

The HCC CONNECTION



Newsletter of the Highland Community College Alumni Association

February 2002

"The future is not a place to go, but something you create," Merle Hill, past KACC executive director.

The HCC Board of Trustees have approved a "Campus Master Plan" for Highland Community College. They are working toward the first phase which will be construction of a new student recreation area. Current students are now paying a student activity fee to help fund the project.

The HCC Foundation has decided to be a part of the campus master plan process by raising money for the press box phase which includes spectator stands, press box, concession stand, restrooms, coaches' offices, and the adjacent outdoor area. This area is used by students, alumni, community people, and area schools and is a visible and active part of the College that needs improvements.

The Foundation will be looking to everyone to help support this project and the future of HCC. You can learn more about this project at the Gathering of the Clan.

Alumni Silent Auction

Plans are in progress for the second annual HCC alumni silent auction. The Alumni Board is working on obtaining auction items and will accept all donations. The items will be available for bid in the library prior to the banquet April 20. Proceeds support the HCC alumni scholarship fund. The alumni association presently funds two or three scholarships each year and would like to be able to fund more scholarships in the future.

REUNION 2002 - PATRIOTISM



With everything that our country has endured this past year, the HCC Alumni Association board has decided to have a patriotic theme for the reunion this year. It will be a special day to remember HCC and our country and how being a part of both has shaped our lives.

The day will start with a luncheon hosted by HCC Acting President David Reist and his wife Marcie in the Library in honor of all HCC classmates of 1952.

The HCC Performing Arts department will have a special performance of the musical "Oklahoma" at 2:00 p.m. in Culbertson Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public.

The banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Alumni are asked to pick up their tickets and congregate in the Library prior to the banquet. The dinner menu this year will be roasted beef brisket with blackberry glaze, roasted garlic potatoes, honeyed baby carrots, salad, rolls, peach cobbler with whipped cream, and coffee, tea, and water. Cost for the banquet is \$10.00 per person if reserved in advance of noon on Thursday, April 18. Reservations may be made by filling out and returning the form on the back of this newsletter or by calling (785) 442-6018. Cost at the door or after noon on the 18th will be \$12.00. All returning classmates of 1952 will receive one complimentary meal ticket.

Following the banquet, we will adjourn to Culbertson Auditorium for a program which will include entertainment by the HCC music department, introduction of the Class of 1952, roll call of classes, and door prizes. An opportunity to visit will continue as the program concludes with the signing of the alma mater and "God Bless America" and a reception hosted by the HCC Alumni Board members. The Yost Art Gallery will remain open all day for viewing the student honors art exhibit.

CLASS OF 1952

Charles Bowen
 Marjorie (Sanner) Bowen
 Mary Ann (Brin) Bromley
 Donna (King) Goforth
 Robert Harter
 Dr. Richard Huffman
 Col. Paul Idol
 Robert D. Jeffers
 Dwight Jenkins
 David Johnson
 Marvin Kleppe

Benton Kuck
 Bonnie (Kuschell) Littlewood
 Hiram Smith
 Harry Tatum
 Gaylord Ukena

 Still Need Address:
 Marilyn (Bingman) Ehrtan
 Marietta Holden

 Deceased:
 Audrey (Rush) Roberts



The Class of 1951 returned six alumni to the HCC campus on April 21, 2001 for their 50th reunion and a very good time. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing and reacquainting throughout the day. Pictured are Geraldine (Neher) Long, Marilyn (Keebler) Sommers, Anna Margaret (Clary) Korthanke, Phyllis (Grimes) Albers Euler, Vera (Bryan) Zwaduk, LaQuita (Ramseier) Neal

Class of 1951 Today.....

Doris A. (Olsen) Eames, Everest, taught school for three years after HCC. She and her husband worked in an office in the Pentagon. They then returned home and farmed for 35 years.

Phyllis (Grimes) Albers Euler, Wathena, taught in Doniphan and Brown county schools and later did substitute teaching. She and husband Bryan Albers had two daughters. After Bryan's death, Phyllis continued her education. She then married Jack Euler in 1975. She continues with many of her activities.

Anna Margaret (Clary) Korthanke, Hiawatha, began teaching in her sophomore year at Fairview, KS. She married Phillip and they have five children and sixteen grandchildren. She continued her education at Peru State and did substitute teaching for several years. She and her husband had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 30, 2001.

Geraldine A. (Neher) Long, Robinson, went on to receive her B.S. degree from Peru State and master's degree from Emporia State. She continued taking post graduate courses to a total of 217 hours. She taught eight years in a one room country school before going to White Cloud, Troy, and Horton, teaching first grade to high school. She and Wayne married in 1948 and had two sons. After retiring in 1994 from 41 years of teaching, she took the position of director for the Brown County Historical Society Ag Museum in Hiawatha.

LaQuita (Ramseier) Neal, is now residing in Merriam, KS

Dorothy Jean (Noble) Nigus, Columbia, MO, married in December of 1951 and she and husband Bernard had two sons

and one daughter. They also now have three grandsons. She taught elementary school for over 13 1/2 years.

Marilyn (Keebler) Sommers, Hiawatha, continued her education at Emporia State and taught for six years. She married Harold in 1955 and they spent the first year of marriage in Hawaii. They had two sons and one daughter and have six grandchildren. They retired from farming in 1996 and moved to Hiawatha. They have traveled extensively and have gone back to Hawaii three times. She is a Red Cross volunteer at the Hiawatha Hospital and was an R to R volunteer for The American Cancer Society for fifteen years.

Esther (Suhr) Wilson, St. Joseph, MO married and moved to St. Joe fifty years ago. They have one daughter and two grandchildren. Her family is the important part of her life. She and husband had some recent interesting travels.

Dorothy Lee (Hudson) Wright, Nathrop, CO, received a B.S. degree from Wichita State and master's degree from Emporia State. She taught in Plains, KS for two years, moved to Wichita and taught for eight years. She continued her education during this time. She married Lawrence in 1955. He was a coach and teacher. They moved to Sedgwick in 1963 and continued to work in the school system. She was an elementary school librarian and taught Chapter I reading until 1992. She then retired and moved to Colorado. She is a member of the local AARP, ladies missionary group, Monarch Quilters, and does volunteer work for the Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce in the summer. She spends most of her time making quilts, wallhangings, and various other sewing items.

Harold Wolf, Hiawatha, attended Kansas State University and a school for ministers. He married Alberta Cyphers. He fought in WW II, was captured, and became a prisoner of war to the Germans. He became a preacher while prisoner of war. He has preached for over fifty years. He preached while a student at HCC. He took many classes beyond high school and paid for them by preaching every Sunday.

Vera (Bryan)Zwaduk, Wathena, married in 1946. They have two sons and one daughter. She taught 28 terms on the elementary level. She retired in 1985.



The cafeteria fills each April with returning HCC Alums ready to enjoy a good meal and great company.

CLASS NOTES



Class of '41 returns to HCC April 2001.

1953

Milan E. Kloepfer is living in Fairview, KS and is a retired counselor.

1956

Robert E. Volker is living in Dallas, TX and is the Senior Insurance Examiner Independent Contractor for the State of Nevada in Carson City, Nevada.

1959

Dennis J. Alt is living in Kansas City, Mo and has retired from Vendo Co.

1964

Mary H. Adcock is living in Hiawatha and is the office manager for the Hiawatha World newspaper .

1968

Robert Bartholomew is living in Weatherford, TX and is a Senior Product Manager for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

1972

John Wohlgenuth is living in Atchison, KS and is working in Customer Service for Midwest Grain Products.

1977

Tony Geiger is living in Abilene, KS and is a loan officer for Frontier Farm Credit.

1979

Connie Barnhart is living in Corvallis, OR and is a homemaker and physical therapist.

1983

Mary Woodward, Leavenworth, received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1987. She is now attending college

full-time and working toward another bachelor's in computers. She is a straight "A" student. She is also very active in the Leavenworth Church of Christ. She had a second kidney transplant on August 17, 2000 and this kidney is working. She hasn't had to do dialysis since August 16.

1984

Roger G. Brown is living in Goff, KS and is a teacher/coach at Jackson Heights Middle School. He has been teaching for 13 yrs. Along with teaching social studies, he coaches football and track. He has also been a stockman for 13 yrs. He married Connie Heidman on November 4, 2000 and he has a two year old step son, Colton.

Todd Heinen, resides in Strong City, KS with his three children Justin 19, Lee 14, and Ann 13. Todd is employed as a technician for Pepsi Cola in Emporia.

1985

Brian Young is living in St. Paul, MN and is an assistant manager at McDonalds. He and wife Linda have a son and a daughter.

Brien Heinen resides in Gardner, KS with his wife Lynn and two children Lauren 10 and Nathan 7. Brien is employed by the Olathe PD Motorcycle Traffic Unit. He is also an instructor for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and a certified Child Seat Specialist.

1986

Eric Heinen resides in Cedar Rapids, IA with his wife Janet and two daughters Sydney 4 and Mollie 2. Eric has recently been promoted to district manager with Michaels Craft Store chain.

1987

Rosemary (Schock) and Les (92) Wilkerson are living in Holton and she is in Development at Benedictine College and he works in the X-Ray department at Atchison Hospital.

1988

Lori (Lee) Gollner is living in Wamego, KS and is a CMA/CNA at McGran Villas.

1990

Shelia Madere is living in Hiawatha, KS and is Change/Jackpot Payer at the Golden Eagle Casino.

Sherri Maxwell is living in Horton and is the Director of Nursing for the Highland Care Center in Highland, KS. Her husband's name is Ken and they have three children, Keaton 7 yrs, Sheridyn 4 yrs, and Teagan 12 mths.

1991

Roger Stallbaumer is living in Seneca, KS and is teaching Industrial Arts at B&B High School in Baileyville, KS. He is married to Christina (Boehmer) Stallbaumer and has a daughter Amanda.

1992

Lana S. Berges is living in Topeka, KS and is a Senior Customer Service Representative for Security Benefit Group of Companies.

1993

Kevin Hayward is living in Columbia, MO and is the Assistant Athletic Business Manager at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Donelle Bratton graduated from Grambling State University and is teaching at New Vision Learning Academy in Monroe, LA.

1994

Brian Enloe is living in Colorado Springs, CO and is a manager for North American Mortgage.

Laurie (Stimac) Stallbaumer is living in Seneca, KS and is a teacher at B & B High School. She married Jeff Stallbaumer on July 22, 2000.

1995

Jerri (Draper) Newman is living in Lawrence, KS and is a stay at home mom. She married Douglas Newman on Nov.1 1997 and had a daughter, Deanna Rae, on February 19, 2001.

Christina (Boehmer) Stallbaumer is living in Seneca, KS and is a Bookeeper/Secretary at Oz Automation, Inc. She is married to Roger Stallbaumer and had a daughter Amanda on January 4, 2000.

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Crystal A. (Matyak) Radefeld is living in Topeka, KS and is a teacher at USD 372. She is married to Russell R. Radefeld and had a daughter, Samantha Emerson on April 7, 2000.

1996

Norma Minor is living in Nortonville, KS and is the accounts payable clerk at McCormick Distilling Co.

Jeb Griebat is living in Hiawatha, KS and is a law student at the University of Kansas.

Matt Wohgemuth is living in Midvale, UT and is a Sales Representative for Hormel Foods Corp.

1997

Megan Brzon, Courtland, KS, is a student at Oregon Health Sciences University.

1998

Corey Franken earned semester honors at Kansas State University.

Shawn Kelly is living in Opolis, KS and is an electrician at Simons Electric Inc.

Jenny Charbonneau is living in Manhattan, KS and is a student at Kansas State University.

Fredrick Baier is living in Griswold, IA and is a student at Cleveland Chiropractic College.

Janie Kruse, Manhattan, KS, is a student at Kansas State University and an MT at Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Taryn Aller is living in Manhattan, KS and is a Graduate Research Assistant at Kansas State University- Ag Econ Dept.

Betsy Leeds is living in Emporia, KS and is a graduate student at Emporia State University in the Biofeedback Center studying school psychology.

Lisa Hochstetler is living in Wichita, KS and is Assistant Wellness Director at Memorial Home Wellness Center.

1999

Justin Myers is living in Overland Park, KS and is a student at Kansas State University.

Mark Albers is on the honor list at Kansas State University.

2000

Billie Henry is living in Kansas City, KS and is a student in Washburn University.

Tracey Vollmer is living in Cummings, KS and is working on her teaching degree and will be ready to teach May of 2002. She has three boys, Hunter 6, Ryan 3, and Tucker 20 months.

Micah J. Drake is on the honor list at Kansas State University.

Erica Scholz is on the president's honor list at Missouri Western State College and graduated from Missouri Western on December 12, 2001.

Angelia Wright is on the dean's honor list at Missouri Western State College.

WEDDINGS

Thomas B. Wolters to Earlene D. Hegarty on June 29, 2001.

Robert Woodruff III to **Mary Ann Studer (75)** on July 7, 2001.

Francis Hubbard to **Judy Etherton (78)** on April 7, 2001.

Joe Blevins (86) to Lisa Creamer on September 29, 2001.

Gregory Morrison to **Janene Overdick (89)** on March 31, 2001.

Jeff McMahan (89) to Leslie Kahler on October 13, 2001.

Brian Stromgren to **Jeanette Watowa (89)** on November 10, 2001.

Jasen Sutley to **Holly Sechler (92)** on November 24, 2001.

Jim Norris (92) to Lindsay Christenson on June 9, 2001.

Jason Winder (92) to Michelle Corwin on September 15, 2001.

Derek Jasper (93) to Lacey Thomas on July 15, 2000.

Steven Falk (93) to Jennifer Dunster on April 21, 2001.

Christopher Kucan (93) to Toni Taliaferro on February 17, 2001.

James Ricklefs (94) to Carma Bearce on June 28, 2001.

Kenneth Upham (96) to Deanna Goss on July 14, 2001.

Chad Clary (94) to **Kari Garret (99)** on October 6, 2001.

Andy Wedman to **Shellie Ninemire (96)** on July 31, 2001.

Matthew Wohlgemuth (96) to Ashley Dooley on May 26, 2001.

Ryan Lehew (96) to Tiffany Henson on May 19, 2001.

Rachael Kent (97) to Jason Davis on February 2, 2002.

Craig Windmeyer (97) to Jamie Veach on May 26, 2001.

Joshua Christopher (97) to **Jennifer Studer (98)** on September 29, 2001.

Martin Dugger to **Kerry Peak (98)** on June 2, 2001.

Justin Koontz (98) to Brooke Hawk on November 17, 2001.

Matthew Allen to **Robyn Jeffrey (98)** on June 30, 2001.

Tyler Miller (98) to Lindsey Rosenberger on June 1, 2001.

Brian Brull (98) to Christy Coder on October 21, 2000.

Shawn Kelly (98) to Darla Howell on May 26, 2001.

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Jon Gingrauz to **Bridget Blevins (99)** on December 15, 2001.

Amber Boyd (99) to Jason Droge on May 5, 2001.

Kirk Leck to **Kristi Kelley (99)** on November 10, 2001.

Jeff Brown (00) to Beth Harrington on October 22, 2001.

Mitchell Mason to **Debra Howard (00)** on April 21, 2001.

Raymond Hall (00) to Rebekah Feuerbacher on June 2, 2001.

Cory Lay to **Melinda Butrick (00)** on June 16, 2001.

Adam Bunck to **Kylee Schuetz (01)** on August 4, 2001.

Andrew Renyer to **Sarah Akin (01)** on July 7, 2001.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack and **Rowena (Dixon) Gamble** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on July 7, 2001.

Linda and **Carroll (44) Sprague** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2001.

Bernard (48) and **Dorothy (Noble) (51) Nigus** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 23, 2001.

Jere and **Patricia (Shear) (50) Bruning** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2001.

Herbert and **Gladys (Taylor) (50) Albers** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2001.

Harold and **Donna (Utz) (50) Keebler** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 22, 2001.

Grace and **Hillman (54) Hull** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 13, 2001.

John and **Carol (Vignery) (56) Marxen** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 28, 2001.

Ina and **Glenn (57) Overdick** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on January 27, 2001.

John and **Carolyn (Lloyd) (73) Andres** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 30, 2001.

Beverly and **Jay (75) Brock** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 21, 2001.

BIRTHS

A son, Jesse Dean, was born on August 27, 2001 to Chris and **Stacy Woltje** of Wetmore, KS.

A son, Christian Earl, was born on April 6, 2001 to Cathy and **Scott (88) Wehrman** of McPherson, KS. They have a daughter, Faith, 20 mths.

A daughter, Abigayle "Abby" Grace, was born on May 15, 2001 to Amy and **Marty (88) Joyce** of Denton, KS. They have a son and another daughter, Wade, 3 yrs, and Emma Kate, 19 mths.

A son, Tate Michael, was born on September 18, 2001 to Michael and **Julie (Koehler) (88) Smith** of Troy, KS. They have another son Luke, 4 yrs.

A son, Joshua Dean, was born to Gilay and **Richard (89) Allen** of Billings, MT. They have another son Paul David, and two daughters, Penelope Marie and Katherine Renae.

A daughter, Hannah Irene, was born on September 19, 2001 to Anne and **Doug (89) Wertenberger** of Kansas City, MO.

A daughter, Kallie Patricia, was born on August 27, 2001 to Gregg and **Nicole (Wagner) (89) Limron**.

A daughter, Grace Elizabeth, was born on May 17, 2001 to Shane and **Brenda (Bauman) (90) Brewer** of St. Joseph, MO. They have another daughter, Mackenzie, 4 yrs.

A daughter, Sarah Ann, was born on February 12, 2001 to Jennifer and **Charlie (94) Hutfles** of Hiawatha, KS. They have another daughter, Kylie, 2 yrs.

A daughter, Grace Lauryn, was born on May 23, 2001 to Jacqui and **Kraig (95) Stites** of St. Joseph, MO.

A daughter, Madison Nicole, was born on November 17, 2001 to Robin and **Craig (95) Gilbert** of Whiting, KS.

A daughter, Deanna Rae, was born on February 19, 2001 to Douglas and **Jerri (Draper) (95) Newman** of Lawrence, KS.

A son, Colt Timothy, was born on August 28, 2001 to Brandy and **Shawn (97) Hammer** of Sabetha, KS.

A son, Cameron Charles, was born on August 10, 2001 to Doug and **Jennifer (98) Fridell** of Atchison, KS.

A daughter, Taylor Grace, was born on February 13, 2001 to **Samantha Dudley (00)** and Johnny Journey of Atchison.

A son, Ian Kafer, was born on August 7, 2001 to Riley and **Jason (00) Tilley** of Manhattan, KS.

DEATHS

Jimmy Dale Kiefer Muscotah, KS- May 5, 2001

Lottie Laurene Overfield (27) Highland, KS- June 26, 2001.

Lois E. Caudle (27) Troy, KS- July 11, 2001.

Faith M Craig (32) Hiawatha, KS- June 12, 2001

Kenneth D. Henry (38) Kansas City, MO- January 10, 2002

Opal P. Davenport (37) Hiawatha, KS- January 20, 2001

Lloyd F. Eickhoff (38) Kansas City, KS- June 17, 2001

Mary A. Minier (39) Highland, KS-
May 20, 2001

Mary Ellen (Gilmore) Seawright (40)
College Station, TX- February 23, 2001

Virginia A. Henry (41) Hiawatha, KS-
January 13, 2001

Martha Lee Gilmore (42) Highland,
KS- February 21, 2001

Margaret Elizabeth Johnson (42)
Banning, KS- April 21, 2001

Norman Denton (43) Lawrence, KS-
July 5, 2001

Bernetta L. Duncan (44) Leona, KS-
August 15, 2001

Virginia (Parker) Holland (47)
Littleton, CO- December 27, 2001

Wesley C. Moore (54) Mankato, KS-
July 2, 2001

Dwight Fee (59) Rulo, NE-May 1, 2001

Kay Lynn (French) Stahl (60) St.
Joseph, MO- October 15, 2001

Hilton Laverenz (61) Tacoma, WA-
December 31, 2001

Virginia Blevins (70) Troy, KS- October
26, 2000

Sherrod J. Worley (81) Atchison, KS-
March 26, 2001

Mary Ellen (Murphy) McFarland (86)
Atchison, KS- January 3, 2002

It was a beautiful day to journey back to HCC to renew friendships and memories. If your class would like to request a meeting room for the day, call the alumni office at (785) 442-6018. It promises to be a day you will remember.



Mark Your Calendar !

The 33rd Annual Alumni Reunion

Saturday April 20, 2002

Class of 1952
Honored Golden Grads

Golden Grad Luncheon

12:00 p.m. - Library

Entertainment

2:00 p.m. - *Oklahoma*

Banquet

6:00 p.m. - Cafeteria

Program

8:00 p.m. - Culbertson Auditorium
Reception following

ALL Alumni are invited to attend the
reunion and enjoy the celebration.

Simply return the form on the back of
this newsletter or make your
reservations by calling
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KEEP US INFORMED

Your assistance in completing and returning this form will allow us to keep our alumni records current.

Name _____ Social Security# _____

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

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

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

Tell us what's happening _____

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

Sign Me Up!

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

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

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

This issue of the HCC Connection is complimentary for all alumni on our current mailing list. If you would like to continue to receive this newsletter throughout the year, you must be a dues-paying member. Please help support this newsletter by sending your payment with the above form to the HCC Alumni Office.



Although many events were cancelled by the weather at the last alumni games, the volleyball and football alumni were back in force. Volleyball alums helped coach Glenna Batchelder celebrate her retirement from coaching volleyball, and once again the annual alumni vs. varsity football game drew a crowd of spectators and participants. Young and old enjoyed the activities of the day.



The HCC front lawn was filled when internationally known sculptor Carey Boone Nelson returned to Highland to unveil the statue of her grandfather, Dr. W.M. Boone HCC Trustee, 1906-1922.

ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now for the April 20 Alumni Banquet! Complete this portion and mail it to us to be received by April 18, 2002 to reserve your ticket(s). You may include your payment now or reserve your ticket(s) and pay at the door, or call the Alumni Office to reserve your ticket(s). Either way, **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**. "Class of 1952" tickets are free - Guests will need paid tickets. Make checks payable to *HCC Alumni Association*.

Number of Reservations _____ Class of _____

_____ Reserve my ticket(s), payment enclosed @ \$10.00/ticket. Amount enclosed \$ _____

_____ Reserve my ticket(s), I will pay at the door @ \$10.00/ticket. Amount due \$ _____

_____ I will not reserve my reunion tickets at this time, I realize if I do not make reservations before noon on Thursday, April 18, the cost per ticket will be \$12.00

Name _____ Maiden _____

Social Security Number _____

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Occupation _____ Company _____

Class of _____ Or year attended _____

My Guest's Name _____

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