



Columbus Public Schools Alumni News

Spring 2004



Scheidegger recovering from near-fatal military accident

By Scott Jackson
Class of 1980

When Class of '80 graduate Major Craig Scheidegger entered his Huey helicopter on October 22, 2003, all he expected was to provide instruction to a junior pilot on a Marine training mission in the desert of Southern California. What transpired shortly thereafter resulted in Major Scheidegger fighting for his life.

In the nighttime hours of October 22, a crew of four, including Major Scheidegger, was in the middle of a training mission along with a crew in a second helicopter. The mission called for Craig's helicopter to land 15 seconds after the lead helicopter performed a landing.

After experiencing a "brownout", a condition where dirt and sand swirl as a result of a helicopter's rotor downwash, making visibility impossible, the pilot in Craig's helicopter attempted to pull out of his landing. The resulting maneuver pitched the nose of the Huey forward causing the rotors to make contact with the ground and ultimately tossing the helicopter out of control finally coming to rest upside



down.

Witnesses indicate that debris from the crash was strewn the length of a football field. While the three other Marines were tossed clear of the helicopter and experienced only minor cuts and bruises, Craig wasn't quite as lucky as he was pinned underneath his seat with the weight of the entire aircraft resting on top of him.

Craig was extracted by his fellow Marines and transported to the Marine Corp Combat Center where he received an emergency tracheotomy in addition to being diagnosed with two broken shoulders, a collapsed lung, and three cracked vertebrae. He was then transported by Life-Flight to the Trauma Center at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, CA.

After surgery to repair

his neck and being placed in an upper body brace, Major Scheidegger spent the next two weeks recovering. He was then transferred to the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at La Jolla Veterans Hospital near San Diego where he began his long, slow recovery and rehabilitation. Craig has since had the upper body brace removed and was discharged from La Jolla on January 30, 2004.

He is continuing rehabilitation at his home at Carlsbad, CA, and on April 1 returned to work at Marine Corps Air Station, Camp Pendleton. His parents, Sam and Deanna Scheidegger of Columbus, indicated that Craig is very lucky to be alive and described his recovery as "a miracle."

Craig Scheidegger graduated from CHS in 1980. He was Senior Class

President and participated in tennis, wrestling and baseball during his high school career. Craig then attended Kearney State College prior to transferring to the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he earned his bachelor's degree.

He was commissioned into the Marines in 1988 and has made numerous tours of duty overseas. Craig was recently selected to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and will be promoted in September. He has also been selected to attend the Joint Advanced Warfare College in Norfolk, VA, beginning in August. Craig has three brothers and fellow CHS graduates, Mike and Brad of Dallas, TX; and Steve of Chicago, IL.

On behalf of all CHS alumni, we wish Craig a continued speedy recovery.

Lifetime & Annual Members

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1937 Charles & Jean Fricke Ashby
1939 Laird & Lois Carlson Loomis
1939 Robert Loshbaugh
1943/44 Dr. Karl & Mimi Hahn Mueller
1950/49 Ronald & Roberta Nielsen Saalfeld
1951 Dr. Robert & Carole Smith Quick
1951/52 Marvin & Sandra Davis Trofholz
1952/55 Charles & MaryAnn Dietrich Johansen
1952/56 Gerald & Delores Klug Mueller
1952 Dwayne & Virginia Van Berg Smith
1953 James & Sandi Briswalter Ernst
1953/57 Gerald & Nadene Loseke Karlin
1953 Gary & Janice Potter Nantkes
1953 Mr. & Mrs. Harlan E. Petter
1956 Jolaine M. Loseke Nielsen
1957 James & Kathryn Ericksen Lohr
1958 David H. Kuper
1958 John & Julie Floyd Schutz
1956/61 Richard & Mary McEnerney Goc
1962/63 Ken & Karen Rice Gigstad
1962/63 John & Kay Asche Nelson
1963 Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hake
1963/64 Dr. Gerald & Bonnie Hay Luckey
1965/74 James & Gayle Massman Oppliger
1966/67 Bruce & Sheryl Cattau Channer
1966 Bill & Linda Nickolite (dec.) Fleischer
1968 Larry P. & Chari Rumbaugh Nyffeler
1969 Dr. Greg C. & Judy Bock Warner
1972/73 Dr. Dana & Nancy Winkle Bailey
1972/73 Dr. Richard & Cindy Palmblade Kant
1974 Dr. Ronald & Ann Bremer Ernst
1974 Rick & Marsha Hopp Joseph
1986/88 Chris & Amy Blaser
1989 Craig & Becky Kuncl Andreassen

Lifetime Single

1935 Bettie F. Sharp Eggli
1938 Martha Boehm Kusek
1938 Bernice Brock Hegi
1939 Vera Ellen Gertsch Weller
1940 Frances Behlen Brakel
1940 Ryland R. (Rip) Nantkes
1940 Dorothy M. Yonkie Folden
1942 Norm Loseke
1942 Bill Smith
1943 Walt Lips
1944 Walter Kiuntke
1944 Donald Smith
1945 Edward Babka
1945 Nan Bernstein Klassen
1945 Clarence Brunkhorst
1946 Delores Cattau Ebel
1946 Robert Osborn
1946 Homer Rothleitner
1947 Bob Jaeggi

1947 Jean Johannes Johnston
1947 John R. O'Neal
1948 Bernice Gates Gengenbach
1948 Wayne A. Schild
1948 Rudy J. Winkelman
1949 Larry Blaser
1949 Vernon C. Feye
1949 Dorothy Held Glaser
1949 Roland W. Kluver
1950 Donna Olson Morlock
1952 Karen Norton Cook
1952 Donald Rice
1953 James Murphy
1953 Kenneth D. Peterson
1953 Robert L. Pope
1953 Donald M. Schupbach
1953 Ronald Tschauner
1953 Judd Wagner
1953 Louis Welch
1954 Frederic Krebs
1955 Barbara Boyd Park
1955 Jeanie Frey Randall
1955 Edward D. Riggins
1955 Loretta L. Williams Meistrell
1956 Douglas M. Groteluschen
1956 Helen Korte Campbell
1956 Larry B. Novicki
1956 Ronald D. Rice
1957 Mary Kluver Lauber
1957 C. Ronald Lambert
1957 Sylvia Rodehorst Hermone
1957 Dick Whitcomb
1958 Jane Evans Douglas
1958 Larry Ray Krumland
1958 Sharon Welch Lehr
1958 Mike Liddy
1959 Howard (Steve) Ellenburg
1959 Mary Ann Behlen Hruska
1959 Mary Coffey Frauendorfer
1959 Leonard J. Fleischer
1959 Betty K. Kaspersen Hegi
1959 Con Keating
1959 Deanna Osborn Augustin
1959 Richard L. (Stoney) Stone
1959 Kay Swanson Genereux
1960 Paula Jean Arndt Verdoorn
1960 James Jura
1960 David Kathka
1960 John Lohr
1960 Joe Matejka
1960 William K. McAuliff
1960 Sheila R. Nelson Backes
1960 Jerry L. Norris
1960 Gayleen Oppliger Hingst
1960 Keith VanVelkinburgh
1961 Steve Ahl
1961 Bob Ahrens
1961 Gerald L. Whitcomb

1962 Cecil Bykerk
1962 Jean C. Groteluschen Schmidt
1962 Glenda Loseke Kleinkauf
1963 Kent W. Behlen
1963 Mathew (Bud) Fleischer
1963 Janet Kummertz Hansen
1963 Sandra Ottsen Davis
1963 Kathryn Varner Overturf
1964 Russell Muller
1965 Mickey Brazeal
1965 Henry E. Clausen
1965 David L. Ernst
1965 Mary A. Holy Kuhlmann
1966 John Anderson
1966 Mark S. Anderson
1967 Emily Cameron Shattil
1967 Thomas L. Hagel
1967 Don Oppliger
1967 Gary D. Uphoff
1968 Steve Anderson
1968 Michael Floyd
1968 Janice Groteluschen Oeltjen
1968 Robert C. Jones
1968 Robert Lohr
1968 Donald Sieh
1968 Connie Welch Sylvester
1968 Don Zulkoski
1969 Yenni Gembol Fuglei
1969 Jamie Johnson Snyder
1970 Brad Berlin
1970 Michael Brown
1970 Virginia Curry
1970 Peggy Dankert
1970 Steven W. Eymann
1970 Danny Gernstein
1970 David Kincaid
1970 Greg Kluck
1970 Yanelle K. Krumland Shepherd
1970 Yvonne Mihulka
1970 Gary Osborn
1970 Thomas J. Rich
1970 Ronald Walters
1971 Jennifer Allen Mills
1971 Robyn G. Gembol Ryan
1972 Susan Dixon Bowman
1972 Judy Ernst
1972 Thomas Folsom
1972 Kelly George Shada
1972 Thomas Heiser
1972 Daniel W. Miller
1972 Michael J. Robak
1974 Brian Miller
1974 Mary Nosal Chen
1974 Rex Porter
1975 Michael J. Burrows
1975 Jane Hopp Beltz
1976 Ann Ewert Richards
1977 Duane Olsufka



Lifetime Single

1977 Jim Schwartz
1978 Kathy Curran Maca
1978 Randy J. Eihausen
1978 Mark Jilek
1978 Bob Shively
1978 Alan Siemek
1979 Karen E. Koppel
1979 Leslie Nielsen Hitchner
1980 Kathi Miles Nickman
1981 Ralph Castner
1981 Dana D. Ernst
1981 Jeff Johnson
1981 Todd Robinson
1981 Bob Shepherd
1981 Steven P. Zaura
1982 Christine Nielsen Hancock
1984 Janet Arnold Keating
1984 Cindy Hinze Conkling
1984 Tom Nelson
1985 Anna Castner Wightman
1985 Beth Schupbach Buehler
1986 Kip Anderson
1986 Kerry Belitz
1986 Robert F. Cruise
1988 Donette Brase Smejkal
1988 Russ Eihausen
1988 Shelly Nielsen Schmidt
1989 Chad M. Johannes
1990 Brent Griffith
1991 Jim Kennedy

Annual Couple

1939/46 Charley & Martha Dickey III
1940 Glen & Patricia Jones Krueger
1940 Harry & Eletha Johannes Sheldon
1942 Bob & Donna Sayers Scheuler
1943/44 Calvin & Pat Heynen Gloor
1943/46 John (Jack) Joyce Johnson Schultz
1946/42 Kenneth & Betty Jean Person Enzminger
1948 William & Elizabeth Ernst Grant
1948/50 Fred & Genie Clark Ingold
1948/49 Bill & Miriam Buchholz Schlegel
1949/51 Gene & DeLellis Geiser Luchsinger
1949/51 Bud & Arlene Finley Van Berg
1949 Charles W. Walden
1949/52 Dr. Ed & Joyce McMeekin Watke
1952/55 Fred & Liz Frederickson Geiser
1952 Richard & Goldyn Hook Liebschwager
1955/54 Delmar & Charolotte Crocker
1956/59 Bud & Karen Robertson Plantz
1957/58 Boyd & Cheryle Fox Jones
1958/60 Jack & Nancy Salak Pittman
1959 Bill & Tammy Egger Henke
1960/61 Martin & Jean Treinies Munson
1960/62 Ted & Sharon Aerni Otte
1961/60 Larry & Pat Stonebraker Ball
1964 John S. & Bonnie Knight Kennedy
1965 Gary & Chris Loshbaugh Bock
1966 Bill & Vicki Watkins Bomberger
1967/69 Shannon & Sue Sander Cole
1967/79 Connie & Cindy Jasper Reese
1968/67 Dennis J. & Lynn Turner Behlen
1969/70 E. W. (Bill) & Leta Oppliger Greene

1969/70 Robert & Laurie Sutton Tredway
1976/80 Gary & Julie Sansoni
1977/86 Terry & Renee Harrington Norris
1977 Allan & Cheri Engelman Richards
1977 Jo Bartholomew Shaddy
1978/80 Mark & Kristen Frerichs Robak
1982/84 Andrew & Shawn Severyn Martin
1982 Van & Becky Hruska Zwick

Annual Single

1960 Kerry D. Walden
1926 Jay C. Brown
1927 Lorena Blaser Johansen
1933 George Rohde
1934 Orlethia E. Wolfe
1935 Henrietta Gumm Denman
1936 Margarette Louis Kassmeyer
1936 Vicki Nelson Merha
1936 Robert Siewert
1937 Duane J. Janicke
1938 Cliff Elston
1938 Eulalia L. Engel Dahmke
1938 Alice M. Martyss Kunes
1938 Arline Weber Perkins
1939 Homer (Hoke) Johansen
1939 George Morrow
1939 Robert Schmid
1940 William Aldrich
1940 Betty Angle Simon
1940 Kenneth E. Carter
1940 Charles F. Dolan
1940 Marie Egger Brundidge
1940 Mildred Karlin Meyn
1940 Walter Matzen
1940 Julian Meyer
1940 Robert C. Mills
1940 Ronald E. Morgan
1940 Kenneth L. Mueller
1940 Bette Schwantje Braithwait
1940 Marjorie Wolfe Korte
1941 Carl R. Ernst
1941 Madelynn Gerber Tobin
1942 Catherine B. Branigan Horan
1942 Alvina Brinkman Sherwood
1942 Lester Gertsch
1942 Phyllis N. Nelson Phillips
1942 Betty Siewert
1942 Bette Alice Woods Leatherbury
1942 Adele Zobel Boss
1943 Elizabeth Reese Pflug
1943 Betty V. Van Berg Scholz
1943 Helen Whiting Gerber
1944 Dolores Grotelueschen Schmidt
1944 Luetta Grotelueschen Werner
1944 Lynn Hentges Tredway
1944 Bob Ridenour
1944 Dwaine Schmit
1945 Ruth Bisson Moser
1945 John Cain
1945 Doris Fricke Corbridge
1945 Luella Schaer Parry
1945 Lillian Schroeder
1945 Sylvia A. Stevens
1945 Dona Jean Willman Chalquist

1946 Lorna Becher Warnke
1946 Clarice Blaser Everett
1946 Charles (Bud) Boettcher
1946 Mark Buchholz
1946 Dorothy Lu Johnston Brinkman
1947 Rogene Blaser Brown
1947 Margery A. Camp Cator
1947 Carolee Daniel Day
1947 James W. Grant
1947 Dorothy Grotelueschen
1947 Robert Henke
1947 Helen Kern
1947 Ellen Kloke Scalzo
1947 Donna Lusche Wood
1947 Robert Lusche
1947 Frank H. Starkey
1947 Dick Thimgan
1948 James D. Brenneman
1948 Mary E. Brown Thurber
1948 Mildred Flamme Gabel
1948 Dave (Doc) Jelden
1948 Clara Ruth Miessler Loucks
1948 Francis E. Mihulka Heidy
1948 Dorothy Murphy Johnson
1948 Patricia Patterson Eisenhauer
1948 Lorene Rosenberry Cerny
1948 Frank L. Schwartz
1949 Dorothy Behle Cattau
1949 Mary Kaye Fricke Carlson
1949 Charlotte Glur Frost
1949 Elaine Keller Hey
1949 Don Kuhn
1949 Neil (Bud) Potter
1950 Carroll Krumland
1950 Ronald Lassek
1950 Marilyn McCarty Speicher
1950 Wilma Schild Kilgore
1950 Nancy Smith Lesko
1951 Rita Angell Spitzli
1951 Maureen Bailey Olson
1951 Margery J. Brown Sellers
1951 Mary Jane Louis Bryant
1951 Virgil Olson
1951 Sandra Scharnweber Schmid
1951 Robert S. Schwantje
1951 Kenneth Wendt
1952 Lucille Aerni Jones
1952 Delane R. Bell
1952 Harold Dey
1952 Vergene Frost Wolfe
1952 Martin J. Kaplan
1952 Ruth Kluck Lauer
1952 Pat R. Reistroffer Pearson
1952 Jim Schultz
1952 Neil W. Welch
1953 Beverly M. Egger Schaefer
1953 Shirley Mae Ewert Fischer
1953 Dorwin Hild
1953 Florence Kolm
1953 Claudia M. Lange Blaser
1953 Darlene Louis Mueller
1953 Janice R. Mueller Nelson
1953 Sally O'Neal Smith
1953 Alyce L. Zwiener Bauer
1954 Alice Andrews Schreiber



Winter sports season

By Doug Moore
Class of 1978

The Columbus High School winter sports season enjoyed varying degrees of success this season.

The boys' basketball team struggled through a 5-16 season facing a very difficult schedule. The highlight of the season was defeating top seeded Kearney in districts before falling to North Platte in a close district final.

The girls' team once again qualified for the state tournament. Fate was not on the girls' side again this year, as late season injuries left the Discoverers without two starters for state competition. They lost to Millard West in the first round. They finished the season with a 15-7 record. The future looks bright with four starters returning. The JV team finished 13-3, and the Freshmen A team completed a 10-1 season.

Unfortunately for the CHS swim team, a leaking roof lead to a very long season. The Columbus Aquatic Center, home to the Discoverers, needed a new roof and construction problems caused the facility to be closed from October through March, thus leaving the team without a place to swim.

They held swimming practice at the YMCA most nights at 9 p.m. and had to travel to the YMCA in Norfolk for diving practice. The girls finished with a 3-3 dual record with Emilie Kluth placing in the state diving competition. The boys had a 0-6 dual record.

The wrestling team completed a 10-8 dual season. They finished second at the Greater Nebraska Athletic Conference meet, third at districts and seventh at state wrestling. Individual state finishers were: sophomore Jay Sherer, first at 125 pounds; senior Dustin Rohloff, fourth at 189 pounds; sophomore Wes Cooper, fifth at 152 pounds; sophomore Jon Emerson, sixth at 112 pounds; senior Doug Michalak, sixth at 215 pounds; and senior Adam Schornack, sixth at 145 pounds.

Moore Memorial Golf Tournament

The Matt Moore Memorial 4-Person Scramble will take place on May 29 at Quail Run.

There will be a 1:30 p.m. shot gun start. The cost is \$70 per person with proceeds going towards the purchase of a scoreboard for midget football. The scoreboard will read "In Memory of Matt Moore."

Barbecue sandwiches will be served following the scramble. Some of the prizes available include: a computer from Comp USA; 5 Bosch Cordless Drill; Milwaukee Cordless Drill; DeWalt Cordless Drill; Porter Cable Sander; \$50 Hy-Vee gift card; and gift certificates for all winners.

Matt was a member of the Class of 1990.

To register, please call Brent Humburg, 402-301-9622; Mitch Slusarski, 605-484,6409; or Troy Shotkoski, 402-563-5498.

Thank You

A big thank you goes out to the dedicated label volunteers who helped with the winter 2003 alumni newsletter.

Marva Van Velkinburgh `58

Lynn Sjuts `80

Miki Naylor `80

Mary Frauendorfer `59

Katie Naylor future alumni

Dorothy Cattau `49

Steve Zaura `81

Vera Kobus `41

Doug Moore `78

Wanda Eihausen `56

Bob Jaeggi `47

Steve Anderson `68

Tanya Jaeggi

Family thanks CHS graduate

Dear Editor,

This letter is to the people who know Lynn Kay (Kinzer) Reuter. She was born and raised in Columbus, NE, and graduated from Columbus High School.

Let me tell you what wonderful people Lynn and her husband, Ken, have been to my family.

The Reuter's have opened their home, hearts and arms to my son and his wife while he was stationed in Ft. Riley, KS. During the holidays, they would have them at their home so that my son and daughter-in-law wouldn't be alone. Lynn and Ken would make sure that they would have plenty of food and money for their trips where ever they went.

After the birth of my granddaughter, my daughter-in-law found out that she has cancer. Lynn made a special trip to see how all of them were doing. Before my daughter-in-law started her chemo treatment, Lynn and Ken had them go to their home in Lincoln and took the kids shopping for new clothes and to a professional studio to have a family portrait.

In mid-October, my daughter-in-law became very sick and was rushed to the hospital. Lynn and Ken made arrangements for Lynn to go and be with my son, Brian, while Heidi was being tested to find out what caused her seizures. During this week we almost lost our daughter-in-law. But because of Lynn's faith in God and her prayers, my son and daughter-in-law were able to move back to Green River, WY.

I just want to say to all people do not judge a person by the way they were raised, but to look at the inside of a person to see how great they really are. I know that my family will always think of Lynn and Ken as our Guardian Angels because of what they have done for all of the Beck Family.

Thanks a billion Lynn Kay Kinzer (Class of 1966) and Ken Reuter (Class of 1966). You will always be in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. God Bless you two forever and always.

Susan (Dischner) and Dave Beck and Family



Annual Single

- 1954 Betty Becker Hansen
1954 Virginia Blaser Seberg
1954 Richard Cuddeford
1954 Harold Marlar
1954 Kathleen (Teenie) Murphy Jones
1954 Donald Potter
1954 Marlene Schild Syas
1955 Sylvia Becher Loseke
1955 Gary D. Cole
1955 Terry Gaver
1955 Russell Gertsch
1955 Sandra Knox
1955 Donald Mueller
1955 Mary Ann Speck Lehr
1956 Marilyn Clark Kaup
1956 Leon Janssen
1956 David P. Miller
1956 Bob Murphy
1956 Gene R. Peterson
1956 Wanda Schild Eihausen
1956 Dennis G. Schmidt
1956 Kathleen Swanson Schelert
1956 Gene Van Allen
1956 Roger Watke
1957 S. Kay Becher Rockwell
1957 Norma Bredehoft Schell
1957 Jane Ellefson
1957 James W. Ludwig
1957 Polly Whitney Magula
1958 Lee H. Blatt
1958 Marva Eckmann Van Velkinburgh
1958 Patty R. Egger Green
1958 Jeanne M. Uhlmann Johnson
1958 John C. Zimmerman
1959 Clifford A. Ferris
1959 Gene A. Nitz
1959 Donald Peterson
1959 Harlan Rosacker
1959 Ron Salak
1959 Philip Tracy
1959 Sylvia Wilke Faller
1959 Marian Zimmerman Staroscik
1960 Judy Aerni Muhle
1960 Liz Barrett Liakos
1960 Larry Schmidt
1960 Warren Schupbach
1960 Donn (Toad) Trotter
1961 Lois Davis Rosacker
1961 Janice Feye-Stukas
1961 Mary Franek Williamson
1961 Jeanette Hake Volker
1961 Bernard C. Hay
1961 Kurt V. Leininger
1961 Carroll E. (Ed) Loseke
1961 Carol J. Morlok Meedel
1961 Jean Pittman Cederburg
1961 Jolene Rundell Timm
1961 Rita Speckmann Kafka
1961 Catherine L. Viergutz Hoops
1962 Don Coffey
1962 Pat Murphy
1962 Patricia Prososki
1962 Herbert Stuthman
1963 Nancy Behle Gonka
1963 Fred Greiner
1963 George Prentice
1963 Mary Katharine Rood Schuchman
1963 Andrea L. White Unewitz
1964 Joyce Avery Hall
1964 Lynn Bokelmann Van Vark
1964 Jack McGrew
1964 Roger A. Woodrick
1965 Dennis C. Hirschbrunner
1965 Janice May
1965 Jim Prentice
1965 Vickie Ward Benyr
1966 Barbara L. Bokelmann
1966 Byrle E. Gross
1966 Joel Leininger
1967 Jeanie Ausman Marlowe
1967 Kent Kelly
1968 Larry Horak
1968 Barb Klemm
1968 Lois Meschke Espeland
1968 Mary Sommermeyer
1968 Connie Szudlo Flood
1969 Karen Blessen
1969 Candace Dickenson Becher
1969 Tim Engel
1969 Bonita K. Michener Willets
1969 Marilyn Recek Heule
1969 David L. Torczon
1970 Terri Drozd Hoesly
1970 Jean Johnson Bernt
1970 Greg A. Johnson
1970 Douglas Kline
1970 Robert A. Zimmerman
1971 Patricia A. Caffrey McQuillan
1971 Jolene Hellbusch Scalzo
1971 Carol Louis McDermitt
1971 Mary Preston Lindquist
1971 Steve Shively
1971 Barb Zwiener Hansen
1972 Mary Eller Bruning
1972 Debra Krumland Trabert
1972 Betty Moore Thompson
1972 Nancy Recek Wozny
1972 Sandy Sample Boehm
1972 Beverly Siemek Bomar
1972 Elaine A. Thompson Hamling
1973 Connie Nauenburg Mascarello
1974 Eugene (Sonny) Bokelmann
1974 Suzanne Noll Meysenburg
1975 Vicki Fraka Jobst
1975 Alice Gangel Ward
1975 Tom Lange
1975 Anita Saalfeld Shannon
1975 Michael Zastera
1976 Victoria C. Conkel Turney
1976 Kyla J. George Reising
1976 Larry Leach
1976 Cindy Nadrchal Vandenberg
1977 Richard P. Haney
1977 Roger E. Peterson
1978 Trish Hopp Ross
1978 Barbara Kline Becker
1978 Steve Miller
1979 Marilyn Bernt Busboom
1980 Lauri Hruska Diamond
1980 Michael Determan
1981 Cindy Bredehoft Wiese
1981 Brad W. Loseke
1981 Todd Martensen
1981 Billie Jo Schneider Machmueller
1984 Karla Kuta Tremel
1984 Mary B. Olsufka Bellamy
1985 Lisa K. Cheloha Hooi
1987 Stephen C. Barnes
1988 Kelly Kehlbeck Cox
1988 Deanna Skalak Larson
1989 Sandra Bray
1989 James Murphy
1990 Aaron Hoefling
1991 Jonathan Barnes
1991 Mistan D. Moser Marking
1991 Chad Swantz
1992 Alicia Young Fults
1993 Bryan Munson
1994 Jennifer Johnson Brownlow
1995 Drew Munson
1997 Erin Elizabeth Walsh
1960 Jack Odgaard
1999 Nicole Adkisson Lindhorst
2000 Jennifer Trabert
1957 Mary Brewer Hull
1953 Mildred Fittje Liss
1976 Connie Ernst Dooley
2003 Jason Trabert

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What's happening

Luetta Grotelueschen Werner '44 – Received a Doctorate in Education in July 2002.

Donna Lusche Wood '47 – Took three computer classes and is now enrolled in a writing class with SAGE, a learning program affiliated with the University of Nebraska Alumni Association. She will have an article published in 2004.

Patricia Patterson Eisenhauer '48 – Lots of traveling: Guatemala, Thailand, China, Cambodia, Laos, Mexico & Western U.S.

Maureen Bailey Olson '51 – Retiring at the end of June.

Martin Kaplan '52 – Retired CPA.

Sally O'Neal Smith '53 – Retired in 1997 and has two new grandchildren for a total of four.

Don Mueller '55 – After coming out of retirement last year to be Weld County treasurer for a year, I am now doing some business consulting for Weld County Garage, a local GMC, Buick, Pontiac auto dealer.

Jane Ellefson '57 – Minister at Federated Church.

Polly Whitney Magula '57 – After 6 1/2 years of living full-time in a motor home, we have put down roots in Missouri.

Ron Salak '59 – After 39 years in public television, I'll be retiring at the end of August.

David Kathka '60 – Retiring in May.

Larry Schmidt '60 – Both my wife, Kathy, and I are retired and loving it.

George Prentice '63 – Earned a Master's Degree in Industrial Design from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, in 1999. Now

I'm retired.

Dave Torczon '69 – National Nuclear Security Administration Consultant.

Jean Johnson Bernt '70 – Were first time grandparents in February 2004.

Susan Walsh Mark '88 – Earned an Associates Degree in Radiologic Technology, Bachelor in Medical Imaging and currently works at the Omaha Veteran's Affairs Medical Center.

Donette Brase Smejkal '88 – Physical therapist at Beverly Healthcare of Columbus. I have two children, Summer born on June 16, 1997, and Derek born on July 20, 2000.

Richard Godejohn '94 – Played in the UNL band, worked six years in the Navy sub service and lives and works in Florida with his wife.

Shelley Claus Witt '95 – Graduated in August 2003 with a master's degree in health promotion and human resources development. Married Brian Witt on Sept. 20, 2003, in Columbus.

Erin Walsh '97 – Graduated from nursing school with RN BSN in 2001. Working in Omaha at Children's Hospital.

Jennie Snyder Hill '98 – Paralegal at an immigration firm. Married to Karlos Hill in August 2003.

Nicole Adkisson Lindhorst '99 – Earned an Associates Degree in Business Administration and works as an office manager for Abel Inc.

Greg '99 and Mindy (Seefeld) '00 Hellbusch – Both graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan and Greg works for Mead Lumber.

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July 3, 2004

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

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

1941 - Meets annually 3rd Wed. in Sept. at New World Inn. "No host" informal luncheon. Contact: Vera Kobus, 3163 26 Ave., 402-564-5837.

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 - 55th Reunion, July 9, 2004, evening social at Country Shadows; July 10, 2004, banquet at Wunderlich's Catering; July 11, 2004, brunch at Dusters. Contact: Dorothy Behle Cattau, 402-564-6767.

1954 - 50th Reunion, May 28, 2004, VFW also will be tour of CMS and May 29, 2004, Elks.

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

1964 - July 3, 2004, icebreaker at Glur's Tavern, noon: tour of CHS, 2 p.m.; cocktails at Elks, 5:30 p.m.; dinner at Elks, 6:30 p.m.; all class reunion at NWI, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Committee members include: Carolyn Hasek Fitzke, Gary Fouraker, Jim Hellbusch and John & Bonnie Knight Kennedy. For more information, contact one of the committee members or call 402-423-2042 or e-mail bonjohnken@msn.com.

1969 - 35th Reunion, July 2, 2004, informal gathering at Oppy's Bar, 7 p.m.-midnight, DJ starts at 9 p.m.; July 3, 2004, Rock & Roll Reunion at NWI, live music starts at 8 p.m.

1984 - July 3, 2004, golfing during the day and party at Camp Pawnee in the evening. Contacts: Karla Tremel and Tom Nelson.

1989 - July 3, 2004, ice cream social at shelter east of New World Inn in Pawnee Park 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; tour of Columbus Middle School 3 p.m.; cocktail hour, dinner and DJ at New World Inn Banquet Room 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Contact Todd Bartee.

1994 - July 31, 2004, at Country Shadows. Anyone interested in golfing needs to call for a T-time. August 1, 2004, picnic. For questions or to mail in reservations, contact Amy Weiland at 1155 Garber Ave., Lincoln NE 68521 or by e-mail at amymodelski@hotmail.com.

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