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# From the Desk of President Reist



Next year February 9, 2008 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> year since the chartering of Highland University, making Highland Community College the first institution of higher education in the State of Kansas; but, you already knew that. We'll be celebrating HCC's Sesquicentennial on that date and at other various events through out the year. Please join in the celebration and stop by the College for one of these events, particularly if you haven't been in Highland in a while. I think you'll be pleased with our campus. Let me update you on some things that have occupied our time this year.

## HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT PERRY

Last year in this publication, I announced that the HCC Foundation was in the final stages of purchasing the middle school building in Perry. We had been holding classes at Perry Lecompton High School in the evenings for several years, and when they decided to build a new middle school, we began negotiations to purchase their old middle school building. The purchase is complete, renovations began last May, and we started classes last August in our new location in Perry. Having our own facility in Perry allows us to enhance our offerings in the area with day, evening, and weekend classes – both credit and non-credit. We still have some remodeling to do, but enrollment is up, and things are going well for the HCC Perry Center. There are six full time employees - the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator of the site, one clerical staff person, a custodian, and two full time faculty, one in math and one in biology. We'll be adding more faculty and staff as we grow. This purchase was made possible by your gifts to the HCC Foundation. HCC will lease the facility from the Foundation and the return on the Foundation's investment is significant.

The HCC Foundation is now looking to acquire a facility for the HCC Holton Center. Again, with your help, we can make the announcement in next year's *Connection* about the acquisition of a new location in Holton.

## HCC AND NEKTC CONTINUE TALKS

Highland Community College and Northeast Kansas Technical College (Atchison) have been discussing a possible affiliation or even a merger. NEKTC serves about 300 students in a variety of technical programs. We're just in the discussion stages at this point, and nothing has been approved yet, but a stronger institution for Northeast Kansas could emerge with a variety of general education and technical programs for our nine county service areas.

## HCC SERVICE AREA EXPANDS

Speaking of service areas, the Kansas Board of Regents approved the north half of Wabaunsee County as part of the HCC service area. Wabaunsee County had previously been unassigned, but HCC had been providing services for several years in the Alma area. Likewise, Allen County Community College had been providing services to the Eskridge area. ACCC and HCC made a joint request to have our services areas modified to include Wabaunsee County and our request was approved.

## WELLNESS CENTER

After a full year of operation, the HCC Wellness Center continues to impress. This is a great facility for our campus and community. In addition to providing recreation and fitness space, the multi-purpose aspect of this facility serves us well. It has provided us with the needed space to host career, college, and craft fairs, wellness events, a variety of non-credit health-related activities, space for activity classes, athletic camps and clinics, and intercollegiate indoor track meets.

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The Wellness Center, along with Piper Hall and the Stadium Center, has added much in terms of usable space and aesthetic quality of our facilities. These new buildings definitely make an impact when students visit. All three facilities were built without taxpayer dollars and have pushed us down the road on our campus facilities Master Plan. Future endeavors with facilities include a new student union, library renovations, and a weight room.

#### ACADEMICS AND FACULTY

Sharon Weiser, HCC psychology instructor, received her doctorate from the University of Missouri. In addition to psychology, Dr. Weiser heads up our HCC Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant, and is also the Chair of our Assessment Team.

Last spring's recipient of the Bruning Award was Dr. Jeff Hurn, HCC mathematics faculty member. Jeff completed his doctorate from Kansas State last year and conducted a session on his dissertation at a regional mathematics conference in Chicago last September. Dr. Hurn has been working hard this year developing a new course for our mathematics curriculum.



Robert Brainerd, instructor in Sociology, has received word he is being considered for a Fulbright Scholarship. The Fulbright is an exchange program allowing Mr. Brainerd to teach abroad for a semester and an international faculty member would take his place at HCC.

In the classroom, and with the assistance of our Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant, HCC faculty have continued to explore alternative delivery methods and learning styles for developmental learners in mathematics, reading, and English. We now offer computer and Web-based instruction, structured study sessions, and linked classes. HCC already offers classes through interactive video and has a distance education committee studying on-line classes with the plan to begin those in the fall of 2007.

#### HCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year the HCC Foundation awards five new students HCC Foundation Scholarships. The intent of the scholarship is to draw the best, brightest, and most actively involved students to our campus. The program works, except there are not enough of these awards. In any given year, we have about ten Foundation Scholars on campus. We'd like to increase that number, but funding is a problem. We're looking for alumni to step up and contribute to the program on an annual basis. The scholarships can be named for you, your family, or some other special person and an annual commitment of \$3,150 can make it happen. Your Foundation Scholarship could also be endowed if you prefer.



I hope you join us for this year's Alumni Banquet and Reunion. It's not just for the 50 years grads; we'd love to see you all attend. Whether or not you can attend, please stop by the College when you're in Highland. I'd love to give you a tour of our campus and visit with you about your time at Highland Community College.



# 38th Annual Reunion to be a Happy Birthday Celebration

**April 28, 2007** proves to be an active day at HCC. The **Class of 1957** will begin their day with a **Golden Grad luncheon** hosted by HCC President David Reist and wife Marci. This proves to be a great opportunity to reacquaint and reminisce.

Everyone should try to join the Golden Grads for the special afternoon presentation by the HCC performing arts department of the musical, **"Into the Woods."** The stage in Culbertson Auditorium will come to life at 2:00 p.m. **Tours** of campus will complete the afternoon with visiting the familiar Irvin Hall and Administration buildings. Many of the Golden Grads have stories that relate to one of these facilities. Then on to the remainder of campus with special emphasis on the recent additions, the Stadium Center, the Wellness Center, and Piper Hall, the new dorm for fine arts students. The HCC Alumni Association will once again sponsor a **silent auction** to help raise funds to support the alumni scholarships. It will be available all day in the Library.

The **banquet** begins at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, and the menu this year will be pork loin, buttered potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, drink, and dessert for \$12.00 with a reservation before noon on Thursday, April 26. Reservations made after that time or at the door will cost \$15.00. All tickets will be picked up on Saturday, April 28.



Reservations may be made by calling 785-442-6018 or returning the form in this magazine.

The HCC **music** department will entertain following the banquet in Culbertson Auditorium. The remainder of the evening program will be dedicated to the introductions of the Class of 1957. This can be a very informative and entertaining portion of the day as many of the Golden Grads love to share their stories. It reminds everyone of the time spent at Highland Community College and what an important role that time has played in many lives. A **reception** will then be

hosted by the HCC Alumni Board in the lobby area where everyone will have an opportunity to view the Student Honor Art Exhibit.

**EVERYONE is encouraged to return to campus to enjoy the reunion.** It is an excellent opportunity to reminisce and make many more happy memories. The reunion will kick off the celebration of Highland Community College's 150th birthday which will be February 8, 2008.



## Classes of 1966, 1967, and 1968 to Reunite

The Class of 1967 invites the classes of 1966 and 1968 to join them on April 28, 2007 to celebrate their 40th year reunion. The classmates will gather at 2:00 p.m. in the **Scottie Stadium Center** Barber Room. Alumni and friends will have time to enjoy the musical or spend the afternoon enjoying their classmates and refreshments. Tours of campus will also be made available and HCC President David Reist will join them following the musical. The remainder of the day will include the banquet, program, and reception along with the other alumni.

The classmates of 66, 67, and 68 are encouraged to join an email ListServ by sending an email message to [imailsrv@highlandcc.edu](mailto:imailsrv@highlandcc.edu) with the following message in the body: subscribe Alumni66\_68 My Name. Once signed on, emails can be sent to everyone in that ListServ address to keep them informed about updates with reunion plans.





*Showing off his new bib is Cooper Jay Eberly, son of Rick and Angie (Kinkead) ('87) Eberly of Highland. Rick is the HCC head baseball coach and Angie is the HCC Wellness Center director.*

## FOR OUR FUTURE SCOTTIES

The HCC Alumni office will be offering Scottie bibs to every alumni that contacts the office to let us know that they have had a baby in 2006 and 2007. Contact can be made at the Highland Community College Website at [www.highlandcc.edu](http://www.highlandcc.edu) and going to the Alumni/Friends tab. Scroll down to Update Personal Information to fill in the form and let us know about your new baby in the What's Happening section. We will send your future Scottie a bib to get started in the right direction.

## Silent Auction Funds Scholarships for Three Students

The Alumni Board will once again sponsor a silent auction to help raise money for the alumni scholarships that are presented annually. The auction is open to everyone and will take place in the Library during the alumni reunion on **Saturday, April 28**.

Last year, three students received the HCC alumni scholarship which was \$150 per semester for their sophomore year at HCC. The recipients were:

Brittney Willis, daughter of Don ('80) and Jamie ('81) (Scott) Willis of Savannah, MO. Brittney is majoring in elementary education and will attend Kansas State University. Melissa Boos, is the daughter of Jerry ('71) and Carol Boos of Denton. She is majoring in physical therapy and will attend Missouri Western State University. Jena Pickerell, daughter of Jim ('70) and Pam ('74) (Hull) Pickerell of Troy. Jena is a graphic design major and will transfer to Missouri Western State University.



*Brittney Willis, Melissa Boos, Jena Pickerell*

ALL Alumni are invited to contribute items for the auction. You may make arrangements with Dr. Craig Mosher at 785-442-6019 or email him at [cmosher@highlandcc.edu](mailto:cmosher@highlandcc.edu). Please help by sending an item for the auction.





*The 1956 classmates enjoyed the President's luncheon and the afternoon activities at the 2006 Alumni Reunion. Seated: Joyce (Wager) Terry, Barbara (Benson) Farley, Marilyn (Bruening) Wehrman, Rosalie (Sawyer) Oelschlaeger, Donna (Fuhrman) Manyon. Standing: Conrad Clary, Bill Gordon, Ray Ross, George Fuhrman, Bob Volker, and Dean Price.*

## Class Of 1956

**Harold Benfer**, Lufkin, TX, moved to Texas after graduating and went to work for Shell Oil Co. In 1961, he started work with Pearsall Chemical Co. then went on to work with USI Chemicals for 29 years. Now he and wife Margaret enjoy traveling in their fifth wheel camper and doing volunteer work with the food bank and church. They have three children.

**Philip Delayne Bowen**, Norman, OK, received a B.S. degree in business from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. He worked as an accountant for Kenworth & Dart Truck Co. in Kansas City for most of his career. He retired in 1995 due to post polio syndrome. He and wife Marjorie have two children and three grandchildren. They enjoy time with family and traveling.

**Conrad Clary**, Highland, received a master's degree as an Education Specialist. He spent 39 years in education at Midway and Highland, with a total of 46 years in the education field. He was

a teacher, coach, and school administrator. He received the Master Teacher for Doniphan County award. He and wife Shirley have four children and they all attended HCC.

**Barbara (Benson) Farley**, Highland, taught 2 years in a country school at Severance. She married Duane Farley at Christmas in 1957, he was drafted in the Army, and was sent to Korea. They moved to Highland 2 years later and she taught 6th grade for 14 years. They have two children. She got a bachelor's degree from Benedictine and a master's degree from K-State. She worked at Highland Community College for 27 years where she taught adult GED classes. She retired in June 1998 and they did a lot of traveling for a while. Now they enjoy just being in Highland and using the new HCC Wellness Center.

**George Fuhrman**, Hiawatha, is a farmer. He married Lulu Kleppe in 1957 and they

have five children and eight grandchildren. Presently he is renting the crop ground and helps his son with a cow herd. He was a member of the Kansas National Guard from 1952-61. They are members of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

**William (Bill) Gordon**, Scottsdale, AZ, attended Kansas State University and received a BS degree. He married Rosemary and they have two daughters and one granddaughter. He had a thirty five year career with John Hancock Investment Management Company. He retired to Arizona in 1998.

**Marlene (Dorrell) and Ken Hanf**, Atchison. Ken attended Rockhurst and Northwestern University. He worked in accounting while in Kansas City for 22 years then sold real estate for 30 years. He and Marlene have four children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. They have traveled from the Arctic Circle to the Carribean.

**Donald Jones**, Hiawatha, returned to





seminary and pastored four churches. He served on community boards and committees and served as president of the Nebraska Baptist State Convention. He also worked as the director for youth camps. He retired in 1985.

**Barbara J. Kerr**, Wamego, received a doctorate from the University of Kansas and was recognized by the state education department of Kansas as State Special Education Director of the year in 1998. She had a 41 year career as educator, teacher, Special Education Director, and psychologist. She taught various psychology courses for HCC and was a conference speaker in the area of teen suicide. She has served as church deacon, elder, clerk, Sunday School teacher, and currently serving as choir director. She has worked as staff psychologist in mental health centers, traveled to Great Britain, and was honored as a city volunteer.

**Donna (Fuhrman) Manyon**, Highland,

became a teacher. She graduated from Benedictine and married Frank Davis. They have two children, both HCC graduates. She is now married to John Manyon and they enjoy traveling.

**Carol (Vignery) Marxen**, Basehor, received a B.S. degree from Peru State College. She and husband John have two sons and two granddaughters. Carol spent 39 years in elementary education teaching in Sabetha, Powhattan, Hiawatha, and Edwardsville, retiring in 1997.

**Rosalie (Sawyer) Oelschlaeger**, Tonganoxie, earned a master's degree plus some 30 hours credit. She taught 8 years in a one room country school, 3 years at Potter, 1 year at Troy, and 24 years at White Church Elementary in Kansas City. She married Lowell Thomas, he died in 1985. While a widow, she enjoyed four trips to Europe. She then married Orville Oelschlaeger and moved to rural Tonganoxie and they live on a farm there. They enjoy traveling with an RV and pulled it

to Alaska and back in 1998. They are also active in the Good Sams Camping Organization.

**Dean Price**, Sheridan, WY, received a B.S. degree in education in 1958 with a double major in social science and biology from Emporia State University. He taught school at Whiting High School for one year, then 28 years in the Denver Public Schools in Colorado. He retired in 1987 and moved to Sheridan, WY. He and wife Ginny have three sons and two grandsons. They have traveled coast to coast in North America and from Canada to Mexico.

**Ray Ross**, Lincoln, NE, received a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nebraska and a M.S. in Physics. He was inducted into Sigma Pi Sigma, the National Physics Honors Society. He married and they have three daughters. He served with the U.S. Navy as an instrument flight instructor in advanced training command. He was the



Vice-President of Corporate Engineering, Foote & Davies Company. He is a certified professional engineer. He has now retired.

**L. Gerald (Jerry) Schuetz**, Leon, KS, received a bachelor's degree in 1966 and master's degree in 1969 from Emporia State University. He received his Administration Certification from Emporia State in 1970. He and wife Norma have three children.

**Virginia (Taylor) Snook**, Highland, taught school at Shore District #30 from '56-'59. In the summer of '59 she graduated from Peru State College with a B. S. degree in Elementary Education. She then taught at Belvue District #14 until 1962 and then taught at White Cloud Rural until 1968. She was a principal for 5 years and 1 year a building supervisor. In 1968, she attended the University of Hawaii then taught at Cameron R-1 for 32 years. She has served on the Cameron Chamber of Commerce. She was named outstanding educator at Cameron Middle School and received the Certificate of Award for Exemplary Coordination, Planning and Team Leadership above and beyond the call of duty by the Cameron PTA. She was twice selected for induction in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She retired in 2000. She married Billy Snook in 1981. Since retiring, she has worked with Pride food sales, at ice cream socials, Generation Gap, and as a care giver.

**Joyce (Wager) Terry**, McLouth, graduated from UMKC and received a master's degree from K-State. Her first year of teaching was in a country school, grades one through eight, taught elementary school in the military in Germany, and the rest of her elementary teaching was in Excelsior Springs, MO. She retired at age 57 and has enjoyed her retirement to the fullest.

**Robert Volker**, Dallas, TX, went to Emporia State and received a degree in business. He then worked for the North Texas Region of the Texas Department of Insurance. He retired as deputy commissioner for the North Texas Region in 1990 after serving 32 years as a financial examiner. He became an independent contractor and senior examiner for the Nevada Division of Insurance in 1991. He was on assignments in many states. He was the State Chairman for the Society of Financial Examiners, and has served as Elder at his Church.

Volker served 5 years with the Kansas National Guard and 3 years with the Texas National Guard. He and wife Maryellen have two daughters and four grandchildren. Since retirement in 2004, he has been involved with Meals on Wheels, The Stewpot (meals for the homeless), the Senior Source, and on the Board of the Lake Highlands Crime Watch Association. He enjoys being a dealer for the Aaron's Casino Parties and served a 3 month term on the Dallas County Grand Jury.

**Marilyn (Bruening) Wehrman**, White Cloud, married Raymond in 1957 and they have three children who are all graduates of HCC, and five grandchildren. They farm southwest of White Cloud in Brown County.





# Class Notes

## 2006

**Jeni Fee**, Hiawatha, is a student at Northwest Missouri State University majoring in Business.

## 2005

**Hillary Bauman**, Wathena, is attending Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, MO, and began the doctorate program in May 2006.

**Johnny Gould**, Troy, is the Youth Minister at the Troy Christian Church and is the assistant coach of the Troy High School football team.

**Todd Roberts** is a student at Emporia State University majoring in Elementary Education. He will be graduating in the spring of 2008 with his master's degree.

**Tiffany Theis** of Olathe, KS works for the YMCA and is also a nanny.

## 2004

**J. Shelagh Franklin** is a student at Wichita State University. She has an A.S. in Chemistry and a B.A. in Communications.

**Brett Kell** is married to Adrienne (Zeit) Kell and they had their second child, Reagan Nicole July 20, 2006.

**Tiawan Lee** is a student at Emporia State University majoring in Business Administration.

**Ryan O'Conner** attended Lindenwood College and earned his B.A. and is now an Operations Manager at Citi Bank.

**Josy Sanders** of Cassville, MO, is going to be married in spring of 2007. She graduated from Stephens College with a B.A. in Business and plans to attend graduate school.

## 2003

**Brock Baxter** is attending Kansas State University majoring in Civil Engineering.

**Amber (Smith) Frakes**, Rushville, MO, attended Vatterott College and earned a degree in cosmetology. She now works as a cosmetologist and a gymnastics coach.

**Jimmy Thompson** earned a bachelors degree in Business Administration at Oklahoma Panhandle State University and now works for State Street Corporation as a Portfolio Administrator.

**Austin M. White** of Topeka, graduated from Kansas State University in May 2006 with a degree in Secondary Education majoring in history.

## 2002

**Jessica Didion** earned a Bachelor of Graphic Design Degree from Columbia College Chicago and now works as an Art Director.

**Stacey Trunecek**, Wichita, is working for Golden Living Senior Care as the Admission/Marketing and Social Services Director in Kansas City, MO.

**Katie (Miller) Martin** was married May 24, 2003. She is employed at Atchison Elementary School as the school secretary/nurse aide and is the assistant softball coach at Atchison High. She has daughter, Maria Rose.

**Angie (Bramlage) Snyder** is living in Liberty, Missouri. Her husband Nick is employed at a healthcare technology firm and Angie is employed at Bernstein-Rein Advertising.

**Crystal (Wissman) Tracy**, White Cloud, graduated from Missouri Western State University in May 2006. She is now the Wellness Center Assistant Director for HCC.

**Patrick and Rebecca (Buttenhoff) Younger** were married in December of 2004. After HCC, she earned her BS degree in Education from Sterling

College and he earned his B.S. in Physical Education from Fort Hays State. They now reside in Ness City, KS where they both teach at the local school.

## 2001

**Angela (Ross) Adrian**, Gardner, KS, has a degree in Business and Marketing from Emporia State University. She is now employed at Oddo Development as a Leasing Agent.

**Amber (Burklund) Befort** is working on her doctoral degree in Physical Therapy at Wichita State University and will be graduating in May 2008.

**Peter (01) Blanton** is a teacher at USD 422 and his wife, **Chris (Benzel) (02)** is a Registered Nurse at Regional Medical Center. The couple resides in Greensburg, KS.

**Marcus Johnson** attended the University of Charleston of West Virginia and is now a computer analyst for the Library of Congress.

**Melissa Meyer**, Eudora, is a Web designer for KU Endowment.

**Misty (Wissmann) Olberding** graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College last year. She and her husband, Dusty, have two children: Gwen, 3, Wyatt, 1.

## 2000

**Dallas (00) and Andrea (Collins) (01) Keller** are both coaches. He teaches and coaches men's basketball at Elwood High School and she is the head coach of the volleyball team at HCC, and is assisted by Dallas.

**Tia (Elliott) Collins**, Highland, is the head Athletic Trainer at HCC.

**Antonio Leam** of Gastonia, NC is a Billing Account Specialist at Duke Power. He was married in 2003 and they had a child in 2006.

**Kelly Relph** is a student at Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She will be graduating May 12, 2007 with a BSN and RN license in Nursing and will be employed at the Hulston Cancer Center in Springfield, MO.

**Christi (Shields) Yarnell**, Topeka, is employed as an Office Assistant in the Finance Office at Washburn University.

### 1999

**Enoch Smith** works as a teacher for the Chicago Public School System. He and his wife, Talisha, reside in Chicago, IL.

### 1998

**Lisa (Hiebert) Hochstetler** works as a personal trainer at Memorial Home Wellness Center in Moundridge. She is also the assistant girls basketball coach at Moundridge High School. She and her husband had their first child, a girl, born October 10, 2005.

**Betsy (Crawford) Leeds**, Junction City, works for the Geary County School District where she is employed as the school psychologist.

### 1996

**Jeff Davenport** of Medicine Lodge, KS is employed at South Central Special Education Cooperative as a Social Studies/English Teacher. He has two bachelor's degrees: one in Arts of Education from Northwest Oklahoma State University, and the other in Social Science from Kansas State. He and his wife, Sheryl, have three children, including a set of twins.

### 1995

Jason and **Cindy (Buessing) Edwards** of Olathe, KS, have a daughter, Hannah Christine, born September 14, 2005. Cindy is employed at Sprint as the Billing Program Manager.

**Kelli Meyer** is employed at Bryan LGH Medical Center as a Registered Nurse. She resides in Lincoln, NE.

### 1994

**Kay (Thompson) Duncan** works as a

clerk for the city of Sabetha.

**Stephanie (Hammer) Workman**, Topeka, works as a Horticulturist/Arborist for the City of Topeka. She and her husband, Mike, of almost 7 years have 2 children, Gabe, 6, Jackie, 1.

**Brian Wozniak**, Olathe, is working for Tyco Manufacturing Company in Sales Management.

### 1993

**Coleen (Thomas) Green**, Mayetta, is the Executive Director at the Boys and Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

### 1992

**Chris Kassner** of Joplin, MO, is a Recreational Therapist at McCune Brooks Hospital.

### 1991

**Hank and Nicole (Desormiers) Whetstone** of Philadelphia, MO, now have three children; Henry "Sheldon", 5, Spencer David, 3, and the youngest, Shayleigh Amelia was born May 17, 2006.

### 1989

**Jeffrey Summers**, Topeka, works for the United States Postal Service as a Post Master in Junction City.

### 1986

**Cheryl (Fortner) Harris**, Beatrice, NE, is a Direct Support Associate for Mosaic. She plans to go back to school to become a Medical Assistant. She and her husband, Chuck, have two children ages 13 and 11.

**Rick Heaton** resides in Owasso, OK where he works as the Sports Editor and Associate Editor of the *Owasso Reporter*, the second largest paper in the Community Publishers, Inc., a chain of 29 newspapers in OK, MO, and AR. He and his wife, Pam, have two children, Chase (18) and Dustin (16).

**S. Eric Heinen**, Elk River, MN, is employed at Michael's as the Store Manager. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1989 with a degree in

Business Administration. Eric is married with three children, Sydney, 9, Mollie, 6, and Morgan, 3.

**Brenda (Wienck) Miesner** of Manhattan, KS is an Accounting Specialist at Education Communications Center for Kansas State University. She married John Miesner, a Wildlife Biologist, February 18, 2006.

**Deborah (Guinn) Moehlman** of Bonner Springs, KS is a nursing instructor at USD 500 in Kansas City.

### 1985

**Mike Bulleigh**, Olathe, is employed with DST Systems, Inc. as Senior Architect.

**Brian Heinen**, Gardner, KS, is a 1987 graduate of Missouri Western State University with a degree in criminal justice. He is employed with the Olathe Police Department as a Patrolman for 18 years and also is a Motorcycle Safety instructor for SMART. Brian is married with two children, Lauren, 16, and Nathan, 13.

**Jane (Denton) Lackey** is employed at the Air National Guard Family Readiness and resides in Robinson, KS.

**Josh Woodward**, De Soto, is employed with USD 458, Basehor-Linwood, as a teacher and a coach.

### 1984

**Mike Hast**, Conway Springs, is employed with the USD 356 Conway School District as a teacher.

**Todd Heinen**, Strong City, is working as a Service Tech for Pepsi Cola. He and his wife have three children, Justin, 24, Lee, 20, and Ann 18. They also have a grandchild, Lily, 1.

**Kevin Long**, is a Medical Officer in the US Navy. In 2006, he moved from the Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, TX to Fallon Naval Air Station.

**Margaret (Peg) (Coufal) Obermeyer**, Marysville, is employed with the



## SPOTLIGHT

On September 11, Dr. Michael Keehn, a board certified family physician, and his wife Julie, fulfilled a dream with the opening of Muddy Creek Family Clinic. The general practice clinic offers routine and acute medical care, general obstetric care, immunizations, and x-rays.

Dr. Keehn, a 1983 graduate of HCC, has 15 years of experience in military and civilian practice. The couple welcomes patients and visitors to the clinic which is located at 200 White Way on the site of the old Netawaka railroad depot.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Marshall County Sheriff's Department as a 911 Communications Officer.

**Vicki (Koehler) Wyatt** is Para-Educator and she and her husband Darryl live in Wathena, KS.

### 1982

**Dianna Bell**, Independence, MO, is the Executive Director for the Atchison Area United Way.

**Brenda (Aue) Boldrj**, Morrill, is employed at the Apostolic Christian Home as an Administration Assistant.

### 1979

**Kay (Kendall) Graf** works as an Administrative Assistant at International Media and Cultures (IMAC).

### 1978

**Leo A. Antes**, Olathe, is the President of Antes Concrete Inc.

**Doris Delzeit** is employed as the Assistant City Clerk in Wathena, KS.

**Vanetta (Blevins) Geiger** is the HCC cheer and dance coach and an Admission

Counselor.

**Marj (Finuf) Locker**, Ludlow, MO, is an Art teacher for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades and a coach.

### 1947

**Warren E. Gladhart** is retired from All State Insurance Company and is living in the suburbs of Wichita.

### 1930

**Lillian Fridell**, Hiawatha, has been retired for 33 years after teaching for 43 years. She taught in the Brown County School District for 35 years, then in Topeka for 8 years.

## *Weddings*

**Stuart Aller (05)** and Amanda Jones were married December 30, 2006. Stuart will be graduating from Kansas State University with a degree in life sciences in May 2007.

Matthew Jeffrey and **Amy Stutz (05)** were married October 21. The couple is residing in Nortonville.

Cory Baker and **Kristie Gaskell (04)** were married August 26, 2006. The couple resides in Horton, KS.

Christopher Bodenhausen and **Megan Wohlgemuth (04)** were married May 20, 2006. The couple resides in Atchison, KS.

Brett Jenkins and **Carol Hoverson (03)** were married in June of 2006.

Jared Osterhaus and **Cabrini Schulte (03)** were married August 20, 2006. The couple resides in Sabetha.

Jason Pendleton and **Brandi Strong (03)** were married April 8, 2006. The couple and their two children, Miranda and Tristan, are residing in Highland, KS.

**Rodney Tangeman (03)** and Melissa Wiezorek were married January 7 2006.

Chad Clark and **Heather Foley (02)** were married September 16, 2006. She will

graduate from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry as a Doctor of Dental surgery in May 2007.

Kyle McElwain and **Lynn Windmeyer (02)** were married September 16, 2006.

Adam Diebolt and **Haleigh Hinton (01)** were married October 7, 2006. The couple resides in Atchison, KS.

**Joseph Henry Hoffman (01)** and Mary Zeneta Hale were married July 8, 2006.

**Steven Dillon (01)** and **Miranda Lippold (01)** were married September 9, 2006. The couple resides in Topeka.

Sergeant Steven Novak and **Nicole Toms (01)** were married September 30, 2006. The couple resides in Panama City.

**Tyron Becker (99)** and Rita Martin were married December 10, 2006.

Jacob Marintzer and **Tara Schmitz (99)** were married June 11, 2006. The couple resides in Wamego.

Jessica Anne Farmer and **Cody Craig Walter** were married July 16, 2006.

**Janafer Dawn Rutland (03)** and **Scott Alan Chartier (98)** were married November 12, 2005. The couple is residing in Atchison, KS.

Donnie Anderson and **Cindy Ogg (96)** were married October 30, 2006. They are still in Manhattan, KS.

Carl Bonnett and **Connie Fergerson (87)** were married June 17, 2006.

## Anniversaries:

Jewel and **Al (39) Acker**, Topeka, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary November 10, 2006. Al retired in 1982 as manager of product engineering for Allis-Chalmers after 36 years of service.

**Gilbert Eugene (Gene) (54)** and Joan Long celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary May 29, 2006.

Daryl and **Emma Lour (Meier) Neiman (54)** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary May 6, 2006.

Jim and **Helen (Parker) Gilmore (57)** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary January 18, 2007.

## Births:

A son, Jaydan, was born March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to Colin and **Lindsey (Kloepper) Folk (04)**, Hiawatha.

A daughter, Madelyn Sharidonn Marie

Keller, was born December 20, 2006 to Luke and **Danyel (Seipel) (04) Keller**, Hiawatha.

A daughter, Gracie Leona, was born March 22, 2006 to Nathan and **Jenny (Charbonneau) (98) Beenken**, Omaha, NE.

A son, Conner Michael, was born June 24, 2006 to **Megan (Brzon) (97) Hostetler** of Harper, KS.

A son, Kelby James, was born August 24, 2006 to **Curtis (95) and Sarah (Gilfillan) (01) Windmeyer**, Robinson.

A son, Derek Thomas, was born April 12, 2006 to Denise and **Steve (88) Koch**, Centralia.

A son, Cooper Jay, was born to Rick and **Angie (Kinhead) (86) Eberly** of Highland on June 30, 2006.

A second daughter, Sadie Jo Bosse, was born April 5, 2005 to Dean and **Sharon (Anderson) (83) Bosse**, Wheaton.

## In Memory Of:

**Marvin Brinker (72)** Seneca, died March 5, 2005.

**Stanley Robert Boos (67)** Hiawatha, died December 4, 2005.

**Samuel Twombly (67)** Highland, KS died August 12, 2006.

**Terry Steele Nightingale (65)** Holton, died August 13 2006.

**Fred C. Beaman, Jr. (49)** Osceola, Iowa, died April 28, 2006.

**William Thomas Noll (41)** Highland, died October 29, 2006

**Ferne (Brant) (37) Emert Sabetha**, died January 18, 2007.

**Doris Giffin (36)** Stanberry, died December 18, 2006.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tell us what's happening \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Sign Me Up!

I would like to renew membership with the HCC Alumni Association. Please check the appropriate option and enclose your check  
**Return this form to HCC Alumni Assoc., Highland Community College, 606 W. Main, Highland, KS 66035**





## 2006 Soggy Games

Although the baseball and softball games were called off due to rain, the HCC Alumni Games were held with the Fun Run, Volleyball, Spirit Squads, and Football events. The new HCC men's track coach, James White, got the day started with the fun run in the morning. KNZA radio was on board with the Wheel of Fortune that registered alumni got to spin for the valued door prizes.

Spirit Squads practiced for their evening performance and the true blue volleyball players gave the varsity a good practice scrimmage.

The evening found many alumni gathered in the Stadium Center to visit with Coach Marty Allen who retired in 2005. Coach Allen and alumni enjoyed watching the alumni vs. varsity football game inside the Center's conference area. The room provides a sheltered viewing area of the stadium. Allen was head football coach at HCC for 24 years. The alumni board provided snacks for the reception visitors and presented Allen with a crystal football plaque. Marty continues to serve HCC as a member of the HCC Alumni Association Board.

**Alumni Games 2007 - August 18**

## ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now for the April 28 Alumni Banquet! Complete this portion and mail it to us to be received by April 26, 2007 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 1957" 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 26, the cost per ticket will be \$15.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Or year attended \_\_\_\_\_

My Guest's Name \_\_\_\_\_







# Director's News

HCC alumni continue to play a major role in the current and future development of the College. President Reist notes the major accomplishments of the HCC Foundation in the past few years: construction of the Stadium Center and acquisition of a new facility for the HCC Perry Center. Those accomplishments are the result of alumni leadership and support.

## ANNUAL FUND

You should have received this year's Annual Fund postcard in the mail. It reminds you to start your day thinking about the College with an HCC coffee cup and packet of Scottie blend coffee. Last year's Annual Fund drive assisted in the acquisition of the new HCC Perry Center. This year's Annual Fund proceeds will go toward the acquisition of a new facility at Holton.

## ALUMNI REUNIONS

We look forward to having you return to campus for our two major alumni events: the annual Gathering of the Clan alumni reunion in late April and the Alumni Games in August. Those are great days to come back and reminisce with your fellow alums. You are also welcome to return to campus at any time during the year.

## HCC CONNECTION

The heart of this publication is the news about you and your fellow HCC alumni. You are the best source of that news. Stay in touch. Send us e-mail; that is a quick way to share information about you and your friends who attended HCC. Contact can also be made at the Highland Community College Website at [www.highlandcc.edu](http://www.highlandcc.edu) and going to the alumni/friends tab. Then we can share that information in the *Connection*.

## 150th CELEBRATION

Just to give you plenty of time to get your party hat out, plans are underway for the College's celebration of the 150th year of operation. The fun will begin in February of 2008 and continue with monthly events throughout the year. These events will be designed with you in mind, so if you have an idea of what you would like to see included, just let us know.

Receive an HCC  
Mug and Coffee  
Packet when you  
donate \$50 or more!

Donations can be sent to:

HCC Foundation  
606 W. Main  
Highland, KS 66035



# 2006 FOUNDATION GIFTS

**The HCC Foundation and  
Highland Community College  
thanks everyone who has shown  
their support in 2006.**

Raymond Antes  
Branden and Mandy Banks  
Virgil and Lou Bauer  
Gene Bauer  
Joseph O. and Beverly Bottiger  
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**Highland Community College**

# **38th Annual Reunion and Banquet**

**Honoring  
Class of 1957**

**Saturday, April 28, 2007**

**Celebrating 150 Years of Education in Kansas  
1858-2008**

## **Reunion Activities**

**Class of 1957 Luncheon • 12:00 noon in Library**

**HCC Musical "Into the Woods" • 2:00 p.m. in**

**Culbertson Auditorium**

**Afternoon Campus Tours**

**Banquet • 6:00 p.m. in Cafeteria**

**Program • In Culbertson Auditorium**

**Reception Following**

**Enjoy the silent auction throughout the day**

**DOOR PRIZES! DOOR PRIZES! DOOR PRIZES!**

## **All Alumni and Friends Are Invited!**

**The Class of 1967 has invited the classes of 1966 and 1968 to join them on  
April 28 for their 40th year reunion.**

**Additional details will be sent soon, so mark your calendars and plan to return.**



**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Celebrating 150 years of Education**  
**February 9, 2008**

Spring Musical  
April 26,27,28

Art Day  
April 26

Student Art Show  
April 26 - May 11

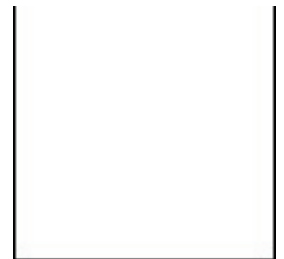
Alumni Reunion  
April 28

Commencement  
May 10

Alumni Games  
August 18

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