

The HCC CONNECTION



Newsletter of the Highland Community College Alumni Association

February 2004

REUNION 2004

The date for the Annual Alumni Reunion is Saturday, **April 24, 2004**. The day will start with a luncheon honoring the Class of 1954 at noon in the HCC Library. After alums have toured campus, they will have the opportunity to take in the HCC presentation of "Nunsense," a musical comedy, at 2:00 PM.

The HCC Alumni Board will once again hold a silent auction fund raiser in the HCC Library. It will continue through the afternoon and bidding will conclude at 5:30 PM before the banquet.

This year's banquet will feature roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, salad, rolls, peach cobbler, and drink at \$12 when

reserved in advance. After noon on Thursday, April 22, the cost will be \$15. You may reserve your tickets by calling (785) 442-6018. All tickets will be picked up on the 24th.

Following the banquet and a short business meeting led by Co-Presidents Shari Bauman and Doris Delzeit, the group will dismiss to Culbertson Auditorium where they will be entertained by the HCC Music Department. The program will feature the Honored Class of 1954. Everyone enjoys this part of the day when we can look back and remember what life was like on the HCC campus in 1954. The evening concludes with the roll call of classes, presentation of scholarships, and singing the Alma Mater.

HCC Alumni of all ages enjoy this day of reacquaintances and memories. We encourage all to take this opportunity to return to campus and become a part of the Reunion 2004.

Class of 1954

Melva (Johnson) Blakely
 Jack Denton
 Rosalie (Ramsier) Dorrell
 Inez (Windmeyer) Duncan
 Vera (Ellenman) Hurst
 Robert Garner
 D.T. (Dan) Holaday
 Joann (Halling) and
 Louis Holaday
 Jack Knight
 Lillie (Smith) and
 Marvin Ledbetter
 Gene Long
 Emma Lou (Mier) Nieman
 Raymond Miller
 Wilma Onek
 Geraldine (Pickering) Todd

Still Need Address:

Bill Allen
 Fred Klaus
 Robert Franklin
 Phyllis Fulk
 Joe Johnson
 Jim Tapp
 Wilbur Tapp
 Loyal Torkelson

Deceased

Marilyn (Parker) Adams
 Gene Jeffers
 Ronnie Koelliker
 Pat Laha
 Wesley Moore
 Charles Nowlin
 Norman Walton
 Helen Young

If anyone has information on any of the classmates of the class of 1954, please write to the alumni office or call at (785) 442-6018. E-mail may be addressed to: mobryan@highlandcc.edu

From HCC President Reist:

Life hasn't been perfect at Highland Community College this fall, but it certainly has been good from several standpoints, and I think you will have a good feeling about your alma mater after reading this newsletter.

- Enrollment for fall 2003 was the largest ever with 3,152 students.
- In September, HCC was notified by the U.S. Department of Education that our Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant Application was funded. This grant will provide \$1.7 million over five years for developmental education.

- A few weeks later, HCC learned that we had been awarded a RUS (Rural Utilities Service – Department of Agriculture) grant in cooperation with some local school districts.
- In October, the Board of Trustees gave their approval to begin the building process for a **Fitness Center** (a new facility) and the **Stadium Center** (replaces current press box). These buildings are the first construction pieces in the Facilities Master Plan completed three years ago.

HCC ranks seventh in headcount among the state's nineteen community

colleges with a fall enrollment of 3,152 students. A large enrollment also brings special challenges. The past three years about 40% of our students needed to enroll in remedial math classes, 30% needed remedial English, and 11% had to enroll in remedial reading. In addition, the success rate of these students is not what we'd like it to be.

The **Title III Grant** allows us a wonderful opportunity to address these challenges. Component one of the grant completely revamps and revitalizes developmental studies by addressing the learning styles of high-risk and under-prepared students. Courses will be developed or redesigned in context

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and delivery. Component two of the grant will strengthen student support services by developing a new array of systems and services: student tracking, intrusive advisement, early alert, and learning communities. Component three will train faculty and staff with skills and delivery methods effective with high-risk, under-prepared students.

The RUS grant will provide almost \$100,000 to HCC for four major components:

- To develop community and school instructional programming
- To deliver and install videoconferencing equipment
- To train school staff and community residents to use the equipment
- To deliver community and school instructional programming

HCC has partnered with Nemaha Valley, Centralia, and the Bern school districts for the RUS grant.

In October, the Board of Trustees chose AHRS Construction and Schwerdt Design Group as the team for the new Fitness Center. The programming phase (determining the function and use of the building) has just been completed and conceptual design is ready to begin. The graphic to the right illustrates the footprint of the building on the site. The Fitness Center will provide much needed recreation space for our students, faculty, and staff; the varsity sports of track and field, baseball, and softball will use the space as an indoor workout area during the cold weather months; and the facility will be open to the community for fitness activities, tournaments, camps, and civic functions. Construction will begin this summer and be completed before the fall 2005 semester. This project is being funded by student fees and money generated from HCC auxiliary enterprises.

The Stadium Center project is also proceeding with Ken Babcock chosen as the contractor by the Board. The old press box and concession stand will be gone and replaced with the Stadium Center, which will house game/meet administration space, rest rooms, a new concession stand, and offices for the football and track coaching staffs. This project is being funded by a loan from the HCC Foundation and money generated from HCC auxiliary enterprises. No local or state tax dollars are being used to fund either project.

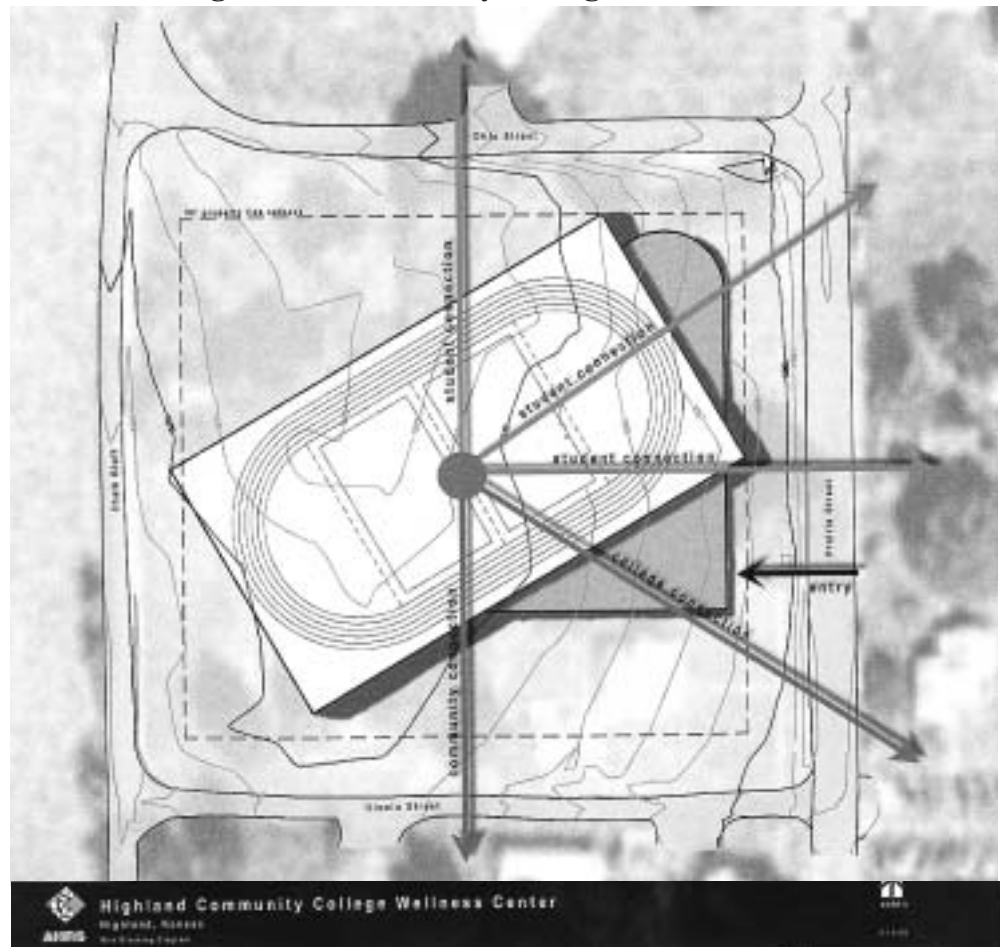
How can you help? Alumni support is vital for us to continue all of the good things being accomplished at HCC. Many of you have told me that HCC gave you an opportunity for higher education that you wouldn't have had otherwise. That still is true for many of the students we serve today and strong Alumni support can

continue to make it happen. I'll close with a few thoughts that I use to challenge our graduates with each spring.

Go forth and be good Scotties. Wear the navy and gold with pride wherever you go. Tell all your friends about Highland Community College. Send your children and grandchildren to HCC. Answer the call to Alumni events. Respond to opportunities for giving by the Highland Community College Foundation. Remember, someone at HCC provided help for you in the form of scholarships, time and support, instruction, friendships; now you can help provide for others.

Come back to campus and see us. We would enjoy showing you around and I know your former instructors would enjoy visiting with you about your success.

Highland Community College Fitness Center



Class of 1953

Beryl (Smith) Blevins, Highland, taught at Fanning school after graduating from college. She then taught several years at Highland and then became a teacher's aide and substitute for over 25 years before retiring. She married Nolan Blevins and they have three daughters who are graduates of HCC. They have lived in rural Highland all their lives and farm.

Robert Blunt, Effingham, spent two year in the Army. He married Virginia Moore and they have five daughters. He graduated with a BS and MS degree from Emporia State. He was a teacher and principal for eight years. He became superintendent at Wathena and Atchison County Community High School. He retired in 1988 and then worked until 1995 for the State of Missouri as a Management Trainer.

Lois (Moser) Bowen, Hiawatha, taught school for two years after graduating from college. She married Sam Bowen and they farmed south of Highland until Sam went in the Navy in 1956. In 1957, they moved to a farm southwest of Hiawatha where they had a Grade A Dairy until 1996. They now have a beef cattle herd. They have three daughters and a son. She was a stay at home mom while the kids were in school and now works at a meat and cheese store in Hiawatha.

Mary Lou (French) Colley, Highland, began teaching in Bellvue after graduating, then went on to teach at Highland until 1984 when she became the Media Specialist. After HCC, she received a Bachelor's degree in 1970 from Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison and in 1984 a Master of Science degree from Kansas State University. Professional memberships include NEA, Highland NEA, Kansas Reading Association, NEK Reading Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Kansas Library Association, and Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She is a member of the Highland Christian Church and Highland Progressive Club. She and husband Bud have lived on a farm near Highland and are the parents of two daughters. She retired in the spring of 2000.

Richard Cotton, Horton, went on to graduate from Peru State College. He taught school from 1951 until 1997 when he retired. They then moved from Wyoming to Horton to be closer to his sister. In 1992, he was inducted into Wyoming Coaches Association Hall of Fame and in 1997 he was inducted into the HCC Athletic Hall of Fame.



Pictured front: Beryl Blevins, Darlene Johnson, Betty Dickerson, Norma Laha, and Lois Bowen.

Back: Mary Lou Colley, Clarence Lewis, William Smith, Clark Hatch, Claude Schmille, Robert Blunt, Jake Tinsley, Wilma Kuck, and Richard Cotton. Not pictured are Milan Kloefer, and Paul Richard Thornton.

Betty (Estep) Dickerson, Topeka, taught school for one year, then went to cosmetology school and received her license. She married Abner Dickerson in 1954 and traveled with him while he was in the Air Force to many U.S. locations and to Japan and Okinawa. When he retired from the Air Force in 1972, they settled back in Highland. They have four children. After her husband's death, she moved to Topeka.

Arnold Dwayne Dorrell, St. Charles, MO, spent three years in active Naval Reserves, stationed at Treasure Island, CA and Kodiak, AK. He married Dottie Ukena in 1956 and they have three children. He has retired from McDonnell-Douglas (now Boeing) in 1996.

Shirley (Coleman) Duran, Highland, has been married twice. She has two children. She taught school for ten years and moved to Las Vegas in 1965. She went to work for the federal government in 1966. She retired from the Office of Radiation Programs in 1996. She then moved to Hiawatha for six months before moving to Highland to enjoy her retirement.

Clark Hatch, Waverly, NE, went on to receive his BS degree from KSU in 1956. He married Dorothy Petersen in 1954 and they have four children. He has had a career in insurance, banking, and real estate and is still active. They have toured several countries and love traveling in the USA.

Darlyne (Redmond) Johnson, Troy, married Richard Johnson in 1953. They have three children. She was the lunch room manager and cook at Bendena Grade School for 4 1/2 years. Then she spent the next 21 1/2 years working at the Bendena Post Office as PTF clerk, officer-in-charge, and Postmaster. She retired from the US Postal Service in 1996.

Milan Kloefer, Fairview, received his BS degree from Peru State College and an MS from Washburn University. He also received an MS in counseling from Emporia State. He has been teaching elementary school and was an elementary counselor for thirty nine years.

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Wilma (Mellenbruch) Kuck, Council, Bluffs, IA, received her BS degree from Peru State College in Elementary Ed and a MS degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She taught at Grand Prairie and Morrill and various places in Iowa. She had nine years in the Resource Room and nine years in Language Arts at Glenwood, IA. She and husband Benton have six children.

Norma June (Kuck) Laha, Wakefield, KS, first taught at Sabetha. She and husband Pat have five sons. She was a stay at home mom when her children were small. She did substitute teaching and then taught in parochial schools in Nemaha and Marshall Counties. Her husband died in 1975. She moved to Topeka and earned a BS degree in Education from Washburn University. She then moved to Wakefield and went on to receive her Master's in Education from Kansas State in 1985. She retired in 1998 after teaching 4th grade for 20 years at Wakefield Elementary. She enjoys her retirement by volunteering in Meadowlark Hospice and the Wakefield Public Library and enjoys her grandchildren's activities and working with students at Wakefield Elementary.

Clarence "Fuzz" Lewis, Highland, joined the Navy and served on the USS Yorktown. He married in 1955 and he and his wife have three children. He was a masonry contractor after the Navy.

Henrietta (Rapp) Moser, Topeka, married Adam Moser in 1943. They spent time in Tacoma, WA where Adam was stationed. They returned to Wathena in 1946. She then attended night and summer school to complete one year of college. After graduating from HCC, she taught at Blair and continued to attend classes at Northwest Missouri State College graduating in 1963. They moved to Topeka in 1964 to teach at Auburn until retirement. She earned a Master's degree in Special Reading in 1972. She took classes from Emporia and became qualified as a librarian. She retired in 1983 after teaching in a classroom and library science for 30 years. They enjoy traveling, volunteering, and their great-grandchildren.

Claude Schmille, Hiawatha, served in the Navy for two years following college. He then went to work for AT&T and retired after 44 years there. He is married and they have six children.



Mary Lou Colley introduces fellow classmates of 1953.

William "Bill" Smith, Monterey Park, CA, continued his education at Long Beach City College and graduated from the American Institute of Banking. He was the Vice-President and Manager of Crocker Bank from 1955-1993. He was a past President of the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He married Donell Harris and they have two children. He loves to golf and traveled to St. Andrews, Scotland to play the old course three times there and several other courses.

Erma (Sharp) Snodgrass, Stewartville, MO, married Clifford Snodgrass and they have four children. She taught school for sixteen years in Kansas. They moved to Missouri and she went to work as a Day Care Director for the Cameron Community Hospital. She then transferred to Liberty Hospital and worked in dietary for five years. They have also had a farm market located 11 miles east of St. Joseph on Highway 36.

Richard Thornton, Littleton, CO, graduated from KU in 1955. He became a special agent for the US Army Counter Intelligence Corp in Philadelphia, PA, and West Berlin, Germany. He and his wife have three children.

Gerald "Jake" Tinsley, Willow Springs, MO, joined the Air Force right after school and was on the AF track team at Eglin AF Base. He married Hattie Lewis, then later married Alma Longer. He has one child. Later he got a job at Patrick AF Base in Florida. He retired in 1991 and moved to south Missouri. He also coached and managed little league baseball for ten years.



Reunion 2003



CLASS NOTES

1934:

Tille (Moore) Hogue of Horton recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

1938:

Ellen R. (Stricker) Smith of North Augusta, SC, celebrated her 85th birthday last year by going skydiving.

1950:

Harold Sommers has been recently inducted into the Kansas National Guard Hall of Fame.

1952:

Marietta Holden attended Westmar College in LeMars, IA, after HCC. She also attended the University of Iowa to complete her post-graduate work in occupational therapy. She is retired and volunteers at the Brown County Genealogical Research Center in Hiawatha.

1960:

Donna and **Roger Caudle** have raised three sons in the Bendena community, where they have been operating a farm. They are also involved in local banking and real estate.

1964:

Linda (Kessinger) Medis, of Lawrence, is employed in the home health field.

1965:

Stephen Smith, of Hiawatha, recently received the Bowl of Hygeia award for outstanding community service.

1966:

Roger Gormley is a career coordinator at Highland Community College.

Ruth Stunz, formerly of Hiawatha, recently won the 2003 Kansas Author's Club Book of the Year for poetry for her book, *Contrails of the Wind*.

1970:

John Schilling, Lawrence, is a CEO with the Prairie Band Pottawatomie Nation.

1974:

Artie Lucas, of Highland, has been chosen as appointee for First District Commissioner of Doniphan County.

1976:

Jerry Cross is currently employed as a Police Detective Lt. by the city of Atchison. He is looking forward to retiring.

Beverly (Batchelder) Montgomery, Sabetha, is a stay at home mother of three. She and her husband farm. She also enjoys church work, art, and has done murals for their church and one for their oldest son's room.

1977:

Tony Geiger has joined UMB National Bank as the new Vice President and Ag Loan Officer.

1978:

Doris Delzeit is the assistant city clerk for the City of Wathena.

1979:

Arthur W. Crews, of Yakima, WA, is a correctional administrator for the Yakima County Department of Corrections.

1980:

Brenda (Aue) Boldra is currently an administrative assistant at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home.

1981:

Mary (Pritchett) Clary is a kindergarten teacher at the Highland Grade School. She resides in Hiawatha with her husband, Jerry, and two children, Drew and Jamie.

1983:

Sharon J. (Anderson) Bosse is residing in Wheaton, KS with her husband Dean. They raise registered Hereford cattle.

1985:

Robbie Golder of Topeka is working in sales as the owner of Jayhawk Auto Concepts.

1986:

Jerry K. Shirrell was promoted to parole officer earlier this year for the Department

of Corrections for Missouri. He was married in 2000 to Teresa Meade. They reside in Savannah, MO.

1987:

Jeff Fritch graduated from Kansas State University in 1991 with a B.S. in Marketing. He and his wife, Amy, have three children: Nathan, Maggie, and Jackson. Jeff is a product manager for Cox Communications in Omaha, NE.

1988:

Melissa (Simpson) Denton has recently been promoted to Multi-Campus Director of Admissions for Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, MO. She has two daughters, Hailey and Maizey.

Lori (Mee) Gollner of Wamego, is a para-educator for USD #320.

1990:

Jesse Griffin graduated from Emporia State University in 1997 with a Master of Science in Education. He is currently teaching mathematics at Raytown South High School in Raytown, MO. He is also the head track coach and head girls cross country coach.

Jessie and **Brandon Libel's** daughter, Isabella, was crowned Little Miss Doniphan County at the Doniphan County Days held in Troy, KS. The family resides in Wathena.

1991:

Craig Schmidt is a sales manager at Schmidt's Welding Supply in Wichita.

1993:

Claudean (McKellips) Erickson currently lives in Wellington with her husband Douglas. She is an English and Psychology teacher.

Gwendolyn (Loyd) Mays graduated from Fort Hays State University with a BSN. She works as an RN at Phillips County Hospital. She also has a four-year-old daughter, Riana.

Coleen Thomas graduated from Washburn University with a bachelor of business administration in management.

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1994:

Marc A. Housh recently received his Bachelor of Science at Kansas State University.

1995:

Kay (Thompson) Duncan is a clerk/typist for the City of Sabetha.

Emily George, McLouth, is a heavy equipment operator at Kings Construction.

Kelli Meyer of Lincoln, NE, is working as a registered nurse.

1996:

Lynette Gudenkauf graduated from William Penn College in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management. She is currently a financial aid advisor at Indian Hills Community College.

Brady Jasper formerly coached the Elwood, KS boys basketball team. He has recently been hired as the Lafayette girls basketball coach.

1997:

Aaron Enyeart is currently a deputy sheriff at the Osborne County Sheriff's Office.

Melissa (Small) McQueen resides in Goff with her husband Shannon, and children Dakota and Kael.

1998:

Janie Kruse, Manhattan, is currently working an assistant manager for Enterprise.

Megan (Minor) Stamper, Falls City, NE, and her husband Patrick have three children, Mariah, Paige, and Madison.

Aurelia Trywianska had an outstanding track career with the Scotties. She then completed her Master's degree at Iowa State. Upon returning to her native country of Poland, she competed in the track portion of the World Games.

1999:

Jenn Alley graduated from Kansas State University with a marketing degree. She

currently works at Holiday Inn in the marketing department.

Jodi (Knudson) Leatherman married her husband Benjamin in 1998. They reside in Denton. Jodi is employed by HCC as the Coordinator of the Northeast Region. She has also recently completed her Master's in Business Administration from Baker University.

Christina M. Walker currently is attending graduate school. She is to receive her Master's degree this coming May in school counseling from Pacific University.

2000:

Dustin Lee is a first year teacher at Weeping Water Public Schools in Nebraska. He teaches Spanish and world history. He is a member of a rock/alternative band. Their first album is in progress and waiting release.

Melissa Phillips, Smithville, MO, is a deputy juvenile officer for the 16th District Family Court of Jackson County.

Kelly Relph attended Northwest Missouri State University to major in broadcasting. She is currently an on-air personality for KNEM/KNMO Radio.

2001:

Candace Irving graduated from Pittsburg State University last December.

Miranda Lippold graduated from Washburn University with a physical therapist assistant degree.

Alisha Matthews recently graduated from Mid-America Nazarene University with a Bachelor's in Psychology.

Andy McClaflin is currently attending Fort Hays State University.

2002:

Sarah Burke of Denton, was awarded an Emporia State University scholarship.

Adam B. Bruna of Salina, is employed as a youth service worker with St. Frances Academy.

William Collins, of Kansas City, is currently working at Nebraska Furniture Mart as a machine operator.

Denise (Fucco) Keller is a data entry clerk at Bayer Construction Company Inc. in Manhattan.

Dustin Meritt, of Vermillion, is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves and has been recently deployed to Iraq.

Connie (Trail) Potter, Wathena, is a secretary for Economic Development at Highland Community College.

Kalan Powers is currently attending Southwestern College in Winfield, KS.

Tyler Thomas has played for the Ottawa Braves the last two seasons. He is majoring in Human Services.

WEDDINGS

Wanda Miller to **Dale Small ('77)** on August 31, 2003.

Julie Crowe to **Terry Higgins ('86)** on September 20, 2003.

Lisa Davis ('88) to Jack Barnes on August 1, 2003.

Teresa Scherer to **Timothy Hegarty ('88)** on January 3, 2003.

Deanie Tenpenny to **Marvin Keehn ('90)** on July 5, 2003.

Deanna Davis to **Ray Rush ('91)** on June 6, 2003.

Heather Strahl to **Shawn Kloepper ('91)** on May 3, 2003.

Jennifer Burton ('92) to John Streett on August 2, 2003.

Tami Lambert ('93) to Jason Burkeybile on December 6, 2003.

Nancy Loyd ('94) to Paul Leffingwell on July 27, 2003.

CLASS NOTES

Heidi Zeit ('94) to Jeremy Johnson on October 4, 2003.

Angela Schletzbaum ('96) to Alex Lindsey IV on September 13, 2003.

Kimberly Cluck ('96) to Pat Urban on July 26, 2003.

Dara Norris to **Justin Oswald ('97)** on May 31, 2003.

Teila Petersen to **Matthew Keys ('97)** on May 3, 2003.

Casey Dame to **Brent Wagner ('98)** on November 8, 2003.

Kristin Kinsey to **Corey Franken ('98)** on January 3, 2003.

Wendy Hunziker to **Mark Prestood ('98)** on August 12, 2003.

Taryn Aller ('98) to Craig Welch on May 10, 2003.

Catherine Wagner ('02) to William Geisendorf ('98) on May 31, 2003.

Melissa Gaskell to **Brent McCrory ('98)** on December 20, 2003.

Jennifer Collins ('98) to Bradley Haynes ('98) on February 14, 2004.

Randee Brunner ('99) to Justin Abitz on April 26, 2003.

Heather Gering ('99) to Jeffery Ogle on September 6, 2003.

Karla Smith ('99) to Christopher Cohurst on August 17, 2003.

Crystal Becker to **Mark Albers ('99)** on July 12, 2003.

Sarah Nye ('00) to John Fassnacht on August 9, 2003.

Manda Zumbahlen and **Dustin Thompson ('00)** on November 30, 2003.

Rebecca Scherer ('00) to Christopher Youngers on October 11, 2003.

Laura Morehead ('00) to Shawn Mikelson on October 11, 2003.

Hilary Vertin ('00) to Rick Graves on May 30, 2003.

Gayla Smith ('00) to Darrin Figge on October 4, 2003.

Carla Chesnut ('00) to Matthew Wenger on June 21, 2003.

Heather Adcock ('00) to Nathan Maze ('99) on March 15, 2003.

Lorrie Penny ('00) to Eric Donaldson on June 28, 2003.

Mary Upham ('00) to Ryan Bulson on March 27, 2003.

Patricia Clark ('00) to Jaryl Davis on November 22, 2003.

Pamela Korthanke ('01) to Corey Scott on June 14, 2003.

Angela Ross ('01) to Andrew Adrian on July 4, 2003.

Audrey Govea to **Jerod Blanton ('01)** on September 14, 2003.

Christina Gibson to **Christopher Hewins ('02)** on September 6, 2003.

Catherine Wagner ('02) to William Geisendorf ('98) on May 31, 2003.

Tia Walton ('02) to Charles Wist ('02) on December 13, 2003.

Adrienne Zeit ('03) to Brett Kell on August 9, 2003.

Georgia Logan ('03) to Matt Hollis on September 6, 2003

ANNIVERSARIES

Walter and Euna (Ukena) Brant ('41) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2003.

Carroll and **Evelyn (Gish) Loyd ('42)** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 30, 2003.

Nolan and **Beryl (Smith) Belvins ('53)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 6, 2004.

Adam and **Henrietta (Rapp) Moser ('53)** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 15, 2003.

Richard and **Darlyne (Redmond) Johnson ('53)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2003.

Theresa and **Raymond Miller ('54)** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 30, 2003.

Ann and **Donald Martindale ('55)** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on December 22, 2003.

Joan and **Curtis Blevins ('75)** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 29, 2003.

Sheila and **LeRoy Antes ('75)** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 9, 2003.

Barb and **Dennis Rettele ('77)** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on January 14, 2003.

Patti (Batchelder) ('78) and Robert Chauza ('79) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2003.

BIRTHS

A son, Gunner N. Smith, was born May 7, 2003, to Jill and **Ron Smith ('83)** of Hiawatha.

Twin daughters, Natalie Brynne and Kenadie Lynne, were born October 23, 2003, to Leslie and **Donald Halling ('86)** of Cedar Rapids, IA.

A daughter, Morgan Elise, was born March 30, 2003, to Janet and **Eric Heinen ('86)** of Elk River, MN.

CLASS NOTES

DEATHS

A son, Luke Read, was born March 9, 2003, to David and **Susan (Read) Miller ('87)** of Bonner Springs.

A daughter, Kathryn Grace, was born September 10, 2003 to Barbara and **Paul Frakes ('88)** of Lawrence.

A son, Colyer Wayne, was born August 12, 2003, to Kelley and **Colby Brummett ('89)** of Wamego.

A daughter, Jaiden Nicole, was born February 10, 2004, to **Jason ('90) and Marla (Rockhold) Taylor ('89)** of Highland.

A daughter, Tess Frances, was born January 9, 2003, to Jean and **Jodi (Hewins) Scoggins ('89)** of Kansas City, MO.

A daughter, Alexis Noelle, was born December 18, 2003, to Chuck and **Karen (Ricklefs) Wilson ('92)** of Atchison.

A daughter, Riley Nicole, was born November 29, 2003, to Chris and **Lisa (Bauman) Shoots ('92)** of China Spring, TX.

A son, Carson Dean, was born January 29, 2004, to Bobby and **Brenda (Huber) Adkins ('93)** of rural Horton.

A son, Lucas Andrew, was born March 18, 2003, to **Brian and Candi (Lucas) Wozniak ('94)** of Wichita.

A son, Matthew Scott, was born September 10, 2003, to Kirsten and **Scott Shannon ('95)** of Garland, TX.

A daughter, Jaycee Jo, was born April 16, 2003, to Rick and **Mandy (McVey) Lundy ('96)** of Wathena.

A daughter, Klyynn Renae, was born August 14, 2003, to Brett and **Kim (Strieb) Kelley ('96)** of Highland.

A son, Jase Levi, was born April 7, 2003, to Tim and **Jenny (McVey) Wendt ('99)** of Wathena.

A son, Jaden Mark, was born February 4, 2003, to James and **Chasity (Barnes) Underwood ('02)** of Atchison.

Bernadene (Bacon) Garner ('26) of Highland – April 11, 2003.

Hazel L. (Lucas) Dorrell ('27) of Highland – March 31, 2003.

Robert Irwin III ('32) of Topeka – May 13, 2003.

Daisy Irene (Lusk) Campbell ('32) of Jefferson City, MO – November 10, 2003.

James W. Patton ('34) of Hiawatha – April 28, 2003.

Vera Frances (Burgert) Pfister ('35) of Hiawatha – September 4, 2003.

Jean (Fraser) Zimmerman ('38) of Troy – December 5, 2002.

Frances (Brazelton) Gechter Childers ('39) of Horton – August 6, 2003.

Harry Green ('40) of Sabetha – November 20, 2002.

Hazel J. (Johannes) Denison ('41) of Hiawatha – January 22, 2003.

Joseph M. Corbet ('41) of Sun Valley, CA – February 9, 2003.

Mildred Naomi (Gish) Eby ('41) of West Point, NE – October 18, 2003.

Betty (Duncan) Johnson ('42) of Hiawatha – October 20, 2003.

Carroll G. Sprague ('44) of Topeka – April 22, 2003.

Martin W. Boersting ('45) of Hiawatha, – December 26, 2002.

Wilma M. (Frakes) Winchester ('45) of Atchison – May 8, 2003.

Juanita (Daub) Doane ('45) of Littleton, CO – September 24, 2002.

Elvin W. Tilton ('48) of Savannah, GA – March 3, 2003.

Mary M. (Lewis) Powell ('50) of Lecompton – November 3, 2003.

Mary-Leah (Ward) Thummel ('57) of Atchison – August 11, 2003.

Daryl L. Haegert ('58) of Garnett – September 17, 2003.

Malcolm P. Germann ('64) of Wichita – March 5, 2003.

Frederick W. Windmeyer ('65) of Topeka – May 18, 2003.

Marsha E. (Weiland) Simpson ('65) of Hiawatha – August 12, 2003.

Lucille K. (McCreery) Moore ('66) of Highland – September 22, 2003.

Norman W. Gaul ('69) of Highland – December 17, 2003.

Charles Nimtzt ('70) of Wathena – May 15, 2003.

Galen F. Cashman ('71) of Holton – July 26, 2003.

Daniel Chatman ('74) of Atchison – December 11, 2002.

Teresa E. (Schuetz) Richling ('82) of Horton – February 1, 2003.

Karen (Kathrens) Richard ('82) of Smithville, MO – January 12, 2003.

Norene K. Negonsott ('86) of Horton – January 16, 2003.

Carrie (Grimm) Dalinghaus ('91) of Sabetha – April 3, 2003.

Charles R. Drake of Highland – November 21, 2002. Mr. Drake worked at HCC in maintenance for many years.

Dorothy Elliott Moore O'Dell of Hiawatha – February 20, 2003.

Opal Pauline "Polly" Hopper Windmeyer of Highland – February 8, 2003.

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Our HCC Alumni Association past president Pat Koelliker and husband, Gene, volunteer to help sell t-shirts at the annual alumni games last August. Proceeds from the alumni games help support the alumni scholarships. The recipients of the scholarships this year are Nicholas Lanter of Everest, Jed Johnson of Troy, and Elizabeth Holzhey Robinson of Bendena.

MANY RETURN FOR ANNUAL ALUMNI GAMES

Besides the many athletes who returned to the HCC campus for the annual alumni games, there were a few new activities taking place to enjoy this past year. For everyone who registered in the Student Union Lobby, there was a chance to spin the KNZA wheel of fortune to claim a prize. Everyone enjoyed the thrill of the spin and the chance to ponder over their selection on the prize table. The wheel replaced drawing for door prizes and was a big hit for everyone. We thank KNZA and their crew for helping the alumni association with this new method of door prize distribution.



Also new this year was the sale of balloon animals and Scottie paw print temporary tattoos. We hope to continue these new features at the Alumni Games each year. Look for the wheel and the tattoos that help support alumni activities next year.

Track alumni started the day at 10AM with the annual alum run followed by baseball, softball, and volleyball alumni pairing up against the varsity teams in a warm afternoon of competition.



The drill team and cheerleader alumni joined the varsity squads for an afternoon practice to prepare for their performance at the evening football game. This is always a highlight of halftime entertainment and everyone was looking really good on the field. Led by alumni Joy Huber and Kelli Rauner, the ladies always manage to pull off an impressive performance for the halftime crowd.

The evening football game had over 30 alumni participants returning to take on the 2003 varsity football team. The alumni didn't pull anything over on the varsity, but everyone enjoyed the game and comradarie.

Besides the athletic competitions, the alumni board served food and drink from the concession stand all day and managed to raise enough money to support three alumni scholarships this year.



Mark Your Calendar !

The 35th Annual Alumni Reunion

Saturday, April 24, 2004

Honored Class of 1954

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Class of '54 Luncheon

12:00 noon. - Library

Entertainment

2:00 p.m. - HCC Musical
"Nunsense"

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 (785) 442-6018.

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) _____

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**Alumni
Games
2003**



**Mark your calendar for the next
HCC Annual Alumni Games on
Saturday, August 21, 2004**

**You can now visit the Highland
Community College web site at:
www.highlandcc.edu**

ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now for the April 24 Alumni Banquet! Complete this portion and mail it to us to be received by April 24, 2004 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 1954" tickets are free - Guests will need paid tickets. Make checks payable to *HCC Alumni Association*.

Number of Reservations _____ Class of _____

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

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

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

Name _____ Maiden _____

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