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Heritage Days 2025



Right: Volunteer of the Year Joe Townsley ('00) receiving his award

*2025 Heritage Days
Royalty Court - Grady
Riemenschneider, Eliza-
beth McConville, Fatima
Rodriguez Hernandez,
Elina Decker*



*McCook Rotary
Club hosted an
inflatable costume
race at Norris Park*

Photos courtesy of McCook News Now

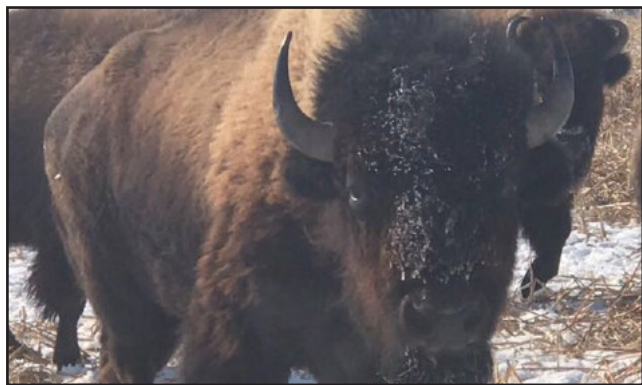


*The Fox Theatre's new sign lights up the bricks
in downtown McCook and is a great place for
announcements of all kinds.*

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3. Type in your contact information, then you can enter your credit or debit card numbers. Voila! Donation made! (And you saved yourself a stamp!)

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Have you moved, changed phone numbers, or changed your last name? Please update your information on the website so your classmates can find the most current information.

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Note from BAN Editor

Hello everyone!

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we welcome the crisp, cool air of fall.

Every time I see where our alumni have spread across the country—and around the world—I'm reminded of the special place McCook continues to hold in so many hearts.

McCook has always been a place of connection, no matter how long it's been since you last walked its streets. Whether you graduated five years ago or fifty, the pull to stay engaged with this vibrant, growing community remains strong.

That spirit of connection shines throughout this issue, which is filled with class reunion photos. So

many alumni gathered to reconnect during Heritage Days and throughout 2025.

On personal note, the number of boys in my house has grown again. Little Judah made his appearance in May. There's plenty of laughter, love, and dirt in our house! Theo and Levi just adore their new brother and are great little helpers with him.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or story ideas, I would love to hear from you! You can email me at mccookbisonalumni@gmail.com.

Until next time,

-Tori



MCCOOK COMMUNITY KITCHEN

A PROJECT PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN YOUR HOMETOWN

By Joann Falkenburg

Many are familiar with the phrase “an apple a day keeps the doctor away”; it shares advice about fiber, minerals and antioxidants and overall health in a memorable catchphrase.

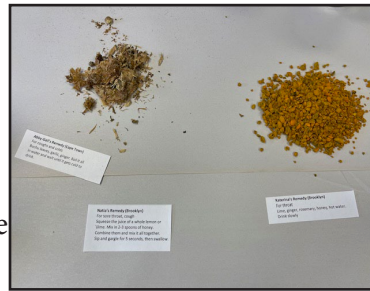
During Heritage Days weekend McCook Community Kitchen (a 501c3 non profit organization), launched our project Know How: Recipe as Remedy. In collaboration with social practice artist Jody Wood we plan to bring community members together several times through spring of 2026 to gather local knowledge and discuss healing remedies and recipes. We will explore ways in which food is medicine and supports health and wellbeing through the lens of a rural community. We plan to offer workshops and discussions with our wise elders in retirement communities, the nursing

home and senior center. We look forward to engaging youth in learning the skill set of oral history gathering so that they may develop heritage projects and family trees complete with family remedies.

In September we had inspiring conversations throughout the community. We gathered remedies for tummy trouble like an original German Milch Toast recipe and unset Jello, as well as hot lemonade for colds and Sir Jason Winters tea for sore throats. Online contributors have shared fantastic recipes including a rich bone broth and elderberry syrup for fever. Next spring Jody will create a public installation that highlights what’s been learned, our local remedies in McCook and the wider Southwestern Nebraska region. We’ll have exhibitions, a scavenger hunt, community celebrations, panel conversations

and in September 2026 we will share a meal made of remedies discussed.

We are sharing photos from our Social For-



aging workshop where participants learned of remedies from prior workshop participants all over the world and shared their own knowledge and remedies.

Please share your remedies or recipes for health and wellbeing via the QR code or at mccookcommunitykitchen@gmail.com.

You can contact Joann at 510-506-3082 for more information.



McCook Community Kitchen board: Peg Harr Brooks ('76), Joann Falkenburg, Linda Graff, Paula Sandberg,



HERITAGE DAYS 2025



Above - MHS Alumni Gregg Premier ('93) made a debut in Norris Park on Saturday afternoon



2nd Annual Weiner Dog Races in Norris Park



Photos provided by the McCook Chamber of Commerce

McCook Chamber of Commerce *invites you to come HOME for:*

Bash on the Bricks
June 27, 2026

Noel on Norris
December 5, 2026



You will Always Find
Your Way Back Home
- Heritage Days -
September 16-19, 2026

In 2026, we will be celebrating the Chamber's 95th anniversary! We hope you can join us!

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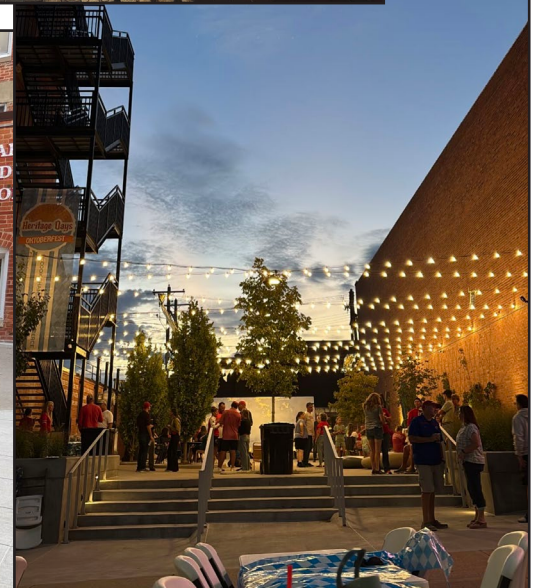
director@mccookchamber.org



Floats in the annual parade showed spins on favorite fairytales with the theme, Once Upon A Time



Oktoberfest lit up Norris Alley on Saturday evening



Class of 1965 Reunion



L to R
Mary Jo Stephens Weigand , Linda Leibbrandt Taylor, Jacque Modrell Paul and Susie Hutt Trupp

Driver Gary Grim
Passenger Mayor Linda Leibbrandt Taylor
Rumble seat passengers L to R
Mary Jo Stephens Weigand, Susie Hutt Trupp

Classmates of the Class of 1965 got together at the home of Gary Grim to celebrate their 60th Class Reunion. Their were 63 Classmates, Spouses and guests from other classes in attendance. Saturday morning classmates gathered at the Museum of the High Plains Historical Society to have coffee and watch the Heritage Days Parade. Warren & Cathy Jones hosted a Grandpa Jones Taco Party on Saturday night. Lots of great memories were shared with a promise of getting together for another reunion.



KNEELING-Jacque Modrell Paul, Mary Jo Stephens Weigand, Susan Hutt Trupp, Judy White Anderson, Linda Booth Hein

FIRST ROW STANDING- John Paul, Linda Leibbrandt Taylor, Sharon Holcomb Simpson, June Duckworth Remington Pederson, Janet Rutt Hepp, Harley Heskett, George Huff, Roger Thomsen, Steve Andrews, Jim Best, Connie Roth Newman, Shirley Bonar Butz, Barb Hoyt McGill, Harold Carlson

BACK ROW-Sam Jones, Steve Batty, Dave Unger, Gary Killion, Dennis Drain, Richard Johnson, Warren Jones, Rich Mousel, Steve Keene, Roger Hein, Gary Grim, Jack Tuttle, Dan Crow, Dusty Bower, Phil Pate, Larry Cain

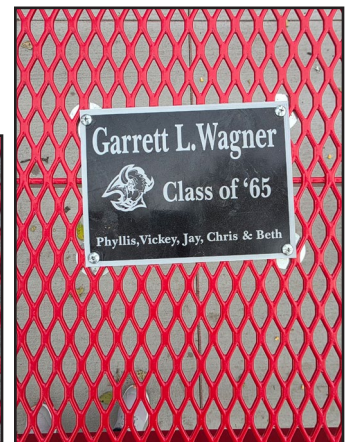
Norris Table Donation



The MHS class of 1965 donated funds for a new picnic table in Norris Park. Members of the McCook Community Foundation Fund joined the presentation, having provided funds for the cement slab for the picnic tables.



Former MHS students are encouraged to contact Linda Taylor (ltaylorvk@gmail.com) about donating funds for tables in honor of their classes.





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Class of 1970 Reunion



The McCook High School Class of 1970 recently celebrated its 55th reunion. Class members gathered to reminisce, share memories and mark more than five decades since graduation.

Front row: Cathy Reid Barna, Char Alexander Rotert, Susan Ide Petz, Diana Newton Butler, Kathy Tirrill Doyle, JoAnn Treinen Decker, Barb Lehmkuhl Estes, Mary Stubblefield Arvin, Chris Baird Davis, Tess McCarville Brown, Lori Bath Metzger, Teresa Houghtelling Mihm, Kathy Stevens Barger, Marilyn Weyeneth Klem, Diane Kotschwar Miller, Barb Ohlson Knapper, Cheri Schneider Sevier.

Back row: Dave Stevens, Karla Hester Harris, Jim Clapp, Debbie Elmshaeuser Sitzman, Jo Hunt Schmidt, Clyde Davis, Mike Augustyn, Mike Neiman, Dana Mackey, Vic Larson, Chuck Bunstock, Bill Knapper, Tom Perkins, Alan Huff, Jim Corder, Mark Fletcher, Ron Hull, Bob Shepherd, Dick Rogers, Kevin Sevier.

Option For BAN Subscription

By Ronda Graff for the McCook Community Foundation Fund

The Bison Alumni Newsletter is full of information about the City of McCook, McCook Public Schools, McCook alumni and more. It is an asset for the community, former residents, and former students that keeps everyone connected.

For years, everyone received a printed copy of BAN and a few older classes still do.

But as times, technology and costs have changed, most people now receive a digital copy of the news-

letter in their email to read online - a quick and efficient way to get BAN into your hands. (For those who don't know, you can print off a copy yourself from the website or the email.)

Yet for many, we like the feel of paper in our hands; we enjoy flipping through the pages; and we simply value having a paper copy to read.

Three years ago, the McCook Community Foundation Fund, which has the sub-account for BAN, began paying to have printed copies available around the community. If

you were in McCook for Heritage Days, perhaps you saw a copy of BAN in the Keystone lobby. If you visit the Community Hospital, a BAN issue is on the waiting room table. And anyone sitting in a McCook hotel lobby can pick up a copy to peruse while waiting.

With those copies around the community, we have heard from others that they would like a printed version for themselves. So we established a different option: a subscription to Bison Alumni Newsletter, arriving in your mailbox twice a year

at \$20/year.

Interest in a printed option was sufficient to meet the 200 copies threshold to keep costs affordable. This edition marks the first one available on a subscription basis.

If you would like to receive a physical newsletter in your mailbox, send an email to mccffund@gmail.com or you can mail a check to MCFF, Box 525, McCook NE 69001

For more information or with questions, please visit the MCFF website at mccookfoundation.org.

Class of 1975 Reunion



Class of 1975 held their 50-year class reunion on May 24.

Front row: Liz Knedlik, Deb Voda Mellon, Dave Hager, Eva Alegria Monzon, Jerry Baumgartner, Shannon Cross Pevoteaux, and Jeanne Hock Schendt.

Second row: Rick Linnemeyer, Linda Becker Rasmussen, Kim Sekavec O'Dea, Kathy Pearson Kinkade, Nancy Nickerson Corey, Marsha Haller Glenn, Penny Clapp Gonzales, Sharon Best Conroy, Marilee Langhoff, Lisa Lenhart Prior, Brenda Green Marvel.

Third row: Russ Doyle, Joan Modrell, Daid Lynch, Sue Shepherd, Tami Norman Teel, Doug Bradshaw, Kevin Swartz, Candra Markland Schauer, Dari Tucker Olson, Karen Wittwer Kiekow, Pat Quinn Hoffman, Anne Jones, Liz Austin, Beth Barger Siegfried, John Townsley, Karen Stevenson Stewart, Dee Smolczyk Friehe, Gregg Calvin

Back row: Joel Poore, Dave Pohl, Kelvin Miller, Don Maris, behind him-Dallas Nerverve, Greg Stelmach, Tom Bennett, Chris Harr, Jim Stewart, Sharon Woodruff Bennett, Dale Pohl, Bob Hilker, Gary Rupp, Kevin Kinney, Mark Graff, Dennis Leonard, Dave Polly, Tim Monzon.



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Class of 1985 Reunion



Above picture - Front row:

Chad Graff, Scott Farwell, Susan Derr Nickerson, Kerry Crowe, Annette Kool Wagner, Darriel Driml, Darron Harpham, Tricia Sheets, Rhonda Ruff Ellis, Tosha Hileman Kirkham, Nicole Johnson, Sheila Blake Bales, Tamela Franke Laurie, Connie Crist-Laux, Kelly Parry Lacey, Chris Lukich Kier

Second row:

Chris Wagner, Lori Liesemeyer Jumps, Julie Mansfield Parnell, Larry Shields, Ronalee Tietze Mercer, Amy Henry Miller, Darcie Kuhlmann Nightingale, Lana Gonzales Stewart, Lorenda Betts Forbes, Susan Miller Dodds, Kyla Johnson Luckie, Lee Larington, Greg Wiemers, Missy Krizek Nelson, Ron Nelson

Middle 3rd Row:

Dale Bose, Kristi Kramer Weskamp, Mike Weskamp, Brad Loper, Randall Goltl, Aaron Pierson

Back row:

Tab Kalinski



Class of 1990 Reunion



Pictured are left to right

Front: Scott Propp and Craig Miller

2nd row(sitting): Justin Coleman, Jeanette (Cappel) Wonderly, Julie(Carfield) Anderson, Jim Roberts, Paul Baumfalk, Seth Denney, John Reiners, Elgin Chancellor, Jeff Johnson(and daughter), Tammy (Matson) Johnson, Larissa Leibrant

3rd row : Tracey Loper, Regina Andrijeski, Lisa Hinz, Bryan Hauxwell, Ryan Stevens, Kent Gerih, Angela (Knepper) Mason, Tamara (Hackenkamp) Venneman, Kim (Smith) Sanwick, Nicole (Jurgens) Legg, Brenda (Moreau) Buechter, Andy Wier

Back Row: Tiffanie (Madux) Hans, Corey Meisenbach, Jeff Schumacher, Shostal Rogers, Jon Graff, Lisa Dusatko, Deanna (Fox) Johnson, Mary (Gillen) Pavel, Michele Schumacher, Lynette (Anderson) Markel, Ryan Kudara, Mechele (Penner) Harris, Piper (Gillen) Glass, Staci (Hess) Carper (Not pictured but in attendance was Rich Broderson, Tony Bauer, and Jenny Cooper.

McCook class of 1990 35th class reunion. 42 classmates gathered Saturday July 12th at the Pour House downtown McCook. Thank you to Jon and Rhonda Graff for allowing us to use their building for a laid back enjoyable evening reminiscing over fun times. The atmosphere was relaxing and cozy with plenty of space to jam out to our playlist and watch videos from our senior year. Thank you to Ryan Kudara for providing us with a Spotify music playlist of all the great tunes we jammed out to in our Jr/High School days.

We celebrated into the night and had plenty to eat and drink. Thank you for the great night!



Class of 2005 Reunion



REUNION CLASS OF 2005

FAMILY FRIDAY

7 pm Community Building @ the Fair Grounds Bring your family and a dessert to share as we catch up, jam to our music, & decorate the parade float. Photo booth available for all ages

SOCIAL SATURDAY

9 am Parade Lineup

Meet at the Community Building and wear [Reunion T-shirt](#) *Bring a bag of candy to throw during the parade

10 am Parade Begins

[Heritage Days at Norris Park](#)

1 pm ArtBank Tour

(old Wells Fargo Building)

3 pm Tour of the High School

(meet @ Auditorium doors)

6 pm Dinner @ The Station Taphouse and Eatery.

[Click here to RSVP by 9/12/25](#)

SEND OFF SUNDAY

9 am Coffee and Doughnuts at the Community Building



Left to right back row- Alison (Wilcox) Marts, Amy (Wheelbarger) Blake, Phelen (Domingo) Perdue, Paul Kenney, David Messenger, Alex Sughroue, Brett Budke, Matthew Nothnagel, Katie (Rombach) Lindsey, Kendra (Peterson) McCarville, Jeremy Young, Harrison Ford

2nd Row L to R: Kate (Wolford) Wawrzynkiewicz, Amanda (Hock) Davidson, Jessica (Watkins) Johnson, Tiffany (Jones) Corbett, Kristy Osterman, Kelsey (Lozar) Pankonin, Jared Muehlenkamp, Jayce Dueland, Mark Rogers

Front Row L to R: Natalie (Brooks) Ronshaugen, Ryan Saalfeld, Derek Sailors, Tony Aguilar, Michaela (Hoyt) Nothnagel, Whitney (Korte) Schoenemann, Tausha (Escher) Wilson, Drew Wilson

Class of 2015 Reunion



Front: Tristan Urling, Brenda Aguirre, Kylie (Allen) Hyland, London (Scott) Maris, Amanda (Slattery) Engell, Hannah (Esch) Taylor

Middle: Isaac Langan, Spencer Powell, Dalton Koetter, Nick Cole, Dalton Goodenberger, Lance Garcia, Mitch Reitz, Casey Taylor

Back: Andrew Aguilar, Montana Wilcox, Adryan Lucero, Zander Dack, Peyton Stagemeyer, Dane Larrison, Brendon Hauxwell, Colton Lashley, Chance Koetter



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Third Thursdays Bringing Life to Downtown McCook

By Ronda Graff
Class of 1990 - Jon Graff

In October 2025, the McCook Creative District wrapped up its second year of Third Thursdays, an event designed to bring people downtown for food, music and fun.

Taking place in downtown McCook from May to October, the event features a new host every month who puts their own spin on the evening. Just this past year, Community Hospital featured health and wellness. Valmont served as the lead during the County Music Showdown. Court-Appointed Special Advocates - CASA - teamed with Judge Payne's Upstream project to serve dinner family-style on Norris Avenue. The McCook Chamber took over all of Norris Avenue with retailers offering special sales and specials before school started. The Norris Institute showcased not only itself but the McCook Volunteers and the numerous non-profits serving our community. And McCook Community College and McCook Community Foundation Fund teamed up to bring activities for all ages to Norris Avenue.

The idea for Third

Thursdays actually started with an idea in the McCook Community Foundation Fund's leadership committee on the need to get more people, businesses and organizations involved in community events. But

just creating an event for people to attend doesn't help people learn how to an event, nor encourage them to something similar on their own. Others need to be involved in what the event looks like.

When the McCook Creative District launched in October 2023, the Third Thursdays was a good fit to oversee the program, which kicked off in May 2024 with the Talbott Brothers performing in Norris Alley.

But besides getting people involved, another issue is that hosting regular events can wear out a group of volunteers quickly.

So Third Thursdays was designed with the concept of a different host every month. Over the past two



McCook Creative District team members Karrie Steely, Paula Sandberg, Matt Sehnert (Class of 1982) and Anna LaBay receive a "CreDis Award" from Mike Markel (left) and Rachel Morgan with the Nebraska Art Council. The award recognized McCook's Third Thursdays which wrap up for the 2025 season on Oct. 16.

years, a few organizations have hosted twice while other groups have done it once and learned from the experience.

Each month, the organizations get to make the evening whatever they would like it to look like. There may be food trucks, bouncy house, dogs from the Humane Society and games from the YMCA. Buckets of chalk encourage drawing on the sidewalk. And a table filled with Legos encourages kids - and adults - to use their imagination.

And to make this truly a community event, there

are no to minimal costs...maybe to buy a hamburger or a slice of pizza. The Third Thursdays are an opportunity to put away your screens for a couple hours, enjoy the company of friends and neighbors, and to take advantage of the beautiful areas available for use in our community.

Ultimately, that is what Third Thursdays are for, to bring back those memories of engaging in conversations on the sidewalk with your neighbors and enjoying the company of

friends as you stroll down the street. It is also a time to create those memories for our children, of coloring with chalk on the sidewalk, of running and laughing as the sun sets and the streetlights come on.

And these events have not gone unrecognized. The McCook Creative District received a “CreDis Award” during the Nebraska Arts Council’s Creative District gathering in Norfolk in September. The award recognized the district for the Third Thursdays, specifically for bringing people together and for encouraging organizations and businesses to get involved as hosts.

And plans are already underway for the 2026 season. If this is something you would like more information about or to be involved, please contact the Creative District at mccookcreativity@gmail.com. There are lots of ways to be a part of Third Thursdays, from being a host of the entire evening to being a vendor during the event to



providing musical entertainment or sharing artistic talents.

Whether you are a current resident of McCook or an alumni who returns occasionally, try to stop by the Third Thursdays from May to October. Because one of the most important ways to be involved is just showing up and enjoying the evening.

Families filled the tables lining Norris Avenue during the September Third Thursday, hosted by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), which encouraged parents and children to sit down for a meal without screens. The last Third Thursday was Oct. 16, hosted by McCook Community College and McCook Community Foundation Fund with a Halloween-theme including a movie in Norris Alley.



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MCFF and the McCook Philanthropy Council encourage current and former residents to consider a planned gift to their hometown. Support the community that supported you and your family by leaving five percent so your hometown can thrive.



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class notes

Please send your news and contact info changes to your class rep. Class news items are due to the BAN Oct. 15 for the fall newsletter and March 31 for the spring newsletter. Phone numbers are in area code 308 and addresses in McCook (69001) unless otherwise specified. Deaths are on Page 18.

1945: -Greetings to classmates Class of 1945, still hanging in there. Please email me or write about your condition and doings. My email is jehubert@swnebr.net --- Home address is still 901 Sunset Rd. McCook NE 69001. We may have several thousand dollars to divide. (just kidding). Best regards , John Hubert

1948: Mary Lou Drake, 1515 West 2nd, mloudrake@gmail.com

1949: Needs a class rep. E-mail mccoombisonalumni@gmail.com

1950: Needs a class rep. E-mail mccoombisonalumni@gmail.com

1951: - Dennis Moskal djmoskal34@gmail.com

1952: -Peggy Appleyard, 1006 E. 4th St., 340-0641

1953: - Pat Rogers Schmid, Kinship Pointe, 1500 East 11th St. Apt. 204, 345-3081, pschmid1953@gmail.com

1954: -LaVonne Sayer Hanchera, 308-895-2323, hanchera@bwtelcom.net

1955: -We gather as a class at the McCook Senior Center on the last Friday of each month. Please join us and the Class of '56
Dick Trail
dickt@swnebr.net

308 340 7689

1956: - See above and gather with us
Ann Tondreau
anntrail@swnebr.net
308 340 3578

1957: Class luncheons continue on the fourth Thursday each month at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Hut in McCook for all 1957 Bison class members who can attend. -Jerda Thompson Vickers - jvickers@mccooknet.com

1958: Greetings Classmates of 1958: We have had several emails returned as errors plus letters returned as no such address. Please ask your spouse or friend to let us know of any changes even telephone numbers. We are planning on our 70th reunion in the fall of 2028. If you are interested in receiving a BAN printed fall 2025 newsletter, please let us know. Wishing you a healthful and blessed 2025.

kent.kotschwar@gmail.com or phone 308-345-7579; or

Leanna Leibrant - lleibrandt@comcast.net, or phone 970-689-7497.

1959: I had several reunion letters that I sent returned; that being said, please remember to send me any home address, e-mail additions or changes to me. -Janet Eckhardt Rich, 1301 West 1st Street McCook, NE 69001, jrlr@centurylink.net, 308-345-2703

1960: - Pat Freddep.free1960@gmail.com; Connie Carlson Bennett connieb1942@netscape.net

1961: The Class of 1961 are planning our 65th Class Reunion for next year, September 18 & 19, 2026 during Heritage

Days.

More information will be coming out later and if anyone has changed their address, phone number, email, etc. please let JoAnn McMullen Brand know by mail, 1610 W. 8th St., McCook, or by email jobbrand1961@gmail.com or by phone (308) 737-8326.

Contacts: Jo Ann McMullen Brand, 777-2094, cell 737-8326, jobbrand961@gmail.com or Dian Keene Trail, 345-5116, 340-3484, cdtrail@mccooknet.com

1962: -Tom Buresh, 1212 Norris Ave., 345-5441, tnburesh@msn.com

1963: -We are running out of money for funeral flowers and memorials, so any donations are greatly appreciated. This is the last thing we can do for our classmates and want to do it for every one. Lorraine Rose, 719-339-2803, Lorrainegolds@me.com; Dick Cappel, 308-350-0363, dick@cappelsales.com

1964: Class Reps: Gloria Shepherd Mefford, gloriamefford@Icloudcom or 308-373-7787 and Cheryl Myers Beckenhauer, cheri.beckenhauer@gmail.com or 308-340-0421.

1965: Linda Taylor, ltaylorvk@gmail.com 308-345-3682
Steve Batty, sbatty@mccooknet.com 308-345-4021

1966: -Linda Sines Clark, lindaclark0606@gmail.com, 707-695-9170

1967: Regarding the class account, we really need another person on the account. -Jean Harmon Hallowell, 903 W 7th St., 345-7663, terhall5@hotmail.com

1968: -Sue Coady Doak, sdoak@swnebr.net; -Susan Andrews Thomsen, salt6768@charter.net

1969: -Debbie Krieger Jenkins, 1411 West 5th St., 340-7526, debbie_ann_s@hotmail.com

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1970: -Diana Newton Butler for any questions or changes in your email address. Email at dianabutler52@yahoo.com or text at 402-699-4029

1971: We are still in need of email addresses for about a third of our classmates so that you may continue to receive the alumni newsletter. Please forward your email addresses to sclapp@gpcom.net or to Kathy Wallen at dankatw@gmail.

1972: -Anne Unger Confer, 1111 Norris Ave., 340-5924, Anne_confer@yahoo.com.

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1974: -Please send current email addresses to pegan-drews18@gmail.com. You all were so generous to help pay for our last reunion. We can start rebuilding our class fund for the next one, please send to Federal Lincoln Savings and Loan 221 Norris Avenue McCook make checks out to Class of 1974. Thanks again for the great weekend!

1975: -Dari Tucker Olson, 705 W. 5th St., 340-3595, dariolson@gmail.com

1976: -Diane Wilson Lyons, 1007 E. 1st St., 308 340-8439, pdlyons@gpcom.net

1977: -Scott Schneider, scott.schneider.np@gmail.com; -Class Treasurer Charlotte Hays Dunsworth, P.O. Box 83, Culbertson, NE 69024, 737-6558

1978: -Jerry Calvin, 807 W. 13th St., 737-9778, pepsidude2004@gmail.com; -Mara Lee Weskamp-Ebert, 707-363-2432

1979: -Robin Frick Calvin, 807 W. 13th St., 340-2401, craft-whiz@swnebr.net

1980: Join our Facebook; 1980 McCook High School Class of 80-BAN. or Bison class of 1980 photos. Peggy Messinger peggymessinger@swnebr.net

1981: -We have rented the Community Building for September 19th, 2026, during Heritage Days for our 45th class reunion. Kellie Soden, 303-589-3459, RKASODEN@msn.com.

1982: I would appreciate it if you would please e-mail me updated mailing and e-mail addresses. Thanks! -Sara Wiemers Rippen 103 Courtney Ln, sara.rippen@gmail.com

1983: -Janice Howell, pcshowell@gmail.com

1984: Needs a new class rep. Donations can be sent to Dawn Hess Foster, 305 Apache Dr., 340-0135, dawnfostr1965@gmail.com

1985: -Annette Kool Wagner, 345-3852, acwagner2@gmail.com

1986: -Michelle Hubert Doorn, 28328 463rd Ave., Davis, SD 57021-6127, michelle.doorn@k12.sd.us

1987: Donations to Class of 1987 c/o Andy Hofman, 903 Missouri Ave., 340-9602, andy_hofman@yahoo.com. -Rich Barnett, 340-0815, rich@highplainsradio.net

1988: -Pat Weskamp, pweskamp@outlook.com

1989: -Chanin Monestero, cd_monestero@hotmail.com

1990: - Check out our facebook page '1990-McCook High School Class of 1990-BAN.'

Jeanette Cappel Wonderly, 519 Buffalo Street, Benkelman, NE 69021, 883-1960

1991: -Michelle Henrickson, smhenrickson@hotmail.com

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1993: -Joann Pick Barenberg, 901 W R St., 345-8703, jbarenberg@mnbank

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1997: Connect with us on Facebook: "McCook High School Class of 1997." -Lisa Beckenhauer Pomajzl, 1650 Karol Kay Blvd., Seward, NE 68434, 402-826-7050, bepuz-zled2@yahoo.com

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2006: -Julia Lyons Krebs, julia.krebs25@gmail.com

2007: -John Swanhorst, 9 Mashie Dr., 340-1648, jswanhorst@gmail.com

2008: -Cory Gaston, 712-204-3052, cmg_4@hotmail.com

2009: Needs a class rep. Parent rep, -Doug Skiles, dskiles@slbwcpa.com, P.O. Box 36, McCook, NE 69001

2010: -Shane Wallen, shane_wallen@hotmail.com

2011: -Jaci Saalfeld Weissert, saalfeldjn@gmail.com, 340-6254.

2012: Needs a class rep. Parent rep, -Sherri Stang, 345-4240, sherri@mnbl.com

2013: -Tricia Mitnik Wagner, 340-3209, pwagner@chmccook.org, Gavin Harsh, 340-7178, gharsh.3513@gmail.com

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Downtown McCook in 1950

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