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Welcome from the President

"Welcome to the 2004 Arnold Alumni Banquet!" Those are the words I hope you hear this Memorial Day. I am honored to serve as your 2004 president. The plans for this year's banquet are in full gear. All of the elected officers have been wonderful to work with. They are an inspiration to me to fulfill my duties as well as they are their own.

I am excited to have the pleasure of serving with this year's master of ceremonies, Brian Winfield. Listening to his plans for the banquet, I am sure that my expectations for his performance will be surpassed.

Now is the time to make plans to come back home for alumni. With the alumni banquet being on a long weekend, it should be an easy choice to decide to come to Arnold for Memorial Day/Alumni. Many schools

have tried to duplicate the turnout that Arnold has for the Alumni reunion. Let's keep the tradition going. If it is your 60th year or your 55th year, be sure to make the trip back home for this year's Alumni Banquet.

Have a safe journey home and I hope you do hear the words "Welcome to the 2004 Arnold Alumni Banquet!"

Joe Bob Atkins
Class of 1996

Editor's Note: Joe Bob was named as one of the "Top 20 Under 40" business persons in the area by the North Platte Telegraph in 2003. One of Joe Bob's comments in his interview was, "While attending Arnold High School I was an addict. I was addicted to athletics, chasing girls, and ignoring school work, and not necessarily in that order." Joe Bob and his wife, Randi, own Arnold Insurance Agency.

Alumni Dues to be Raised

The inevitable has come. The Alumni officers voted to raise the annual alumni dues by \$1.00, which will make the yearly dues \$4.00 beginning May 1, 2005.

The cost of publishing and mailing the Alumni News, and the always increasing price of supplies it takes to have a

delicious and generous meal and a successful alumni happening each year have made this move necessary.

The 60 year-plus members will continue to be "dues exempt."

The current dues amount of \$3.00 will enable you to attend this year's banquet and program and to receive the 2005 edition of the Alumni News.

2005 Alumni Officer Ballot

Ballots will be cast for 2005 Alumni officers during the banquet. The following will be running for office:

President: Rick Beshaler ('71) and Dan Eastburn ('77).

1st Vice-President (Banquet): Melody Larreau Jennings ('76) and Kent DeLoach ('66).

2nd Vice-President (Program): Karla Cole Rockwell ('73) and Patti McConnell Schwarz ('89).

Secretary-treasurer (3 year term): Sharron Welty Bean ('56).

Thank you to all these candidates for agreeing to run for office.

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Serving as master of ceremonies for the 2004 Alumni Program will be Brian Winfield, Class of '92.

After graduating Brian went straight to college at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He received a bachelor of science degree in industrial distribution in 1997, and has worked in the electrical utility industry selling to villages, municipalities, and public districts. He took a job in Sioux City, Iowa, and then transferred to Des Moines, Iowa, for 3 1/2 years. He wanted to get back to Nebraska, so he accepted a job where he lived in Lincoln and traveled through Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and South Dakota selling electrical

equipment.

He met his wife, Vicki, in college at Kearney, and they kept in touch over the years through all of his moving. They met up again while she was in school at Manhattan, Kan. She was attending Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. They were married two years ago and lived in Kansas and Lincoln until last year. They then settled in Hastings and have a baby on the way. Brian still travels Nebraska, and Vicki is a veterinarian and works in Grand Island and Hastings.

Brian stays active in hunting, fishing, and golf with friends and family. He is a board member of the Blue River Pheasants forever chapter in Hastings. This organization concentrates on developing habitats for pheasants and other wildlife. He is also a member of the Grand Island Wild Turkey Federation.

Brian keeps in close touch with his parents, Paul and Jane, in Arnold, and his brother Scott and family, also in Arnold, and with his brother David, who owns a construction company. Vicki comes from a large family, so together they have 22 nieces and nephews that they enjoy time with.

They look forward to having the baby soon and starting their family.

A Reminder...

Just a reminder that each alumni member may bring one guest to the banquet and that guest should accompany the alumni member.

No one still in high school will be admitted as a date, and no children will be admitted.

When you pay your dues, consider paying for several years (perhaps three or five, or more) at a time, which will save the cost of mailing dues reminder cards.

Out-of-State Alums Register

The following out of state alumni and guests registered at the 2003 banquet:

WYOMING

Verle Morgan Olson, Cheyenne; Diane Olson Rodekoher, Cheyenne; Duane and Barb Morrison, Douglas; Lila Downing Johnston, Burns; Jean and Maria Koubek Chrisp, Casper.

MINNESOTA

Lloyd and Jean Nelson Belts, Bloomington; Lorraine Morrison Bobet, Ranier.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Frank Martin, Boxelder; Dee and Marilyn Best Scott, Rapid City.

GEORGIA

Marilyn Sheets Rowswell, Cleveland.

ARIZONA

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hays, Tucson; Lane and Josie McClure, McNeal.

MISSOURI

Effie Claudson Coleman, Kansas City; Louise Coleman, Gladstone; Donna Weber,

Kansas City.

WASHINGTON

Margaret Steburg Powers, Spokane Valley.

KANSAS

Toni Beran, Wichita; Dan Purcell, Topeka; Darry and Delores Weber, Edwardsville; Joy Potter Weber, Olathe; Steve and Holly Bassett Robertson, Kansas City.

OREGON

Muriel Brower Boggs, Roseburg; James Mackley, Hillsboro.

TEXAS

David and Nell Pearce, Plano; Trudy Smith Van Camp, San Antonio; Delma Reynolds Doggett, Liberty Hill; Gary Connely, Austin; Lowell and Ester Pirnie, Valley View.

IOWA

Besse Fisher Headley, Correctionville; Doris Vogel Peterson, Council Bluffs; Dave Steele and Jill Connegeter, Waterloo; Jim and Sarah Sanford Meyer, Onawa.

ILLINOIS

Carol Vogel Hudson, Gibson City.

CALIFORNIA

Ben and Holly Steele, Ramona; Merle Faye Bassett Wrinkle, Lancaster; Pat Cole Smith, Murietta.

IDAHO

Doyle and Neola Simmons Dunker, Weiser; Ardis Dunker Brown, Weiser; Rhonda Grindstaff, Boise.

NEVADA

Jim and Thelma Myers, Fallon.

KENTUCKY

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In Memory

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

Deceased since May 1, 2003 (as of April 1, 2004).
(Honored Class memoriums listed elsewhere.)

1925 - Myrtle Lindholm Anderson	1942 - Betty Mahan Kampfe
1927 - Max Phifer	1944 - Mary Lehmkuhler Mills
1929 - Constance Alexander Smith	1947 - Faylin Finch
1930 - Helen Siel Eastman	1948 - Lyle Prell
1932 - Amy Sell Christensen	1951 - Gary Bassett
1936 - George Halstead	1951 - Gerald Steele
1937 - Martha Root Shirley	1955 - Vern Anderson
1937 - Fay Wilson	1964 - Maria Simms Morrison
1938 - Ann Walker Shadel	1970 Bill Clark
1939 - Beulah Bailey Jantz	1994 - Mike Wilson
1940 - Mary Agnes Faherty Johnson	

Lyn Johnson
Teacher: 1975-1982
Supt.: 1998-2000

Looking Back on the 2003 Alumni Reunion

By Darlene Rinsley
"Every year as April nears, the Alumni paper comes in the mail. A reunion is planned, it will really be grand..." And so the annual Arnold Alumni happening is announced.

In reality the honored classes sent the above message much earlier than April. Much planning goes into the honored classes' get-togethers, and includes gatherings from slumber parties to pancake breakfasts to afternoon meetings to Sunday picnics, and the planning paid off!

In the annual parade of honored classes, the Class of 1933 had three out of the eight living members, who all live out-of-state, present. The Class of 1943 had 16 out of the 22 remaining members in attendance. The Class of 1953 had 14 members out of 19, plus their class sponsor, the Class of '63 had 16 out of 25 living members present, and the Class of '73 had 22 out of 37 members attending (There were 38 graduates in that class!) The Class of 1983, which hosted the benefit pancake breakfast, also took top honors for best attendance, having 17 out of 21 members attending, and the Class of '93 had half of their class present, with 7 out of 14. Our new members, the

Class of 2003, had five members present.

"It was quite an affair, many of the school were there. It was held in the school gym. We dined (coffee and ice tea), we dined (swiss steak - yum!) and we acted refined (really!) and everyone thought it was swell."

Visiting, hugs, and overhanging "I didn't know you!" Eating, reminiscing, stories about the first crystal radio set built in Arnold, or sneak days (and non sneak days, thanks to the Class of '53). "That can't be him!" - those were some of the swell parts.

The delicious meal, served to approximately 450 guests, was prepared under the watchful eye of 2nd vice-president Harold Ferguson (actually, his wife, Carol's, watchful eye). Thanks to the who helped in the dining hall, including two seventh grade students.

A memorial for deceased alumni of the honored classes and those deceased since the 2002 alumni banquet was led by Gary Blevins, with Melody Larreau Jennings at the piano. A report from the Arnold School Foundation was given by Melanie Peters Chesley, and then Melanie, as 2003 Alumni president, introduced the master-of-ceremonies, Joe

Watkins, '61, of Grand Island. In alluding to his many years of schooling, Joe said, "Some people take a lot longer to learn something." He had a question and answer period on "why does a chicken cross the road?" and imparted other words of wisdom to us.

Following the parade of classes, the Class of 2003 presented their class picture to be placed in the photo display.

The guests coming from the farthest distance were recognized, with California and South Carolina probably competing. The Class of '43 had a member from Aiken, South Carolina (Elaine Graham Deppel), and a member from just across the street (Alice Hagler Conner) in attendance.

"Returning" teachers included Jane Hornung (who is a '63 AHS grad under the name McDowell), Bonnie Rose ('47 AHS grad Bonnie Smith), Marilyn Brohman ('54 AHS grad Marilyn Smith), Marion Fuller Nelson, and one who substituted a great deal in the system, Margaret Gunther.

And then came the program under the direction of 1st vice president Matt Lucas. Trudy Smith Van Camp narrated the poem, "The Class Reunion" where we saw the spouses who told how beautiful their children became (Patty McConnell Schwarz and Melody Larreau Jennings); "The homecoming queen, who had once been lean" (Penny Crow Strasburg); "The jocks who had lost all their hair" (Andy Schwarz and Brad Nansell); and "The cheerleaders who could no longer do kicks" (Deb Brosius and Chelsea Knight). There was "The class nerd who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon" (Jerry Ahrens), and "poor little Jane (Pam Lamberty Long) who had always been plain, who married a shipping tycoon" (Jim Long). "The boy we'd decreed most likely to succeed was serving ten years in the pen" (Wayne Bierman), and "the one voted least was now a priest" (Irv Jennings).

Prizes were for "The one who had aged the least" (Matt Lucas won an all-month sucker) and "the one who had driven the farthest to attend" (Don Brosius won a road map). We learned that "those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed, and be home in time for their pill" (Karla Olson Nansell). And for the fiftieth, to be held at "The Shady Rest

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Home for the Old, repairs were made on the hearing aid, the pacemaker was turned on high, the wheelchair was oiled, the teeth had been boiled, and I had a new wig and glass eye. I'm ready to party!" (Darlene Hagler Hampley).

Brock Dailey sang "Coming Home," and "Do You Remember?" Both apt songs for alumni and our nation.

Westbrook Audio assisted with the sound system.

Door prizes from local merchants were awarded throughout the evening.

Officers for Alumni 2004 are president Joe Bob Atkins '96, 1st vice-president Lana Anderson '91, and 2nd vice-president Susan Nelson '75. Sharon Welty Bean, '56, had one year remaining of her term as secretary-treasurer.

This year's banquet was the 50th consecutive year for the Arnold High alumni to gather for a banquet and program. The attendance remains high in spite of gas prices, state track meets, graduations, and weddings. The meals are always great, and the emcees and programs outstanding! This truly must be the most successful alumni organization and gathering there is!

We'll see you in 2004!

Out Of State Alumni

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Rodney Carlson, Louisville.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bill and Elaine Graham Deppel, Aiken; Darry and Sherry Bean, Lancaster.

COLORADO

David and Ardelle Dillon Sheets, Loveland; Harold

Halouska, Aurora; Lavern Leach, Loveland; Bob Anderson, Denver; Beverly Horn Townsend, Gypsum; Janice Horn, Lakewood; Judy Horn Martin, Evergreen; John and Shirley Hardin, Castle Rock; Billy Trober, Eaton; Phil and Kathy Fitzgerald Fager, Denver; Jerry Fitzgerald Miller, Greeley; Jennifer Furmanski Gilbert, Littleton; Carolyn Cole Geiser, Loveland.

2004 Alumni Banquet & Program

Banquet Menu:

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Fruit Cobbler
Roll - Coffee/Tea
Serving 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Program:
"Arnold Grads - Where Are You?"
7:30 p.m.

Class of 1914

In Memory

Eva David Potter
Edith Judkins Watson
Eldora Lester St. John
Mae Lester Miles
Helen Mills Dennis

All are deceased. Two of the class members had descendants who were Arnold

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Class of 1923: (l-r) Lester Hayes, Effie Claudson Coleman, and Verle Morgan Olson.



Karl Thelen ('27), one of three oldest living AHS graduates, is pictured standing along the path of his garden plot at Crystal Manor in August '03.

Class of 1914

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Watson - three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild (and the latter, Renae Watson Grapes, is in the honored Class of '94); and Helen Mills Dennis - five children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Class of 1924

In Memory

Bernice Brown
Wayne Ervin
Vyril DeLoach Adams
Henry Geiser
Josephine Gion Charles
Lela Harrell Pearce
Martha Imboden Fenner
Edward Lindell
Mabel Lindell
Gail McFarland Lindvall
Eula Meads Oman
Ruth Nelson Bath
Flora Parson Beatty
Hazel Pinkston Steele
Darr Ricker
Lynn Ricker
Dessie Robinson McIsaac
Roy Root
Lily Sell Troyer
Doris Stewart Maser
Carl Taber
Maurice Thelen

All of the Class of '24 are deceased. Three of the class members had descendants who are Arnold graduates: Lela Harrell Pearce (three children), Flora Parson Beatty (one child), and Lily Sell Troyer (one child).

Thank you for your letters!

All of the letters sent this year are in this issue. Some were edited to make room for everyone!

Class of 1934

In Memory

Phyllis Bailey Anderson
Roy Blixt
Ardyce Burnham McLaughlin
Eleanor Christensen Cornish
Ers Mae Ervin Widholm
Norman Horn
Stanley Hams
Eleanor Kellenbarger Horn
Hazel Lindell Beltran
Dorothea McClure Hill
William McGuire
Christiana Morrison Brosius
Jane Nansen Gounther
Bernice Patterson Morris
Alta Perkins Edwards
Signa Pierce McIsaac
John Pinkston
Ralph Potter
Maxine Scott Costello
Abbie Shaw Zoerb
Lucille Shaw Tiede
David Simms
Dwight Steele
Ralph Stuppelbeen

Class Colors: Blue and Gold
Class Flower: Snapdragon
Class Motto: "Today we launch, where will we anchor?"

The Class of 1934 was the largest class to graduate from Arnold High. Diplomas were signed by school board members Frank Koubek, Guy Potter, and Homer Hardin.

Thelma Lehmkuhler

Vogel '34
Arnold, NE
Dear Norene,
Thank you for the reminder in the Sentinel.

Les and I were married on May 26, 1936, 68 years ago this May. We lived on three different farms south of Arnold before buying the farm on Tallin Table in 1946 and still live on it.

We have four children, including twin girls, Carol and Carmen. Carol lives in

Florida in the winter and in Illinois and Washington State the rest of the year. She is married to Harold Birkey of Washington. Carmen is married to Floyd Ondrak and they live in Arnold.

Doris is married to Michael Petersen of Washington State, but they live in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Leon is married to Janie Harberts of Arnold and they live in Gothenburg.

We think we have one of the best families. They take very good care of their parents.

We hope to go to the banquet, but neither of us are too well so I'll make no big promises.

Thelma

Rachel Buck Applegate '34

Dear Norene and Hazel,
It's so good to hear from you, but I regret that I cannot be with you in Arnold for our 70th in May 2004. Being 86 years old is just part of it.

Soon, I plan to give up my house. I have sold my car, and no longer drive. As my turn comes on the list, I'll move to an assisted care living apartment. My two boys are almost senior citizens. Both are married. Steve lives in Peoria, Ill., and Charles is in Brookfield, which is quite near. They worry about my being alone. It's a bit different than living where everyone is a helpful friend.

When, rising from the four bedroom house, where we have lived since 1954, is a little problem, too; so much furniture to dispose of and things to discard. Stan and I had been married 55 years when he died in 1996. My two granddaughters will help,

though. They are married, and each has two babies - a boy and a girl for each. Lisa lives in Michigan near Detroit, and Lea is closer in Waukesha County, Wis.

To date, I have four great-grandchildren - my single claim to fame. I do stay busy & active with the Elm Grove Methodist Church, the Woman's Club, and I tutor adults, volunteering for the Leubach Literacy Center.

I'm looking forward to moving and having access to cooked meals and transportation in company with the other residents. I send greetings and warm feelings for all of my remaining classmates. I hope many can attend. Please share my pictures with the Class of '34.

Love and prayers for the welfare of all,
Rachel

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Rachel

Love, June

Harvey Brown '34

Dear Norene,
I walked to school up a wagon trail to a sod school house the fall of 1921. It was occupied by ground squirrels, bull snakes, and I remember one skunk.

The District built a little wood frame school on a cement foundation for my third year. We had two books and an library available for three to nine kids.

Going from a class of one to a class of 44 the fall of 1930 was a huge step for a Hill Billie Kid.

I don't want to miss our 70th reunion; I will be there. I want to see the girls that wore

bobby sox and dresses four inches below the knees. I guarantee, us old fellows will still be looking!

Yours jokingly,
Harvey

June Dunn Blummer '34

Roswell, NM
Dear Classmates,
I live in Roswell, N. Mex. with my daughter, Wanda, and her husband Jack. My son, Charles (Dee), lives in Dallas with his family of six kids and nine grandkids. One of the grandkids (Ellisa) will be traveling to Europe for an educational tour with her school.

My daughter, Wanda, will be traveling to Pensacola, Fla., to be honored with several hundred teachers at a 50th year anniversary of Pensacola Christian School. I enjoy taking walks in the afternoon.

Sorry I can't be there to see everyone.

Love,
June

Helen Holt Dutrow '34

Arvada, CO
I have been living in the Denver area since 1935. I had two children by my first marriage and have one by my present marriage. My husband, Ed, and I are both real estate brokers and have had a real estate company since 1966. We are still active with our office in our home.

Jim has also been a hot air balloon pilot since 1976. We have a balloon ride company. I will be attending the big 70 celebration, along with my

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Class of 1943: (top row, l-r) Donna Shaw Chesley, Alice Hagler Conner, Helen Crow Dorris, Morris Geiser (hidden), Joyce Landry Shields, Charles Shields; (middle row, l-r) Betty Peck Winder, Elaine Graham Deppel, Bernelda Nelson Lehmkuhler, Leonard Mackley, Doyle Dunker; (bottom row, l-r) Norma Shaw Cole, Thelma Shields Myers, Pauline Tarr Bell, Carl Glaze, Lloyd Beltz, Jr.

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 husband, my daughter Barbara, my sister Hazel Holt Matthews who graduated in 1946, and her daughter Paula. We are expecting to have a great weekend.

Helen Holt Dutrow

Dorthea Dyke Will '34

Superior, WI

Dear Norene,

I have lived in a nice senior citizen apartment for the last 12 years. I love it here. I am about 1 mile from Lake Superior and since I live up on the 5th floor, I can watch the ships going in and out of the harbor.

There is lots of activity here in the building and outside. I attend most of them, so my life is full of activity at least five days a week.

I have two sons, four grandsons and seven great-grandchildren. I am so proud of them all.

I have fond memories of Arnold. I didn't pay much attention to the hills and valleys when I lived there; now when I go back to Arnold they are very interesting.

Lots of Nebraska people settled here during the dust, grasshopper and drought years, so I saw lots of Nebraska cars in the summer. I enjoyed a visit from a Grand Island friend this summer.

I am sending a picture so you can see how I look now. Years have made many life changes with all of us, along with gray hair, wrinkles, etc. You may show it to anyone who you think might be interested.

Tell Hazel "Hi" for me. I was back one year they celebrated the 1955 class. Your program was wonderful. Sincerely,
 Dorthea

Doris Mudd Linkhart '34

Sea Girl, NJ

Dear Hazel and Norene,

Many thanks to you both for your efforts in regard to our 70th year reunion. I sincerely regret that my health keeps me from traveling so I will not be able to attend.

I have lived for 54 years here in a small town just six blocks from the Atlantic Ocean. It is definitely a "beach town." Our population doubles in the summer time. Many people commute by train into New York City to their jobs. When our first school was built I got the job of school nurse. In New Jersey every school is

required to have a nurse. After retiring I served as a docent in a historic village which dates back to 1700. New Jersey has many interesting historical sites.

My sister Mary Eleanor, Class of '30, who lived for many years in Hawaii, now lives in a nursing center in Phoenix, Ariz. My brother, Robert, Class of '33, who ranched in Oregon, died in 2001. My sister Marjorie, Class of '35, lives in Lincoln, Nebr.

I have two sons. One lives near me and the other lives in Florida. They have given me five grandchildren and we burn up the phone lines!

I send my good wishes and greetings to the Class of '34!"

Doris

Class of 1944

In Memory

Robert Anderson
 Lillian Christensen Halouska
 Marvin Clinebell
 Lavonne Eastburn
 Furmansk
 Mary Lehmkuhler Mills
 Don McMahon
 Pearl Pinkston
 Veva Strashburg Boswers
 Dean Vian
 Vernon Whitney

Class Colors: Sapphires, Blue and White
 Class Flower: White Carnation

Class Motto: "We have crossed the bay, the ocean lies before us."

Class Play: "Calamity Kids"
 During graduation exercises, they had a recognition of boys in service.

Donald Pearson '44

Farmington, NM

Arnold Alumni News:

Thanks for reminding me of the Class of 1944 60th reunion May 29 in Arnold. Goodness, can it be 60 years so soon? We all better get there because on our 70th some of us may not be here.

In 1946 Veneda Westman and I were married. We had four daughters and we have five grandchildren. We have lived in Arnold and Sidney, Nebr.; Cody, Wyo.; Rock Springs, Wyo.; and since 1966 in Farmington, New Mexico. Veneda continued with her education, getting her master's degree in elementary education and taught fourth grade and adult basic education at San Juan College for several years.

I have spent most of my career in oil field related jobs. Construction work until 1955 when I went to work for

Schlumberger Well Services where I spent 22 years as a wireline operator and eventually, engineer. Veneda and I started our own company, Southwest Geophysical Services, and just sold it to our managers on January 1, 2004, after almost 27 years. Veneda says we are now unemployed.

The Lord has been good to us and we are in good health. Veneda enjoys her painting, and I will work on restoring a car and tractor and catching up on my fishing.

I am looking forward to seeing all my old friends and classmates at the meeting before the banquet at Viola's house.

Don

La Verda Deterding

Arow '44

Arnold Alumni News:

Just received my letter from Viola Geiser and Margaret Eastburn. It is hard to believe that 10 years have gone by and now it is time for the 60th class reunion of the Class of 1944.

The last ten years have seen many changes in the Arow household.

In 1996, due to Tom's health, we sold our home which we had built in 1955 and where we resided for 41 years. We purchased a two bedroom condo in a retirement complex called "North Gate Estates." That really sounds classy, doesn't it? We are very comfortable here and have

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made many new friends and we really are just one big family. There are 140 units in this complex and with the Nebraska weather it is a real treat to just take the elevator down to the garage.

In August of 1996 we also celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Now we are working on 58 years. We continued to spend our winters in Mesa, Ariz., until 2000, at which time Tom's old spine got to the place where he could not travel that much.

We would like to skip over the years 1998, 1999, and 2000, as we lost Burdette (Stan's) wife, Delpha (my last sister) and my dear brother Stan. We miss them all and it is a strange feeling to realize you are the last one left of a family.

Sara, live in Lincoln and we see them often.

I guess no one knows what the next ten years will bring, but I am hoping I am writing another letter to the Arnold Alumni News and that Viola and Margart are still reminding us to do this.

Will see you on May 29.

La Verda

Margaret McCarthy

Eastburn '44

Arnold, NE

Dear Classmates,

Since our graduation 60 years ago, we have had some fun-loving and interesting reunions. Our class never

missed an opportunity to get together. As I look back at my pictures and scrapbook, our 30, 40, 45, 50 and 55 have been extra special, and now we are preparing for our '60'. We hope to see most of the 22 members out of our original 32.

Following graduation in 1944, I went home to stay with my parents, who lived on a farm near Broken Bow, to help Dad with the farming, milking cows, etc., as my mother was unable to walk that summer. We also raised a big vegetable garden which you were encouraged to do during the war. I took a few college courses by correspondence and worked as a waitress when the farm work eased up in the fall for the next two years. Then the

from the Air Force, we rekindled our flame and were married in July of 1946. My only regret was changing my Irish name.

We have five children, all graduates of Arnold High. They have given us eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. We are fortunate to have most of them living in Arnold, or close by, with the exception of Jerry in Illinois and his daughter Kelley in New Mexico. We have two grandkids and three great-grandkids going to school here in Arnold now, so we keep busy taking in their activities or babysitting, etc.

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Class of 1963: (4th row, l-r) Darwin Rosentrater, Duane Morrison, Ray Holt, Cal Joy, Jay Peterson, Lowell Pirnie; (3rd row, l-r) Bill Wilson, Lyle Blixt, Charles Leach, Marilyn Sheets Rowswell, Jane McDowell Hornung; (2nd row, l-r) Linda Butler Morrison, Jerry Fitzgerald Miller, Kerry Fitzgerald Brosius; (1st row, l-r) Kay Morrison McConnell, Carolyn Lynch Duponcheel.

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We tried to raise our kids to be community minded, but we might have gone overboard because we have one son, two grandsons, and three granddaughters on the Arnold Fire Department as firemen, EMTs or first responders. Brad and Deb were on the department until they moved to the country, and Jim and I are retired members. A son and son-in-law have been members in their respective towns. Our son Dan isn't a fireman, but has promoted a lot of other organizations, especially the Knights of Columbus. And would you believe who your Alumni president is? You guessed it - grandson Joe Bob Atkins!

We welcome all of you alumni back to Arnold High this year and hope you have a wonderful time.

Margaret

Robert W. Beach '44

San Francisco, CA

Greetings to all Arnold alumni, especially the Class of 1944.

I still reside in San Francisco with my wife, Martha, in a three apartment building. We are lucky to have her two sons - one a floor above and the other a floor below - in the same building.

We don't travel as much as we once did, but go with one of them on weekend trips occasionally.

Our health prevents us from returning to Arnold for the Class of 1944 reunion.

Thinking of all of you,
 Robert

Kathleen Spargo

Sanders '44

Weslaco, TX

Greetings fellow alumni -

Wow! The "Big 60." Little did I dream I'd get to attend. Have spent my past 25 winters in the Rio Grand Valley of Texas selling Indian jewelry three days a week. Love being out of the snow and cold, but ready for dear old Nebraska and Colorado to be with my wonderful family and friends for a highly enjoyable summer. Very fortunate to still have all my children, grandchildren and spouses and the great-grands. Really appreciate you all keeping the Alumni going. Being a past officer, I know what a lot of work it is for so many.

Really looking forward to seeing everyone in May. Kathleen

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Gaynelle Johnston

Catterson '44

Creighton, NE

Dear Viola,

I don't have much more to tell than I did ten years ago, except I'm older with less eyesight and strength, and more aches and pains. I live in a low-rent housing apartment. There are 32 apartments. I go to church on Sunday and eat out when ever I can. Our town is good about delivering things, so if I need groceries or things from the drug store and can't get to town, I can call and they deliver. FREE.

If someone would fly up, the Saturday of the banquet, pick me up and bring me home afterwards, I could go otherwise, I probably won't be there. It would be nice to see all of you again. Probably no one but "old" people there. Ha.

Thank you for your letter. Greet Margaret and Ardis for me. Don't know if you are making a scrapbook or not.

A school mate,
 Gaynelle

Bill Hare '44

Mission, KS

Dear Viola,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Class of '44 being together this spring. We had made a reservation at the Arnold Motel and at this time I plan on being with you.

I'm sorry to tell you that Betty died January 23. She had suffered several years and lasted only eight days after becoming ill with pneumonia. Betty so enjoyed her visit to Arnold and always had a big smile when talking about you good folks. She loved to laugh and had a special charismatic quality which attracted everyone. If you were sincere, kind and honest - you had a friend. She remembered our 40th alumni with such joy and happiness, and was dismayed when a knee operation made it impossible for us to attend the 50th.

It is so important to not put off doing some of the things you want to do. An over used phrase, but one we all seem to ignore until it is too late. Betty and I were fortunate to have made a couple of outstanding trips, and had planned several more, but time ran out. There are no words to describe how I miss her.

Thank you again and plan to see you at the reunion.

May Your Soul Have Wings.
 Bill Hare

Robert Reneau '44

Denver, CO

Dear Viola,

Yes, I have tentative plans to attend the 60 year reunion. Thank you for the letter

advising me of this.

After graduation I continued to work for Henry Eastburn in his station until he sold out. We then moved to a farm north of Broken Bow. In 1949 I married Ruby June Parker, who was from Broken Bow. We had three children while living there. In 1958 we quit the farm and moved to Denver. At that time I went to work for American Motors, where I stayed for nearly 30 years. When Chrysler took over, I opted for retirement.

We have one daughter living in Salida and a son and daughter living in the Denver area. Between them we have eleven grandchildren. I keep busy with a large yard, working on cars, making jewelry, and a little bit of everything else. I am just now getting into computer operation.

Hoping to see you in May - Bob

Ardis Clinebell Rahe '44

Kimball, NE

Dear Viola,

Received your letter regarding our 60th class reunion. I regret that I will not be able to attend. We will be in Florida to attend our granddaughter's wedding on the 29th of May.

Since our 50th reunion, there have been a few changes in our family. We lost our son to cancer, our oldest daughter and family still live in California, and our youngest daughter and family are now back in the States. We have a grandson in the Air Force and the other grandson is in the Navy. One grandson-in-law is also in the Navy and the soon-

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to-be other grandson-in-law is in the Air Force. One granddaughter is a hostess at a Cracker Barrel restaurant and the other is a veterinary assistant and working toward her degree to become a radiologist. Our only great-granddaughter was eight years old on Valentine's Day.

Almost two years ago we sold our country home and moved into Kimball. Retirement has been a busy time for me. I sew, crochet, knit and do family research, as well as research requests from the library and local newspaper.

Will miss being able to see everyone.

Ardis

Ardis Bassett Roth '44

Callaway, NE

Dear Classmates and

Fellow Alumni,

Looking forward to seeing you the last weekend in May. A lot of memories have gathered since graduating 60 years ago. Charlie and I have been married 59 1/2 years. We have a son and a daughter, and they each have a son and a daughter, but an added joy is they have given us 11 great-grandchildren. The oldest was 11 March 4 and the youngest was 2 March 25. We farmed, moving into Callaway the fall of 1989. I was a bookkeeper secretary for 25 years for Progressive Fertilizer, retiring in September 1995.

We do enjoy being healthy and able to take off for drives and events with our family.

It will be a joy to see you the 29th of May.

Ardis Bassett Roth

Viola Scott Geiser '44

Arnold, NE

Dear Classmates & all Alumni, It will be good to see everyone the last weekend in May. It is always a good time here in Arnold, seeing old friends and recalling memories from the last 60 years!

I live in Arnold after all the years farming and ranching. Am healthy and keeping up with bowling, golfing and a few short trips. We have three sons and now have five grandsons and one granddaughter (she is a senior this year), and now have four great-grandsons. I love having them close by and getting to visit with them a lot.

See you May 29th
 Viola

Lucille Moller Croom '44

Winterville, NC

To my 1944 Arnold Alumni Classmates and all other Alumni,

Greetings!

Haven't our 60 years flown by? We certainly have witnessed a lot of history, haven't we? I value so highly the great education that the Arnold school system gave us. I realize more and more how broad that education was when I see what is done in most schools now. Our thanks go to all the mentors who did so well for us.

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Class of 1973: (top row, l-r) Ed Larson, Blaine Hagler, Don Swanson, John Holman, Lester Mills, John Beshaler, Jim Weinman; (middle row, l-r) Regan Watson, Dave Dennis, Penny Crow Strasburg, Trudy Smith Van Camp, Melva Scott Phillips, Judy Collier Gracey, Meri Jo Rosentrater Halstead, Mariys Blincow Weber, Angie Koubek Fisher; (bottom row, l-r) Jean Chrisp, Jane Chrisp Andrew, Cindy Forrester Chesley, Lydia Blixt, Polly Reynolds Hayes, Karla Cole Rockwell, Julie Olofson Eastwood.

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After living in Fayetteville for 45 years, last April I moved to the very small town of Winterville to be closer to my oldest daughter, Dell, and her family. I had decided I no longer wanted to be a homeowner, so I placed my Fayetteville home on the market and it was sold very quickly. I now rent a small brick bungalow in the center of this "Mayberry-like" town where we sit on our porches in the afternoon and visit with our friends and neighbors. I am really enjoying that.

I am sorry I won't be able to join you at our reunion, but this past week I found I shall have major surgery in a few weeks and possibly treatments later, so travel at this time is not an option for me.

I am online and would love to hear from any of you and about you. My e-mail address is LCLLCBM@AOL.COM either upper or lower case is fine. In the subject line if you would mention Arnold alum., I would know that my waiting mail is not spam. I get the Arnold sentinel now and read it all, including the advertisements, and enjoy it so much, especially the Riverview Apartments section.

Have fun and know that I thank my Good Lord every day for the life He has given me and the blessings I have received.

Sincerely,
Lucille

Class of 1954

In Memory

Marilyn Bryan Combes
Shirley Clark Peagins
Sally Kirby Chrisp
Class Colors: Blue and Silver
Class Motto: "Our knowledge is our power, God our strength."
Senior Class Play: "Be Happy, Go Wacky"
Senior Sneak Trip: Missouri Ozarks

Janet Olson Blowers '54 Arnold, NE

Dear Classmates,
Well it seems like the past 10 years have flown by. I was rereading the letter that I wrote for our 40th reunion. We are still at the same place and still working. Thankful that we are both quite healthy.

Becky and family are still in Joplin, Mo. Josh is in the air Force and stationed out of

Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. He has been across three different times. Esther and Adam are both in college in Joplin and Rachel is in the 8th grade. Carolyn and family are still here by Arnold. Della is in the 10th grade, Derrick in the 7th and Drew is in the 4th. The kids are in sports and 4-H. Chip and family (this family has increased): Charlie is in the 3rd grade and Brooke is a first grader. Kerri, Chip's wife, has taken up nursing. Dan is still single and lives in town.

Since our last letter we, or rather I, ran a restaurant for about four years. That was a learning experience. That kept me busy and was very interesting. I really enjoyed getting to meet the people that came in. I do miss the people but not the hassle of having to be there and to see that things got done. We had some very good help for which we were very thankful.

We haven't done much traveling. Make it to Joplin once in a while, but not much more. Think my husband doesn't think the farm can run without him.

We keep busy going to the grandchildren's activities, the farm, church, and just trying to keep things done that make up a home.

We thank God for our health and the many blessings that we have, our family, friends and classmates, which we see to this May. We are looking forward to visiting with each one of you.

A Classmate,
Janet

Faye Jean Larreau Kirwan '54 Imperial, NE

Janet,
I was most pleased to receive your letter and will be happy to fulfill your request. I thought it was pretty tough putting the last letter together for 40 years on two pages. I think these past ten years are just as challenging. Thank you again for doing all of this in gathering the materials for the May event of 2004. I never dreamed this year would be here so soon. My, how time flies. When we were kids time seemed to stand still.

A brief summary of my last letter. I attended college in Kearney for two years majoring in physical education. This is where I met my husband, Mike. We were married June 17, 1956, by Reverend Littrel in the old Methodist Church. We have three children: Karen, Karl and Kris. All are married at this time. Karen to Richard Weiner. He is a retired Navy

officer and working in their home selling Commodities.

They have three children. They live in Charlotte, N.C. Karl was married to Renee Zey in May of 1998 and they have no children. He is in financing and she works at a pet store. They live in Manhattan, N.Y. Kris was married to Ana Theikud on October 9, 1998. They have two children. He is in bio-technical electronics and Ana is a physical therapist. They just recently moved from Miami Shores, Fla., to Charlotte, N.C. They wanted to be closer to family.

Mike retired from teaching in May 1995. He is working full time at a local grain elevator and enjoys it. Quite a contrast to teaching for 30 years. I retired that August and I am enjoying being a housewife. I do various volunteer work here in Imperial. The Methodist church, Methodist preschool, community center, VFW Auxiliary, extension club, and sometimes help out at the Manor. I keep busy and enjoy all of the activities.

We have done a bit of traveling since our retirement. Mostly to visit our family in different places. We have fond memories of the three weeks in Israel back in 1986 when our daughter and family were there. They made terrific guides. Then a few trips to Miami and a Christmas in North Carolina and in New York. In the meantime, the families have visited us here in the WEST. The kids enjoy Grandma's house and all of the fun activities to take part in while

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there. We love having them here. Even though we may put a paint brush or a hammer in their hands, they have a fun time.

As we have grown older, we seem to find health problems. Guess this is normal, tee hee. Who would have thought that 50 years ago when we were spunky and healthy that we would have these problems. I have had both knees replaced and Mike had a four by pass surgery a year ago. We are both doing well considering all. A few pounds heavier and a bit more grumpy. Mike loves to garden and tinker with flowers in his spare time. I keep busy with the usual volunteer work and home duties. Mike has come up with a hobby of making wines and has one room full of various flavors in the basement. Friends supply him with wild fruit. This brings us up to date. We have a warm house, plenty of food, and always have the coffee pot on. If you are ever in the area, please stop in. We would love to have you. I love to cook. Mike is a good helper, too.

This will do it for this time. I am looking forward to spending three days with all of you. I plan to bring some finger foods. Thanks again, Janet, for keeping me informed.

Faye Jean

Zandra Lanham Kyne '54 North Platte, NE

Dear Class of 1954,
It doesn't seem like it will be fifty years since graduation from Arnold High.

My life is pretty quiet. My little dog Sugar and I still live

where we have for 23 years. Sugar is a lot of comfort to me since my husband, Leonard, went to be with his Lord, whom he loved, January 25, 2002. Leonard was my soulmate and I miss him terribly. It's wonderful to know I can see him again in heaven.

I have lots of wonderful friends and memories, so I do okay. That old saying is good. "Make new friends, keep the old; one is silver, the other is gold."

Zandra

Donald R. Hardin '54 Arnold, NE Classmates,

After teaching in Brady for 7 years, Mary and I moved to Maywood, where I was employed by the public school, teaching both K-12 vocal and instrumental music. We lived in town, but we would drive to Arnold and check on the farm some weekends. Our son Ben and his family lived in McCook, so I joined his bowling team and we bowled together on Monday nights. This would also give us a chance to visit with their four children every week. This was very enjoyable.

Then in 1995, we moved back to Arnold. I taught K-12 music in the Arnold Public Schools for the next three years. After teaching a total of 36 years in the public school system, I retired in 1998. Since that time, our activities have been going to see our grandchildren (five boys and three girls) perform in their

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Class of 1955: (top row, l-r) Rodney Carlson, Dave Pearce, Floyd Omdrak, Larry Smith; (middle row, l-r) Pat Deterding Crow, Shirley Nansel Bassett, Marilyn Best Scott; (bottom row, l-r) Jeanette Hays Keller, Beverly Horn Townsend, Patricia Patton Heidt, Gayle Andre Beran, Merle Bassett Wrinkle, Sandra Carlson, Elnora Schlozman Carlson.

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various school and church activities. This would include sports and church plays.

Other enjoyable activities are: golfing, boating, fishing, flying radio-controlled model airplanes and harvesting three crops of alfalfa each year. I have also been the choir director for the United Methodist Church, here in Arnold, for the last 31 years. We still live on the home place south of Arnold.

It will definitely be a joy to see my classmates at our 50th reunion. Hope most of you can make it.

Don

Louella Frosh Connolly '54 Spokane, WA

Well, if I thought 40 years went by fast, the past 10 have really flown. Trying to think back 10 years is a bit difficult, but here goes.

You may note we have a different address than we did, actually we have had two since then. Being in the real estate business and being restless, we're always looking for another place.

I guess I will start with our daughter, Ann. She is still married to a really nice man and they have two daughters, Elizabeth is 12 and Ruthie is 10. Ann has started her own engineering company and her husband works for the state.

Our second daughter, Ruth, lives with her husband Jeff and son Spencer, who is 6 years old. Ruth got her degree in psychology from Montana State University in Bozeman where they live. They are planning to move to the Fiji Islands where they will build a house at a resort, sell it and then come back to Bozeman. We're hoping they stay long enough for us to visit them!

Curt still works for the Lutheran Missouri Synod as director of their volunteer building program, Laborers for Christ. This keeps him busy and doing lots of traveling. His office is in St. Louis, but he works out of our house. He feels that in a couple of years - or before - he will retire. This time for sure.

I continue to be busy doing a variety of things around the house and church. We both sing in the choir.

In the year of 2000 I went to China as a teacher of English with a team of eight others. There were 16 teams altogether and each of us had about 16 students. The students were Chinese teachers of English. It was a truly moving experience and one that I hope to repeat. It was like a death in the family to leave them and come home. It is not really as

backward as you would think, but in the rural areas it is pretty primitive.

We got to see many of the sights that a tourist would see, such as the Great Wall, Forbidden City and all that area, the Xian terra cotta soldiers and other sights around Zhengzhou. If any of you get a chance to go to China, you should do it. It is a different world over there.

About six years ago Curt and I took a month and went to Australia and New Zealand, but to really see the whole of either country you need a year. We have also traveled to Germany and areas around there.

I guess that catches you up on our lives. I am hopeful to get back for the 50th in May. I hope that everyone will be there. Curt and I will drive back there and be there for the Friday stuff and stay through Sunday, so we should see everyone. I am wishful for all of us to write a little bit of what we have been doing the past ten years. It is interesting to see where we have been and what we have been doing. "Til we meet in Arnold, may our Heavenly Father watch over each and every one of us."

A classmate from the
Class of 1954,
Louella

Janet Dillon Richards '54 Elko, NV

Dear Classmates,
This will be an update since our 40th - almost 10 years ago already!

My husband, Harold, had open heart surgery in December 1993, returning to work over a year later. Co-workers donated sick days to cover all these months he was off work.

On September 1, 1995, Harold was killed on the job in a truck related accident north of Gillette, Wyo. He'd worked for the county over 20 years.

Two months after Harold's death, I moved to Elko, Nev., where my oldest, Dale, lived. My youngest, Craig, moved with me.

Daughter Jeri Jan and her two children stayed in Gillette for two more years, then relocated to Elko.

I live in a double-wide mobile 4 1/2 miles outside Elko. The dirt road can be slippery in bad weather. Harold and I had planned to retire to Elko within a year or so of his death.

My son Dale died very suddenly at home on November 17, 2003, where he lived with me. He was 45. He worked at the Red Lion Inn and Casino for 13 years.

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changed my mind. I got my wife to retire also, and we have done some traveling and plan to do more as long as we are able.

We have two sons, both in their mid-20s, who work in the high tech field and now own their own homes. They are still single, which means no grandkids for the old man to spoil! Both do live nearby tho, so we get to see them often.

We plan to spend some extra time at the reunion, because I know that there will be lots of people there I haven't seen in 50 years (or at least 10 years).

Bob

Archie Bailey '54 Denver, CO

Hey! I'm planning to come to Alumni.

Archie

Mary Anderson Sewanee '54 North Platte, NE

Guess I had better get an answer off to you. Been putting it off long enough. I'm still the world's worst letter writer.

Not much has changed in the last 10 years, except ALL of the boys are married now with families. Dave and Rick are here in North Platte, Jeff is in Lincoln, and Rod is in Omaha. We're still in the same place. Herb has been retired going on 15 years and me going on 11. Time sure has gone by fast.

Have done a little traveling, nothing big except our trip to Alaska in '94. Was a beautiful trip and wouldn't mind going again. It's nice to be able to pick up and go whenever we want to.

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Class of 1993: (top row, l-r) Darci Mills Barnes, Jackie Atkins, David Steele, Dan Blowers; (bottom row, l-r) Ellen Karg Duttonhoffer, Jennifer Lanham Goff, Erin Rimpley Pelham.



Class of 1983: (top row, l-r) Jim Jacobson, Mike Beatty, Gary Mackley, Ben Steele, Randy Ross; (middle row, l-r) Jeff Omdrak, Dan Purrell, Christi Anderson Mackley, Kent Hardin, Darryl Bean; (bottom row, l-r) Dena Weinman Mills, Sarah Sanford Meyer, Marsha Meyer Johnson, Jennifer Furmanski Gilbert, Jeannie Worrell Fiddler, Barbara Linn Wing.

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On a sad note, though, since our last reunion I've lost two brothers and a sister, Roy, Dale, and Betty. They are missed.

Still have Wayne in Callaway, Bob in Denver, and Carrie in Brady.

We're planning on attending the Big "50" events. Not sure if we will make them all, but will try.

See you in May,
Mary

**Margitu Anderson
Peterson '54
Cozad, NE**

After graduating from high school in 1954, I continued to work at Hughes Drug Store for the summer. I also prepared for my first job as a teacher. My first school was District #229 Etna, a rural school in Custer County, 20 miles south of Arnold. I ordered the textbooks needed and got everything ready for the first day. The six students were just as excited as I on that day in September. The students and I both learned a lot that first year! The next three summers were spent in Kearney attending summer school to renew my certificate.

Don and I met the second year I taught at Etna, when he returned from serving in the army. I taught three years at Etna school and at the end of May 1957 Don and I were married. We lived in the New Hope community, where Don grew up, for the next 36 years. I taught the New Hope School two years and the next fall I decided to be a stay-at-home mom. We have three children, Julie, Jeff, and Kurt all attended grade school at New Hope, all attended Gothenburg High School and graduated there, and all graduated from college.

Our family is very important to us. Julie and her husband, Chuck, have two boys, Daniel, 13 and Adam, 9. They live in Grand Island. Jeff and his wife, Paula, live in Chadron. They have three children, Kallen, 17, Keith, 14, and Emily, 11. Kurt and his wife, Chris, have three girls, Amanda, 15, Abby, 12, and Lexi, 10. They live in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. We attend football, basketball, gymnastics events, and school activities.

We bought the Cozad Daylight Donut Shop in September 1985 and made many dozen rolls and donuts over the 18 years we owned it. In July 1993 we moved to Cozad to be closer to our work. We moved from our farm 16 miles north of Gothenburg.

Don had open heart by pass surgery in August 2003, and I have had two open heart surgeries in the past 18 years, so we decided to sell our shop. Our last day was October 25, 2003. We are now trying to retire and enjoy all the things we could not do when we worked.

The Lord has been good to us over the past years. We have much to thank Him for. We are looking forward to visiting with many at the 2004 Alumni celebration in May.

Thank you to all the officers and helpers for the great job you do each year!

**Ken C. Wehrman '54
Arnold, NE**

Upon graduating from Arnold High in the spring of 1954, I enrolled in the University of Nebraska that fall. I pursued a major in geology and received my degree in August of 1958 as well as a commission as a 2nd Lt in the Army. I met Emily Bressler in the fall of 1956 and we were married on August 8, 1958. Jobs were not plentiful and I enrolled in graduate school and Emily taught in the Lincoln School system. I spent six months at Fort Sill, Okla., learning to be a field artillery officer and served eight years in the Army Reserve. I received my masters degree in the spring of 1961 and took a job with Texaco as a geophysicist in New Orleans.

In 1989-90 I served as district governor for Rotary District 563 which makes up the western two-thirds of Nebraska. I served as a team leader for a Rotary Group Study Exchange Team composed of five young businessmen from Central Nebraska to the Netherlands in 1992. We spent five weeks learning about the people, culture and business. Rotary is still an important part of my life.

Our daughter, Kelly, graduated from the University of Nebraska and from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She is currently a family practice physician in Apple Valley, Calif. She married a cardiologist and we became instant grandparents as he had three boys by a previous marriage. Our granddaughter, Sansa, was born in February 1993 and is our pride and joy.

Our son, Kip, graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in chemical engineering and from Auburn University with a PhD in chemical engineering. He is currently Houston Operations Manager

for Baker Engineering and Risk Consultants. He married Judy Abitria on April 4, 2004. Judy is an intensive care nurse in Houston.

During the past 10 years we have made numerous trips to California and Texas visiting our children. In 1995 we spent four weeks in Pakistan visiting our son-in-law's family. It was a very eye opening experience. We enjoy being at our home in Arnold. It is a great community with a lot of wonderful friends. We thank God for the rich blessings that He has given us.

Ken

**Marilyn A. Smith
Brookman '54
Arnold, NE**

The Lord has been good to us, in spite of all the things that take place in your life when you reach those "Golden Years."

This year I decided that it was time to retire - altogether. That was 49 years of teaching (45 of those in Arnold Public). In fact, I had told Larry that if he would rent out the farm, I would retire. He did, so I did! It was really fun while it lasted, but somehow it surprises us that I don't miss it more than I do. Of course, the kids were always fun and challenging - but - the paperwork that you had to do for the state and the government was really getting to be something else!

Of course, teaching hasn't been the only thing since 1954. Larry and I were married in '57. We are living in our 3rd house; we have done farming, trucking and custom work; and I've helped in all phases of the operation and usually got "stuck" with the book work and the flood irrigation (really, secretly). We still have our airplane, but seldom fly anymore.

Travis is out on his own, working in Lincoln. Seems to not want to go into farming, but enjoys coming home and doing things around the farm. He is still single, but has a terrific girlfriend. We would certainly welcome her into our family.

Still don't care to write letters!! When Pat (Cole) Smith and I were talking this last year, we reminisced how we used to write letters to each other several times a week. It is still with regrets, that I haven't kept in touch with classmates the way most of you did.

Since we are "empty nester's" we have taken up traveling again, at least as long as the money and our health holds out anyway. We have lots of plans for more traveling in the near future.

Last August and September we took a four-week trip on our motorcycle (4,000 miles) and then came back home and got our car and spent another two weeks traveling in Colorado and Montana. The colors were beautiful in September!! We have a few health problems, but come April and the first part of May we will be on a ship for 18 days from San Francisco with several stops in Mexico, Central America, and then through the Panama Canal to Puerto Rico and home.

All of these activities since graduation have led to a fun and fulfilling life, which has allowed us to broaden our horizons (and our bodies). Anyway, we are now looking forward to seeing ALL of YOU at the activities as we celebrate our 50th graduation reunion!!!! (Sure hope that we can have a 100% turnout!!!!)

See ya the 28th!
Marilyn

**Charles Slattery '54
Yorba, CA**

Dear Classmates,

Since the letter 10 years ago, the main things to happen in my life would have been the appearance of five grandchildren. Enclosed is a picture of myself and my wife, Arline. Our son Scott, an orthopedic surgeon now practicing in Chehalis, Wash., his wife Kristin, daughter Reile (9) and Rory (6), and son Colin (2) are to our right in the picture. Our daughter Coleen, a nurse now at home schooling her son, and her husband Carl Martin live in Canyon Country, Calif., with their son, Daltrey (8), and daughter, Darby (4). They are to our left in the picture. The little ones are the joy of our lives and manage to take up a significant portion of our time.

Arline retired from her job at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage in 1999 and I retired first from being a Department Chair in 2000 and from any paid position last October. However, I still have an office at Loma Linda University and will spend part of my time for a few years writing research reports over previously completed research projects to submit for publication.

Because of all the extra time on our hands (??), we should now find it possible to be in Arnold for the May 28-30 reunion. We will be traveling with a mini-motorhome and will try to reserve space in the recreation area. I am definitely looking forward to seeing as many of you as can

be there at that time.
Sincerely yours,
Charles

Best Wishes,
Allan

**Lucille Shively Whipple '54
Brady, NE**

Fifty years: I have done some leaded glass work through the last few years and still have the desire to get more done. I



There's no scraping the Alumni "peperazzi"! Marie Koubek Chirk ('72) and Jean Chirk ('75).

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Sincerely yours,
Charles

**Allan McClure '54
Johnson Lake, NE**

I will pick up where I left off 10 years ago. First and most important we have six grandchildren and everyone seems healthy.

In 1999 I started to cut back on some of my duties with the First National Bank of West Point, Nebr. About the same time our banking organization was purchased by Wells Fargo Bank.

In 2002 I formally retired from banking, and in the spring of 2003 LaDonna and I sold our home in West Point and bought a home on Johnson Lake. Our home is near family. On one side our daughter, Kim Kern, and her family and relatives, and farmland on the other. We like being back in Central Nebraska. We now have a chance to visit friends in the Arnold area more often, and life is good.

We have a son in Glendale, Ariz. Each winter during January, February and March we visit him and his family when we are in Arizona for the winter.

LaDonna and I will be in attendance during the Alumni celebration. Let us know if we can help in any way, beside the finger foods and attendance.

I am supportive of the proposed new community building in Arnold, and wonder if our class could make a joint contribution toward its development.

Best Wishes,
Allan

**Lucille Shively Whipple '54
Brady, NE**

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cut out pictures and think, someday!

Our daughter graduated from College at Chadron with a bachelors degree in criminal justice. She has been employed at North Platte for Heartland Counseling for the last eight years. She started out with alcohol and drug abuse but is working for the Frontier House, under Heartland Counseling. She is married to Jim Hot, a veterinarian, who owned the Eastside animal clinic next to the sale barn there in Gothenburg. He sold it two years ago and was just hired as a state veterinarian with a territory of the southwest part of Nebraska.

My husband's health is not a bit good. He had open heart surgery the 6th of October in Lincoln and since then has had a pacemaker put in and still has to have surgery to put in a permanent port for the dialysis. I just gave up my Avon business since my husband has been in the hospital so much in the last 6 months. I was a dealer for almost 15 years. I have lots of upholstery work waiting for me to do, but I don't take anything that has a deadline anymore.

I am really looking forward to the reunion and seeing all of you that make it there.
Lucille

**Patricia Cole Smith '54
Murieta, CA**

Everyone will say, "Can't believe its been 50 years!" I used to think the honored class at the banquets looked pretty old (but not us!).

Bill and I moved to Oregon with our little girl "Tami" after our graduation. Bill's folks had left the farm for new horizons, so we followed and lived in McMinnville for a short time. We all then moved to Roseburg, Oreg., and found jobs were very scarce. Bill finally found a job in a clothing store. Randy, our first son, was born there. The store closed in 1958 so we had a decision to make. Bill could manage a store in Coos Bay, Oreg., or we could follow his parents to San Diego, Calif.

We made the "wise" decision and moved to San Diego (never liked all the rain or snow). Love the sunshine!!

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nice family, but "surprise," our baby boy Jason was born in 1973. It seems like I sent kids to school forever!

I was able to stay home and loved being involved with my family and church activities. I played the organ and piano for church for 35 years. Played for a lot of weddings and funerals. I loved to plan skills and programs for many functions at church.

Bill owned a bottled water route, drinking water called "Pure Flo Water." He worked for them for 35 years. I kept the books and records. Randy worked with Bill for many years.

We sold our home and water route in 1996 and moved to Murietta, Calif., to a senior park. (Told the kids I was too young to live there!) It is 70 miles north of San Diego. I worked as a hostess at a restaurant till my heart failed. I am now working at "Lowes."

Tami and Scott live in Temecula and have four children and four grandchildren. Randy also lives in Murietta.

Amy and Shawn live in Lakeside (San Diego) and have two boys. Jason and Patricia also are in Lakeside with one girl. I go to Lakeside every week and babysit for two days. Love it! We now have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Glad we can all be together! At Christmas we have a program Christmas Eve. It's a lot of fun. Bill has had parts of both lungs removed due to cancer, but it was found early so no chemo needed. Then they found an aneurysm on his abdomen so he had another surgery. Oh yes, he has a pacemaker too. I had a heart attack in 2002 but doing okay now. That was a shock!

We've been able to do some traveling "on the way" to Nebraska. Been to Yellowstone, Zion, Lake Powell and other parks. Last year we went to Georgia, North Carolina, Missouri, etc., stopping in Branson and Nashville. One year we went to Houston with Bill's classmates: Cattertons, Morrisons, and Yarrington. Visited Johnson Space Center. Had a lot of fun.

Our trip to Nebraska last year was very scary as Bill became very ill with pneumonia and missed the Alumni but did recover! We are doing quite well now. We enjoy our family and hope to come back this year. God has been good!

Sincerely,
Pat

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**Norma Sheets Kellner '54
Camdenton, MO**

After 24 years of service with New Tribes Mission in El Paso, Tex., we decided it was time to retire. The Lord and our daughter had been giving us gentle hints for a while.

Our daughter Peggy Jan and her husband, Rance Libby, built a new three story home and the whole basement is a two bedroom, fully equipped apartment for us. It is so nice. We moved here in June of 2000 and we love seeing the change of seasons again. Smokey has had a garden and good clean country air (It's sort of chilly as of now with the snow and ice, but we are still enjoying it). There is a huge yard of flowers all summer.

In 1997 I was involved in a car accident that damaged both knees, so I'm back on the walker again. On May 18 of this year Smokey and I will have been married 47 years.

We have been so blessed and enjoyed our years together and all the places that the Lord has allowed us to go.

We've had several visitors from Arnold, El Paso, and Mexico. All are welcome - come see us! (Little did I ever realize after coming to the Ozarks in '54 that I would ever get here again, as well as live here after the past 50 years. It is beautiful country!) Our girls both graduated from here and our son-in-law was born and raised here. They are two of the greatest kids ever. Living in the same house is a blessing.

Smokey enjoys fishing and getting to sub in the men's Sunday School class, and I get to sub in my Sunday School class as well. It was great being welcomed back into our church here and being welcomed by our New Tribes family. In June we enjoy going out to the Mission grounds for the refresher course. This brings in families that we were in Bible School with, as well as many other friends old and new.

We love you all - take care - hopefully we will get to join you in May.

Sincerely in Christ,
Norma

**Marlene Scott Rempel '54
Buhler, KS**

It certainly doesn't seem like 50 years since we graduated. I always thought those who had been out of school that long were "old." I guess I have been proven wrong.

In the last 10 years, since our 40 year reunion, many changes have taken place in my life.

Vernon passed away quite suddenly in March, 1996. He

has been cancer free for 7 years, but around the first of February, 1996, we were told the cancer had returned and he passed away March 16. I not only lost my husband, but also my best friend. It was a very hard time for me, but the Lord gave me strength for each day and my girls were wonderful to me. We helped each other through the grieving process.

The next few years held a lot of changes for me. In March, 1997, I sold the home Vernon and I had lived in for 27 years and built a new home in another area of Cheney. Then in May, 1999, I retired from the Citizens State Bank in Cheney after working there for approximately 20 years. I did some traveling and also spent the winter months for the next three years in Texas with my daughter Hallie and her family.

In the fall of 2000, since none of my daughters lived in Cheney, I would like to live closer to one of them. So, after praying about it, I purchased a home in Buhler, Kan., where Courtney and her family live. In June, 2001, I sold my home in Cheney and moved to Buhler. Little did I know that God had plans to change my life again. On February 1, 2003, I married Nick Rempel, who is the associate pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Buhler. (He was the senior pastor of the church for 24 years and after retiring became the associate pastor and works part time.)

My daughters, Shannon and Courtney, and their families live in Kansas, and Pam and Hallie and their families live in Texas. I have eight grandchildren. Nick has two daughters. Valerie teaches at the Mennonite Brethren Seminary in Fresno, Calif., and Denise, her husband and two daughters live in Buhler.

God has been so good to me. He has seen me through the good times and bad times and I depend on him completely. I plan to be at the reunion so will be seeing you in May.

Marlene

**Juline Peterson Hande '54
Esterhazy Sask, Canada**

Our second 25th... isn't that great (and I used to think people that old were over the hill)! I plan to be there, God willing, and look forward to seeing everyone.

The last 10 years have brought many changes in my life... Barrie died of a brain tumor in January of 2000 and exactly a year later, I was

having a mastectomy followed by chemo. That was not a great time but the cancer seems to be in remission now. I retired from nursing that fall. I am still active in church and community affairs such as serving on the local housing authority board for over 10 years and being chairperson much of that time.

Still enjoy traveling and have been to Alaska and Slovenia, both of which were incredibly beautiful... and of course I visit my scattered children frequently. April will find me in Korea for my youngest son's wedding. I also try to get to Atlanta to see my brother, Arland, every couple of years. He is still with Lockheed and they have a daughter in university and a son who is a Baptist minister.

My children... Stephanie is a homemaker/volunteer who

lives in Winnipeg with her husband who manages a commodities brokerage from there. They have three children. Leif is in the promotion "think tank" for Sasktel/communications and has almost given up hope that I will ever master the computer! Melissa remains an actress and has done films, TV and live stage with a lot of Shakespeare along with a lot of traveling to places such as Brazil and Bangladesh. Trevor has taught English in Korea for over 8 years along with writing textbooks, etc.

Following his marriage to the lovely Seok Kwi, they plan to return to Canada where he will enter law school. Zara is a lawyer who lives in Calgary with her husband, Dr. Tyler Piriot, and has just given me another granddaughter. These little ones are the joy of my life.

I do do "grandma things" like embroidery, quilting, and designing and making banners and paraments for our church and love the time to read.

I am so looking forward to seeing you all and catching up. God bless!

Pete (Juline)

**Care Overton Campbell '54
North Platte, NE**

The following is an update on what's been happening with us since our 40th class reunion 10 years ago.

My husband, Dennis, retired from Consolidated Freightway in 1994 and we bought our first 5th wheel camper. In September of that year we rented our home in Lincoln and traveled.

In the summer of 1996 we

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bought a "fixer upper" at Lake Maloney south of North Platte and started to downsize. We later sold our house in Lincoln to our son Curt when he got out of the Navy. Each October, starting in '96, we would go to Wickenburg, Ariz., for the winter as our daughter Christel and family have moved there. In the spring we come back and work on our house at the lake.

In November of 2000 we joined a Christian volunteer group called RVICS (Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service). We go to Christian organizations (camps, schools, colleges, conference centers, etc.) and do whatever they need us to do, such as building, remodeling, sewing, cleaning, janitorial, mending, etc. We are doing three or four projects each year, and so far, have worked in Arizona, California, Washington, Texas, and made many wonderful friends from all over doing this and have a lot of satisfaction in our work.

We have four granddaughters. Our two girls each have two girls. Their ages are 15 and 12 and 7 and 8. Our son and wife will have their first child in May. They tell us it is to be a little girl, also.

Just now, and is, really blessing us. We have some medical problems, as probably everyone does at this time in life, but we thank God that "our times are in His hands." We have so much to be grateful for and to be thankful for.

I'm really looking forward to seeing each member of our class of '54 at our 50 year class reunion. I had such a great time at our 40th. That 10 years flew by!

Caro Campbell

Jerry Dutton '54

Kahana Grande, P.R.
After graduation, worked on several farms around Arnold. Last one was Gene Pinkston at Pleasant Hill. Enlisted in the Army December '54. Transferred to Puerto Rico May '55. Married to Elba in Puerto Rico in November '56. Stayed in Army for career 21 years. Appointed to warrant officer November '66.

While on duty: 3 years Puerto Rico, 3 years Germany, 2 years Vietnam, 1 year Thailand, 1 year Greece. Plus stateside in Texas, Arizona, Kansas, Virginia, California, Georgia, and Kentucky. Retired December '75 from 101 St. Airborne Div., Ft. Campbell, Ky. After

retirement managed seafood restaurant 2 years, attended college 3 years (Austin Peay State University), taught for APSU 1 year.

Moved back to Nebraska August '81 to accept position with Gothenburg Post Office. Resigned from post office in August '84 to move back to Tennessee. Accepted position for local veterans employment representative in Shelbyville, Tenn., December '87. Retired December '97.

We have three sons: Paul, over-the-road driver; Tony, field service technician for Electronic Data Systems, Saturn Auto/Columbiata; and Dick, manager United Parcel Services, Clarksville, Md. Tony has two sons and Dick has two daughters.

So much for that. After second retirement bought house in Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico. Now spend six months there and six months in the states. Bought a 31-foot travel trailer and food truck in 2000. Travel with wife, enjoy seeing the US and various casinos.

Jerry

Class of 1964

In Memory

Maria Simms Morrison
Class Colors: Sky Blue and Silver
Class Flower: White Spider Mum with Blue Tint

Class Motto: "We have opened the door, the world lies before us."
Senior Class Play: "Books and Crooks."

Senior Trip: Western Nebraska

Myrtle M. Bolen Rabcock '64 North Platte, NE

Looking forward to seeing all of you in May. I will have pictures to show all of you, as I love to take them. I hope to see your pictures as well.

This last year I lost my father, John, on August 11. He was 80 years old on June 10.

The big thing I did the last ten years was becoming president of the Diabetic support group here in North Platte. I have always wanted to be a president, even in school. Boy!! Did I soon learn much from this experience.

A classmate,
Myrtle

Restoration of the Rialto Theater is progressing! Stop by while you're in town!

Class of 1974

In Memory

Dennis Larreau
Class Flower: Purple Rose
Class Song: "Lean on Me"
Class Motto: "Either we'll find a way, or we'll make one."

Class of 1984

In Memory

Michael Beshaler
Glen Clouse
Class Motto: "The only obstructions to a man's path are in his mind."
Class Song: "Time Will Tell."

Tim Schmidt '84

Tokyo, Japan
After a stellar Sergeant E-7 and have happily served in the Air Force for 18 1/2 years now. I enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1985 as a Systems Control Specialist in communications. I worked 4 years at Offutt AFB in Omaha. I was then transferred to a communications site in Fukuoka, Japan, where I worked for four years. While I was in Fukuoka, I took up martial arts, earning a Black Belt in judo, and learned to converse almost fluently in Japanese as well as read most basic forms of the language. We then moved to Denver, where I worked at Buckley ANGB until 1997. Our family was then transferred to Tokyo, Japan, where I am currently living with my wife, Fumi, and son, Hyuga. We are supposed to move this November, but we haven't found out where we are going yet. We are hoping for Hawaii next, to either finish out my career or maybe further my career in communications. Either way, it has been an awesome experience.

Sincerely,

Tim

Sharlyn Snyder-Coleman '84

McCook, NE
Hello!
Seems impossible that it's been 20 years already!

Since our 10 year reunion I married Jeff in 1997. We have two wonderful girls, Shayne, 3, and Candace, 2. I'm pretty much a stay at home mom, with an in-home business. Between business and running the girls to their activities life is not boring!

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Hope to see you soon,
Sharlyn

Stacie Miller Mirabella '84

Hilton Head Island, SC
The past twenty years have sure passed quickly! However, all the memories are still fresh in mind and heart! I'm really looking forward to catching up with everyone!

I saw most of you (my classmates and friends) at our 10th year reunion, but since then... moved from Washington, D.C., to Hilton Head Island, S.C. in '94. I worked at HHI Medical Center and in the healthcare industry as an executive assistant to CEO's/CPOs/marketing for about five years. I met my husband Bill while playing in a recreational volleyball league in '94 also. We married in April of 1997 and I "retired" to start a family. We have two kids... Rachel almost 4, and Ryan 17 months. They are the center of our little

universe!
My husband is a commercial real estate broker dealing primarily in land development/building projects. We also recently purchased a wonderful restaurant here on the island, which comes in handy when I don't feel like cooking! I am a full-time mom and keep busy attending the kids' activities, scrapbooking, hanging out with all our friends and doing the usual house/kids routine. We absolutely love HHI and enjoy the beach and golf courses almost year round. We enjoy traveling: trips to the mountains and cruises are our favorites. We have plans to go to Colorado and Hawaii this year and are starting to hear requests for Disney World!

Anyway, that's about it from me! Fortunately, the past twenty years have been wonderful... lots of great times and very few tough ones. I'm hoping to get phone numbers/e-mails from my classmates so we can keep in touch a bit more during the next ten years! Looking forward to seeing all the classes in May!

Macbeth Gunnerson

Naylor '84
Cairo, NE
Hello!

I married Kent Naylor in 1987. He is an IT teacher at Grand Island Senior High. We have one daughter, Crysta, age 11. We lived in California for 8 years and Alliance for 3 years. I am the business manager for the Alliance Medical Center and will continue to manage from my new home office in St. Paul, Nebr., this May.

Macbeth

Christie Ambler Beason '84

Milan, Italy
Dear class of 1984,

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our 20th reunion in May. Like one of our classmates recently told me, we are very fortunate and unique to have gone through most of our school years with the same 20 people! I can't wait to find out what everyone has been doing for the past 20 years.

The past 20 years have gone by so fast it's hard to believe we are celebrating our 20th high school alumni. Since I saw everyone last at our 10 year reunion, I finished my master's degree in nutrition at California State University Long Beach and lived and worked in Southern

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California for several years before I married my husband, Anselm, and moved to Milan, Italy in 1999. A few years after moving to Italy my husband left his management consulting firm and we started our business of exporting Italian furniture to the United States. This business allows us to travel back to the U.S. several times a year to see family and friends.

In January of this year we had our first child, Charlotte, who keeps me very busy.

Christie

Class of 1994

In Memory

Mike Wilson
Class Colors: Navy and Burgundy
Class Flower: Burgundy Rose with Silver Tips

Class Motto: "Whatever your talent, use it in every way possible. Spend it lavishly like a millionaire, intent on going broke."

Melissa McDonald

Lightle '94
Omaha, NE

Since 1994, I have spent most of my time attending college and teaching. I attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Kearney from the fall of 1994 to the spring of 1999. I graduated in May 1999 with a degree in education with endorsements in English and physical education. Shortly after graduating, I married Travis Lightle from Stratton, Colo., and moved to Lyons, Nebr. I taught high school English for one year at West Point before serving as the library media specialist at Lyons for three years. While I was teaching, I pursued a master of science degree in secondary education with an endorsement in educational media. I graduated with my master's degree in December 2003 from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Currently, I am finishing an endorsement in educational technology and considering additional educational degrees. We live in Omaha where I teach K-5 media at Westridge Elementary in Elkhorn, and Travis teaches 5th grade math at Grvna Middle School.

Melissa

Mary Frances Worrell

Tryon '91
Windsor, MO

Dear Classmates and Pupils,
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I have four grandchildren. Susanne has three children. The oldest, Jason, works at a radio station in Clarendon, Tex., and the other two are in

Letters...

Jerry Ahrens '47

Arnold, NE

Dear Alumni,

I saw by the local paper that you are in dire need of letters, so I thought I'd endeavor to write one.

Coming from a country school in 1943, I was scared to death of going to high school with those mean city kids. After a while I learned they weren't any meaner than I was.

After graduating I met and married a neat gal by the name of Darlene (Darb) Spencer. We had three kids (one of each). With the help of good teachers, they graduated from Arnold High also.

Unlike other classes, we had three different superintendents in four years. I don't know whether that was due to our superior intelligence or the frustration and impatience of the teachers.

We lost one of our fearless leaders a while back by the name of Faylin Finch. There was never a dull moment with Finch and Jerry Beltz around.

I'm kinda retired now, working in the spring part time with Agrilance (a local fertilizer company) and helping with corn harvest in the fall.

It's hard to keep up with the modern day world, but with God's help we do the best we can.

Hope to see many classmates and friends at the gathering this year.

Jerry
(Written by hand)

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grade school in Everson, Wash. Susanne does secretarial work. John lives in Houston and works as a loan officer. He and his wife have a 1-year-old little boy. Sarah lives in Onawa, Iowa, and has a massage clinic. She has two children in high school and four step-children and one step-granddaughter. Robert lives in Lincoln, Nebr., and is a staff lawyer at the Nebraska Appellate Center. All four of my grandchildren graduated from Arnold High School: Susanne in 1980, John in 1982, Sarah in 1985, and Robert in 1988.

I taught commercial subjects at the Arnold High School from 1956 until 1973. After retiring, John and I took several trips and I researched our family history. I did a two volume set on John's family history and one volume each on the family history of each of my grandparents. These resulted in visits from relatives who got acquainted with me through the books. Some were from Australia. At this time I enjoy doing crossword puzzles, reading and visits from family and friends.

Sincerely,
Mary

Pat Detering Crow '53

Arnold, NE

Dear Alumni,

A thank you to all who work so hard to keep our alumni going.

We (Class of '53) had a great time last year at our 50th reunion. Anyway, I did!

We spent a fast afternoon visiting and remembering and catching up with classmates. Then at the banquet we saw lots of former schoolmates. Such fun to see and talk and talk. The program was a fun and calming moment, then back to visiting.

We met at Bud and Patsy Kilmer's the next day for lunch and they are always such great hosts. Had a great time. Some couldn't come because of family obligations. That is one reason why you come home to Arnold. There is always family or friends to see, besides our Alumni friends.

It was a great time. Hope we will be together again in 10 years. Maybe 5? Work on that.

Thanks, Alumni officers, for working so hard to keep this fun time going.

Pat

John Rosenstrater '77

Chattanooga, TN

Dear Sharon,

It is great to receive the Alumni's postcard and to see you are faithfully standing your post as the secretary.

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Scheduled Honored Class Reunions

Class of 1934: Sat., May 29, meet at Riverview Apartments (South Hwy. 40) social room at 1:00 p.m.

Class of 1944: Sat., May 29, meet at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Viola Geiser (South Hwy. 40, 2nd house north of bridge on west side of street).

Class of 1954: Fri., May 28, 7:00 p.m.-7: Larry and Marilyn Brohman home (1st house north of water tower on east side of street). Sat., May 29: 2:00-4:00 p.m., Brohman home; 5:00 p.m., meet in 5th grade room at school. Sun., May 30: 2:00-4:00 p.m., meet at Ken & Emily Wehrman home.

Class of 1964: Sat., May 29: 2:00 p.m., meet at the home of Maurice & Diane Sanford.

Class of 1974: Sat., May 29: 2:30 p.m., meet at cemetery to place wreath on grave of Denny Larreau; 5:00 p.m., meet at Kiwi Cafe; following program, meet at Kiwi Cafe. Sun., May 30: 1:00 p.m., family picnic at the home of Kendall and Margie McDowell.

Class of 1984: Sat., May 29: 3:00-5:00 p.m., meet at the Faylin Finch home.

Class of 1994: Sat., May 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m., meet at the Gary and Margaret Ann Mills home.

When we were home this past summer, I saw Ronny but did not get a chance to ask him how you and your family are doing. I hope well.

I wanted to write to tell you of our change of address and just a little bit about what we have been doing.

As you may know, I have worked for the Veterans Affairs for the past 15 years with the past 10 in West Palm Beach, Fla. This past spring I was accepted into an intern program training men and women to be directors of national cemeteries like McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell, Nebr.

National Cemetery Administration is under the umbrella of the VA. With this position we have moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., for a year of training at the Chattanooga N/C which is the largest in Tennessee. Just recently I received my marching orders to move to Baton Rouge, La., as the Director of the Port Hudson N/C where I will also

oversee the Baton Rouge N/C. My wife Jerolyn and children Claire (11) and Alex (8) all miss the warm weather in Florida, but are kind of excited about all of the new places they get to see as well as new friends.

Wishing you a very successful 2004 Alumni this year.

John

Elvin '52 and Shirley Fraser Anderson '57

Broomfield, CO

Because I enjoy reading The Arnold Sentinel and The Arnold Alumni News, I will write.

Our most exciting current news is Stella Maide Olson, almost seven months old, who lives a mile from us. She likes the clothes I sew for her, she lets me rock and baby talk, and she listens to me sing and likes it.

Elvin and I enjoy the "almost retired" good life. He works

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Class of 1958 reunion: Marjorie Long Wehrman, Ann Walker Shadel, Doris Shadel, and Don Har

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Arnold Public School Foundation Report

The Arnold Public School Foundation welcomes all Arnold Alumni to the 2004 Alumni festivities.

This is the ninth consecutive year that the APSF will grant scholarships, one academic and one vocational, to two Arnold graduates. Since 2002 the amount of each of the two scholarships is \$750.

Since the 2003 Alumni Banquet, the Foundation has taken in over \$3,500. The following is a list of donors and gifts since May 30, 2003:

Class of 1953 - \$233.00

Cal Jay - Class of 1963 -

\$1,000.00

Richard Ferguson - Class of

1972 - \$1,000.00

Class of 1973 - \$415.00

LV and Ruth Conner - In memory of Lyn Johnson - \$50.00.

Gary, Don, Lester Mills and families and friends - In memory of Mary Mills - \$715.00.

Melanie Chesley and Cynthia Timmermier - In memory of Faylin Finch - \$75.00

Mrs. Ernest Jensen, Eldon Christensen, Karen Jacobson and Marion Nelson - In memory of George Halstead - \$80.00.

Class of 2004

Welcome to the newest members of the Arnold High Alumni, the Senior Class of 2004, who will officially become members upon their graduation on May 8.

A 1) indicates the student's father is an alumni member, a 2) that the mother is Alumni, a gf) that the grandfather is Alumni, a gm) that the grandmother is Alumni, a ggg) that the great grandfather is Alumni, and a ggm) that the great grandmother is an

Arnold High graduate.

Page Auble - 1, gf

Lisa Beans

Jesse Corbin - 1, gf, gm

Dalacy Geiser - 1, 2, gf, gm

Kenneth Goodenow III - 1, 2, gf

Sasha Hollingsworth - 2, gm, ggm

Eric Holmberg

Joshua Magill - 2, gf, ggm

Matthew Meyer

Mitchell Meyer

Robby Miller

Gretchen Mills - 1, 2, gm

Jamie Mills - 1, 2, gm, gf

Heather Nazzari - 1, gm, ggm

Dustin Olson - 1, gm

Peter Pelster - 2

Jeff Preston - 1

Rusty Wyckoff

A New Community Center

Arnold is raising money for a new community center. As of March 1, 2004, the total of donations and/or pledges to date is \$364,111.91.

The new community center would be used for celebrations, community events, and youth activities. It will be great at alumni time for class reunions.

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

Arnold Community

Center Fund

PO Box 70

Arnold, NE 68120

Make checks payable to the Custer County Foundation and designate it for the Arnold Community Center. All donations are tax deductible. Names of donors will be listed on a plaque in the appropriate level of giving on all donations of \$250.00 or more.

"You make a living by what you earn. You make a life by what you give."

- Winston Churchill

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three days a week in downtown Denver. I work 12-15 hours a week at the Oms Gift Shop.

We are unable to attend the Alumni this year. We will be there in 2007...and 2012!

Shirley

Karl Theban '27

Salem, OH

Dear Alumni,

Greetings from Salem. I'm enclosing a last year's photo of me in the garden at Crystal Manor where I live. The flowers are in a plot I've been working on for several years. This would be my 77th year since graduation. The last time I heard, Cleo Deterding and I were the last of that class.

When we were juniors, we moved into a new high school building that surely opened up some new possibilities, especially some music things. Miss Gertrude Mumford started an orchestra and vocal ensembles. Leatha Liams and I had the lead in an operetta, "The Gypsy Rover," and I got first place in the tenor solo at the county music contest. It

was all a great part of my being encouraged to major in music at college in Kearney and teach music most of my 40 years in public schools in Nebraska and Oregon.

Arnold was a neat little town to live in with Chautauque and traveling shows in the summer, the movies, Methodist Church choir, ice skating in the Mill Pond, and a lot more. I worked in the family drug store a lot, but also the harvest and haying in the summer. My favorite place was south on Tallin Table where the ladies brought out cold drinks and sweet rolls mid-morning and afternoon.

Well, I guess that's my view, but as Bob and Bing used to sing, "Thanks for the Memories."

Sincerely,

Karl

Susan Reed '87

Kearney, NE

Dear Sharon,

Just a quick note for you to put in the Alumni paper. I will be getting married (can you believe it) on September 4, 2004. The man that I am marrying is Ron Bilenberg. I can't believe that I have been out of school for 17 years. I guess time flies when you are having fun.

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