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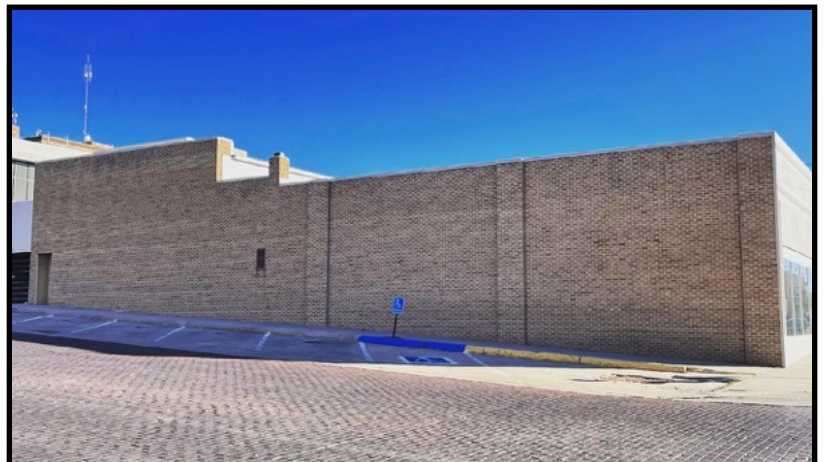
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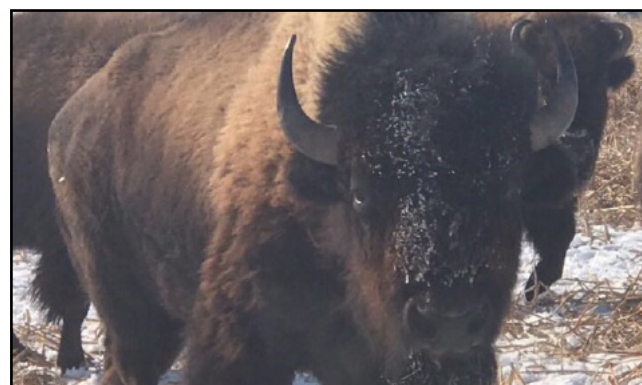
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Community Mural coming soon to McCook





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Note from BAN Editor

Hello everyone!

I'm excited to be back with the next edition of the Bison Alumni Newsletter.

There are so many exciting things happening in McCook that it's been difficult to just pick a few to highlight.

But whether you live in McCook or not, I hope you enjoy these stories and updates.

Spring is in the air, and it's probably my favorite time of year. Getting to open up the windows up on a warm day or sit outside in the sunshine...bliss.

Chasing a toddler now, we've loved going to the various parks in town to play and participating in community events.

This season is also bringing some exciting changes for me personally. My husband and I are expecting our second little boy in June.

Theo, our oldest, just turned two and is very excited for baby brother to make his appearance. Though at this stage, I think I am the most

ready for this pregnancy to be over! We're all ready to be a family of four.

Fortunately, my maternity leave won't affect the publication of the fall newsletter. It may take me a bit longer than usual to answer emails in June and July. But don't worry, I am still available to help!

I hope the start of 2023 has been a good one for every one of you.

Until next time,

-Tori



Class of 1972 Reunion

The McCook High School Class of 1972 met in McCook on Sept. 16-18 to celebrate their 50th class reunion. Class members attending were, first row, from left, Keith Delano, Judy Miller, Barb Discoe Jauken, Anne Unger Confer, Mike Magrath, Mary Spahn Gonzales, Dave Doss, Carolyn Brooks Brantigan, Kathy Wirth Giddings, Chad Hartwell. Second row, Patsy Lebsack Botts, Maureen Hassler Wood, Laura Jo Boehm Malleck, Monica Conroy, Jane Hudson Sailors, Merrilee Rutledge Sissel, Sharon Satriano Martin, Barb O'Dea Callan, Jean Gilbert Cole, Jolene Melchert Stalker, Liz Kasson Evans, Mike Cuellar, Terri Housley Stevens, Tim Stevens. Third row, Janet Wallen Rabinowitz, Jane Marsh Lenners, Melody Anderson Strom, Linnea Lytle Ricely, Jill Best Roysse, Sara Ganseborn Brown, Deb King Buckley, Marsha Towne Colling, Pam Monzon Hartwell, Ellen Blume Edmondson, Craig Rose, Steve Morell, Stan Hoge. Fourth row, Dan Nothnagel, Cecil Hinshaw, Mark Wacker, Steve Budke, Tom Tirrill, Rhonda Knapper Voisinet, Harriet Tuttle Thompson, Lance Messinger, Gale Loop, Randy Olson. Back row, Tom Corey, David Bradney, Mike Patton, Gary Siebrandt, Joe Eklund, Greg Harr, Bob Trout, Kip Lytle, Dale Dueland, David Colling, Randy Stramel, Doug Grant, Doug Frank, Jay Alberts, Ron Webb, and Ron Phillips. Not pictured, but in attendance, Steve Hunter, Merwyn Bolles, and Ben Coburn.



Class of 1961 Reunion

The McCook High School Class of 1961 met during the Heritage Days weekend 2022 for their 61st class reunion. Class members got together Friday morning at the Museum of the High Plains, joining in with a few other class reunions, then on Saturday, watched the parade together and took in the activities that followed at Norris Park. They then met for their class meeting at St. Alban's Episcopal Hall and later had dinner together at Citta Deli. Class members who attended included, first row, from left, Nancy Thompson Weatherholt, Dian Keene Trail, Kay Hoyt Wasia, Theda Beth Jones Stanley, Sharon Feller Kluge. Back row, Howard Berg, Bob Logan, John Clesson, Charles Real, JoAnn McMullen Brand, Delbert Kunkee, Larry Crook, and Vince Wasia.

BISON SWIM

A SEASON FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

By Ronda Graff ('94)

LINCOLN - Swimming is a unique sport in Nebraska. For starters, there are no "class" divisions.

Regardless of the size of the school and the number of students enrolled, every school competes again all other schools with a swim program.

Swimmers from smaller schools are competing against swim programs with a larger "pool" of swimmers. Those larger schools also have access to swim camps, coaches and resources that smaller swim programs simply don't have.

So it is not surprising that McCook went nearly 40 years between bringing a Nebraska State swimming medal back home for the Bison. After all, it is accomplishment to be in the top 8 to earn that hardware.

But in February, McCook High School senior Leah

Spencer finished 8th in the 50 yard freestyle at the Nebraska State Meet, wrapping up a MHS swim career that also saw her take down many Bison records.

The last McCook swimmer to bring home a medal was Pam (Ely) Omann in 1984, where she placed 6th in the 100 yard backstroke. She also finished 5th in the 100 yard butterfly and 6th in the 100 yard backstroke in 1983.

Pam now lives in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, just outside the Twin Cities, but returns to McCook throughout the year to visit her parents and brother, who still reside in McCook.

In addition to a storied high school swimming career, Pam went on to become a four-year letter winner for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln women's swim team. "I felt really lucky growing up to have both an indoor and outdoor pool available in McCook," Pam said recently.

"Small towns don't usually have those same opportunities, so to have that access was a tremendous benefit."

Pam's swim story begins when she began participating in the sport as a child, but becomes truly unique when she reached high school. Girls' sports were not as plentiful as they are today with Title IX not fully

implemented. In order to



Leah takes off from starting blocks at Nebraska State Swim Meet in Lincoln in February.

swim her freshman year, she competed as part of the McCook boys' team.

"My mom and dad had to go to the school board to ask for me to be allowed to swim with them, but fortunately there was precedence with the high school cross-country team," Pam said.

Her freshman year also featured another unique highlight: she was on the final McCook swim team to compete at the old YMCA on Norris Avenue, where the pool was located in the basement.

"One end was 1 1/2 to 2 feet deep," Pam recalled. "Everyone hated coming there because flip turns meant scraping the bottom of the pool."

But fortunately, she was able to finish her high school career at the brand new YMCA facility built near the high school.

Pam said one of her most memorable high school moments happened at a Lincoln High School boys'-only meet, where the coaches and fans were separated from the pool behind a glass partition.

Unbeknownst to Pam as she stood atop the starting

blocks, her coaches relayed later that the spectators uttered in disbelief, "there's a girl!"

"But by the end, my coaches said they were cheering me on in all my races," Pam said.

As for reaching the state meet, Pam said people don't realize how hard all these swimmers work during the season or throughout the year.

"We had to swim year-round - while doing other sports - to compete with the eastern end of the state," Pam said. "We had to have a place to swim year round, so I was really thankful to have the YMCA."

And that level of commitment is true to this day.

A member of the class of 2023, Leah has played volleyball for the Bison all four years and plans to make it to the state track meet each spring. But she started swimming as soon as she could make it a length of the pool and can be found doing laps throughout the year.

Leah attended the Nebraska state meet all four years of her high school career.

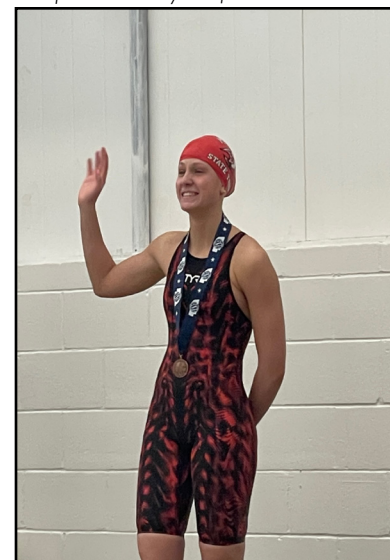


Girls relay team that qualified for the second day at the state meet for first time in school history. Includes Junior Izzy Renner, Coach Jon Graff ('95), Senior Leah Spencer, Sophomore Emma Graff and Freshman Abby Renner.

Her freshman year saw a false start in her lone event, the 50 yard freestyle, and the next year, she finished without a disqualification. Her junior year saw her make into the consolation finals, while she wrapped up her senior year on the medal stand.

Leah posted a time of 24.87 seconds to earn 8th place in the championship finals at the Deveny Center in Lincoln. (McCook does have more recent medals

Leah on medal stand for 8th place in 50 yard free



on the diving board. Jessica Hall placed sixth in diving in 2005, while her brother Matt Hall placed three years in a row from 2006 to 2008.) Earning a medal at the state meet was a goal Leah set at the beginning of the season. Leah also swam in the girls 100 yard freestyle consolation final at the 2023 state championships, placing 13th with a time of 54.64.

The McCook girls 200 yard free relay team of Leah, junior Izzy Renner, sophomore Emma Graff and freshman Abby Renner also set a new bar for the Bison by reaching the second day of the state meet for the first time in school history by placing in the top 16 in Friday's qualifying round.

While McCook regularly qualifies relay teams for the champs, the Bison had never had a relay team reach the second day, where the top 1-8 place finishers from day one race in the championship final and 9-16 fight it

out in the consolation final. Leah's swimming career will also continue after her time in McCook. She has signed to swim at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in upcoming school year.

The 2022-23 swim season saw several records fall on the McCook High School record board. With several records already to her name, Leah also took down the 200 yard freestyle record and the 200 individual medley record during the 2022-23 swim season.

And the McCook girls' 200 yard medley relay and

200 yard free relay records fell, with the relay team of Leah, Izzy, Emma and Abby.

While the top times are being updated on the record boards at the high school, McCook Coach Jon Graff is working to create banner with the top 10 times for the McCook girls and boys swimmers since the program began in the early-to-mid 1970s.

Those banners will then be on display at the high school as well as at the current YMCA pool. And hopefully, those banners make the move into a new and updated pool as part of the current YMCA renovation project.

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Leah and Coach Graff

Bringing Lasting Art to Downtown McCook

Public art has the power to bring communities together and create a shared sense of identity.

And that sentiment is the inspiration behind the community-based mural project in McCook, Nebraska. The project has been in the works for over a year and is finally coming to fruition.

The McCook Mural Project started with a screening of *Called to Walls*, a documentary film about the Mid-America Mural Project. It features Dave Loewenstein, a Kansas-based mural

artist, and his projects. One of his murals was completed right here in Nebraska and can be seen in Hastings, NE.

After the idea was sparked, the project organizers held four community sessions to share history, stories, poems, and

develop metaphors. The team then pulled visual images from this process to create the mural that was reviewed by commu-



The community session held in November

nity participants in March 2023.

Thanks to Mike Deveny, the project has found a home on a beautiful brick wall in the heart of downtown on West 1st and C Street. Here all McCook residents will be able to see and enjoy the mural.

The McCook Mural Project team is made up of lead artists Amber Hansen and Darcy Millette. Amber made the film *Called to Walls* and has created many mural projects in Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota in the past decade. Darcy Millette is an artist who has assisted Amber in many mural projects.

They will be joined by five local artists: Wes McCollum and Karrie Steely (assistant artists) and Elizabeth Aguirre, Maria Campos, and Asher Long (apprentice artists and current students at McCook High School).

Several art teachers and artists in the community have also contributed significantly to the project by sharing ideas and drawings, as well as color suggestions that will shape the final project.

The project is not just about creating a mural; it is also about developing sustainable knowledge within our own community of artists.

While this project will be headed by experts, we want to grow local artists to replicate this work if



Elizabeth Aguirre and her sister Milania in January school visit

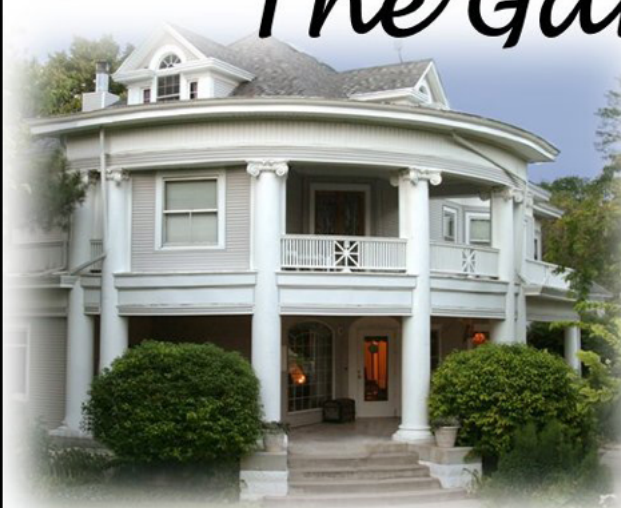
businesses or non-profit organizations would like a mural painted in the future.

The McCook Mural Project team is inviting the community to get involved in the project. In the last two weeks of May, they will have community painting on May 20th and 21st from 2-5 p.m., where any and all community members can participate in painting the wall.

They will also have a community celebration on Saturday, June 3rd, from 2-5 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to come together, create something beautiful, and share our stories with

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The Garrett House, located at 1001 Norris Avenue, McCook, NE, is now available to rent on a short term basis. This beautiful turn of the century Greek Revival home features 7 bedrooms with 1 King bed, 2 Queen beds, 6 Twin beds, 3 futons, and 3 bath locations. The home is now available for rent to host weekend getaways, reunions, showers, intimate parties, etc. For direct bookings, contact Golden Plains Realty.

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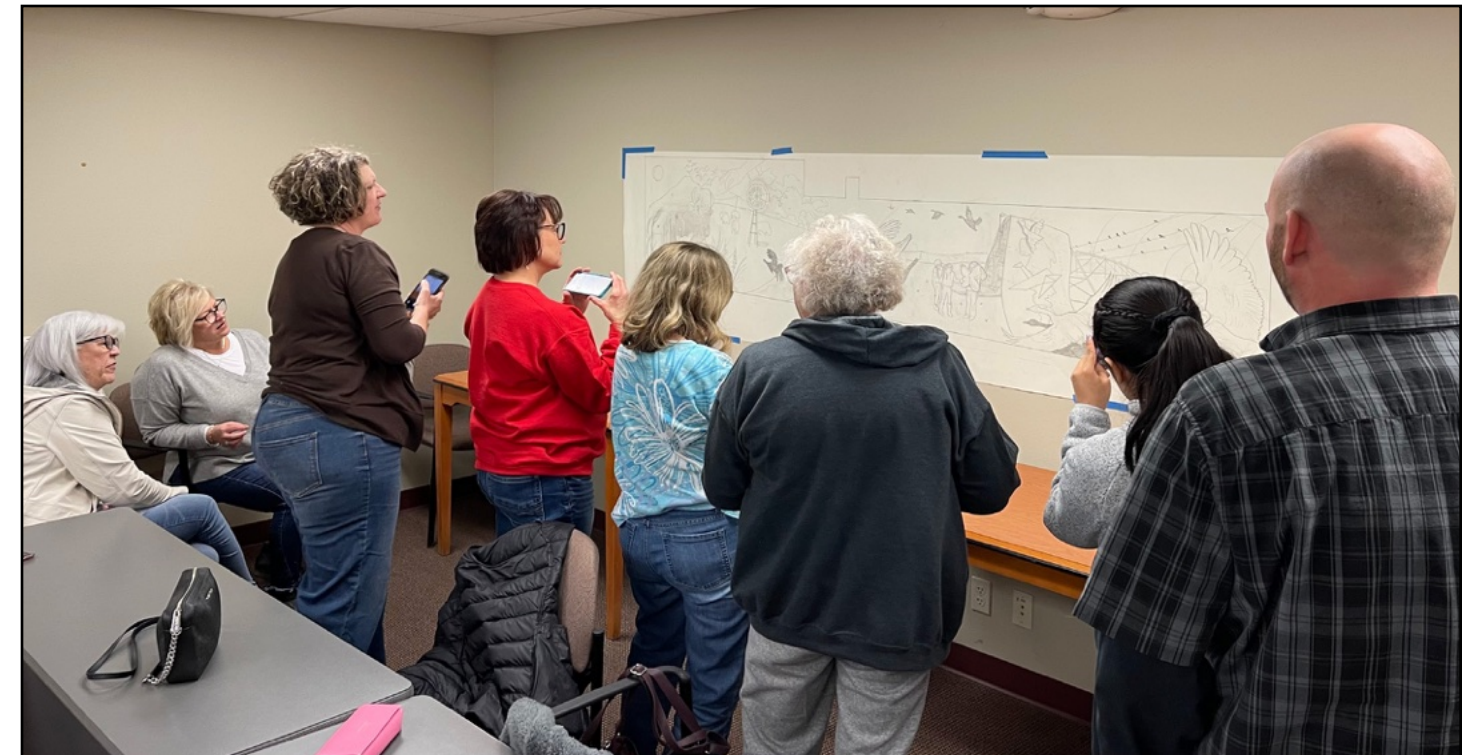
Community Foundation Fund, Graff Charitable Foundation, and The McCook Arts Council, as well as generous donations from many commu-

nity members. The McCook Mural Project is a great example of how we can come together to create something beautiful that

reflects who we are and what we value as a community. Hopefully, you can get involved at a community painting event this spring!



Our team gathered by the future place of the mural



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Alum wins prestigious teacher of the year award

Christine (Lukich) Kier, a proud member of the class of 1985, has been awarded the prestigious 2022 GIPS Foundation Teacher of the Year Award.

She has been nominated for this award 17 out of the 20 years it has been around. This year, there were nearly 300 nominees and thousands of letters were sent by students, parents, and community nominating teachers.

Kier has been teaching for the past 30 years and has taught in various schools. She got her start right here in McCook, teaching communications and coaching the speech team at the Junior High.

Throughout the next few years, Kier also taught at Omaha Mercy, Table Rock and Franklin Junior/Senior High. Finally, she landed at Grand Island Senior High, calling that her teaching home for the last 20 years.

Over the years, she has mostly taught in English and communications/speech classrooms. However within the last seven years, she has shifted her focus a bit and now teaches theater.

When asked about what she loves most about teaching, Kier replied, "I love interacting with the students, inspiring them, and helping them find their niche. I also enjoy sharing my passion for theater with the kids, watching them grow, gain confidence and self-worth by participating and developing their communication, adaptability, and concentration skills throughout high school."

Kier credits her high school years as the foundation of her passion for teaching. She was



Kier with her award

inspired by some of her favorite teachers, including Mrs. Weskamp, Mr. Rassmusen, the Datuses and Mrs. Langhoff, who sparked her love for theater.

Christine has many fond memories of her time at MHS, but her favorite memory is of her classmates in the class of 1985. She recalls attending sporting events and being on the swim team.

It's worth noting that Mrs. Kier's husband, Kevin Kier, is also an MHS alumnus from the

class of 1983.

While the Kiers didn't remain in the McCook, they've found a strong school tie in Grand Island. 5 of their 6 children graduated from Grand Island Senior High.

And teaching runs in the blood of the Kier family, with both of Jennifer's older daughters becoming teachers. And both of their husbands are teachers as well! One of these couples teaches in Grand Island Public Schools.

Kier's impact in teaching will be felt for many generations to come. She's a shining example of the positive impact that MHS alumni can have wherever they end up.

Congratulations, Mrs. Kier, and thank you for your dedication to your students and your profession.



Kier alongside her family on the night she was honored



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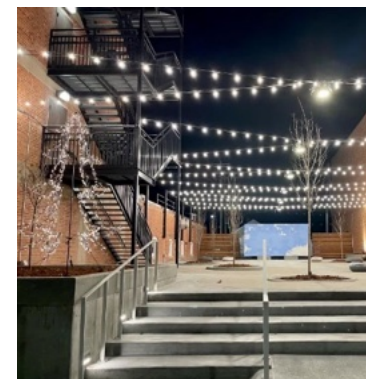
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We have been so excited to see many classmates join the website or our email list to continue to receive the BAN.

Since the last publication, we did decide to offer a physical copy of the newsletter to each class representative. They can then make copies and mail the newsletter

to their classmates if they wish to do so.

Allowing the mailing to happen on a class by class basis while help the newsletter continue to exist and thrive as the cost of printing and mailing rise.

If any class representatives didn't receive the email or announcement about this and would like to be added to the list, please reach out at mccookbisonalumni@gmail.com.

There are now 4 easy ways to view the BAN if

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We know that not every classmate is on the website, and we want to make it as easy as possible to join. So, outlined on the next page are

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There are also instructions included on the next page for how to update your information (like your email address or mailing address).

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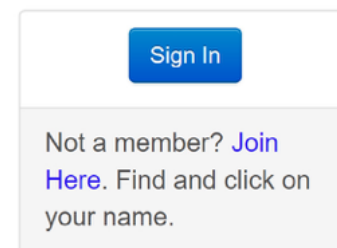
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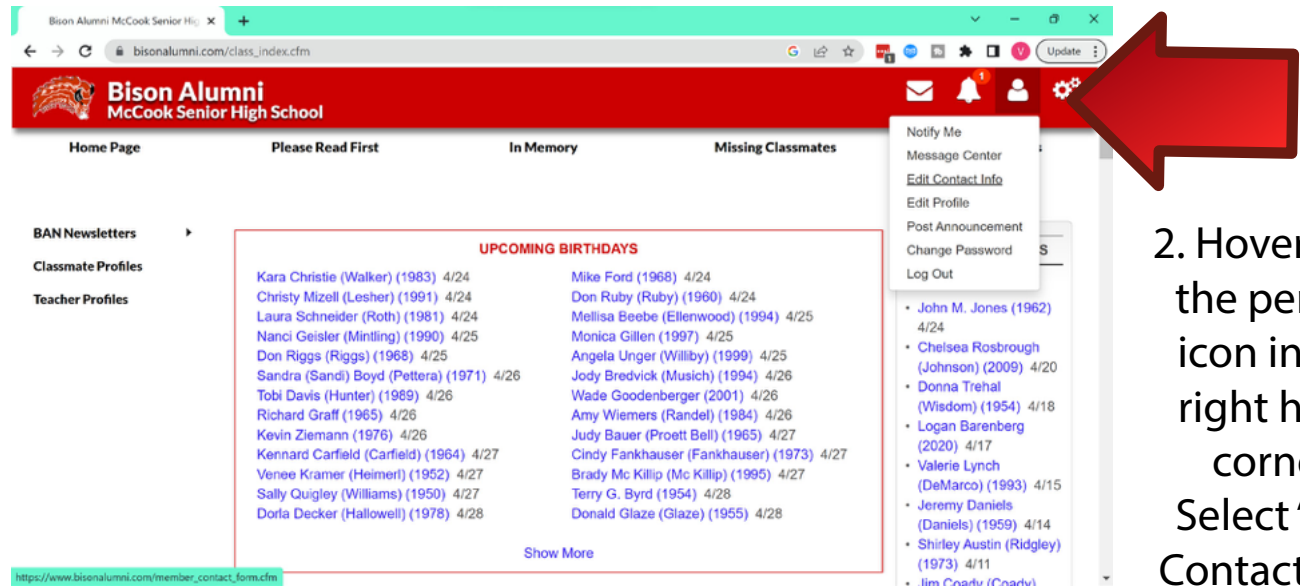
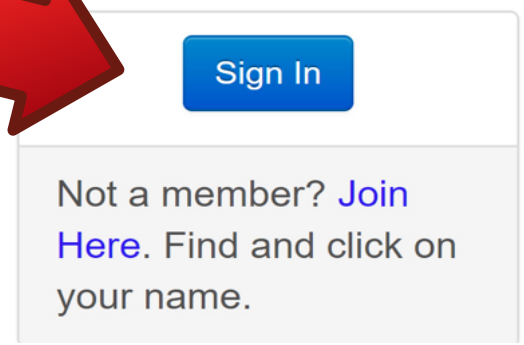
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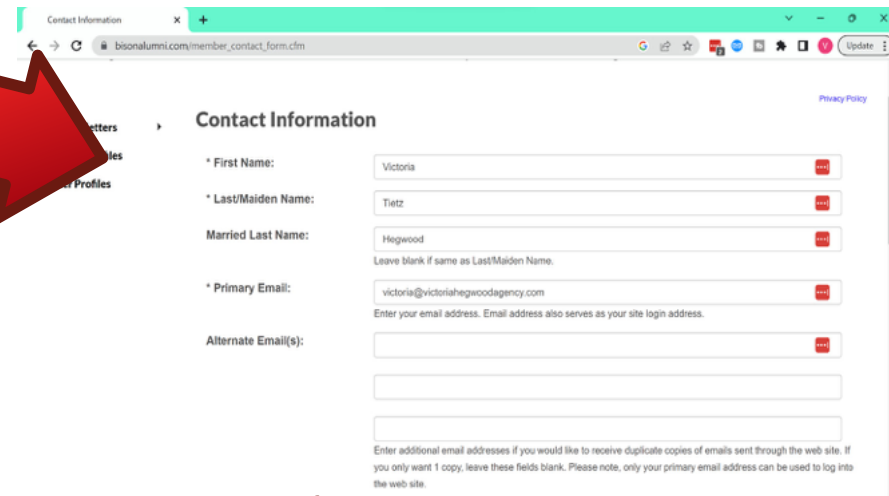
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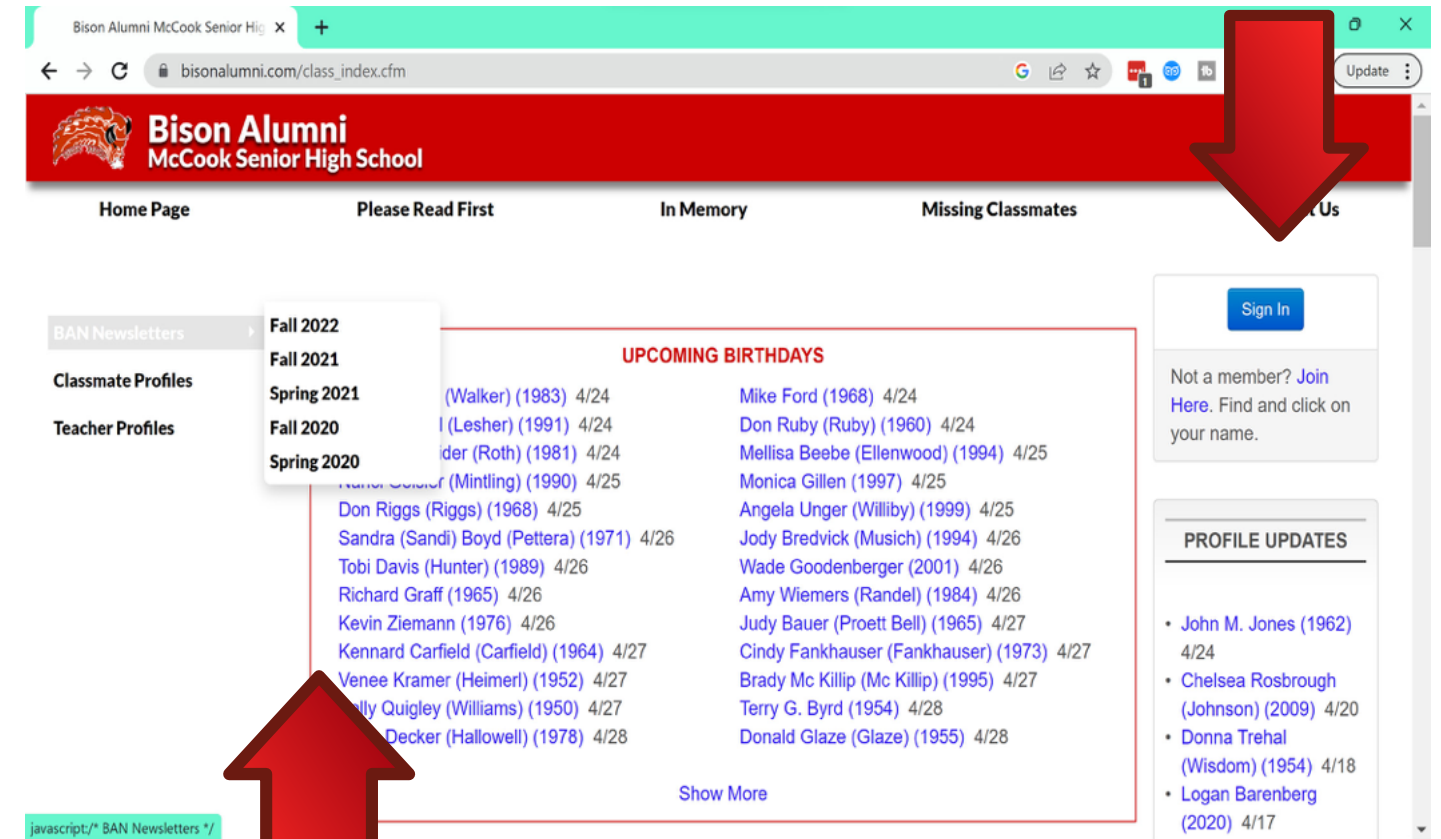


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New Pickleball Courts for McCook

Pickleball enthusiasts in McCook now have a new place to play their favorite game.

Last summer, a brand new pickleball court was completed at Russell Park, thanks to the efforts of the Wellness Initiative, a group supported by McCook Community Hospital and dedicated to promoting a healthier lifestyle for McCook residents. They seek to provide more exercise opportunities to

everyone in McCook.

The pickleball court was made possible by the fundraising efforts of the Wellness Initiative, as well as private donors and a grant from the McCook Community Foundation.

The court is now open for public use and has already attracted many local players. It's a busy place on a beautiful day!

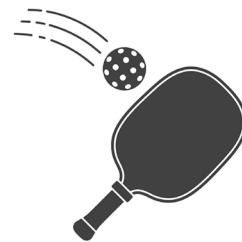
In addition to the court

itself, the McCook Rotary Club and local YMCA have partnered together to provide access to the paddles, balls, and net needed to play at the new courts. This partnership ensures that everyone in the community has access to the equipment needed to enjoy the new facility.

The pickleball court is the latest addition to Russell Park, which has become a popular spot for residents to enjoy out-

door activities. The park features a playground and picnic area, as well as ample green space.

The new pickleball court is just one example of the Wellness Initiative's ongoing efforts to promote healthy living



Let's go play!

in McCook. The group is also involved in a number of other initiatives, including a walking trail expansion, ballparks, a swimming pool, and the McCook YMCA renovations and improvements.



Three courts are available to community players. Right now, players must bring their own nets, but permanent nets will soon be installed.

Many community members and organizations worked together to bring these courts to McCook.

Community Housing Study

The 2022 Survey provided important information for us to plan our future developments. Based on the housing study results, we are looking at single family, multi family, and apartment developments.

To view the results, visit our website:
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The 2022 Community Housing Study is funded by McCook Economic Development Corporation with assistance from LB840 funds and a NIFA Housing Study Grant

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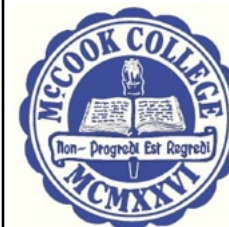


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class notes

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1945: -Hello to all--please let me know if you are still getting your info from me and the BAN. Call or email an update on your health an location. email jehubert@sdwnebr.net --901 Sunset Rd McCook 69001. We are planning a reunion in 2025. No need to make motel reservations yet. Let's keep in contact.- Best regards, John Hubert

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

1949:

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

1951: Janice Eisenbarth Waddell, janicewaddell@outlook.com and djmoskal34@gmail.com

1952: Our sympathies to the families of classmates who have passed away. -Peggy Appleyard, 1006 E. 4th St., 345-6486

1953: -Condolences to the families of deceased classmates. We have lost 63 that I know about. There will not be a 70th reunion this year. Have a great summer! - Pat Rogers Schmid, Kinship Pointe, 1500 East 11th St. Apt. 204, 345-3081, pschmid1953@gmail.com

1954: -Ethyl Logan Siegfried, 506 E. 6th St., 345-7789

1955: Any '55er coming to visit close by, give me a call or e-mail and I'll invite local classmates to gather at a restaurant to celebrate. It will be catchup time. Keep in touch. My cell number is 340-7689. -Dick Trail, 201 W M St., dickt@swnebr.net

1956: -Ann Tondreau Trail, antrail@swnebr.net, 201 West M Street. Cell: 340-3578

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

1958: Please save Saturday, October 14th, 2023 weekend at McCook Heritage Days for our 65th CLASS REUNION. Further information is being sent to You. We are also in need of check donations made out to Class of 1958 and mailed to PO Box 704, McCook, NE 69001.

This will help with Bison Alumni Newsletter and cost of mailing information to classmates for the reunion via US Mail or email addresses. Any amount would be appreciated... thank you in advance! For questions you may email or call the following:

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

llleibrandt@comcast.net, or phone 970-689-7497.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, Octotber 14,th, 2023 in McCook.

1959: It's hard to believe, but next year we will be celebrating our 65th class reunion. Obviously it's too early for details, but we will probably set the date

for the Heritage Days weekend which should be the first or second weekend in October. Our committee will make plans and keep you posted. Please plan on coming!

These donations weren't mentioned in our last newsletter and I certainly want to say a big thank you for the following donations to our class: Marianne Colling, Honey Lou McDonald Bonar (in memory of Roger Buffington), and Don Taylor! I recently received a donation from Honey Lou in memory of Donna Peters Sailors, so another thank you to you.

Please remember to send 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

Enjoy your spring and summer!

1961: Contacts: Jo Ann McMullen Brand, 777-2094, cell 737-8326, jobrand961@gmail.com, Jean Reynolds Parry, #2 Georgia Ct., 340-2977, parryj@gpcom.net, or Dian Keene Trail, 345-5116, 340-3484, cdtrail@mccooknet.com

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

1963: Save the weekend of Heritage Days in 2023 for our 60th reunion. -Lorraine Rose, 719-339-2803, Lorrainegold@me.com; Peg Decker Bell, 970-522-3008, bellpeg44@gmail.com; and Dick Cappel, 308-350-0363, dick@cappelsales.com

1964: Please send your donations for the newsletter to: Class of 1964, c/o Gloria Shepherd Mefford, 202 Seminole Dr, McCook, gloriamefford@icloud.com, 308-737-7787; or Cheri

Beckenhauer, 204 Longwood Dr, Papillion, NE 68133, cheri.beckenhauer@gmail.com, 308-340-0421.

1965: -We recently lost our classmate Ernie Weyeneth. Ernie made many things happen for McCook by donating funds to many major projects. Several people have contacted us about doing a memorial for Ernie. We are planning on placing a bench in Norris park in honor of Ernie in front of the bandshell. We would have a plaque on the bench "In Honor of Ernie Weyeneth and the Class of 1965". If you would like to contribute to the bench ,please send a check to " Class of 1965 Memorial Fund " to PO Box 704, McCook, Nebraska 69001. Steve Batty, sbatty@mccooknet.com, 345-4021

Linda Taylor, ltaylorvk@gmail.com 345-3682

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

1970: We are already planning our 55th reunion so stay in touch through contacting me. -Diana Newton Butler, 402-699-4029, dianabutler52@yahoo.com

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.

1973: It's been 50 years! A reunion is planned for October 13th & 14th. If you haven't received a postcard or an email, send me your email and physical address so that you get class information. -Mary Anderson Dueland, 112 E N St., 737-6111, dmdue@outlook.com

1974: -Peg Augustyn Andrews, 5512 Barrington Court, Lincoln NE 68516. 308-737-8843

1975: Please send donations to help pay for the newsletter and send your e-mail address additions or changes to mccoombisonalumni.com -Dari Tucker Olson, 705 W. 5th St., 340-3595, dariolson@gmail.com

1976: -Diane Wilson Lyons, 1007 E. 1st St., 345-2189, pdlyons@gpcom.net

1977: -Scott Schneider, scottps@charter.net; -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, craftwhiz@swnebr.net

1980: -Peggy Ruppert Messenger, 308-737-7767, peggymessenger@swnebr.net

1981: -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: -Jeanette Cappel Wonderly, 519 Buffalo Street, Benkelman, NE 69021, 883-1960

1991: -Michelle Henrickson, s-mhenrickson@hotmail.com

1992: -Jason Loop, 18 Wedgewood Dr., 345-1977, jloop@ocsmccook.com, -Trevor Taylor, 308-340-0131

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

1994: -Stephanie Hays Stevens, 1606 W 2nd St., 345-5688, voiceonhold2@gmail.com

1995: -Carmen Irwin Lervold, 15788 W. Acapulco Lane, Surprise, AZ 85379, 623-322-9281, bisonclass95@cox.net

1996: -Anne McCarville, 40110 Prairie View Dr., Cambridge,

NE 69022, amac513@hotmail.com

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

1998: -Brian Symington, Brian.Symington@gmail.com

1999: -Vanessa Lytle, 909 East G St., 340-3863, vlytle9969@gmail.com

2000: -Anna Dueland Hunicutt, mccooc2000@gmail.com

2001: -Shaelin Monzon Stiver, 706 East 3rd St. Apt. B, 340-5408, shaelinstiver@gmail.com

2002: - - Laura Lyons Plas, lplas@esu7.org

2003: -Jill Hansen Purvis, aj_purvis@hotmail.com

2004: -Nicole Hedke Sutton, nicole_sutton@live.com

2005: -Kate Wolford Wawrzynkiewicz, 12129 S. Hansen Rd., North Platte, NE 69101, 340-9156, katewaz05@gmail.com

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@mnb1.com

2013: -Tricia Mitnik Wagner, 340-3209, pwagner@chmccook.org, Gavin Harsh, 340-7178, gharsh_20@hotmail.com

2014: Miranda Payton, Text 340-5380, 1507 West 5th St., McCook, mirandapayton14@gmail.com

2015: -Marlys Brenning, 340-8496, 424 N Church St, Elm Creek NE 68836, mebrenning@gmail.com

2016: Needs a class rep. Parent rep, -Tom Bredvick, 345-4240, Bison2016@bredvick.com

2017: Lexi Gross, lgross69001@icloud.com

2018: Adelina Wilcox, adelinawilcox@gmail.com

2019: Needs a class rep.

2020: Lydia Risenhoover, lydiarisenhoover75@gmail.com, 340-7433

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