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Past, Present, Future

On The Cover: (1961) Mr. Eickhoff presents CHS students the first place team ribbon won at the "Old Reliable Hereford" Judging contest at Grand Island. **(2021)** A member of the CHS Marching Band performs during halftime of a football game this year. The band competed in the 2021 Nebraska State Bandmaster Association's State Marching Contest Oct. 23. They earned a Superior rating in the Class A group.

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Mad Dash: The 2021 Discoverer Dash

Pawnee Park Memorial Stadium was filled with young voices on Sept. 17 as 95 children participated in the fifth annual Discoverer Dash.

The event, which was hosted by the Columbus Public Schools Foundation, gave young people a chance to race around the track.

Children were divided into four different groups for the run: Future Discoverers (ages 3-5), Discoverers in Training (ages 6-8), Discoverer Prospects (ages 9-11) and Discoverers (ages 12-14). All received a bag of goodies from sponsors when they finished.




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Alum, now teacher, creates Activity Club for Emerson

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The sometimes simple questions take effort to answer. When Emerson third-grade teacher Nathan Sliva asked himself, "How do we get our students more active?" on a car ride from Lincoln, wheels were turning.

"We saw a lot of these kids aren't in activities outside of school," Sliva, class of 2015, said. "I wanted a way for these kids to get out and do something positive." And after a few weeks of logistics and coordination, the Emerson Activity Club was born.

The new program gives Emerson students a chance to participate in sports and activities on Saturday mornings. "They may not have had exposure to these things otherwise," Sliva said.

Sliva came up with the activities by observation, picking a few of the most popular playground sports. He wanted to be sure both girls and boys can participate equally. Soccer,



Columbus High School graduate ('15) Nathan Sliva readies for a water balloon exchange during Emerson's Field Day in April. Sliva is now a third grade teacher in Emerson Elementary. Recently, he saw an opportunity to keep the students moving. "We saw a lot of these kids aren't in activities outside of school. I wanted a way for these kids to get out and do something positive."

track and field and basketball took place in September. Band and baseball/softball run the first two weekends in October.

Each activity is lead by the CHS students, Sliva said. "It doesn't need to be a focus on me, or with me. I let the high

schoolers know what we're planning and they go for it. They really seemed to be having fun with it all."

"I wanted to get the high schoolers involved and them meeting our students. Lunch hour wasn't going to work. This

is a great way that they get to show these kids something they enjoy and they can strive to, to play or do when they grew-up and become high-schoolers themselves," Sliva said.

Activity Club's first week brought out close to 30 students, Sliva said. "We had at least five in each grade level, too. That's somewhere's around a quarter of the school out here," he added. "Since the first week, I've got slips back and it's already growing."

Anyone who signed up will get a coupon to a local restaurant or a snack.

"We've had a lot of community support, too. And they've been helpful in making this possible," Sliva said.

Sliva said the day provides for both students and families.

"Come out and play. It's an hour on a Saturday with your friends," he said. "Mom or Dad, drop them off, run your errands or just have an hour to yourselves. We'll make sure they have a good time."

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In the early 1970s, girls' high school sports weren't offered on a wide scale like they are now. Yet in Columbus, Nebraska, twins Marlene "Cooky" and Arlene "Bub" Kinzer were quietly making history, one arrow at a time.

Cooky and Bub, who were members of the Columbus High School Class of 1972, were champion archers several times over.

Their father, Carl "Bunk," got them started in archery when they were in middle school. He was one of the founders of the Platte Valley Archers, a group that still exists today.

"If there was an archery tournament anywhere in Nebraska, our whole family was going to it," says Bub.

While archery was not a sanctioned high school sport, there were archery clubs all over Nebraska that competed in scholastic tournaments. When Cooky and Bub were sophomores, they joined senior Christal Schwartzter for a three-person team at the all-class state tournament. The team won first place, and Bub received the overall high score of the tournament.

The twins went on to participate in different four-person teams their junior and senior year, both times taking first place. Bub again brought home the individual high score her junior year, and she came in second place her senior year.



Arlene "Bub" Kinzer, Christal Schwartzter and Marlene "Cooky" Kinzer pose with their first place trophy from a May 1970 contest. Bub and Cooky graduated from CHS in 1972. Schwartzter graduated in 1970.

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Twin sisters Cooky and Bub Kinzer shined in archery during years at Columbus High

Together with their teammates, the twins were responsible for placing the first three girls' athletic trophies in the trophy case at Columbus High School.

Over the years, many more awards have joined those first three. "We had so much fun competing in archery," says Cooky. "We got to meet many other kids that way."

Today, Cooky (whose last name is now Burns) and Bub (whose last name is now Grubbs) live a block apart from each other with their husbands in Grand Island, Nebraska.

They both have two adult children, and Cooky has five grandchildren while Bub has six. Neither woman has shot much since their high school days, but Bub's son Ryan is one of the top archers in Nebraska.

In September, the Class of 1972 participated in one of its now-traditional road trip reunions. This year, members of the class chose to meet at Lake Okoboji in northwestern Iowa. This was the first road trip reunion to which the twins were able to come.

There was a total of 30-35 of their classmates (and many of their spouses) who met for the weekend for a golf tournament, mini golf, socializing at a bar and a chance to listen to good music. "It was very well organized," says Bub. "There were lots of things to do."

As they have been for their whole lives, the twins are still very close, and they enjoy reminiscing about their days at Columbus High School. "We had lots of fun," says Bub.



Twin sisters "Bub" Kinzer (left) and "Cooky" Kinzer (right), together with their teammates including, Christal Schwartz (center), were responsible for placing the first three girls' athletic trophies in the trophy case at Columbus High School.



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Kramer Construction Continues

The former home of Kramer High School, the building at 410 16th St. in Columbus has seen more vertical and visible changes in recent weeks.

Walls on the Kramer Education Center began going up in late

October. The new facility will house a preschool center, day care and administration offices.

“It’s going to be a welcomed change,” CPS Director of Technology and Operations Leonard

Kwapnioski said. “I think once we’ve got this project completed the community will be really pleased with what we’re trying to do with the facility.”

Despite the winter months ahead,

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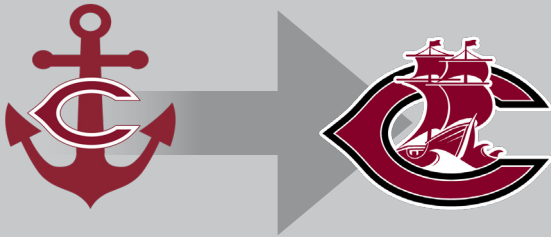
construction can go on with the use of insulating concrete forms.

Kwapnioski touted ICF usage in an Oct. 28th Columbus Telegram article.

He noted, because ICF, anyone who drives past the location can see how quickly the new walls were put up.



This artist rendering shows the southwest view of the Kramer Education Center. Located at the site of the old middle school, on 16th Street, between 25th and 23rd Avenues the building will be home to a preschool center, day care and the administration team.



Columbus High students to resume calls to alumni

CPS alumni association is partnering with the CHS National Honors Society (NHS) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) student organizations to update the alumni database.

In the upcoming months, alumni will begin receiving calls from our CHS students and alumni association to gather information so that we can update our alumni database.

We also want to learn from you what you would like to read about in your alumni newsletter which is currently mailed twice a year as well as emailed to our database twice a year.

Alumni will be asked to confirm their mailing address, best phone number and email address. Students will also ask the following questions:

- Would you like to receive the alumni newsletter in the mail twice a year?
- Would you like to receive the alumni newsletter in your email twice a year?
- What types of things would you like to see in the alumni newsletter?
- What activities did you participate in during high school?
- Who was your favorite teacher and why?
- What was your favorite memory from high school?

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2002- 20 Year Class Reunion - Here's To The Night!

Join us at 6 p.m. on June 18, 2022 at The Oak Room at the Friedhof for live entertainment, cash bar and food. For more information contact Ted Cemper at ted.cemper@doane.edu.

1962 - 60 Year Class Reunion - Save The Date!

Class of 1962 will host a 60 year class reunion on September 25, 2022. More details will be published as the date nears, however, if you have questions please contact Josette Kluck by email at blmjkluck@yahoo.com

1972 - 50 Year Reunion

September 22-24, 2022. For more information, contact Larry Kobus at larrykobus@gmail.com

Reunion Information

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

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

1959 - Meets the second Thurs-

day quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1960 - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Maximus at 11:30 a.m.

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