todd is 38 and lives

in Oregon and Wendy, 31,

lives a mile from us in

Broomfield). All have families,

totaling four grandchildren

ages 6-11.

For the past several years I

worked full and part time for

EPA in downtown Denver.

After high school I was a

Vineman for Union Pacific

Mary Alice

Dee Scott '52
Rapid City, SD

Darlene:

Fifty years - you got to be
kidding. I remember only old

people returning to Arnold
for their 50th alumni

celebration. As I sit here at the

computer typing with two

fingers, I wonder if this would

be easier had I spent more

time learning to type instead

of removing jock straps

someone had stuffed in the

typewriter keys. I was always

trying to get an education

while other people were

goofing around.

After bidding goodbye to

good old Arnold High, I had

three choices: work - college -

draft. I chose to enlist in the

Navy and spent four years out

on the left coast. Came back to

Nebraska in 1956 and went to

a trade school in Omaha.

Married Marilyn Best ('55) in

1957. Lived in Omaha and

finished school in 1960.

Moved to Rapid City, So. Dak.

to work on the Titan missiles

and then moved to Denver.

Well, 41 years later we still

live in Rapid City and have no

desire to live anywhere else.

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Husker and one Colorado fan)

and six grandchildren. Brad

lives in Rapid City, Kent lives

in Hurricane, Utah, and Jana

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and enjoy my freedom. We have been in Arizona since January and plan to be back in Broken Bow by April 2nd. We will see you in May.
Jim

Viola Quig for
Charles Quig '52
Gothenburg, NE
Dear Darlene,

I am writing to you in answer to your letter you wrote Charlie about the radio. Charlie never knew you wrote. He went to the hospital the day your letter came and passed away later the same day.

I know Charlie wants you to have the old radio. He told many times that it should go back to Arnold. I know where it is, but can't get to it right now. This summer my daughter and I are planning on getting rid of Charlie's things in the garage, so when I am able to get to it, I'll make sure you get the radio.

Charlie was looking forward to coming to the alumni in May. Sick as he was, he wanted to be there this year.

Charlie suffered a long time with his emphysema. The last two years have been worse for him.

I miss him very much. We have been together 43 years, but I know he is in a better place now.



Mary Anderson Andre '60 visits with an unidentified guest.



The class of 2001 became new AHS Alumni members. Pictured, back row, l-r: Merle Bierman, Devin Geiser, Ryan Tullis, Bob Crow; (front, l-r) Lyndsee Ross, Candi Jo Strasburg, Nathan Rosentrater.

Sincerely,
Viola Quig

"This radio belonged to long time Arnold doctor, Dr. Burham, and will be placed in the Finch Memorial Library.

Otis "Wes" Larreau '52
Arnold, NE

Dear Darlene,
You asked for letters from the 50 year graduates so here goes. The summer of 1952 I rented a wheat farm in South Dakota and farmed it for two years. It was really interesting to become acquainted with a chief of one of the Indian tribes of that area.

In 1955 I married a girl from our rival town of Callaway, Dorothy Sheets. I worked on my Dad's farm until we rented the Forrest Brown farm south and east of Arnold in 1957. We farmed there and started a small dairy herd and also black Angus cows, living there until 1965 when we bought the Guy Potter property in Arnold. We moved there with our four children and 25 Holsteins and I'm sure the neighbors weren't real thrilled, but they were kind! This was to be a temporary move until we could buy a larger farm, but we still live in the same place.

I was very interested in genetics of the Holstein cattle, so began studying pedigrees and purchasing registered dairy cattle and upgrading

our herd. It grew from the 25 head we moved to town, to over 125 milking cows when we dispersed the herd in 1986. As the dairy herd grew, so did our children and soon they were old enough to show dairy cattle in 4-H. They were all successful with their calves, heifers and milking cows and each got to win showmanship and have a grand champion animal at least once at the county fair, state fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben.

While they were in 4-H, I was the dairy leader and we had some large dairy shows at that time. I enjoyed teaching all the members how to choose, show, groom and judge the dairy animals. After our children were grown, I continued to take part in the 4-H dairy show at the county fair by announcing for the show part, that is telling the audience what the judge is looking for in each animal and what he expects in showmanship. It was a rewarding time in my life. I was also a director on the board of Mid-America Dairymen for several years and met lots of dairymen from our organization which included all surrounding states.

In 1973 I bought the home

place from my mother and in 1975 we put up a pivot irrigation system which really beat carrying pipe. We also raised alfalfa and did irrigate that the hard way until we invested in a traveling gun sprinkler system. There is really no easy way to irrigate!

Our oldest son, Dennis, graduated in 1974, moved to Lincoln and went to ag college and worked for a seed company until he married Cathy Pfeister in 1976. They moved to our farm and worked with us until 1991 when they moved to town and he began his own carpenter business. They had six children.

Our daughter, Melody, graduated in 1976 and went to Ottawa University in Kansas until she was married to Irving Jennings in 1977. He

is now pastor of the Baptist Church here in Arnold, moving here from Kansas where he pastored for almost 20 years. They have four children.

Our son Gary graduated in 1978 and married his high school sweetheart, Janet Cole. They lived in Colorado for a while, but returned to Arnold, where he owns Larreau Construction and builds new homes, remodels and whatever anyone might want. Janet has worked for The Arnold Sentinel for quite a few years and is now editor, so you see her at many functions with her camera. They lost twin sons in 1981 and now have Dayna who was born in 1993. She is the light of their lives!

Mark, our youngest, graduated in 1980 and married Stephanie Robinson and they have Ashley who is now in college at UNK. Mark liked the dairy, but decided to try something different so is now living in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he works for Haverton Construction, building new schools, sports complexes, etc. He has a degree in business so plans to put it to use in the future.

We built a new dairy barn at the farm and moved into it in February 1981, where I continued to upgrade our dairy herd. In 1986 we decided to disperse the dairy herd, let the boys try something else, and we started raising registered Hampshire hogs. Again I started studying genetics and constantly upgraded our stock. We sold breeding stock for several years until my health forced us to change directions again.

Our son Dennis died in a freak accident January 14, 1993, and left a big hole in our family. His children were age 3 to 15 and Cathy was having heart problems, so it was a difficult time for all of us. The only thing that made it bearable was knowing he was with the Lord. He had accepted Jesus as his savior as a young boy and his faith was strong. For the first time in my life I met something I couldn't take charge of and make it work the way I wanted it to.

It will be great to see all of our old classmates. I have talked to several of my classmates this week. Most of them are coming to Alumni. We have lost another classmate, Barb Prendergast. She will be missed.

See you all at Alumni.

Lynn

Class of 1972

Ron Cunningham '72
Westminster, CO

Dear Sharron,
Renee and I plan on attending alumni this year. I know everyone is wondering where the last 30 years have

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We have three daughters. Mary (21) works part-time at Daylight Donuts in Cozad. Betty (20) is a freshman at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., and is planning to go into missions or ministry. Janessa (14) is an 8th grader at Cozad Middle School and is looking forward to high school.

We plan to be at Alumnithis year.
Vicky

Rogene Yankin Lowe '72
Littleton, CO

Dear Sharron,
I am planning to attend my class's 30th class reunion this May (I do not tell my coworkers and friends that this is the big 30!).

Just a note to let everyone know where I am at. I married Duane Rookstool in 1977. With the exception of six years in the northwest Kansas area, we have spent our married lives in the Arnold, Gothenburg and Cozad areas. We are presently living north of Cozad, where we have a small acreage and have several horses, which is what Duane enjoys doing in his spare time.

He is in maintenance at Nebraska Plastics in Cozad. I work full-time at the Food Pride grocery store in town.

It was difficult to leave two grown, married children and their families, but Fort Collins is not so far away that we can't travel back for hugs and kisses from the grandsons!

Yes, we are grandparents, thanks to our oldest son Jess, married to wife Robyn. They have a 3 1/2 year-old son, and a 10-month old son. Jess remains at the Ford dealership in North Platte, along with his wife.

Our oldest daughter, Heidi, and husband, Troy, have a 15-month old son as well. Heidi is an LPN and works for the pediatricians in North Platte. Her husband is a local police officer.

I had taught Lamaze classes in North Platte since 1984 to the time we moved to Colorado and had the privilege of teaching both our children and their spouses in the fine art of childbearing! That being said, I retired from teaching classes!

Our middle daughter, Summer, is living in Omaha and going to teachers college at UNO. She is also an Army Reservist, knowing there is a very distinct possibility that she may have to put her education on hold and serve some active duty in the War on Terrorism.

Our son James completed a two year degree in medical lab technician and will continue his education here in Colorado.

The youngest son, Jacob, is a junior here in Fort Collins and doing well, and still making some decisions about his future following graduation next year. It was hard for him to leave his high school back in Nebraska and make a transition, but I

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reminded him that I did the very same thing my senior year, and I survived!

Well, to make a short story long, that is it. Hope to see you all in May!

Sue

Letters...

Gary Connely '58
Gilbert, AZ

Dear Sharron,

I received your 3 x 5 index card (like we used in typing 101) during Mrs. Tryon's class and wondered if you had forgotten that Mr. Welch had asked us not to take school supplies home.

Now this may seem a bit trivial to you, as it has been a few years since we were in school, and hoarding these small but significant things can cause you to ask the questions, do you know there are little children starving to death in China, are you aware that money doesn't grow on trees, perhaps you think St. Peter will overlook this tiny trespass of theft when you knock on the doors of Heaven, perhaps you didn't know that Humpty Dumpty was pushed, and are still asking what is the relevancy of "Polly Wolly Doodle All The day."

Before closing, I want to thank you for filling all my Saturday night balloons with water in Gambles, for the field corn you brought to the reunion going!

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Are they still passing notes? Classmates, Kathi Halstead Nobbyman and Betty Jo Lucas Rosentrater '71.



Shirley (Nansel) '53 and Gary Bassett '51 have moved back to their hometown since last year's banquet.



Mahlon Dennison and Norvin Pearce '48 visit in the hall.



Honored classmates Melvin Brower '51 and Larry Hull '51.

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shoo rubber bands with me, putting the dead rattle snake in the front seat of Mr. Hughes's car, for sweating like a farmer and using your Dad's pickup to get the outhouses into the town square, for bringing the kerosene to light a few tires up, for causing Arnold cheerleaders for want to date Callaway boys, causing Bill Watkins to smoke cigars in assembly hall...etc., etc., there are so many things you caused to happen that your shoulders must be broad to carry the weight.

Therefore, I forgive you for all these things and will say a small prayer that no one else will ever figure out where these tiny 3 x 5 cards came from and the proud, dedicated, upstanding woman of Arnold will someday speak to her higher power and confess, "I did it to save money!"

God Bless you and our Beautiful Country for all that we have simply because we cared about each other and were given small town values and the conviction to carry out our dreams.

"Sincerely,"

Gary

Bonnie Shaw Reed '44
Junction City, OR
Hi Sharron,
I don't have plans to attend the banquet at this time, but



Ellen Rader Corbin Chrissp '56 and Melva Scott Phillips '73 registered guests.



The Hornungs ham it up: Adam '97, Richard '65 and Jane (McDowell) '63.

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for anyone to do it.

Since 1993 I have taught two different semesters for teachers out for extended periods of time. In the mid-90s I taught a few semesters for Penn State. Around 1998 I decided that I had had enough of this part-time teaching for Penn State (actually, it was more like full-time teaching for part-time pay), and stopped doing that.

I try to make it to southern Missouri at least once a year, as my now 90-year-old mother, plus two brothers and assorted other relatives on my mother's side, live there. When I will go there this year is still undecided, but I would like to arrange it so I can swing north to Nebraska before coming back to Pennsylvania.

As you no doubt know, I married a woman from central Pennsylvania while earning my undergraduate degree at Penn State, and we returned here after I retired from active military service.

Pa. Furnace (the usual abbreviation) is possibly a bit larger than Gandy is now, i.e.

there is nothing there except a post office and some seven or eight houses. This post office serves a fairly large (geographically) rural area,

and since it is close to State college (the name of the town here Penn State's main

campus is located), that's "rural

as can be." I live in a

small town, but still don't know if I can be such "rural housing area"

name it this year. My summer job probably has nearly the

schedule is fast filling up, and application of Stapleton, but

already I have some conflicts, e

are officially a "rural" area

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Arnold Public School Foundation Raises Scholarships to \$750

The Arnold Public School Foundation held its first meeting of 2002 on February 1 and elected officers. Board members are Raoul Johnson, John Phillips, Edwin Johnson, Eldon Christensen, Melanie Chesley and Kim Beshaler. The Arnold School Board, which annually appoints a member to the Foundation, has appointed Duane Romans as its representative.

Raoul Johnson was elected president, Kim Beshaler was elected vice president, and Melanie Chesley will serve as secretary-treasurer for the year. Because of an increase in donations, the board voted to increase the amount of its two scholarships by \$250 per scholarship. Two 2002 Arnold graduates will receive \$750 scholarships, one an academic scholarship and the other a vocational scholarship.

The Arnold Public School Foundation was established in 1995 with the purpose of providing funds for education, including scholarships. Two scholarships were awarded to 1996 graduates and to two graduates every year thereafter. A total of 12 Arnold graduates has received scholarships over the past six years. Additionally, the Foundation has provided funds for books for the Arnold Public School library. Persons interested in making a donation should contact Arnold Public Schools or any of the Foundation board members. All donations, in any amount, are appreciated and used by the Foundation to further invest in the future of Arnold Public School students.

Since last year's Alumni weekend the Foundation has taken in approximately \$4,000. The following is a list of donors and gifts since May 30, 2001:

Class of 1941.....	\$690
(in memory of deceased classmates)	
Class of 1951.....	50.00
Class of 1961.....	245.00



Cole Leach received the Foundation's 2001 vocational scholarship. Cole is enrolled at Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, So. Dak. He is majoring in architectural drafting and building construction.



Ashley Beshaler received the Foundation's 2001 academic scholarship. Ashley will be a sophomore majoring in forensic science at Nebraska Wesleyan University. She is also a member of the NWU volleyball team.

Class of 1971.....\$70.00
(in memory of Dale Weinman and Connie Knoll)

Class of 1965.....\$50.00
(in memory of Vicki Boston)

Carolyn Cole Geiser & family.....\$50.00
(in memory of Keo Cole Ray)

Family and friends.....\$100.00
(in memory of Ethel Spratt)

Ellen Dennis.....\$40.00
(in memory of Gayle Hower)

Muriel Maxson.....\$50.00
(in memory of Bob Sailor)

Family and friends.....\$50.00
(in memory of Byron Blevins)

Individuals and groups who give an amount of \$500 to \$999 are designated as

Donors. A Friend designation is \$1000 to \$2999; a Patron designation is \$3000 to \$4999;

A Benefactor is designated for a gift of \$5000 and up. All

these designations are

acknowledged and recognized

on the Foundation Plaque of

Honor. Additionally, all gifts

to the Foundation are

acknowledged in the

Foundation's memory book

and annually announced at

the Arnold Alumni Banquet.

Several foundation members

will be available to attend

honored class parties. Alumni

weekend to tell more about

the Foundation and how it

works. Honored classes,



Glen Rosentrater '49 and Darrell Dillon '61.

nursed him at home when he became paralyzed after only being ill for three weeks. So the last couple of years have been quite hectic.

Our five children are quite scattered over western Canada and one in Korea. I have a financial manager, a computer expert, an actress, a teacher and a lawyer, so quite a variety! My oldest has the three grandchildren which are my pride and joy!

I'm still suffering from major fatigue due to the chemo, but am getting stronger. Still active in community and church affairs and enjoy reading, needle work, traveling, and my cats. Hope to master the computer one day!

We are looking forward to attending the reunion this May. Hope to see everyone there.

Bob

Leonard E. Bolen '62

Colusa, CA

Fellow Arnold Alumni,

Nineteen-sixty-two seems like just a few years ago. My life changed forever after graduation that year. I boarded a train for California, found employment with a large utility and retired in 2000 after 28 years at Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

In 1966 I married Wanda Waldrop, a young lady who's mother grew up in the Grand Island, Nebr., area during the depression, and like many others moved west to California.

Our 33-year-old daughter, a school teacher, and son-in-law blessed us with our first grandchild last October. Our oldest son lives in Beaverton, Oreg., and is involved in the computer technology field. He spent three years teaching in the San Diego, Calif., area after graduation, then three years in the Federal Way, Wash., area. Our youngest son attends the University of Southern California and will be completing his Ph.D in educational administration soon.

In 1996 the good Lord extended my life after a successful aorta heart valve replacement. Each day I am thankful to have the opportunity to enjoy life, knowing that there are others who have not been so blessed.

Wanda and I enjoy our granddaughter, fishing, stain glass, woodworking and traveling, as time allows.

Due to conflicting engagements, I will not be attending this year's 40 year anniversary for the Class of 1962, so I wish all alumni good health and prosperity.

My thanks to those alumni members who continue to be involved, communicating, overseeing the banquets, and do so much for the benefit of all of those who attended Arnold High School.

Leonard
leb05932@yahoo.com

gathering. During my time at the Sentinel, I discovered that I loved to write and for the rest of my life I wrote as a reporter, a recorder of historical events and families, plus as an author of four books, three of which were published.

In 1929 I married Guy R. Dunn. I first met Guy when he was going to school in Arnold and became a friend of my brothers. He moved to Ravenna and graduated from high school. In 1927 he moved back to Arnold as a bookkeeper for Dierks Lumber Company and we began dating. Guy's mother was Rowena Dunn who had a florist business in Arnold until she was killed in the tragic car accident that also took the lives of four other members of her church. Guy and I were married in 1929 just before the start of the "Great Depression". Our first child, a son, was born in Arnold a year later in 1930.

We moved from Arnold when Guy was transferred by the lumber company to Ravenna. As the depression worsened, Guy was laid off from his job and we moved to North Platte to be closer to our children and grandchildren. I was asked to serve as chairperson of the fund raising committee for the new Lincoln County Historical Museum, now called Lincoln County Western Heritage Center. After we completed a successful fund raising effort, I then served as chairperson of the arrangements and recognition committee. My son Dick was the architect and overall chair of the building committee. Guy died March 13, 1976, while the museum project was under construction and shortly before the dedication on July 4, 1976.

I moved with my daughter Carol and her son Mark to Fort Collins, Colo., in 1984 where she went to work for Colorado State University. My son Dick had joined the teaching faculty at Colorado State in 1983. My other daughter, Sondra, lives in Denver where her husband is a computer programmer with the State of Colorado Revenue Department. Both of my brothers and I went on to newspaper careers in our adult lives.

In 1920 my father had the opportunity to purchase The Arnold Sentinel newspaper and our family moved to Arnold. At the time, I was a sophomore in high school, my brother Mentor was in eighth grade, and my brother Byron was in the sixth grade. Both my father and my mother wanted to return to Arnold and they found the Rialto Theater was for sale. They purchased and operated it until 1955 when television was making it very difficult to make a living in the theater business. Fortunately, they were both ready to retire and they lived with Guy and me until they died.

During World War II, Guy worked for Beech Aircraft as a design engineer in Wichita, Kan. During the war he was involved with designing war planes and after the war he worked on the design of the Rialto Theater.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Arnold High School until I graduated in the Spring of 1922. I was in charge of publishing the 1922

AHS annual (several years ago I donated a copy of our annual to the alumni association). I also sang in the chorus. I felt that I received an excellent education while in Arnold and had a successful career in newspaper and publication even though I never attended college.

After graduation my father offered me a full-time job at the newspaper and it was a proud moment in my life the first time I sat down at my own desk with my own typewriter. My dad had been wanting to expand the local news and that was to be my special area of news

Constance has moved to assisted living at Good Samaritan in Ft. Collins. Connie has five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Two of her three sons live in Colorado and the third in Indiana.

Class of 1922

Ruth O. Brown Dunn '22 Pl. Collins, CO

Dear Sharron,

Thank you for your letter

inviting me to attend the 2002

Alumni Arnold High School

Banquet on Saturday, May 25.

Also, I appreciate your

invitation to submit a letter

for the 2002 edition of "The

Alumni News."

I would enjoy

very much attending the

banquet, but it is a little too

soon to make that

commitment. My health is

surprisingly good for my age

(97), but making the trip to

Arnold will depend upon

several factors. Hopefully, I

can give you a more definite

answer about the first week of

May. Perhaps a little history

and some background would

be of interest to your "Alumni

News" readers.

I was born in Kearney, Nebr.,

in 1904, where my

grandfather started and

owned the Kearney Hub

newspaper. My father

worked for his father in the

newspaper. One of my early

memories was that my two

brothers and I would stop in

the newspaper office on our

way home from school. That

was probably the beginning of

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and our family moved to

Arnold. At the time, I was a

sophomore in high school, my

brother Mentor was in eighth

grade, and my brother Byron

was in the sixth grade. Both

my father and my mother

worked at the newspaper on a

full-time basis. My brothers

and I worked part-time at

different odd jobs required to

get the newspaper to the

customers each week.

I thoroughly enjoyed my

time at Arnold High School

until I graduated in the

Spring of 1922. I was in

charge of publishing the 1922

AHS annual (several years ago

I donated a copy of our

annual to the alumni

association). I also sang in the

chorus. I felt that I received

an excellent education while

in Arnold and had a

successful career in

newspaper and publication

even though I never attended

college.

After graduation my father

offered me a full-time job at

the newspaper and it was a

proud moment in my life the

first time I sat down at my

own desk with my own

typewriter. My dad had been

wanting to expand the local

New Alumni Directory Printed

By Darlene Rimpley

What's in a name? If you are a graduate of Arnold High, related to a graduate of Arnold High, or even know anyone who is a graduate of Arnold High, a name can be very important - especially in this year of 2002. Let me tell you why.

Every five years the Arnold Alumni Association publishes an Alumni Directory in which they try to establish current addresses, current names (in the case of women who change their name by marriage, or even men who are now known by a given name different than the one they were known by when attending Arnold High), and of course to acknowledge those who are now deceased. And so, for nearly a year a large number of people have contacted class members, or family members, or friends, or maybe even enemies (grin) of Arnold High graduates to update the new Alumni Directory.

In most instances a class member agreed to work on their classmates' addresses, but occasionally no one agreed to do this, so the chairperson, with many postcards and phone calls

tried to find addresses.

How many names are we talking about? A fairly close estimation shows we have 2,180 Alumni members in the span covering 1913 to 2002 (this includes the Class of 2002).

What name do you think was the most common of Arnold High grads? Anderson was the leader with 49, with three Johns and a Mrs. John, two Bobs and a Robert and a Mrs. Robert. Seventeen of those Andersons come from the same family, or by marrying into that family. Smith was the second most popular name with 48, 19 of those being the Mynor Smith family, and there are four generations of graduates in the latter group. Number three is Geiser, and all of those are related. Mills takes number four place (all related) with 34. Following in line are Peterson, 33; Koubek, 29; (and of course, they are all family); Brown, 25; Crow, 24 (again, all related); and three with 23: Leach, Scott and Sheets. Steeles had 22 graduates.

The "early years" were fairly easy to do, as there were already a number of deceased, so there is no calling to do on those. But we

had to try to trace those who have moved to rest homes and have no family or contacts left in the area. Of course mistakes can be made. In the 1997 Alumni Directory we had one man listed as deceased, and learned just last summer, when his sister visited in Arnold, that he is still living.

The Directory also lists the 201 people who have served as Alumni officers since 1955, when the Alumni Association was again established. Many of the names in this group are listed more than once, as some people have wanted to see the Alumni continue by serving in offices several times. Sharron Welty Bean takes top honors in that category, having served 13 years total - 12 of those as secretary-treasurer. That office is now a three-year term, so whoever goes into it knows that their name will appear on "the list" at least three times.

It also shows that we have 900 teachers listed for those 90 years of the school's existence. The first two years, 1912-1914, lists only one teacher: a Mr. E.C. Pickett, superintendent. There was a Miss Jewell added in 1914-1915, and then only Mr. Pickett again.

The index was the most difficult to bring up to date.

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you arguing with someone about a person's age? Well, if they are an Alumni member you can come pretty close to figuring out their age just by seeing what year they graduated. No secrets for us women there. It is also a well-known saying among older Alumni that we are on "the front side of the staples" in the Directory, or getting close to it.

There are so many people to thank for all of their help that we are not going to name individuals. We do appreciate all of your hard work, phone calls, letter writing, and getting it turned in. Julie Mohr, the art instructor at the Arnold School, designed the cover.

The new, updated version of the Arnold Alumni Directory is back from The Arnold Sentinel, which is in charge of the printing. Anyone is welcome to purchase a directory, whether you are Alumni or not.

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