



# Columbus Public Schools Alumni News

Spring 2009



## Team advances to nationals

Columbus High School seniors Craig Duncan and Zackery Lindsley proved they were the best automotive technology team in Nebraska by winning the state finals of the 2009 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Challenge.

They earned the state championship after properly diagnosing and repairing all planted defects on their 2009 Ford Focus in record time beating out nine other Nebraska high school teams. In doing so, both students earned multiple scholarships, plus an expense paid trip to Detroit, Michigan, to represent Nebraska at the national competition.

CHS automotives instructor Ron Haefner said the contest was challenging.

"They were the only ones to find all the bugs," he said. "They were the only team to get their back up lights working."

This marks the second year in a row that a CHS team qualified for the national competition. CHS still holds the title of the longest streak of first place finishes at state spanning six years from 1999-2004 before hitting a slump from 2005-2007.

"I think we are back on track now," Haefner said about winning state titles.

For Duncan, participation in the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Challenge had become a family tradition. Three older brothers represented CHS at previous state championship events. Two earned first place and advanced to the national finals.

"Craig is the last one from the family," Haefner said. "He put a lot of pressure on himself, but the team did well."

*First group to be inducted in fall*

## Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame started

The first members of the Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducted this fall.

There will be three categories: individual, teams and meritorious honorees.

The inaugural group of inductees include:

Individual honorees: Charles Brock ('35), Cathy Curry ('77), Tom Ernst ('59), Steven Eymann ('70), Rudy Glur ('77), Tom Heiser ('72), Les Hellbusch ('64), Lee Hulsebus ('57), Laura Pilakowski ('99), Lisa Bonk Polcovich ('86), Tom Saunders ('60), Bill Thimgan ('48), Sandy Schaefer Voss ('88), Coach Gary Duranski and Coach Lanny Neese.

Team honorees: 1926 Boys Basketball, 1964 football, 1967

Duncan said the most difficult part of the competition was trying not to feel the pressure of the competition.

Lindsley agreed.

"It was kind of stressful doing the competition," he said. "It was hard to control your nerves."

Both said Haefner did a good job preparing them for the competition. Haefner said the national contest will be a lot more intense.

"The level is a lot higher, and we are only a comprehensive high school and not a technical high school," he said.

Many other states have technical high schools where the focus is on automotives, and they can practice eight hours a day.

Haefner said the team would not have done as well if Gene Steffy Ford did not provide a practice vehicle. The vehicle the dealership provided allowed the students to become familiar with the car's intricate system.

This familiarization helped a great deal as it took only 64 minutes for the students to identify and properly repair the intentionally installed "bugs" on their vehicle. The quality of workmanship is extremely important in this contest as errors can result in costly demerits.

Columbus was also recognized for earning the top written score on an automotive technology exam, which was administered earlier in the year.

Duncan plans to attend Southeast Community College-Milford and Lindsley Doane College.

boys tennis, 1980 wrestling and 1989 girls tennis.

Meritorious honorees: Jim Ball, Dr. Erv Heiser, Carl Kramer, Dr. Harold Lange, Dr. Warren Miller, Edsel Wibbels and Mike Zastera.

All individuals and teams will be honored at the Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame banquet the evening of Thursday, Sept. 3, and at halftime of the Columbus High football game Friday, Sept. 4.

The banquet will be held at New World Inn, and the doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased by contacting Michelle Cruise at 402-563-7000 Ext. 1102 or e-mailing michelle.cruise@cps-ne.org.

**All tickets must be purchased in advanced. No tickets will be sold at the door.**



## Leslie Nielsen-Hitchner

### 1. Graduating Year: 1979

### 2. Favorite Class / Teacher:

I really enjoyed Miss Detlefsen's art classes in high school. I continue to do oil paintings, and her class taught me a great deal about creating a composition and the element of viewpoint. Over all these years, I still have some of the artwork pieces I did while in her class.

### 3. Most Memorable High School Experience:

My most memorable high school experience was when Miss Boettcher, my German teacher for 3 years, had German Food day. My parents were out of town and my grandparents were babysitting when I decided to create a batch of German Beer Cheese soup for the class. I "borrowed" a few bottles of Lowenbrau, and it was the hit the next day at the German food feast or at least it was with the teachers. Besides this, I fondly recall all the days traveling in the school van for our tennis matches at high schools all over the state and also playing the electric piano in the school play Godspell.

### 4. What would you change if you had to do high school all over again?

I really enjoyed Columbus High School and had a lot of great friends. I can't think of anything specific I would have changed.

### 5. What are you doing now?

I reside with my husband, Ken, in Rumson, New Jersey. We have 3 children, a daughter Alexis who is a junior at Tulane University; a son Drew who is a high school junior, and a daughter Lauren, who is a high school freshman.

# The Nielsen Sisters – Memories of Ole' CHS

After graduating from the University of Colorado, I had a career in banking while we lived in Mississippi, Florida and California. Now I am actively involved volunteering with the children's schools, a board trustee on several organizations and am an avid tennis player, golfer and skier.

Both our parents graduated from Columbus High, Edward Nielsen Jr. '55 and Jolaine Loseke Nielsen '56, as well as Aunt Roberta Nielsen Saalfeld '48, her husband Ronald Saalfeld '49 and their children (our cousins) Conny Saalfeld Anderson '74, Karin Saalfeld Leatherberry '77, and Chris Saalfeld '79. Also our Uncle Wayne Loseke '54 and Aunt Glenda Loseke Kleinkauf '61 are graduates of CPS.

We are all very proud to have the Edward Nielsen Sr. and Edward Nielsen Jr. Memorial Scholarship as part of the Foundation. Named after our father and grandfather it is designated towards a student applying to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and majoring in business or agriculture.

## Chris Nielsen-Hancock

### 1. Graduating Year: 1982

### 2. Favorite Class / Teacher:

This is a difficult question as there were many great classes and teachers. I loved math classes the most (with Bernie Nitsch and Judy Owens), but also enjoyed choir (Boyd Bacon) and Chemistry (Chris Dixon). I had fun playing on the girls' golf team for 2 years with Bart Bartholomew as the coach. There were others who worked at CHS who made it a wonderful place. It was great having Mrs. Kyster as our school nurse (she was always there for us) and Mrs. Ewert in the front office.

### 3. CPS Teacher That Influenced You The Most:

Mr. Dixon's chemistry class was probably the class that had the greatest influence on me as it helped prepare me for college. This was probably the most challenging class I had in high school and required study habits that were invaluable

in college. Although the class was demanding at times, it was made fun by Mr. Dixon and my lab partner.

### 4. Most Memorable High School Experience:

Most of my memorable high school experiences revolved around cheerleading and hanging out (and getting in trouble) with my friends. I had a great senior year traveling to all of the football and basketball games, cheerleading camp and working for a crazy doctor. I was fortunate to get along well with my classmates and for the most part, stayed "below the radar." After sophomore year, I went with the CHS band (Director- Larry Marik) to the Portland Rose Festival, which took place right after Mt. St. Helens began erupting. It was weird to see it "snowing" ashes. The train trip to Oregon and the independence of staying in the dorm rooms while there, was also a great high school experience.

### 5. What would you change if you had to do high school all over again?

I wouldn't change much if I had to do high school all over again. I would love to have had the perspective that comes with time and know that there is definitely life after high school. At the time, I remember thinking high school is supposed to be the best time of your life, yet now I know it is just the beginning of the journey, and the best is yet to come. I really look forward to trips back to Columbus to see my family and the friends I grew up and went to school with and reminisce about the "glory days" and crazy times we had. There are several friends and classmates who I wish I hadn't lost touch with and would love to know how they are doing.

### 6. What are you doing now?

Littleton, CO (There are a lot of CHS grads in the Littleton/Denver area, yet I usually see them in Columbus). I've been married to my husband, Andy, for almost 18 years (we met while both working in Vail for FirstBank) and have 2 children- Ginny (13) and Cole (10). After graduating from college, I went to work for FirstBank of Colorado.

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# Family Spotlight

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I spent 12 years working as a bank officer for FirstBank in the Vail Valley and Summit County, then 4 years at FirstBank Holding Company in the bank regulatory compliance department. When my daughter was in kindergarten, I “retired” from banking. I’m currently enjoying “supervising” the building of a new house for our family; love to read and garden; have been involved in our kids’ schools and our church; and enjoy having a horse and dog around the house.

## Laurie Nielsen-Singer

**1. Graduating Year: 1986**

**2. Favorite Class / Teacher:**

Wow, so many to mention!

I respected and admired Candace Becher and Al Schnabel. My mother said that I would say, “but Mr. Callan said...” on a daily basis in 10th grade, so he obviously made a great impression on me. Coaches Young and Tietjen were awesome! Mr. Dixon had the patience of a saint. Mr. Wibbels always made the class interesting and Mr. Jackson kept the class entertaining. Favorite class was journalism/school newspaper.

**3. CPS Teacher That Influenced You The Most:**

Candace Becher.

**4. Most Memorable High School Experience:**

Playing State Basketball and Volleyball. With all the sports I played, the

team camaraderie was priceless!

**5. What would you change if you had to do high school all over again?**

I would get rid of the mullet! Besides all those bad hairdos, I wouldn’t change a thing.

**6. What are you doing now?**

Currently reside in Omaha with my hubby, Marc. I’ve been working 20 years plus in the hospitality/hotel business, and I enjoy writing restaurant critiques for a local paper, The Reader. I’m still playing volleyball but have missed out every year that there is the alumni tournament.

## Shelly Nielsen-Schmidt

**1. Graduating Year: 1988** – Just a few years ago? Oh, make that 20 plus!

**2. Favorite Class / Teacher:**

I really enjoyed the science classes, especially biology with Jack Young and chemistry with Chris Dixon, as these were very engaging and led to my career choice. Physics and calculus were other classes that maybe weren’t my favorites but were challenging and prepared me for college coursework.

**3. CPS Teacher That Influenced You The Most:**

I can’t name just one - especially now that I am living in Columbus and see many former teachers on a regular basis. Looking back after attending undergraduate and graduate school,

I realize how fortunate I was to have many talented and influential instructors while in the Columbus Public Schools. Outside of the sciences, Jean Detlefsen encouraged me to enjoy art, and Gordon Steinbrook brought history to life.

**4. Most Memorable High School Experience:**

Taking part in establishing the National Honor Society at CHS, which may not be the most memorable experience, but an important one. (The most memorable experiences probably aren’t ones that I should record on paper).

**5. What would you change if you had to do high school all over again?**

Not much.

**6. What are you doing now?**

I returned to Columbus after many moves, and it appears that I am here to stay as my husband, Craig Schmidt, farms in the area. We have two sons, Niels, age four, and Carter, soon to be two. After high school, I attended college at the University of Virginia and taught middle school and high school before receiving my Masters in Genetic Counseling. I currently work at the University of Nebraska Medical Center as a genetic counselor. When not consumed with work and family, I try to play a little golf and read. I have been privileged to continue my involvement with CPS as a member of the Columbus Public Schools Foundation and Alumni Association Boards.

## Class of 1943 makes donation

The Class of 1943 donated \$594.97 to the Columbus Public Schools Foundation.

They decided after their 65th reunion in July 2008 that they did not want to hold any more reunions. The class had money left over from reunions and wanted to donate it to the Foundation.

The mission of the Columbus Public Schools Foundation is to enhance student learning by working with the school district, businesses and community to provide financial support for innovative programs not covered by the school district’s funding sources.

Some items the Foundation funds include: innovation and enrichment grants for students, teachers and staff; after school programs; support for staff positions not currently in the school budget; alternative educational opportunities including online learning for students; scholarships for current and graduating students; and teacher, staff and student recognitions.



# What's happening

**Jacquelyn Gammage-Fontent `77** – Obtained bachelor's degree in psychology, bachelor's in criminal justice and bachelor's in sociology. She is still a registered nurse after 30 years. She was widowed in 1999. She married a wonderful man on May 1, 2009 at a sunset wedding in a castle.

**Deborah Nienkamp `81** – Bachelor's degree in education from UNL in 1986.

**Linda Myers-Bock `86** – Is now a pharmacist at Tooley's Drug and Homecare in good old Columbus – believe it or not.

**Lester Gertsch `42** – Class of '42 now 82 and retired. Enjoy bowling, playing pitch, Bible study and dance. I'm busy.

**J. Wesley Lusche and Loretta "Pete" Clark `45, `46** – Celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 8, 2008.

**Wayne Schild `48** – He and his wife, Darlene, recently made several more trips overseas. 1. In February `08, they went to Brazil, starting in Rio De Janiero, then flew to Brazilia (the interior capital since 1948) and lastly flew to Manaus for a seven day Amazon River trip. His sister, Marlene Syas, Class of 1954, accompanied them on this trip. 2. In June, they went on a safari to Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe, staying in isolated lodges for 12 nights. They also visited Victoria Falls. 3. In December, they took a Princess Royal cruise to nine eastern Caribbean islands, including Devils Island and the French Guiana. He has now received his card from the Traveler's Century Club certifying that he has visited 200 countries/island groups. He would also like to thank Bill and Betty Grant for the 60<sup>th</sup> Kramer High reunion they setup in Columbus.

**Frederic Gottschalk `54** – Moved to Scottsdale from Huntsville, Texas in January.

## Columbus Alumni Association

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# Foundation awards scholarships

The Columbus Public Schools awarded 12 scholarships this year to graduating seniors.

Shelby Hughes received the \$2,000 Class of 1940 War Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was created by the generosity of the Class of 1940 as a memorial to friends lost in World War II.

Sara Jones and William Stanton both received a \$1,000 Wilson-Covert Centennial Scholarship. This award was named for Arthur Philip Wilson and Velma Covert Wilson. The Wilsons were born in 1890 in Polk County and Platte County respectively. Both were graduates of Columbus High School as are their two sons, John Covert Wilson, class of 1943, and Arthur Philip Wilson Jr., class of 1940, who created the two \$1,000 scholarships.

Leah Stevens was awarded the \$1,500 J.R. Curry Memorial Scholarship. J.R. Curry was a member of the Columbus High School Class of 2002 who died in an accident on his 17th birthday in 2001. His father and mother, John & Deb Curry, wanted to honor J.R.'s life in a lasting way that would benefit other Columbus High School students.

Andrew Kritikos received the \$1,000 Edward M. Nielsen Sr. and Edward M. Nielsen Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Ron and Roberta (Nielsen) Saalfeld

and their children created this scholarship to honor Mrs. Saalfeld's father and brother. Both men were active in the community and education. The scholarship goes to a person attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln College of Business or Agriculture.

Parker Staroscik was awarded the \$1,000 Christopher John Saalfeld Memorial Scholarship. Christopher Saalfeld graduated from Columbus High School in 1979. He received his mechanical engineering degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, in 1983. The family established this scholarship in memory of Christopher's life.

Ashley Claborn received the \$1,000 Sara Claborn Memorial Scholarship. Sara Claborn was a member of the graduating Class of 2006, who died in an automobile accident in the spring of 2004, prior to her junior

year. Her family wanted to give a scholarship to a person who participated in Sara's favorite sport, cheerleading.

Katrina Brave Heart was awarded the \$1,000 Speice Scholarship. Byron Speice started this award in appreciation of the education that Columbus Public Schools provided him and in memory of his mother, Margaret Speice, who taught in the Columbus Public System.

Sawyer Cinfel received the \$500 Class of 1950 Scholarship, which was created through the generosity of the graduating class of 1950.

Megan Mullally, Shelby Paczosa and Samantha Rhea were awarded the

Duncan Elementary Scholarship. The Duncan OPT established this honor after the school was closed in 2008. The PTO raised \$6,000, which will be divided between all students who qualify for the next 12 years. In order to qualify, the students must have attended Duncan Elementary all the years they were eligible.

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Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

## What's New

**Ted Ensminger '53** – Has been teaching tennis professional since 1975 and is a commissioned Minister Emeritus LC-MS.

**Kathleen Swanson Schelert '56** – Retired from full-time and part-time substitute teaching in 2005.

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# Spring sports wrap-up

**Bob Markham**  
Class of 1976

The Discoverers boys soccer team led the spring sports making its first ever trip to the state Class B finals only to come up short in a 1-0 overtime loss to cross town rival Scotus Central Catholic. Coached by Jamie Bennett, they finished the season with a 14-5 record, qualifying as a wild card entry after losing in a shoot-out in the district finals. Seniors Mike Ziola (Class B All-State), Parker Staroscik and Andy Christensen led the team.

The girls soccer team was led by first year coach Kevin Ainsworth. They finished the season with a 9-6 record losing in districts to Scotus 2-1. The girls' team was paced by seniors Shelby Hughes, Maggie Arlt and Danielle Archuleta. Mike Ziola and Danielle Archuleta were named to play in the Shrine All-Star game this summer.

After traveling from one end of the state to the other, the CHS track squads finished the season strong qualifying several athletes for the state competition. The girls led by long time coach Bob Hopp had a successful run with senior Jena Schwalenberg taking third in the 3200 and 1600 meter runs. The 3200 relay team, which includes Schwalenberg, junior Bridgette Schneekloth and freshmen Kyla Szelag and Karo Garcia, also took third.

Other qualifiers included: sophomore Brianna Downs (T-8<sup>th</sup>) senior Lindsay Anderson in the pole vault, senior Alecyia Watson in the 100 hurdles and triple jump, senior Elizabeth Wheatley in high jump, Schneekloth in the 1600 and 3200 Meter runs, Garcia in the 800M run and senior Rachael Weber, sophomore Megan Weber, Szelag and Garcia in the 1600 Meter Relay. Coached by Dan Steiner the boys' team was led by Zackery

Lindsley qualifying for state in the discus (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and shot put (9<sup>th</sup> place) and Dean Shurter who placed seventh in the discus. Lindsley set a school record this season with a throw of 181'-4" at the district meet. Junior Jon Powell was a qualifier in the 3200M run finishing 13<sup>th</sup> at the state meet. Middle distance runners seniors Alex Markham, Trevor Urkoski and Andrew Messersmith provided depth and leadership throughout the season earning medals at the conference and district meets.

The girls tennis team finished the spring season strong taking 11<sup>th</sup> at the state meet. Coach Dave Licari's squad all won their opening matches at state before losing tough second round matches. The CHS team consisted of #1 singles Lori Fehr, #2 singles Jennifer Gokie, #1 doubles Ashley Meyers and Sammi Licari and #2 doubles Lori Haas and Jenna Stecker.

The boys baseball team, led by veteran coach Mark Mueller, was paced by seniors Kurt Farmer, Michael Blatchford, Jon Raitt, Chase Stanton, Justin Eckholt and Jordan Eckholt. The Discoverers finished the season with a 22-10 record losing to eventual state champion Omaha Westside 9-3 in the district finals. Farmer was named first team All-Nebraska by the Omaha World Herald and Blatchford was a second team selection. Coach Mueller will have to rely on young talent next year as this year's squad was very heavy with seniors.

A young CHS golf team coached by Mark Brown, who is in his first year, made great strides finishing fifth at the district meet. Junior Jordan Williams was the lone Discoverer to qualify for state shooting a 75 good for a third place finish. Williams shot 77 and 78 respectively at the state competition to finish out of medal contention. Coach Brown will have his entire squad back next year, Matt Otten, Dennis Bouc, Brett Beal and Jason Krings will join Williams on next year's team.

## What's Happening

**Dennis Nelson `62** – Retired from full-time work and 22 years in the military. Works part-time for Menards and Columbus Area Transit.

**Jerry Frieze `66** – Retired and started PGA golf.

**Beverly Heibel Nelson `67** – Worked for Wal-mart for 19 years with nine of those in the vision center. She is now a licensed optician. Beverly and Dennis Nelson `62 are the proud grandparents of two step grandchildren, Zach and Madison of New York.

**Vern Siemek `69** – Expecting his fourteenth and fifteenth grandchild this year.

**Dr. JoAnn Eickhoff-Shemek `70** – Is the lead author of a new ground breaking textbook, Risk Management for Health/Fitness Legal Issues and Strategies published by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.

**Dr. Patti Whestone `76** – Recently accepted a position as assistant professor at Western Kentucky University. Children attend college in different time zones – Ben at the

University of Wyoming, Tom at Creighton University and Lizzie at Arizona State University.

**Steve `77 and Dawn `82 Mack** – self employed in Chandler, AZ, and they have three sons.

**Cindy Aerni `79** – Past eight years varsity softball coach. Qualified for state five years and three years was the Region Coach of the Year. In 2009, was vice president of the Arizona Coaches Association.

**Jennifer Davidchik Wilson `85** – Recently took a position for Western Kentucky University Libraries in Bowling Green, Kentucky. She ran her own Musikgarten business for five years and closed shop for the new job with the university. Her and her husband, Ron, have two children, Luke, 6, and Madeleine, 9.

**Chad W. Hunzeker `89** – Recently competed in a USTA Challenge Tour Tennis qualifying.

**Todd Moss `93** – works in sales.



# Class of 1958 makes donation to CMS

Columbus Middle School students can explore the career of electronics thanks to donation from the Class of 1958.

“We are very grateful for the support from the Class of 1958,” CMS Principal Doug Kluth said. “Their donation will touch the lives of thousands of students.”

The gift allowed another module to be added to the career application class. Students will get a sample of electronics and can assess if this is something they would like to pursue in high school and possibly even as a career.

In the electronic module, students learn the common components of basic circuits in electronic devices. They also complete various electronic experiments using an educational instrument. The construction of a simple electronics kit helps them learn the application of each component used to make the project successfully function.

The skills taught in this module can give the students an edge in the future, teacher Kelly Loschen said.

“Our lives are filled with electronic devices that affect the way we live,” he said. “Components used in electrical devices are very small and getting smaller, which makes them easier and less costly to produce. As people use more electronic gadgets, understanding electrical components will be a valuable skill.”

This year CMS changed the career application classes to align with the Nebraska Career Model. The model breaks down careers into six areas: health science; human services



**GIVING BACK** – The Class of 1958 donated money to purchase an electronics module for the career application classes at the middle school. Career technology teacher Joe Krysl, health/fitness teacher Terry Wulf, Class of 1958 representative Marva VanVelkinburgh, career and technology teacher Kelly Loschen and career and technology teacher Bernie Fleischacker stand behind the new module.

and resources; business, marketing and management; environmental and agricultural systems; communication and information systems; and industrial manufacturing and engineering systems. Eventually, there will be three to four modules for each of the six clusters.

The Class of 1958 was the last class to graduate from Kramer High, which is now the middle school, and the classmates wanted to give something back to the school from which they graduated.

## *School District of Columbus Foundation Inc. Endowment Fund Contribution*

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## *Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2009 & Beyond*

**1935** - Local class members meet every 4 months for lunch (Oct., Feb., Jun.). All '35 grads welcome.

**1937** - Meets 1st Wed., every 4 months (March, July, Nov.).

**1945** - Meets the last Monday of the month at Picket Fence at noon.

**1946** - '46 locals meet the first Friday of each month for lunch. All classmates welcome. Contact: Regina Giersdorf Gondringer, 402-564-7000 or Laura Eller Stuefer, 402-564-2057.

**1949** - Locals meet the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Picket Fence Cafe. All classmates welcome. Contact: Rosella (Blaser) Norris for info. 402-564-7498.

**1949** - 60 year reunion Sept. 4, 2009. Social at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. at Wunderlich's Catering. Contact: LouAnn Loseke Everett, phone: 402-910-5022 or email [louanneverett@aol.com](mailto:louanneverett@aol.com).

**1958** - Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus. All classmates and spouses welcome.

**1956** - Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee. All classmates welcome.

**1960** - Are in the planning stages for the 50th Reunion in 2010. If you are interested in helping, contact Gayleen Hingst at 402-563-2109 or [dghingst@email.com](mailto:dghingst@email.com).

**1961** - 50th Reunion planned for September 2011. Details to follow later.

**1969** - 40 year reunion - July 10-11, 2009. July 10 - golf outing at Quail Run. July 11 - tour CHS from noon-3 p.m.; social at Country Shadows from 5 p.m. on. Contact: Les Hake, [les@hamilton.net](mailto:les@hamilton.net).

**1970** - If you have any suggestions or comments about what you would like to see at the 40th reunion in 2010, please contact Jim Schaefer at 402-564-4274 or email [jschaefer001@neb.rr.com](mailto:jschaefer001@neb.rr.com).

**1979** - 30th Reunion - August 22, 2009: tour of CHS 2-4 p.m. More details later. Contact: Mike Siedlik at [signs@megavision.com](mailto:signs@megavision.com).

**1989** - 20th Reunion - July 24-25, 2009: July 24 - Night at Horse Races; July 25 - Golf outing at Quail Run 9 a.m.; Family social from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Pawnee Park east shelter; tour of CHS 2 p.m.; dinner and dancing at New World Inn from 6 p.m.-midnight. Contact: Todd Barteel at [89er20yrreunion@live.com](mailto:89er20yrreunion@live.com).

**1994** - 15 year reunion - July 25-26, 2009. July 25 - Tour CHS at 1 p.m. and class gathering at Elks Country Club from 7-11 p.m. July 26 - family picnic at Pawnee Park west shelter from noon-3 p.m. Contact: Jen Johnson Brownlow, [jbrownlowcfy@neb.rr.com](mailto:jbrownlowcfy@neb.rr.com).

**1999** - 10 year reunion - August 7, 8 and 9, 2009. Contact: Andrew Sedlacek at [ajsedlacek@hotmail.com](mailto:ajsedlacek@hotmail.com).