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## Greetings From the 2003 AHS Alumni President

It is my pleasure and honor to greet Arnold alumni for our 2003 banquet and reunion. You will not be disappointed with this year's celebration! Ranald ('75) and Carol Ferguson and their help will prepare a delicious meal, and Matt Lucas ('00), a junior at Chadron State College, is the officer in charge of entertainment. I saw Matt perform in two productions at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte when he was a student there, and his talent for drama is impressive! Last but not least, our Master of Ceremonies Joe Watkins will enjoy telling us about his years as an experienced educator in the Grand Island School system. Let the fun begin!

I moved back to the good life with my husband, Lane, and our two children almost nine years ago. I thought I was moving back to a slower pace and a more peaceful environment. While it is true that the Arnold area is peaceful in its natural beauty with fields and wide open spaces, the pace here is not slow! Certainly there are fewer cars and less highway congestion. When I have to wait on the highway, I am not slowed by traffic jams but herds of cattle being moved from one location to another. Living here in Arnold is the

good life, and I know many alumni appreciate the community for its friendly people, its wonderful scenery, and mostly, because it feels like home.

Arnold is a small town with a great big heart! Arnold residents are hard working and creative. Just think of the things that Arnold is known for...its chili cook-off, the Blues Festival in July, the recently acquired Sandhills Open Road Challenge event with its car show and road race, its Rialto Theater in the process of renovation, its annual festival, and much, much more. Last year saw Arnold residents begin a concerted effort to plan and build a community center, a building that all residents will be able to use and enjoy. The cafe on the corner (formerly known as the playground and the Model Cafe) is open again for business with a New Zealander as one of its owners!

Yes, Arnold is growing, perhaps not in great numbers, but in its desire to adjust to an ever-changing world. It is a great place to live, to raise children, to attend school functions, to practice faith in a variety of churches, to feel the comfort of friends and family in times of need...in short, Arnold is a great town

in which to be an American and do all the things that we so often take for granted. The recent war has given us all a greater perspective of the benefits of democracy and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

As Alumni I hope that each of you will take time this Memorial Weekend, not only to remember loved ones and those who died for our country, but also to rediscover our great little town. And in the process, don't forget to tell those people who make the weekend possible that you appreciate their efforts. The Alumni weekend is another of Arnold's assets. I wish for each of you a wonderful reunion with family and friends, and I hope to greet many of you personally during our Alumni celebration.

Melanie Peters Chesley  
Class of 1977

### A Reminder...

Your 2003 Alumni dues of \$5.00 must be paid for you to attend the May 24 banquet and program and these dues also entitle you to receive next year's (2004) Alumni paper.

Each alumni member may bring one guest and no high school students or children will be allowed.

## Joe Watkins, '61, Alumni MC

Joe Watkins, Class of '61, will be the emcee for the 2003 Alumni Banquet and Program.

Joe, whose parents were the late Lowell and Arvilla Mills Watkins, classes of 1950 and 1928, respectively, now lives in Grand Island, where he teaches and is the social studies department chair for the Grand Island Public Schools.

Following graduation Joe attended UNL, where he received a bachelor of science in 1965 a master of arts in economic education from Purdue University in 1971, a doctorate of education from UNL in 1981, and an administrative endorsement from UNK in 1984.

He has taught in the Grand Island schools for 35 years and has been the department chair for 19 years. He has also been the adjunct instructor of accounting for 10 years and an instructor in the Nebraska Scholars Institute for six years.

Joe and his wife, Bonnie, have been married for 36-plus years, and they have two children: Marisa, who just finished her MBA at the University of Michigan and will be located in North Chicago where she will work;



and son Trent, who will be married on May 31 and works in Michigan at a bank. Bonnie is a physical education instructor with the Grand Island Public Schools.

Joe has been honored by receiving the 3rd Outstanding Teacher Award in 1995, and the Cooper Foundation Award for Excellence in Education in 1984. He is active in his church and in local, state, and national education associations.

He likes to read, travel, and support various fine arts and athletic events.

## In Memorium

As steadfast as warm summer days  
A friend will ever be,  
Binding close a friendship  
That will live eternally.

DECEASED SINCE APRIL 1, 2002  
(or word of the death received since that time)

1924 - Flora Parsons Beatty	1942 - Helen Leonard
1927 - Ellis Wilmeth	Crosland
1930 - Mabel Bassett Hahn	1944 - Lillian Christensen
1931 - Hazel Atkins	Halouska
1931 - Catherine Sprague	1948 - Bob Koubek
Verbeck	1951 - Larry Geiser
1933 - Rowena Butler	1951 - Fred Williams
Smrstik	1957 - Kenneth Hartman
1935 - Elva Gill Linderman	1962 - Lynn Keyser Powers
1933 - Robert Mudd	1967 - Dennis Rosentrater
1935 - Theda Harris Cook	1968 - Dan Withuhn
1936 - Olivia Fitzgerald	SR - Peggy Geiser Ellison
Huckaby	
1939 - Letha Morrow	
Prendergast	

## New Members

Following is a list of the Class of 2003, who will become the newest members of the AHS Alumni Association at this year's program. A (1) beside their name indicates father is an alumnus; (2) mother is alumna; (3) third generation; and (4) fourth generation graduate.

Nathan Aguallo	
Evan Beshala - 1	
Josh Cool - 3	
Jerry Cox	
Miranda Crow - 1-2-3	
BoDell Gracey - 1-2	
Josh Grant - 2	
Becky Johnson	
Chelsea Knight	
Chelsey Lehmkuhler - 1-3	
Kendra McDowell - 1-3	
Lena Olson	
Ashley Pell - 2	
Samantha Peterson	
Cassie Prentice	
Konrad Schroeder	
Samantha Sherman	
Megan Strasburg - 1-3	
Thomas Varney	

Meri Jo Walker - 1-2

Delite Weinman - 1-3

## Out of State Alumni

The following out-of-state AHS alumni and their guests registered at the 2002 banquet:

### KANSAS

Joycelyn Weber, Olathe; Darry and Dolores Weber, Edwardsville; Shawn and Sandra Phillips, Oakley; Deb Witt, Norton; Dan Purcell, Topeka.

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Dee and Marilyn Scott, Rapid City.

### OKLAHOMA

Larry and Virgie Hull, Yukon; Richard and Pat Fales Emerson, Yukon; Susan Petersen Purcell.

### MISSOURI

Clarke and Geraldine Geiser Sauer, Gladstone; Jim and Kathy Jensen, Smithville.

### FLORIDA

Dean Harwager, Lake Worth; Stephanie Peters Delp, Tampa; Gena Hrbek, Orlando.

### TEXAS

Lorane Wiley Mitchell, Celeste; Larry and Darlene Yarrington, San Antonio.

### TENNESSEE

Steve Zabloudil, Memphis.

### WYOMING

Sharyn Overton Mischke, Cheyenne; Josey Bierma, Cheyenne; LaClede Morris, Cheyenne.

### CALIFORNIA

Ervan and JoAnn Sailor Grover, Ukiyah; Bill and Pat Smith, Murrieta.

### ILLINOIS

Jean Watson, Mattoon.

### MINNESOTA

Lloyd and Jean Beltz, Bloomington; Mike Hough, Eden Prairie.

### ARIZONA

Arlin and Loretta Atkins Hubka, Oro Valley.

### NORTH CAROLINA

Ed and Sidney Reynolds, Spring Hope.

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## A Look Back at the 2002 Banquet & Program

By Darlene Rimpley  
AHS Alumni News editor

Unless you are an Arnold alumni member, you cannot truly appreciate the wonder of Alumni weekend. Seeing old friends and really making new ones, as a connection is made between classmates you had not seen for many years. There truly is nothing like an Arnold High Alumni Reunion and I am sure it is one of the most successful anywhere.

The evening began with a delicious roast pork dinner and all the trimmings, enjoyed by 478 people, which was prepared under the eye of the 2nd vice-president, Eldon Christensen, '68.

A memorial time, when we remember deceased alumni members, was presented with Cathi Rosentrater Wager, '76; Beverly Rosentrater Leach;

'64; and Merri Jo Rosentrater Halstead, '75, reading the roll call and singing, "We Have This Moment."

Alumni president Tim Rosentrater, '79, welcomed the guests and introduced the mistress of ceremonies, Tami Nansel Kleffman, '79 (who inherited her father's brains and her mother's charm). Tami did a great job of meeting the honored classes, helping Tim draw for door prizes and keeping the evening moving.

The Class of 1922 was represented by Ruth Brown Dunn of Fort Collins, Colo., who recalled that her Arnold education was great, and she was proud to be an alumni member. Mrs. Dunn is the only living member of that class, so they had 100% attendance.

### Alumni Association Financial Report

INCOME:	
Dance Income.....	157.00
Donation.....	69.70
Dues.....	1,441.00
Food Redsold.....	37.48
Food Returned.....	25.57
Meal.....	2,926.00
NE Directory.....	1,897.00
Out of State Directory.....	196.00
Other Inc.....	15.36
Paper.....	18.00
Pictures Income.....	107.00
Postage Income.....	105.70
Program.....	62.00
Redeposit.....	620.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>7,675.61</b>
EXPENSE:	
Advertising.....	18.00
Banquet:	
Food.....	1,156.05
Labor.....	225.55
<b>TOTAL BANQUET.....</b>	<b>1,381.58</b>
Dance.....	294.50
Directories.....	2,615.00
Flowers.....	28.50
Labor.....	75.00
Pictures.....	56.54
Postage.....	585.87
Postcards.....	50.78
Printing.....	757.11
Program Expense.....	100.00
Returned Papers.....	9.54
Sales Tax.....	8.81
Secretary Fees.....	1,000.00
Starting Cash.....	620.00
Supplies.....	150.26
Tax:	
Other.....	142.47
Tax-Other.....	153.18
<b>Total Tax.....</b>	<b>275.65</b>
Telephone.....	35.00
Uncategorized Outflows.....	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>8,039.74</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>366.15</b>



Class of 1942: (l-r) Jean Nelson Beltz, Mildred McCarthy Pinkston, Duane Erickson, Betty Twiss Korb, Virginia Brown Geiser.

was the closing song, Susan Nelson, '75, and Tammy Milne Weinman, '86, representing all EMTs; Sonny Scott, '94, representing all firemen; Shawn Phillips, '94, representing all highway patrolmen; and Shanon Koubek, '94, representing all police officers, marched through the audience and onto the stage.

A touch of humor was added when Lana Anderson, '91, strolled onto the stage during one of Elton's songs, and when Penny Crow Strasburg, '75, a very sophisticated lady, and Debbie Bean Brosius, '75, a very well lady sat waiting for bus. Debbie got the man, though, when Gary Mills, '66, took her away on (?) his little moped.

The announcement of new officers was made, with Melanie Peters Chesley, '77, as president; Matt Lucas, '00, as 1st vice-president; and Ronald Ferguson, '75, as 2nd vice-president. Sharron Welty Bean, '56, has two more years as secretary-treasurer.

A street dance with music by Quasi Mojo (Ty Phillips, '92; Mike Purcell, '82; and Phil Koubek, '88) was held. Memories were relived this Alumni weekend, as well as memories made.

### Out Of State Alumni

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#### COLORADO

Ruth Brown Dunn, Ft. Collins; Elvin and Shirley Frazer Anderson, Broomfield; Gail and JoAnne Andre Woodward, Loveland; Harold Halouska, Aurora; David Sheets, Loveland; Nicole Mills,

Colorado Springs; Rogene Lowe, Littleton; Ron and Rogene Cunningham, Westminster; Paul and Nola Leach Rosentrater, Arvada; Jerry Fitzgerald Miller, Greeley; Rich Ferguson, Castle Rock; Paul and Sue Phillips, Ft. Collins; Mary M. Davenport, Loveland; Michael Lang, Morrison; Carolyn Geiser, Loveland; Dianne Swain Thompson, Colorado Springs; Lynn Rimpley, Thornton.

#### IOWA

Dean and Pat Cumpston, Council Bluffs; LaVerne Smith, Elk Horn; Linda Best Baker, Ankeny; Jim and Kathy Hughes, Waterloo.

#### WASHINGTON

Betty Twiss Korb, Bremerton.

#### NEVADA

Maurice and Jackie Scott, Minden.

#### MONTANA

Jane Downing, Townsend.

### 2003 Alumni Banquet & Program

Sat., May 24

#### Banquet Menu:

Swiss steak, creamy potatoes, green beans, tea rolls, butter, cherry cheese cake, coffee & iced tea. \$7.00 per person. Serving 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### Program:

"A.H.S. Revisited" 8:00 p.m.

There will be no Alumni Dance.



The Class of '22 - Ruth Brown Dunn of Ft. Collins, Colo., having a corsage pinned on by the 2002 emcee, Tami Nansel Kleffman ('79).

## Class of 1923

### Memorial

Ralph Alexander  
Ross Brown  
Sadie Chilcote Bryan  
Vesta Chilcote Layton  
Mildred Deming McMahon  
Kenneth Downing  
Alma Hammond Jaced

One member of the Class of 1923 is still living: Ivy Gilbert Hildenbrand of Mesa, Ariz. Attempts to contact her were unsuccessful.

I do plan on attending the banquet, as Louise will bring me.

Effie

### Lester Bryan '33

#### Madres, OR

I have lived on the west coast most of my life following graduation. Since my sisters have all passed away, I do not return to Arnold.

I was a barber by profession, and in that time I cut many heads of hair.

I have been in the hospital and am receiving therapy. Of course, I won't be able to attend the banquet but do appreciate being called and reminded about it. I hope you all have a great time.

Lester

### Mildred Shaw Wright '33

#### Wichita, KS

Following graduation I taught school for several years, including the Steele school on Garfield Table and Finchville.

I then went to Wichita, Kan., where I worked for Boeing Aircraft.

I married Orr Wright, who passed away in 1960. We have two children and four grandchildren.

Although I had my teaching certificate, I did not particularly enjoy the work, so I went to work for the Social Services Department. I worked until my

retirement.

I now live with my daughter.

Due to my health, I will not be able to attend the 70th reunion.

Have a great time!

Mildred

Alta Atkins Babcock '33

#### CA

I remained in Arnold for a time where I worked at the creamery.

Charlie Babcock and I were married, and after a time we moved to California. I was employed for many years, until I finally decided that retirement was for me.

Charlie passed away, so I am

living in a retirement village now.

If health allows, I hope to attend the Alumni banquet and program in May.

Alta

### Lester Hays '33

#### Tucson, AZ

I am planning on attending the Alumni banquet and program, and look forward to meeting old friends. We attended the class 60th year reunion and had a good time.

We will be staying with a niece in Hildreth, and then driving up.

I left Arnold not too long

after I graduated and went to Olympia, Wash. I have lived in the "west" most of the time since then. I was a carpenter by trade.

My wife, Aurel, and I had a travel trailer, and in 1972 started coming to Arizona for the winter months. In 1991 we moved here year round, and do like the country.

We will see you in May.

### Lloyd Smrstik regarding Rowena Butler Smrstik '33

Rowena passed away in June of 2002, after being in failing health for a number of years.

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Class of 1952: (back row, l-r) Dick Bassett, Stanley Engleman, Dean Cumpston, Jim Croghan, Loretta Atkins Hubka; (middle row, l-r) Wes Larreau, Elvin Kilmer, Frances Geiser Scott, JoAnne Spargo Keyser, Elvin Anderson, Dee Scott; (front row, l-r) Lorane Wiley Mitchell, Ardith Nansel Clark, Margaret Lilly Jensen, Darlene Hagler Rimpley.



Class of 1962: (back row, l-r) Lynn Rimpley, Lynn Keyser Powers, Geraldine Geiser Sauer, Marjorie Golter Peterson, Valarie Brown Jackson, Jim Jensen, Dennis Pinkston; (middle row, l-r) Duane Middleton, Bud Trobee, Leon Weinman, Rita Hill Siddle, Linda Stupplebeam, Dodge, Jim Hughes, Bob Foran, Raoul Johnson.

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 She was always in good spirits, however.  
 She often talked of Arnold and her classmates. She was very well educated, and was always proud of her school.  
 Lloyd Smetlik

#### Verle Morgan Olson '53 Cheyenne, WY

I am looking forward to attending the Alumni banquet and program. It is always good to visit with old friends.  
 My husband, Dick, and I lived in Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska during the years our children were growing up, and our children both graduated from Arnold High. When we lived in Arnold I worked at Poco's Department Store and Jack and Jim.

I have six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.  
 I have lived in Cheyenne for several years now, so am close to Deanna and her family, who also live in Cheyenne. My son, Richard, lives in Fort Collins, Colo.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in May.

#### Edith Peterson Fuley '53 Ranchoester, WY

Seventy years sounds like a very long time, doesn't it? You know what? It is a long time.

I have lived in Wyoming for the past 50 years or more. I used to come to Nebraska once in a while, but haven't been there since I attended my sister, Alice's funeral a few years ago.

I worked as an LPN for some years, and raised one son and one daughter. I have a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

I am fortunate to still live in my own house and care for myself. I am not able to walk a lot, but I do enjoy reading.

I won't be able to attend the Alumni banquet, but I will be thinking of you. Have a wonderful time!

Edith

## Class of 1943

### Memorial

Betty Bassett West  
Grace Fitzgerald  
Evan Halstead  
Robert Harris  
Gerald Marrs  
Melvin Potter  
Louis Paul Rose  
Franklin Scott  
Laurene Scaney  
Ed Seda  
Albert Sengen  
Ever Vian  
Bob Worrell

#### Thelma Shields Myers '43 Fallon, NV

Dear Lloyd & Jean,  
 Thanks for calling me. I hope we can be there for the 60 year reunion.

Jim and I left Arnold December 6, 1952, for Redondo Beach, Calif. There were seven other couples that moved with us. I think there are only three couples left in California. We both worked for McDonald Douglas. Jim

spent

1955

we

both

retired.

We have two children: our son, Rodney, and our daughter, Pat Walters. Rod and wife, Marcia, live in an adjoining suburb (Burnside) and they have one son, Garrett. Pat and her husband, Jim, Walters, live at La Crescent, Minn. (just across the river from La Crosse, Wis.) They have two sons, Bill and Kevin. Neither is married yet. Bill lives in La Crosse, Wis., and Kevin lives in Boston, Mass.



Class of 1972: (back row, l-r) Steve Dennis, Roger Seda, Bill Wittshauer, Ronnie Cunningham, Greg Geiser, Kenneth Myer; (middle row, l-r) John Gunther, Eddie Reynolds, Josie Foran Bierma, Susan Kirby Phillips, Debra Geiser Witt, Richard Ferguson, Allan Halstead; (front row, l-r) Cheryl Mills Uhrmacher, Connie Crow Scott, Barbara Mackley Ingalls, Rogene Yankee Lowe, Vicki Weber Rookosel, Sue Lamberty DeLoach.



Class of 1982: (back row, l-r) Jim Koubek, Nyla Lamberty Walker, Joey Smith, Kelli Halstead; (front row, l-r) Patty Purcell Goodenow, Susan Peterson, Richard Andre, Mike Lange, Stephanie Robinson Reed, Norma Walker.

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#### Betty Peck Winder '43

North Platte, NE

Dear Classmates,  
 I am planning to come to our 60th class reunion. I will try to write my life story.

Following graduation I married Raymond (Sam) Winder on June 1, 1945. We moved to Kansas, and in October of 1944 our daughter, Patricia, was born. We then moved to a farm seven miles south of Stapleton, and our son, David, was born in 1946. Pat and Dave both went to a country school in Logan County, where we lived until 1964.

I applied at Great Plains Regional, and worked there as a CNA for eight years. Then Great Plains went into the program where only LPNs were employed. In 1954 I went combining with Mel Potter and Don Smith. In 1955 I started to work for Fred Vogel farming east of town. In 1959 I was drafted into the army to Ft. Carson for eight weeks and then eight weeks at Ft. Hood, Tex. The rest of my tour was spent in Ft. Benning, Ga. My Company was testing helicopters for Vietnam. I got out in 1961 and came back to farming.

I have moved to South Oak Manor.

Hope to see many of you at the reunion.

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McDermott  
Mary Ellen McDonald Large  
Bob Sailor  
Helen Slattery Thompson  
Robert Smith

who was failing in health. He passed away on January 23, 2001. I then moved to Douglas where I have been since.

Sincerely,

Pat

#### Floyd Ondrak '53 Arnold, NE

Dear Pat,

You wanted an update on the last 50 years. I don't know where they have gone! Will try and recap the years.

After graduation I worked for Floyd Martin helping with the cemetery, dray line, hauling parcel post and scooping coal. In 1954 I went to work for the Signal Corps as there was a critical shortage of linemen at that time. I then went to college one year (at Kearney) and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. I was a weather observer, then weather observer instructor and finally managed to get my BS from Penn State in meteorology, and taught a few years at the high school level. From 1984 through 1997 I taught part-time for Penn State, commuting to one or another of their branch campuses, but did not like the winter driving on icy roads in the darkness. I stopped doing that at least twice, but always let myself be talked into doing it again. For the past five or so years I have not done that, as I figured that sooner or later a skid would turn into an accident, and it was not worth it. I taught as a substitute teacher for a nearby rural high school from 1999-2000 school year until this past October. In October I decided that there were other things I wanted to do, that I was not able to do, always having to be in bed early enough to get up at 6 a.m. if they called me. There was one stretch of 16 weeks when I taught full time for a physics/chemistry teacher on maternity and extended family leave.

We celebrated our 50th anniversary in November, 1995. Our two daughters and son-in-law sent us to Hawaii and Kauai for a week. Jim was stationed in Kauai during WWII.

Tami and her husband, Pete, have our only two grandchildren. Anthony is 8 and Taylor is 5. We visit them often in Reno. Reno is only 60 miles from Fallon.

For our 57th anniversary last year, we went with Tami, Pete and the kids on a cruise to St. Maarten and St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and a private island in the Bahamas called the Great Stirrup Cay. We left out of Miami and we were gone for a week.

We really enjoy living in Fallon and we have many friends and family. Although the grand kids are in Reno, we will always stay in Fallon. We look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

As Ever,

Chuck

I am not sure if I will make it to the 50th reunion. I want to, but there are also a lot of other things scheduled this summer that I want to do, and I cannot do them all (unless I win big in the lottery, and can charter a private jet). Melvin,

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talked about moving at least 24 of those years. I think we will have to get busy doing that, or forget about it.

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#### Beverly Horn Townsend '53 Gypsum, CO

Dear Alumni,

It does not seem possible that 50 years have gone by since we graduated from high school.

I retired last November, 2001, and now live with my daughter, Terri, in Gypsum.

I do plan on attending the banquet and our class get-together this May. It will be great to see everyone.

Sincerely,

Beverly

#### Shirley Nansel Bassett '53 Arnold, NE

Dear Alumni,

How can it be our 50 year reunion when I only FEEL 35 or 40 years old? Oh, I know I don't look 35 or 40 on the outside, but I feel 35 or 40 on the inside that I live in that year. I am looking forward to the reunion, anyway.

After 34 years Gary and I retired from New Tribes Mission in July 2001 and returned to our "roots." We bought the Ed Seda place in the north end of Arnold and have done some remodeling. We raise a big garden and cut cedar trees besides the usual church, community, and

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Class of 1992: (back row, l-r) Greg Larsen, Kevin Fox, Russ Bassett, Dallas Beshaler, William Bombeck, Mike Hough; (front row, l-r) Gena Dunker Hrbek, Rebecca Strasburg Mills, Danette Lehmkhler Schwarz, Brian Winfield, Michelle Peterson Steinke, Sarah Leach Danielson, Lana Mills Valasek.

Photo by Bob

## Class of 1953

### Memorial

Darrell Crow  
Katherine Daily Armstrong  
Donna Hickenbottom



Class of 1992: (back row, l-r) Greg Larsen, Kevin Fox, Russ Bassett, Dallas Beshaler, William Bombeck, Mike Hough; (front row, l-r) Gena Dunker Hrbek, Rebecca Strasburg Mills, Danette Lehmkhler Schwarz, Brian Winfield, Michelle Peterson Steinke, Sarah Leach Danielson, Lana Mills Valasek.

Photo by Bob

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family things. Our children live in Oregon, Texas, Tennessee, Ivory Coast, West Africa (but they are presently living in Kansas City because of war in Ivory Coast), Missouri, and Korea (in the army), so of course we do some traveling.

Looking forward to the 50th. Shirley

**Pat Deterding Crow '53**

**Arnold, NE**

Dear Classmates,

Just a quick, short note to say sure hope a lot of Class of '53 will try to be here this year. It has been fun having Shirley back in Arnold to help with the plans this year. Jeanette has always been available for help, and Patsy, too.

I still live on a farm south of Arnold and keep a small hand in farming. Son Allen does the hard work. The girls are pretty close for the day and age. Penny lives north of Arnold, Joy is in Tryon, and Cindy is in Colorado. Lucky to have as much family close as I do. Grandkids are all growing up, so I just try to keep up with a bigger, growing family. Looking forward to seeing you all on May 24.

Pat

**Dave Pearce '53**

**Plano, TX**

Update since our 40th reunion:

After 28 years at Texas Instruments, I retired in 1997. My wife, Nell, retired from the public schools in 1999. We continue to live in Plano, where we greatly enjoy our life with each other, grandkids (and their parents), activities with friends, traveling, and volunteer work.

Our seven grandchildren are our special joy! Since our two daughters live with their families in this area, we fortunately see five of them often and do a good share of grandchild sitting with the three girls and two boys who live nearby. Our son and daughter-in-law live in the Bay Area of California, so we travel to see the other two grandsons or share a vacation with them as often as possible. Every three years we enjoy a Pearce family reunion, which is especially fun!

Nell and I look forward to our trips! We've seen beautiful country together. The Millennium Alaskan cruise was with friends from our Sunday School class. We also have been fortunate to make a couple of trips overseas to Switzerland, the Mediterranean and the Baltic Seas area. Obviously, we head

Kearney.

The Trautmans also have a herd of Percheron horses which are their pride and joy. Our volunteer activities include mentoring of students in the local schools, serving in a non-profit that supports families in grief, and church responsibilities. I sing in the church choir and Nell teaches adult classes. I do find lots of enjoyment in golfing, going to grandkids games, and I am always available for a bridge game.

I hope to see all of you at our reunion!

Dave

**Dorla Troyer Meyers '53**

**Prescott Valley, AZ**

Dear Friends,

Arizona is a lovely place to live, in spite of very little rainfall for several years. At Christmas we enjoyed a little snow, along with grandchildren from Phoenix and California.

Dorla doesn't travel anymore, so our family comes to see us here in Prescott Valley.

We have four children: one living next door, one in Flagstaff, Ariz., one in Phoenix, and one in Mendo Park, Calif. We get to see most of our grandkids (8) fairly often (5 are next door).

Dorla's illness (Inclusion Body Myositis) is progressing slowly, but she stays happy and in good spirits. Len is caregiver. We have good friends around to keep things lively. We enjoyed a visit from Dee and Marilyn Scott last spring, and would welcome others coming by. Best wishes and God's blessing to all.

**Elonora Schloatman Carlson '53**

**Omaha, NE**

Fifty years already! You've got to be kidding! I can't believe how fast the time has gone. Most of us are now the "older generation." Since our 40th class reunion, our household has remained quite busy. I am still working as a legal secretary (this year is 25 years already). I really enjoy my work and have no plans in the near future to retire.

Our family has grown, also. We now have eight grandchildren, the oldest sophomore at UNK and the youngest will soon be four. We enjoy all of them immensely.

We also have a variety of activities to do. Our oldest daughter, Shayne, is an auctioneer (Auction Solutions, LLC). It is a family affair and she keeps us all quite busy.

Our youngest daughter, Heidi, and her husband moved their meat business (Trautman Quality Meats, Inc.) from Lexington to

California as often as the budget will allow.

The Trautmans also have a herd of Percheron horses which are their pride and joy. Our volunteer activities include mentoring of students in the local schools, serving in a non-profit that supports families in grief, and church responsibilities. I sing in the church choir and Nell teaches adult classes. I do find lots of enjoyment in golfing, going to grandkids games, and I am always available for a bridge game.

his games.

Calving season is in full swing. We are over half-way done.

We have been dry over the last few years, but not as dry as some of the ranchers and farmers.

We got a really nice rain yesterday. Zach drives to Purdum to ride the bus, and he said the gravel was slick.

Hope to see all of you in May!!

Jeanette

Ellie

**Jeanette Hays-Keller '53**

**Valentine, NE**

Fifty years is a long time to have been out of school. It doesn't seem like it's been that long...I hope all of our classmates can make it back for our "Big Day"!!!

I still live in the Sandhills and make it to Arnold quite often since it is only about 95 miles away...

My brother (Earl-Shorty)

died in May of '93; my dad (Bud) died in July of '93; my aunt, Thora Hays-Grassman, died in December of '93; my mother, Bessie Line-Hays-Green, died in January of '96; and my husband, Tom, died in September of '96.

Now for the good news...I have three grandchildren: Zach, 16; Lindse, 5; and Rhiannon, 8 months.

My daughter Karen is president of the CO Women's Chamber of Commerce, and my younger daughter, Dee, lives on the ranch and manages the ranch like she thinks her twin brother, Don, would want her to.

Zach will soon be 16 this month and will be able to get his driver's license. He is a sophomore and goes to school in Dunning. He played football and I went to most of

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boy and a girl, and five grandchildren - three boys and two girls. They are truly the delight of our lives.  
I am planning to be at the alumni banquet on May 24. Hope to see you there!!  
Sincerely,  
Darwin

**Chuck Leach '63**  
**Grand Island, NE**  
I can't believe it: 40 years have passed. Where did the time go? I remember when I attended my first alumni banquet in 1963. They were honoring those who had graduated in 1925. I could not imagine that we would reach that milestone. It seemed so far away. Now it's here and all too quickly, I might add. I really look forward to attending the banquet in May.  
A short bio. My wife, Dianna, and I will celebrate our 34th wedding anniversary on June 8. We have two daughters. Debbie lives in Omaha and has two children, Nichole, age 5, and Braeden age 3. Grandkids are the greatest things on this earth. Debbie works as a cashier at a Bag "N" Save store in Omaha. Our other daughter, Lisa, lives in Lincoln and is a teacher at St. Mark's Pre-School in Lincoln. I work for the Independent Living Center in Grand Island, where I wear several hats. I consult with businesses, agencies, etc., and help them make their places more accessible to people with disabilities. I am also a certified driving instructor, working specifically with people who have a disability. I have worked for the Center for 22 years. My wife, Dianna, works at the Goodwill Store, and does a little bit of everything, from sorting clothes to hanging to putting things out for display.  
I am very involved in church activities. I also enjoy reading, visiting museums, spending time with my grandkids, listening to music, and playing cards, and I am an avid Nebraska football fan (win or lose, I might add). I also like to do jigsaw puzzles, but not too often, as I tend to become obsessed with completing the puzzle and thus it shortens my sleep cycle (smile).  
I look forward to attending the banquet on May 24.  
Until then, sincerely,  
Chuck

**Marilyn Sheets Roswell '63**  
**GA**  
Dear Alumni,  
I cannot believe this will be our 40th alumni. The years have passed by so rapidly. I do plan to attend and hope that we have a large turnout of our class.

I work for the Postal Service and started in 1986 as a city carrier. I am now a postmaster at Murrayville, Ga., and plan to stay there until I retire. It is a small office with seven employees. My office is 24 miles from my house and I have good roads to travel on.

My husband, Ed, retired from AT&T in 1989 and enjoys doing his woodworking. Ed has four children in Omaha, Nebr., and he spends two to four weeks with them every summer. He has nine grandchildren from 1 year old to 25 years old. They do keep him busy.

My daughter lives about 65 miles from us and she has a son, 15 months old. We see them often and really have fun spoiling him. Seems like they grow up so fast.

Hope to see all of you in May.  
Marilyn

**Karolyn Lynch**  
**Duponcheel '63**  
**Ainsworth, NE**  
Dear Alumni,  
As a member of the Class of '63 I join the ranks of my fellow alumni who question the passage of the last 40 years at such an incredible speed. What also has been speedily approaching is the deadline for honored class letters, so I'd best get mine written.

Following graduation in 1963, I attended Kearney State where I earned a bachelor's degree and my first master's degree in secondary education. In August 1968 I married Richard Duponcheel of Omaha - a fellow master's graduate that same year. From the Arnold Sentinel accounts, most of you are aware that during the first 24 years our lives on Guam were ones of enjoying life in the tropics. We were able to travel around the world and short hops to areas around the Pacific Basin including trips every two or three years to the U.S. mainland to see family.

Both my husband and I started out as teachers. He remained a business teacher for 24 years at George Washington High School, while I taught government and history at G.W. for 14 years, then became an assistant principal at G.W. (with a school population of 2,400), principal of Simon Sanchez High school (population 1,800 students) and then associate superintendent of secondary education for the Guam Department of Education. In the interim period, our two sons were born - Lawrence Jerome in 1972 and Daniel Richard in 1987. During this time I furthered my education by earning my second master's degree - at the University of Guam in administration and supervision - and my doctorate from the University of Oregon in supervision and administration with specialization in school law.

In 1991 we retired and moved to Oregon. After a one year stay in that wonderful place, we returned to Arnold where we lived with my mom, Doris Bowers, while we built our own house at 708 N Broadway. After three years of retirement, I about went stir crazy so I made a deal with my husband - I would go back to work in education if he would become Mr. Mom. That deal being reached, I accepted the position of principal of Ainsworth Community High School.

Beginning in 1995 I began to have problems with my leg joints, thus having several surgeries. My role as a working person ended abruptly in 1999 when I developed the infection Pseudomonas - an often fatal infection that is picked up in operating rooms. My right knee joint was once again removed and for five months I spent in isolation with no joint in the middle of my right leg and it cast from my toes to my groin. Eventually I was able to return to the real world on January 4, 2000, when my right joint was replaced, however, I am left with chronic pain in my right leg. Much research is being done on chronic pain, but at the present time there is no cure. I was one of the lucky ones, however, as I did not lose my life or my leg.

Currently we live in Ainsworth where Danny is in the 10th grade. Upon his graduation we plan to return to our house in Arnold. Lawrence is an aquaculture/agriculture agent for the U.S. government in the Northern Marianas. As site coordinator for Water Quality Control he attends a number of national conferences, allowing us to see him at times.

As I write this letter it is mid-February. This coming Monday we plan to leave for a week in New Orleans for Mardi Gras. Having spent Christmas in Texas, Mexico and Alabama, I am beginning to feel like the old life is returning - one filled with travel and meeting people. Forty years! It hardly seems like it.

**Marie Atkins Deterding '36** visits with her niece, Loretta Atkins ('52) and Arlin Hubka. Marie was mistakenly (as you can see by this picture) listed as deceased in the last directory.

Class of 1973  
Memorial  
Penny Hodge Miller

**Marla Blakeman Harris '73**  
**Ogallala, NE**  
Dear Classmates and Alumni,  
Just a brief review of what has happened to me in the last 50 years.

I married Emery Harris in October of 1982, and we have two children. Brian is a junior this year, and is out for baseball, basketball, and track. Heather is an eighth grader, and keeps busy with volleyball, basketball, and softball. You can see how we keep busy.

I have worked at High Plains Credit and Collections for the last 20 years, and am now the office manager. Emery has worked at Ogallala Electronics for 24 years. Marla

**Jean Weinman Watson '73**  
**Mattoon, IL**  
Hi Alumni,  
It has been sometime since seeing my classmates, and it will be a while longer, as I will not be coming back this year.

I am a student here in Mattoon, Ill., and cannot afford to miss any classes. When I was young, people would ask me, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Well, guess what, I am still growing up - never thought I would be back in school 30 years later.

Being around these kids in college is quite fun. They keep you on your toes and keep telling me to have fun - it's college. Even my children get a few surprises with my late nights out and slang words.

When coming home, I can always tell I'm close to Nebraska because of the waves and smiling faces.

Since moving out here, my daughter, Keri, married Jim Sundberg, a farmer, and they are living in Mendota, Ill. Keri

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**Class of 1973**  
Memorial  
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is working at her dental practice.

Roy, my oldest son, and his wife, Mellisa, and children Sena, Bailey and Cooper, are living in Sutherland, Nebr. Roy is employed at K & K Services in Paxton as a mechanic.

Paul, my youngest son, will be finishing college at Milford, Nebr., this June with a degree in heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration, and will be returning back to Kearney to work for his boss.

Yes, I am a grandma and loving every minute of it. Sorry I cannot make it, but wishing everyone a good time and wishing I was there.

Well, I have rambled enough! I am grateful to all my classmates that are planning all the fun activities for our class reunion!! "Kudos" to each of you!!!

See you very soon,  
Trudy

**Julie Olofson Eastwood '73**  
**North Platte, NE**  
Classmates and Fellow Alumni,  
Dear Friends and Classmates,  
I am looking forward to seeing all of you as we celebrate our 30 year high school class reunion!! Some days my body feels each and every year of those 30 years since walking the halls at good ole' Arnold High.

After graduation I worked for several different employers in the Arnold/Callaway area over the next few years. In 1975 I married my high school sweetheart, Allan Eastwood, and we had a son, Travis, in 1977. In 1978 and 1979 we lived in California while Allan was in the Marine Corp, returning home in 1980. That was quite an interesting experience! I then enjoyed working at Farmland Service Coop for several years as a truck driver. Allan and I were divorced in 1985.

In 1986 Travis and I moved in with Ted Young at Callaway, and we have been together ever since! In addition to working at Coop, I also worked with Ted in his bar for a couple of years until it closed. In 1990 we moved to Gibbon and I worked at Baldwin Filters in Kearney for a year. Deciding factory work was not for me, and with Ted's encouragement, I opted to go for nursing school. I completed the Associate Degree in Nursing program at Grand Island in two years and returned to Callaway to work in the hospital. Meanwhile, I continued to take classes part-time and received a bachelor's degree in nursing from UNMC at Kearney in 1999. That same year Ted was hired at UPRR in North Platte, so we moved there and I started working at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in the emergency department. I continue to work occasionally at Callaway District hospital (gotta keep up with the gossip!!) and enjoy spending my free time with my friends and going to the local lake.

Our next move, minus our two college kids, was to New Orleans for a nine month stay while Ross attended Tulane Medical School in the residency program for Aerospace Medicine. Then in May 2002 we moved to San Antonio, Tex., for Ross to continue his residency program with the Air Force. Now it was my turn to get a real job! I attended travel school and I am presently working and part owner of a new travel agency in San Antonio.

Well, I have rambled enough! I am grateful to all my classmates that are planning all the fun activities for our class reunion!! "Kudos" to each of you!!!

See you very soon,  
Trudy

**Angie Koubek Fisher '73**  
**North Platte, NE**  
Hi Sharron,  
Our baby will graduate the next day (in May), so we aren't sure if we will make it for the banquet or not. Hope to...it's my 30th, Gosh! We plan on picking up meal tickets there.

Thanks,  
Angie

**Polly Reynolds Hays '73**  
**Kearney, NE**  
Just a note to say "hi" to my old friends and alumni at good ole Arnold High!

It is amazing that 30 years have flown by and we have become the "old" people attending their 30th reunion (I think I still look 18).

My last 30 years have been filled with family, friends and many, many adventures. I married Jamie Hays in 1979 and most of the last 30 years have revolved around our children: Chris, age 21, senior at UNK; Nathan, age 18, senior at Elm Creek High; and Erin, age 15, eighth grader at Elm Creek Public. The boys have been very active in wrestling and Erin has been active in anything social. Jamie and I have been in a number of different business "adventures", and through his guidance we are now only two car payments behind.

Over the years we have made a point of attending many alumni reunions and I certainly look forward to seeing my "old" classmates and friends this year.

Polly

**Karla Cole Rockwell '73**  
**Arnold, NE**  
Hello Fellow Classmates & Alumni,  
It doesn't seem like 30 years

**Pancake Breakfast**  
**SAT., MAY 24**  
Legion Hall  
Serving from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.  
Sponsored by Class of 1983  
Proceeds will be divided between the Arnold Community Building and the Rialto Theater.

In July of '87 I married John Rockwell in Arnold. We moved to the farm on Garfield Table, where we have been ever since. Hallelujah! In the last 16 years I have been a hog farmer, trucker, grain-cart operator, corn unloader, and fencer. In other words, my husband's right-hand "woman." And I love it! I also became an avid flower gardener, and together we created a garden area that we enjoy sharing with others. In 2001 John let me undertake a venture I had wanted to do for a long time. We bought the Model Cafe, remodeled and reopened it as (Continued on page 10).

**Was that Sonny Crockett in the hallway last year, or was it Dean Harwager ('74), in from Florida.**

**Solving all the problems of the world: Dwaine Carlson and Maurice Scott, both '47.**



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I've also been studying to get my electrical license.

Life has been busy, keeping up with the kids' activities. I guess you could say that is one hobby I enjoy the most.

Can't wait to see all of you during Alumni!

Kenny

**Darry Bean '83**  
**Lancaster, SC**

Classmates of 1983  
and Alumni:

In this fast-paced world that we live in, it sure doesn't seem like 20 years have gone by. The memories of school are still fresh in my mind, some of which I'm still hiding from Mom and Dad.

After school I spent 10 years in the army as an M-1 tank mechanic and two tours in Germany, in which my wife and I got to see the fall of the wall, and several European countries. Stateside I was stationed at Ft. Irwin, Calif., and Ft. Knox, Ky. The latter is where I met my wife, Sherry. This September will be 16 years.

Since getting out of the service we've lived in Arnold, Broken Bow, Merna, Anselmo, Reedsburg, Wis., Charlotte, N.C., and are currently living in Lancaster, S.C. I work for a construction rental house out of Charlotte

as a road service tech. Sherry and I have four children and seven grandchildren.

Life has dealt us some funny hands over the years; maybe that is where the time has gone. Looking forward to seeing all of the Class of '83. I truly hope that life has been great to all of you.

God bless,  
Darry

**Larry Vogel '83**

**Spring, TX**

Dear Dena:

When I graduated in 1983 I joined the US Army and served as a military policeman from 1983 to 1986. I was first stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Tex. I also served overseas in Hanau, West Germany. Upon my ETS from the military, I became a police officer with the City of Devine Police Department. I served as a patrolman, deputy sheriff, criminal investigator, and finally as lieutenant from 1986 until 1994. In 1994 I began work with Union Pacific Railroad in San Antonio, Tex. I am currently a locomotive engineer for Union Pacific and make regular runs out of Houston, Tex., between Shreveport, La., Bloomington, Tex., and Hearne, Tex.

I live in Spring, a suburb of Houston. I am married to a

very beautiful, homegrown, South Texas belle, Debra Allen (Vogel). Debra was instrumental in leading me to Christ in 1987. We attend Faith Baptist Church in Houston (www.berean-houston.org). We have been married 16 years, and have five children. My step-son, Edward, 18, and Brandon, 17, my son from my first marriage, are graduating this spring. Charles is 15, Benjamin is 13, and Christa is 8. Debra has home-schooled all of the kids since they were school age.

Generally, I make one or two trips a year to Nebraska. I visit my Dad and Mom, Bill and Kitty Vogel. I also have a grandmother who lives in Merna. My visits are always short, a week or less, so we don't get to spend a lot of time with anyone other than family.

Debra, I and three younger children will be coming up to Arnold for Alumni. I will be looking forward to visiting with everyone.

Sincerely,  
Larry

**THE LETTERS POURED IN!**

Due to the tremendous amount of letters written by members of this year's honored classes, the editor reluctantly had to leave out a few letters written by former class Alumni, and some letters were edited to save space.

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**Arnold is  
Building for  
the Future**

Imagine a new community center in the town of Arnold, built on the site of the old sale barn lot. This vision is underway in Arnold! The multi-use facility would be used for celebrations, community events and recreation. The present civic center (the old Masonic Temple) is in poor condition and does not meet the needs of the community.

If you would like to be a part of this important project, donations may be sent to the following address:

Arnold Community  
Center Fund  
PO Box 70  
Arnold, NE 69120

Please make checks payable to the Custer County Foundation, with the notation: Arnold Community Center Fund. Ways to give include memorials and cash. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Lamberty, Village Clerk, at 308-848-2228.

**Gifts to Arnold  
Public School  
Foundation**

Since the Alumni Banquet of 2002 the foundation has

accepted gifts totaling near \$5,000. The following is a list of donors and gifts since May 30, 2002:

Class of 1942.....\$35.00  
Class of 1952.....42.00  
Class of 1962.....565.00  
Class of 1972.....1,500.00  
(Richard Ferguson, '72, gave his third gift of \$1,000.00)  
Class of 1982.....500.00  
Class of 1945

(Carolyn VanCleave)....500.00  
Class of 1995

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Bobbie and Gloria Smith  
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Smith.....500.00  
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Friends in memory of  
Eleanor Story.....65.00

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Lynn Keyser Power.....80.00  
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and honor of family

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Marcia Dennis Johnson  
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Rosentrater.....100.00  
All gifts are appreciated, in  
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Current board members of  
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