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30 Year Class Reunion
June 2007

133 Graduates Receive Diplomas in 1977

Graduation Day: May 15, 1977

Student Addresses:

Lucinda Cordes, Gregory Brandenberg & Nancy Ellis

Class Motto:

With Yesterday's Knowledge, We Challenge Tomorrow

Class Color: Luster Blue

Class Flower: Light Blue Carnation

Class Song: "Fly Like An Eagle"

Class Sponsor: Mr. Verne Hull

In Memory

Ronnie Newton
Died in 1981

David L. Hunt
Died in 1987

Cynthia Werts Wehtje
Died Nov. 24, 2002

Kay Hasty Van Booven
Died Nov. 16, 2006

Craig K. Casper
Died April 4, 2007

*Let us not forget their contributions to our high school days,
our memories, and our lives.*

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I have been with Case New Holland for 28 years, Went to Central Community College in Hastings, for Tool and Dye. Married Lisa Hinds "class of 85". We will celebrate 22 years this August. Our Son Ryan "Amanda" lives in Curtis, Nebraska. He went to school for Cattle Management there. We are expecting our first grandson "Wyatt James" this August. Daughter Jackie just turned 16, She keeps us very busy with softball, Cheerleading, Bella Voche this year in music and made 14 Karat Gold Show Choir for next year at Grand Island Northwest. Looking forward to retiring from New Holland in the next 6 years, and moving back around the Lexington/Elwood area.

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Married to Corky. We have one daughter currently in High School. I farm with my father and brother and I enjoy computer and photography hobbies. My photography hobby has turned into a paying job as I have a contract with UNK to photograph a number of their sports events and also help out the Tri-City Trib newspaper for area high school sports activities and community events.

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I've been married to Neal for 29 years in June. I've been blessed to have met such a wonderful man to spend my life with. The oldest of our two children, Garret, 25, was married in March this year. He bought a house in Minden and works as a Machinist for Grayson Tool. Our youngest, Lindsay, 22, is back home with us for a while. She's working as a CNA at the Elwood Care Center. I work for the USDA in Elwood and completed 20 years in April this year - just ten years to retirement! We are getting old! Neal and I love living at Johnson Lake. The winters are very relaxing and the summers are great when friends and family stop by. We also enjoy vacationing in Mexico each year. Nothing better than a sandy beach, an ice cold margarita, and the one you love! Life is good.

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I'm the operations manager of KRVN Radio and not terribly interested in getting a real job. I'm active with the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine Club, and other community organizations. The Lexington Community Foundation is a board that I especially enjoy. Our Foundation facilitated in raising funds for most major projects in our

community. This includes the current expansions of the Dawson County and Heartland Military Museums, and earlier projects such as the Lexington Library, Recreational Complex, City Auditorium, and Family Aquatic Park. Recently I joined the board of Campus Lutheran Ministries at Kearney I'm really out of my element on that board and everyone knows it, but it is fun being surrounded by youthful enthusiasm.

My wife, Joni (Trautman), owns a custom window treatment business. She is very good at it, but it's really not her top priority. Joni is far more involved in public service than me, which works well since she has far more ambition. Joni is the past state coordinator of the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment, serves on the board of the Children's Home in Fremont, and is very active with the Church and community volunteer work. She is also in her third year on the Lexington City Council. That sounds kind of big, but I've found that sleeping with a council member doesn't offer the perks one might imagine.

Our only child, Tyanne, just completed her first year at UNL. Tyanne is majoring in music education and plays several instruments proficiently. Mom and dad make many trips to Lincoln for musical concerts, sometimes two or three a week. We attend all the UNL home football games and football is incidental; we're there for the half-time show. My introduction to music in Lexington was in 1959. The Bennett family moved to town mid-year and it was right before Miss Potter's big Christmas production at Pershing Elementary School. Miss Potter heard someone in the back row attempting to croak out a tune. To make a long story short, Miss Potter suggested I just pretend to sing so as not to screw up her concert. Having musical talent in the family is just not something that I anticipated.

Well, that's the synopsis. It's a little longer than I anticipated. My years of being surrounded by broadcasters have not helped me to speak succinctly. I look forward to catching up on what's happening with the rest of the class of '77 at the banquet.

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30 years ago, everyone couldn't wait to get out of school, and now, everyone probably wishes they were back again.

During my senior year at KSC, I married Jackie Franzen of Gothenburg, and over the past 26 years, we had 3 children, Andrew age 24, Sean age 22, and Stephanie age 16. Andrew graduated from UNO in 2005, and now works for Wells Fargo in Omaha. He is getting married in August, 2007. Sean was a very successful athlete, getting a full ride basketball scholarship to Wayne State, until a knee injury cut his athletic career short. Sean transferred to UNO, and he will be a senior at UNO next fall. Stephanie is an avid volleyball and basketball athlete, and will be a Jr. at West Point-Beemer High School. Empty nesting is just around the corner.

I have been in the banking business since December 1980, starting at the Kearney State Bank while in college. I made stops in North Loup, Imperial, and have been in West Point for the past 15 years. Along the way, I graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Colorado, and 14 years after graduating from KSC, I received my Master's Degree from Wayne State College. I am also on my 3rd term as a Board of Education member, serving 1 term on the Imperial board, and I am serving my second term on the West Point Board of Education.

Jackie and I are very active in the WP-BHS booster club, along with keeping the book or clock at football and basketball games, I'm also a timer at track meets, plus help out with other school activities. We are also active in our church, and I serve on the West Point Public School Foundation board, plus several other boards and civic groups.

Until having both knees replaced, I was a high school, college, and indoor football official for almost 20 years. Jackie and I love to play golf in our spare time and do so whenever possible.

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Thirty Years! No Way! I can't be THAT old! In 30 years I've managed to become a nurse (LPN), get married, work in a care home, work in a hospital, work for a blood bank in Denver, work in a care home again, get

divorced, date again - YIKES, work in a hospital again, get married, work in a vet clinic and medical clinic (sometimes getting clients mixed up), learn desktop publishing on my own (with help and encouragement from dear hubby), have a baby (with help and encouragement from dear hubby), work at a radio station (KRVN), quit radio station and started my own home based business doing desktop publishing and web design jobs for small businesses, which brings us to today, WHEW!

Scott and I have been married for 21 years. We have a daughter, Lindsey who will be 15 in July and begin her Sophomore year at LHS this fall! She is a smart young lady and participates in Softball. She is very artistic, following in her grandmother Marion's footsteps. Lindsey has aspirations to be a veterinarian or pediatrician. She works at Plum Creek Vet Clinic during the summer and helps out occasionally through the school year if doctor and his wife need a weekend away. She loves her cats. She will one day be one of those old ladies you read about '*... she had 37 cats in her small apartment.*' Being a veterinarian, she can spay and neuter her cats in her spare time!

Scott is still farming with his father and brother. They seem to take on more farm ground each year! We are so fortunate to live here on the home place with our families all so close. Scott has also taken up a long loved hobby - photography. Photography has evolved over the years and Scott loves all the electronics and digitalization of photography. He has been hired by UNK to take photographs at many of UNK's sporting events! You can see a lot of his work at andersongraphics.photorelect.com on the web. He also helps the Tri-City Trib with area schools sporting events and community event photography.

In the Spring of 1998, Scott was diagnosed with colon cancer. He was losing weight and having night sweats, fevers. Finally after 2 months of in and out of the doctor's office the tumor was found. He went in to surgery in Lincoln weighing in at around 140-150 pounds at 6' 5"! His nickname 'Bones' really fit him! Well, four weeks after surgery to remove the tumor and finding no metastasis, no lymph node involvement, he began 24-hour chemo and daily radiation treatments. He tolerated them pretty well and drove himself the majority of the time to North Platte and back for the radiation. He has routine check ups and has been cancer free since!

I keep very busy with my business. Maintaining close to 40 web sites and also various printing jobs from time to time. I try to keep up with the house, yard work, hobbies, etc. We enjoy some traveling, especially Lindsey and me. She and I have been lucky to travel to Florida 3 times in the last 6 years. We love it there! Give me the Florida resort life ANYTIME!

As a family, we enjoy NASCAR and going against one another with our own favorite racers. Scott's favorite racer was Dale Earnhardt and what a shock it was when he died. So now Scott cheers for Dale Jr. Tony Stewart and Mark Martin are my racers and Lindsey cheers for Jeff Gordan and Jimmy Johnson. We hope to make it to a live race someday. I think Daytona would be nice in February!

Lastly, one of the web sites I maintain is the Lexington Alumni web site which I began due to my love of Lexington and the Alumni! I am so proud of the people I hear from that are a product of our community. I am especially proud of my brothers and sisters from the class of 1977!

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Looking forward to coming to the reunion! My first! I hope to see as many of you as I can. It sure has been along time since I left Lexington (1978)!

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I am a Legal Assistant at a Lincoln firm with clients all over the world. Much of our work consists of representing clients in the business of equine transportation, specifically race horses. My daughter, Amanda, is married, living in Kansas and is Assistant Manager of a restaurant in Linwood. She has two children, Rebekah born April 19, 2003, and Elijah Jacob born December 10, 2004. (Yep, I am a grandma and a loving every minute of it!) Her husband, Kevin, is supervisor at a welding business. My son, Jacob (Jake), is a Junior at Lincoln Northeast High School and is one of the top bowlers in Nebraska (and a really fantastic kid!). He recently began working as a Parts Specialist at O'Reilly's Auto Parts and will be in college soon. Scott sold the exterminating business after 20 years and is a Territorial Manager for First Call and O'Reilly's. My hobbies include watching Jake bowl (I am considering writing a book highlighting all the best bowling alley food in Nebraska), spoiling my kids/grandkids, spending time with my best friend Dianna, gardening (flowers), home improvement and decorating, and KuJo the Cat, Daisy & Duke the Dogs! Life is good!

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Single. Have been in the printing business for over 30 years now. Have lived in Ogallala now for over 25 years. In 2005 the business sold and changed names but still has the same people working there plus a couple new people. Am not married and do not have any children. My biggest and most important hobby to me is still collecting old antique glassware. Have enjoyed the hunt looking for those old dishes that I do not have and adding them to my vast collection. Glassware is not the only collectible that I enjoy hunting for, it is whatever catches my eye and what I like. Still live in a small house so it makes it impossible do display everything. Always said if I had a bigger house I would still have it filled with collectibles and things I like. I do enjoy going to auctions and garage sales looking for those collectibles and antiques. Still do cake baking for wedding/graduation/birthdays when asked. Work, hobbies and my friends usually fill up most of my free time.

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I regret that Tim and I won't be able to make the reunion this year. I feel very fortunate to still live in the area and am able to see quite a few of our classmates on a regular basis! I will be anxious to hear the stories and see the pictures of those who return for the reunion. Tim and I have been blessed with two beautiful children, and are expecting our first grandchild in July. Our son Chris lives in Lincoln and will have a teaching degree in May and a masters next year. Stephanie and her husband live in Omaha; Stephanie is an esthetician at a Day Spa and loves every minute of it. Enjoy the reunion and will see you at the 40th!!!

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We are so sorry we will not be able to attend the class reunion. Dean will be deploying to Iraq, leaving to Ft. McCoy, WI in mid June. Tell everyone hi. Wish we could be there!

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After graduation I attended Kearney State College and worked at the Buffalo County Clerk office for about 8 years. In 1986 I moved to San Diego, California to be with my husband (fiancé at the time), Brad. In 1987 we married while we were back for the 10 year class reunion. We returned to San Diego where my husband finished out a total of 22 years in the Navy. During that time, I was fortunate for the opportunity to travel overseas to meet Brad in a couple of ports while he was on sea duty. I traveled to Hong Kong in 1991 and to Australia in 2000, what a great experience. In 1990 we had a daughter, Melissa (now 16) and in 1997 we had a son, Brandon (now 9), which is why I was unable to attend the 20th reunion. While in San Diego I worked mainly for Architectural Firms doing Construction Administration, HR Administration and Management. In 2003, Brad retired from the Navy and we decided to move back closer to our families. A couple years ago we purchased around 6 acres Northwest of Gretna and have been in the process of building our new house for the past couple years. We finally were able to move in February of this year though there is still a great deal of finishing touches we need to complete. That alone has been quite the experience. I am currently employed by Complete Concrete in Elkhorn as their HR Administrator. Brad is with Grabow Hardware in Omaha and is also starting up a car restoration business (which is really his passion!). In our free time we enjoy attending auto shows and car cruises. Well, I think that pretty much sums it up. I look forward to the reunion and the chance to see all of you again.

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Hello All!

What have I been doing in the last 30 years - that is very hard question to answer but I will try to do my best to summarize that length of time without boring all of you to death and not making this document look like a novel.

I graduated in 1982 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources Management. Since that time I have also been certified as a Professional in Human Resources Management and all of my work experience has been in Human Resources. I currently work for Omaha Public Power District where my title is Human Resources Solutions Lead. I provide Human Resource Generalist support to the Nuclear Engineering Division, Engineering Division and the Customer Service Operations Division. My work is very challenging and diverse, which I like, and keeps me very busy.

As far as my personal life, I have been married to my husband Brad (who is employed at Mutual of Omaha as a Systems Analyst) for 18 years. Both Brad & I love to camp and so do our dogs. I now have 1 chocolate lab and 1 black lab and they are the joy of Brad's and my life. We have recently bought a boat (which brought back many good memories of boating on Johnson Lake) and have been enjoying boating on the Missouri River Brad & I, of course, still enjoy movies and playing computer games.

Today I attended my nephew's High School Graduation Ceremony. I told him that I graduated from High School 30 years ago in 1977. My mom then let him know that she graduated from High School in 1937. I know that seems like a lot of trivia but when you think about it (which I did) that covers a lot of years. I felt my mom, Nicholas and I had our own class reunion.

Due to time constraints I will not be able to attend the High School Reunion this year; however, I do wish that each of you are healthy and happy. Life is good!

Take care, Vickie Eigenberg Lien

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Since 1977 I have worked as a classroom teacher in various Nebraska public high schools: Columbus Senior High School (1981-82), Grand Island Northwest High School (1982-83) and Ralston High School (1984 - present). My life in Omaha is average and happy. I married, eventually had two daughters and live in Millard. My daughter, Katie, is a brand new Millard West High School graduate. Kate will be a UNL freshman this August. Becca, my 16 year old daughter, will be a Millard West junior in August. My husband, Greg, is a Millard Public Schools teacher and an athletic trainer. Two dogs and two cats round out our little family. That's about it.

Doug Evans

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Well, I guess you're just a young as you feel! We are celebrating our 28th wedding anniversary as well as my 30th class reunion all in the same weekend! Just in case your memory has started to fade; I married Nancy (Eby) and we have 2 children Derek (23) and Alyssa (19). I am still working for UPS as a feeder driver. I work nights and travel to Omaha every night Monday-Friday. Nancy continues to work at TierOne Bank (known as Lexington State Bank in 1977); Derek is working in Ft. Lauderdale Florida at a church in the media department and Alyssa is a freshman at UNK studying Radiology and working at the Buckle part-time. I still enjoy hunting, fishing, camping (I can only get Nancy to campout about once a year) boating, tubing down the Niobrara, watching and attending NASCAR races, driving the Cobra and spending time with family and friends. We are planning another trip in May to see Derek and to enjoy the warm weather of Florida.

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Married - 16 years. 2 kids (Luke/23 and Stephanie/19) and 3 Stepkids (Gary/29, Sarah/26, Julie/23). Luke is in the army in San Antonio and he and his wife are expecting my first grandchild in July. Stephanie just completed her freshman year at Kearney. I've been at Marianna Industries in Omaha for 20 years serving as the Information Systems Manager.

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I attended college at Kearney and got a degree in Psychology and got married after that to Jed. We moved to Colorado and lived there for about 15 years before returning to Kearney about 10 years ago. During that time I went back to UNK and got my Master's in Counseling and am currently in a private practice in Kearney. I have 2 great kids, Trevor is 19 and attends UNK and Chelsea is 16 and is at Kearney High. Besides that, I am active with my church and a member of Kiwanis and am looking forward to this summer because I LOVE to garden!

Roger Glen and Lucinda Cordes Glen

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The Glens are still crazy, and married, after all these years. Our son, Sean, is a junior at UNL. Julia is a sophomore at Hastings High School. Our younger daughter, Murphy, is in third grade. Mostly, Roger and Cindy attend their children's school and sports events. Roger is the pharmacy director at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, on the city council, follows NASCAR like it's religion, and plays lots of golf. Cindy practices law

with the firm of Whelan & Scherr, teaches at Hastings College, and serves on the State Personnel Board. Once in a while, Cindy is in a play at the community playhouse. Her golf game is not very good.

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Sorry to miss everyone...

Married to Mike 1985, 3 children, moved from the ranch to Lincoln in 1990 so Mike could finish Master's in Econ. @ UN-L. Moved to central Illinois in 1998 because of internship in ag marketing (Mike). Moved back to Nebraska (Ogallala) to be closer to the ranch in 2000.

Mike (husband) is ranching with the family operation in the Sandhills. I am currently teaching at the elementary level: reading specialist, grades 1 and 2, in Ogallala. Our first child (Harrison – 18) will be attending UN-L this Fall – he is concentrating on international studies for the first year; our second (Maggie – 17), will be a Senior at Ogallala High. She keeps very busy: 3 sports, class officer, speech team. Our youngest (Emily – 14) will be a freshman this Fall. She also plays 3 sports, loves horses and shows market steers each summer. Even though it can be difficult to catch us at home, we would love to see you on your way through western Nebraska. Wishing you and your families good health and happiness - Pam

Greg Henderson

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Wow 30 years! Let's say it's been..... entertaining. 20+ years in California where I met my wife Cathy, and celebrated the birth of our daughter, Jessica.

After attending Colorado State University and playing football I was asked to play for a semi-pro team in CA. I participated for two years and my neck, however mentally willing was not physically capable and ultimately crapped out. But not before I had a chance to audition for the Chargers. Needless to say I did not retire from the NFL leaving me totally crushed.

I have spent most of the years gainfully employed in the Quality Assurance arena. Either checking those parts you see under the flaps of a 747, or any other aircraft, for that matter, or diecasting parts for the passenger side airbag in your car or managing those that do.

We moved back to Nebraska in July of 2005 (it was hot and humid, no kidding) and have been here since. We have endured the hail, high wind, sleet, snow and yes the ice storms, and must say the weather still remains a challenge.

At present I work at Powermate Corporation in Kearney and am responsible for the Quality and Product Service Departments.

When the power went out during the 07 ice storm it was a major benefit as generated power was at my fingertips! I enjoy the daily challenges and the much reduced traffic and daily commute milage.

We built our new home in Kearney on 10 acres. We enjoy the solitude after being so physically close to any/all neighbors in CA. The family consists of 4 birds, 4 dogs, 2 horses and 2 donkeys. I'm not agriculturally gifted but truly enjoy the few similarities I share with those that can call themselves a Nebraska Farmer. I commend each and everyone of you that have maintained that identity throughout the years.

Lastly and sad to say I am one of the few remaining Southsiders. I have had to say Goodbye to many of my childhood pals. Ronnie Newton, Dave Hunt, Craig Casper. We all knew each other's parents, siblings, covered for each other, and covered for each other, and sometimes we covered for each other. Enough said..... We always had fun together. Those guys were Great, they lived life to the fullest and had a good time doing it. They are truly missed. My prayers and thoughts will always be with my pals and their families.

I haven't rattled on this much since 1977. Guess I better call it good for now. - Greg Henderson

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Feeling a little blue since I won't be there, but guess my job is a little more important. :(As for my life, I am still married to my best friend, other than tonight cuz he is having as many memory loss issues as I am. John is a Finance Director for Gregg Young Chevrolet in Omaha and hopefully this is where he will retire, as soon as we make our first million, I would like it to be a few more million, but will settle for one. Just kidding, he is my almost knight in shining amour. We have been married for 15 years and hoping to have fifty more. Together we love the Nebraska Cornhuskers, even when they aren't winning. We love to work outside together and spend what time we can just listening to the quiet in the house. There doesn't seem to be much of that as our twin daughters, Katie and Abbie are 13 years old, going on 20. Thought it was tough when they were still being fed from a bottle and had diapers to change. Think the hormonal roller coaster has begun, John is looking to have a separate male house down the street, sometimes think that would be great. They are very active in any sport that contains a ball, soccer, basketball and volleyball. They will be in the 8th grade this next year, we have one more year of Middle School. Certainly not ready for High School unless I can go with them (it will never happen if Katie and Abbie have anything to say!). They are both blue eyed and blonde and extremely head strong. I can't imagine who they get that personality trait from?!? Maybe a little from both John and me. Guess now is a great time to brag, don't seem to do much of that. Abbie was recently awarded for taking the ACT exam as a 7th grader and did awesome, her smarts came from me. Katie takes life as it comes, everything is a social outing and must involve friends, school is just a necessary ritual in order to obtain friends. They are so different, but lovable all the same.

We have two dogs, Luke and Logan. They are Pembroke Welsh Corgis and are awesome company when I am lonely, still waiting for that time to come. Bet you are thinking that I have to quit wishing my life away. We also have two cats, Mittens and AllyMae. They too are fantastic company for us, just not with the dogs. We only do things in twos.

I am currently in graduate school, something that I should have done years ago. Late bloomer I think. I will graduate in way too many semesters with my Masters in Nursing with emphasis on Education. That is my goal, to teach nursing students. Since I have worked in the Plattsmouth School district as a School Nurse for just short of 7 years, I found myself thinking, "Hey this teaching thing might be kind of fun!" That was enough to get me enrolled and I am loving every minute of it. As one of the school nurses in our school district I am the CPR/First Aide Instructor for the staff as well as other community people. I am also Adjunct Faculty at Southeast Community College in Lincoln and teach CNA classes for our High School. I used to think that school nursing would be a fairly laid back job, kind of like eating Bon Bon's and putting my feet up. Well, that is certainly not the case for me. This school district is so very needy and the school nurses seem to be kept quite busy. Together we have written several grants to assist our students and staff with Wellness, obesity and nutrition.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful time and I promise to be able to attend our 35th!

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I'm married and have a 20 year old son. We love living in Colorado, hiking, camping, fly fishing, cross country skiing & backpacking. We are a musical family, all playing instruments. I play guitar regularly in the worship bands at our church. I work as a project manager for a large electrical contractor.

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I have been single all of these years. I live in downtown Colorado Springs with my Boston Terrier, Henry. I am "semi-retired" (well actually it's more like "mostly-retired"). I spend my time drinking good coffee, walking Henry, working out, dancing Argentine Tango, learning Spanish, gardening, having lunch and various other important pursuits. I continue to enjoy traveling. My most recent trip was to Peru earlier this year. The highlight of my life right now seems to be "just living and enjoying life most of the time".

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Married Jim Clark in Lexington in 2001. Moved to Lincoln in Feb. 2006 to be closer to family. My husband is the sporting goods dept. mgr at N. Walmart and am working for Perotsystems as a customer rep. Andy made me a grandma for the 1st time March 2nd. His name is Brendan and he is a grandma's boy. Andy is with the Natl. Guard and might be deployed soon. Kaley is the visual person at Gordmans. My mom is here in Lincoln and my dad passed away last July. Both brothers live near here too. Hope to make it back for reunion, but would still like to hear from everyone!

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Well things have changed since we were altogether 10 years ago. After nineteen years in management for two truck lines I accepted the challenge to become a financial advisor and survived all the tests. I accepted a position with Piper Jaffray in Topeka KS and two years later had the wonderful opportunity to move back to Kearney NE. I am a Registered Representative with AIG Financial Advisors located in the Five Points Bank in Kearney.

Kearney is one of the greatest places to raise a family. My greatest passion is coaching our two boys many sports teams. As we stated in our Christmas card a few years back there is no "off-season" in our household. I have caught myself a few times repeating phrases that our high school and college coaches used from time to time. One phrase I do not say is, "good crap all-mighty" made famous by a certain LHS basketball coach.

Brady is eight years old and onto third grade. He enjoys baseball, golf, football and basketball. He actually has told Brigitte that he wants to gain weight and get big so he can play on the line in football!

Blake is eleven and moving onto middle school next year. What happen to old fashion junior high? Blake enjoys baseball, golf, football, basketball and soccer. He actually enjoys practicing in all these sports and is extremely competitive.

Brigitte continues to work for Johnson and Johnson in pharmaceutical sales. She travels central and eastern Nebraska. She truly runs a very successful household.

Liza turns 29 later this month and works as the publicist for The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington D.C. In October of 2006 she was married in Omaha to a gentlemen from Omaha that she had met when she was attending UNL.

I look forward to renewing old friendships and with our move back to Nebraska look forward so seeing many of you more often.

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I am very happily married to Wally and have two children, Whitney(18) and Tyler(15). We are very busy right now getting ready for Whitney's graduation. She is off to UC Berkeley in August, where she will study environmental science. My husband is the City Engineer in Lodi and we are very involved in our community. I am retired, I got tired of the long commute and now I am a professional volunteer. Right now I am the Treasurer for our High School Sober Grad Night--we have already raised over \$20,000. The week later is our American Cancer Society Relay for Life in which I am very involved in. This last year I was on the Lodi Centennial task force, organizing events for our year long celebration. I also keep very busy keeping up with my kids and all their activities. My hobbies are gardening, entertaining, walking my dog, and wine tasting--which I do a lot, as we now have over 60 wineries in Lodi. I also work for wine!! Last weekend I poured wine for a winery at Zinfest at Lodi Lake. A couple different wineries ask me to help them out--it is always lots of fun--and I like the fringe benefits!

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I was a member of the class of 1977 from the 7th - 9th grade. My father was the Director of Christian Education at the Presbyterian Church during those years. In June after 9th grade we moved to Aurora, NE where I graduated from high school. Since high school, I attended the University of NE-Lincoln and received an Elementary Education degree. I married Steve Pawley (from Imperial, NE) in 1980. We have four children, Nathan-age 24, Matthew-age 22, Timothy-age 18, and Elizabeth-age 11.

This year is one marked by several major celebrations, including the graduation of Timothy, both our parents' 50 wedding anniversary, the first wedding for our family, as son Matthew marries in July, this 30th class reunion, and my 30th class reunion from Aurora High School.

When our children were young, I chose to be a substitute teacher, so that I could be home when I needed, and sub when it was convenient. Over the years, I have continued to sub, and now I sub almost full time. There is not one class room in the K-12 system that I have not worked in, including ag, wood shop, welding, preschool, the alternative education center, foreign language, boys P. E., etc. Subbing is something that I have truly learned to love, and have deepened my passion for kids. Our home has become a hangout for many who need a place, and a hot meal. We have fed many kids over the years who have commented that their family doesn't have a family meal together ever, let alone on a daily basis, which is something that we have insisted on doing with our children as they were growing up. This in turn has been our personal family ministry and has been a real blessing for our family in many ways.

I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend the reunion to see you in person. I would love to hear from you via email. Have a great reunion!

Warmly,

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We will not be able to make it to the class reunion. Wish we could, maybe next time.

It's hard to believe it's been 30 years since our high school graduation! I went to Grace College of the Bible in Omaha, and graduated from there in 1983. The next year I married Steve, whom I met at Grace College. We

have 4 wonderful children:

Christa, 19, just finished her first year at UNO as a drama major. In high school, she was active in drama, choir, swim team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Academic Decathlon, and scored high in academics. She has been in 3 plays at area community theaters. She has also enjoyed working at church camp in the summers.

Andy, 16, has 2 years left in high school. He has also been active in drama, most recently he did very well as the villain in a melodrama. He is also in band, choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, rocket team (national competition last year), Mayor's youth commission, and scores high in academics. Several weeks of his summer are usually spent working at church camp.

Bethany, 13, has enjoyed 7 th gr. in middle school this year. She has been busy with swim team, jazz band, piano, track, drama, writing club, and scores high in academics.

Katie, 11, has one year left of grade school. She is busy with piano lessons, cello, summer swim team, Awana, and getting good grades.

Most of my time is spent keeping up with all my family's activities. For the last couple years I have worked parttime during the school year for Deli International. Steve is in his 17th year at Bemis Company as a graphic artist. Our vegetable garden always keeps us busy in the summer, picking and canning. We are very active in our church with the music, and children's ministries.

This summer Christa and Andy have the opportunity to visit the Philippines for 6 weeks with my sister, who works there as a missionary. In fact, that is why we can't come to the class reunion, because we are sending them off at the same time.

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The last thirty years---wow that makes me sound old!! I am married to Rodney Hagemester and we have been married for 22 years. We have 2 children, Megan and Jacob. Both are adopted and are a real gift from God. Megan will be a Senior and Jacob will be in 8th grade. I am a Media Aide for Overton Schools. I spend most of my day running the LMC. I am also in charge of the Elementary Library curriculum. Rodney is a technician for Husker Ag Sales (John Deere) in Lex. We spend our spare time doing home repair and vehicle repair--mostly for ourselves, but on occasion for others. We have lived in Overton for 11 years. These last thirty years God has seen us through a lot good times and some heart breaking times. With His guidance we more clearly see what His plans are for us. I hope to see you at the reunion.

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I have been married for the last 13 years to Tricia (Hernandez) who is also a Lexington native. We have a son named Joel who will be going into the 6th grade this fall. He spends his time with playstation, scouting, music lessons and YMCA activities. He loves playing football, soccer, and basketball, but his passion is EATING (just like his dad!). We also keep him involved in wrestling, even though that takes a little persuasion from his mom, me and Bruce Bricker. He loves school, and makes us very proud with his scholastic achievements.

We have been living in Holdrege since 1996, and have grown to love it here over time. It reminds me a lot of what Lexington was like when we were young. The school system is terrific, and having a YMCA and a Performing Arts Center gives the kids exposure to a lot of activities and culture that you wouldn't normally associate with a small town.

I have been with the First National Bank of Holdrege since we moved here, and have been the President and Chairman of the Board for the past 3-4 years. It is a small locally owned bank, and has been through some real challenges over the past 12 years, but the owners are dedicated to keeping it a community bank, and have been very good to work for.

Tricia works for the Loomis Schools as a Para-educator, which she loves. She also works almost full time with the local scouts, and seems to enjoy that very much as well.

With our free time, (which there is never enough of) we enjoy golfing, gardening, working on the house or

on the yard, and going to antique sales. I also will go to coin sales or trade shows whenever possible, hoping to find the numismatic nirvana at the next stop.

I still make it to Lexington every year to announce the John Higgins Wrestling Invite, and the Don Bader Track Invite. I also announce football, wrestling and track meets for the Dusters, and I am the Class A announcer at the State Wrestling Tournament. I also work at the State Track meet in Omaha each year, and will attend area high school games or meets whenever I can.

We really enjoy catching up with old friends, but don't do it as often as we should. Tricia and I both loved growing up in Lexington, and find we reflect back on those times often. We are very lucky to have people like Corky and Scott who keep us all as informed and up to date as they can with our classmates, and I don't thank them enough for all of their work.

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Hi All, My how the time has flown. I have 2 daughters Amber, 28, who lives in Kearney and Raine, 23, who lives in Fort Collins, CO. I am also blessed with a stepson Ryan, 18, who lives in Florida. As yet I'm not blessed with grandchildren but love to spoil my great niece and nephew. I moved to Cheyenne in 1997 with my husband, Brian Heller, who is from Smithfield - part of the large Hagan clan. I graduated as an LPN in 1985 and am currently working as the OR Scheduling and Informatics Supervisor at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. It is a very hectic and rewarding job. I continue to love reading, sewing, camping, gardening, crafts and spoiling my husband, family and friends as well as my dog and my horse. I'm not sure I will be able to make it to the reunion but will try to clear the time as I would enjoy seeing you.

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For the last 30 years I have mostly been busy raising my kids. I have 2 awesome kids. My son Trevor, age 22 from my first marriage to Kristie France, lives in Phoenix AZ and is a "Plans Coordinator" for a company called Engle homes. I also have a 15 year old daughter, Shannon from my second marriage to Sheri Carr. She currently is living in and will be starting high school next year in Queen Creek AZ. (a suburb of Phoenix) She gets to stay with me during school breaks and during the summer so I still get to be with her quite a bit. I recently moved to Sioux City IA to be closer to the woman I've been seeing for over a year now. Her name is Lori Belding. Lori works for an agency called Allied Insurance as a Lender Administrator. I am working for a company called Spee Dee Delivery as a route driver. It's a smaller, regional package delivery company based out of St. Cloud MN.

We enjoy our pastimes of boating on the Missouri and following our friends' slow pitch softball team. I would still love to play softball, but in 2005 I was told I needed to have my knee replaced. And since I had it done so young, I really want to make it last and not go through it again. But it's doing fine and it finally feels great not having the chronic pain I've been struggling with since high school.

That pretty much sums up my last 30 years. I won't be attending the festivities next month but I hope everyone has a great time. Have fun everyone! -Bobby Meyer

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Hello Class of '77! 30 years, can you believe that? Gayle and I were in Lexington until 1996 when we uprooted and moved to the farm at Willow Island, to do the farming. We have also provided premier Foster Care for the last 9 years. In May, we celebrated our 26th Anniversary. We are so fortunate to have 2 great children, Nathan and Kyla. In addition, Nathan and Alynne have Blessed us with the gift of two Grandchildren, Emy, 9, Alex, 6, 2 Granddogs, Chuck and Abby, and the cat, Tim. Number 1 son, Nathan 33, teaches at Wilson Alternative

School in Omaha and Alynne is Assistant Director, Division of eLearning for the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University. These guys are doing a great job!!!! Kyla Graduates (walks) in August with a Bachelors Degree in Ag Journalism from UNL. No wedding plans as of now, however, she does have a special friend, Mat. Number 1 daughter, Kyla, 23 works as an Advertising Coordinator for Digital Media Communications in Lincoln. Kyla and Mat have provided us with a Grandkitten, Roxy. Very proud of Kyla and Mat, too. Life has been good, I have been Blessed. Blessings to you all!!! Would Love to hear from you!!

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I can't wait to see everyone at the reunion! We have had so much fun getting ready for it I can't believe it is here! To let you know what has been going on with me for the past 30 (gulp) yrs. I have been married to Steve for the past 27 yrs. (give or take a few).

We have two great kids. Jessica is married to a wonderful young man from Iowa. She and Nick are going to make us grandparents for the first time in the fall. We are so excited! The best part is she moved to Omaha after graduating from collage and they moved back to our area last year. Just in time for me to spoil my grand baby!

Kasey is in Omaha and loves his life working for a small up and coming company. I thought he was set on being a bachelor but he came home for Mother's Day and told us he was engaged. Samantha seems like a great girl and we look forward to having her in our family.

In 1997 I lost my sister Jan to asthma. She left two kids that I think of as my own. They are both married and live in Omaha. Justin has 2 boys and Melissa has 1 boy and a baby on the way. So we are looking forward to TWO babies at Christmas this year.

My mom past away in 1999 after a long struggle with cancer. My dad is still alive and lives in the house I grew up in. Steve and I live about three blocks away and I see him often. I have a lady that takes care of him during the week, but weekends are our time.

Well I seem to have rambled on so I will stop now. I can't wait for June 15th and 16th!

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The last 30 years have been busy! I'm currently a Commercial Real Estate Broker and own the Cartridge World Stores in Lincoln with my wife Dee Dee - we just recently celebrated our 9th wedding anniversary! My daughter Devin graduates from Lincoln Northeast and will be starting at UNL next year. Our daughters Miranda and Mia are almost 10 & 9. We are blessed beyond belief by our family and life and wish the same for all of you!

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Sandra and I are alive and well in Omaha! We have been so incredibly fortunate to be living in a great area with 2 great kids and jobs we both enjoy. Sand and I have been married 22 years which we have spent most of it in Omaha.

We have 2 kids, Dan is 18 yrs. old and just graduated from Papillion High School. He plans on attending UNL and majoring in Pre-Med. Kim is 14 and heavily involved in soccer and dance. She will be going into the 8th grade and dad is just beginning to have worry about boyfriends although at this point, she seems to be able to keep them in line pretty well!

Sandra is going into her 14th year of teaching school for Papillion/LaVista Schools and is currently at Portal Elementary which is only about 6 blocks from our house. She teaches 2nd grade and loves the kids. We built a new house 5 years ago so she is living the dream with a good job, her dream house, great kids and most importantly, her "trophy" husband!

I am still lending money and done so for 26 years. I am currently a Vice-President/Commercial Lender for Bank of Nebraska. I have a great crew to work with and the flexibility to be involved in many activities within the community such as coaching Kim's soccer team.

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Hi everyone, it's hard to believe 30 years has passed already! I haven't been back to Lex very often since high school, but I was in Lex for a family event a few years ago. Some things in town have changed a lot, yet so many things have stayed the same. I've been living in Sacramento, Ca. for the last 11 years, it's so green and peaceful here, I love it. There are tons of places to go camping, hiking, biking, etc in the mountains, and the ocean is only an hour away too. I have been working at a local community college as a Biology lab tech since moving here. I haven't been married for a long time, and no kids.

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After thirteen years teaching at Dawson Co. Dist. 17, I got a position with the Lexington Public Schools. Presently I teach third grade at Pershing Elementary. This fall I will start my seventh year at Pershing.

With the position in the town school system I have gone on school visits and conferences. My two favorites were San Diego and Seattle. In San Diego the school I visited was right next to the ocean. The students would go out on the beach to do their journaling and could watch the whales migrate. The conference I attended in Seattle was held at the University of Washington. Seattle is such an awesome city . . . I can't wait to go back.

I still live in the same house on Gillan Street in Lexington. I have a dog, Franky. He is such good company even though I give him insulin shots twice a day.

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Married to Joe Torres (Minden NE) since 1993, no children with him. Have two with previous marriage. Krista, 27 lives in Texas and Jacob, 22 lives in Washington (married). No grandchildren yet. Have two dogs, two cockatiels, (used to raise them). I am a homemaker, Joe is Superintendent at Long Prairie Packing (Beef). We play Texas hold'em twice a week, Like to fish, golf, and garden. Since Lexington, I have lived in Oklahoma, Kansas, back to Nebraska, Washington, back to Oklahoma, back to Nebraska, and now Minnesota. Lost both parents last fall to illness. Have recently gotten into scrapbooking. Over the years I have been a bartender, Sears store trainer, Regis Inventory specialist, and a gas station clerk. Nothing special, just living my life. (Got my GED in 1982).

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I have been married since 1980 to David Eakins. We have 4 children: Melissa (24), Matt (22), Chris (21), and Joe (8). Our daughter has been married for 3 years but no grandchildren yet. I received my BSN from the University of Nebraska in 1993 and have since worked in various areas of nursing. The culmination of experience has led to my latest job as a case manager for a managed care organization.

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I can't believe it has already been 30 years since our high school graduation. The time just seems to fly by when you're having fun. I don't know about the rest of you but I haven't changed a bit since 1977! (ha-ha-ha) Funny though -I seem to get a little more grey hair every year and have gained a few more pounds.

I married Danette Cerny (Columbus Scotus '75) in 1990 and we have two sons – Danny (age 15) and Matt (age 12). I met Danette when her brother, Dean, married my sister Traci. I know it may sound confusing but it is legal in Nebraska.

I have been in the banking/finance industry for almost 25 years now and I have been employed the last 1 1/2 years by Platte Valley State Bank & Trust Company as an Ag Lender. Before that we lived in Kansas City, MO for 12 yrs and enjoyed being Chiefs fans and suffered through the baseball seasons being Royals fans. Oh well, we were still able to root for the Huskers and attend a few games each year.

It is great living in Kearney and being back in Nebraska. We are closer to both my parents and Danette's mom so they are able to see the boys in some school activities and sporting events. Kearney is a wonderful town to raise your children and has much to offer. UNK has sure changed since I attended classes there – progress and growth took a toll on the trailer park I lived in years ago. If you are ever in Kearney give me a call or look me up, I always enjoy seeing old friends.

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Our Reunion is just around the corner and I have a hard time believing it's been 30 years. Where does time go? I've been working for Staab Mgt Company since 1980 and I'm currently an Area Coach looking after 6 Pizza Hut Restaurants. Ainsworth, Broken Bow, Cozad, Ord, Valentine and McCook which is a 3 N 1 (Pizza Hut, KFC and Tacobell). My Wife Joyce is on the Broken Bow School Board and takes care of our Property rentals that we have. Our Daughter Mishayla is a Senior this year and stays busy selling Tropical Sno Shaved Ice in the summers. This tends to keep all of us extremely busy in the summer but we do really like the business. Take Care and I Hope to see everyone at the Reunion.

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Well here it is 30 years later, back in high school I would have never dreamed I would be where I am today. Since our 20 year reunion I have graduated from Nursing, I have been divorced now for 9 years, I sold my house over 2 years ago put everything I own in storage and of course I rent a place from my parents since I rarely stay in one place. I am currently traveling the United States, moving every 13 weeks while visiting all the attractions where I am staying. But I do take time off between each contract to regain my sanity from work. I couldn't ask for a better job that pays me to move from place to place, sets me up with furnished apartment, and pays me an excellent wage. I specialize in Emergency/Trauma Nursing working for travel companies that set me up where ever I want to go, what hours I choose to work, request any time off I want during my contract then after completing the contract I take off as much or as little time off as I wish. The only draw back with this job is all the money I make I spend having fun in the area I am working, but that doesn't really bother me because I am not getting any younger! I have worked in Nebraska, Connecticut, Florida, Colorado, Arizona, and many times at different locations in California. I am currently in California wine country, where I will travel next I am not sure. My children have all graduated from High School and moved on with their lives. Macy lives in Lincoln with her husband and two sons Tyson and Cooper. I try to spoil the grandkids when I am back as much as possible. Kyla lives in Lincoln working all the time and having as much fun as possible. Brady now lives in Tempe Arizona enjoying life in the big city and putting off college until he decides what he wants to be when he grows up.

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I've been married almost 18 yrs. to Paul and we have 2 awesome kids. Jacob is 16 and will be a Junior this next fall, so hard to believe, he plays football and baseball. Elizabeth is 14 and will be a freshman next year. Liz is our softball player. We are very proud of both of them Paul is an HVAC Sergeant at the prison here in Sterling. I work at the Middle School in Life Skills working with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. I love my job. God has been very good to me over the past 30 yrs. Blessing me with many blessings. I'm looking forward to seeing all my friends and to meet their husbands and wives.

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I wish I could make the reunion but we start our vacation the very next week, and unfortunately, my husband drives for UPS and he has to pick his vacations in October and there is no changing. If there is anything that changes I will be there, but so far we have had no luck. I am a dental assistant since 1978, I got married in 1980. I was married 20 years and he died of a massive heart attack. I have two kids; April is 24, and just got married in November. She is my miracle child, she had a brain tumor at age 5 and it caused a lot of motor skills and learning disabilities, she will never be able to drive because she can't react fast enough, but she has conquered a lot. Casey is 23, is an aircrewman in the Navy, he just finished his first term in Japan, and is now in Norfolk VA. I remarried the LOVE of my life in 2001, I had a miserable marriage the first time, and now I married my best friend, his kids are Tiffany 24, and Bubba 23, we have a 5 year old granddaughter. So that is my life, please tell everyone hi for me and I would love to hear from them.

Sincerely

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I married DeeAnn Booth Sept of 1983 we have two children Katie & Ty. Katie has completed her first year of college at Hastings CCC she was accepted to the Dental Hygiene program for the Fall 2007 year. Ty will be a Sophmore this coming year in High School he is involved in Bullriding. I have enjoyed officiating High School Basketball for 16 years and helping at an occasional track meet. I will have 30 years in at the Dawson County Road Dept in August of this year.

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How does one put 30 years in one paragraph? Graduated college, married, 3 beautiful children, husband died, moved back to NE, met and married again, added 2 stepchildren, born-again Christian, lots of growing up, moved to SC, abundantly blessed! 3 Wonderful Grandchildren. I am doing what I love - taking care of children, plus right now my daughter and I are working on a house to flip. Joy to all. -Deb

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Still working at Dept. of Motor Vehicles (starting my 28th Year). Decided at 40 to finally get married. Have 2 step-sons (19 and 22) and a hairy, 4-legged daughter. Ready to build new home, just need to decide where and when and how to sell old home!

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Wow - 30 years! It really does not seem like it has been that long. I guess my high school days could be summed up like the opening line of "A Tale of Two Cities" - "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ..." I guess that goes for life in general. In the last 30 years I have had some great times and some bad times. Mostly good, though. I've had some great adventures. Right out of high school I had the chance to travel to Japan and Taiwan with the International Band Camp.

I have completed three degrees in the last 30 years - an associates degree from Southeast Community College in Milford, a bachelors from Metropolitan State College in Denver, and a masters from Denver University.

I am currently a Software Engineer with Corporate Express in Broomfield, Colorado. I have been with the company almost 10 years.

This summer will be my 12th anniversary with my wife Betty. Betty works for Oracle, also in IS. She started with JD Edwards, which was bought out by Peoplesoft, then by Oracle. So she has been with three companies while staying in the same desk.

We have a grandson who will be two in September. We have lived in Larkspur for almost six years now. We love to travel and have been to many places, including Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand, among others. And our list of places we WANT to see is long! Retirement can't get here fast enough!

We have two "kids" at home. Meisha, a Siamese, and Tippy, a tabby. Meisha loves to play chase, so I do get SOME exercise! Tippy is getting pretty old and has problems getting around. He's the lump on the couch.

So, yeah, life is pretty good. Here's hoping we're all around another 30 years.

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I have one daughter, Eva, who is 12 years old. I work for Pepsi-Cola/Boyd's Vending out of Hastings, running the food service at EATON Corporation. Still really enjoy spending time at the lake in the summer.

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Since our 20 year reunion, I left Pinnacle Bank, and went to work as a para educator for Lex Public Schools. I've worked at Sandoz Elementary School for the last 6 years. Ron and I are part-owners of Justa Trucking out east of Lex on Highway 30. Our daughter, Katelin, now 11, will be a 6th grader at Lex Middle School this fall. She is very active in sports and dance and keeps us really busy. We help coach her fast pitch softball team during the summer. We also have 2 four-legged girls in the family, Herkie and Belle, our 1 and a half year old cats who keep the house in utter chaos most of the time.

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Well, I left Lexington long ago, but my heart is still in Nebraska (and Lex, of course). As a few of you may remember, I went to Tucson, Arizona to play basketball.

As with many of us that leave Nebraska, that's just that first step that gets you out the door, but the beginning of a much longer journey. After Tucson, I lived for quite a while in Boulder Colorado and then a job moved me to southern California and I lived there for many years working in the high tech industry.

In 1999 I moved to the SF Bay Area to work for Cisco Systems and, amazingly, I'm still here. I have been blessed to work with great folks and have many opportunities that I would have never dreamed of as I was growing up (and I had some pretty big ideas :-).

My current job is Director of Sales for our Emerging Markets Theater - this includes Latin America, Russia, the Middle East, Africa and Eastern Europe. The team who works for me lives all over the world and I get to experience many different cultures on, literally, a daily basis. In fact, my travel schedule is a bit out of control at times but I have no room to complain.

And, with all this travel, I have always been grounded in my family and Nebraska heritage. My parents (Lee and LuAnn), sister and her family (Kami, Monte, Nathan, Stewart and Kaylan) all live in Omaha now and I have been home every Christmas (but one) since I left Lexington. I come home frequently for Nebraska games and have spent many a wonderful summer out at Plum Creek Canyon. I even started a Nebraska-Florida golf tourney with a friend from Cisco and we have had some wonderful times swapping stories and bragging about games gone by.

I remember my years in Lexington fondly and, in particular, all the many friends that I had there. I have never lost my "Midwestern values" and am quite proud of the fact. Bless you all!!!

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Where has the time gone??

After graduation I attended Mary Lanning in Hastings. I worked in the Operating Room at Bergan Mercy in Omaha for 3 years. Then got married to Ladonna Griess from Sutton (Honolulu, when we got engaged) in November of 1983. We moved to Dallas and I worked at Baylor Medical Center, and Plano Medical Center. We were in Dallas for a little over 2 years when we had our first child and decided to move back to Nebraska. We have been in Lincoln since April of 1986. Ladonna has been at St Elizabeth's Intensive Care Nursery ever since. I was at Lincoln General, which became BryanLGH West for 19 years. I worked various areas including OR, Gamma Knife, and Nurse Audit. But the hospital eliminated over half my department in 2005. I am now working for Perot Systems out of the Dallas office, I am on a team helping implement healthcare software. I specialize in Operating Room and Scheduling Applications. I either work from home or travel to the client site, which can be interesting to say the least.

Alan is 21 and currently doing a college internship program at DisneyWorld in Florida. He is really enjoying it, and learning some good life lessons. Andrew just turned 19 and not for sure what he wants to do with his life. But attending Southeast Community College.

Ladonna and I enjoy traveling, and the frequent flyer miles I get for work seem to come in handy.

My dad died in 1986, and mom had a severe stroke Mother's Day weekend 2006 and now lives in the Minden Nursing home. So we don't get back to Lexington very often, but always seem to run into a familiar face or two.

My sons both wrestled, and the highlight of the year was always the John Higgins Tournament in Lex. Gave me a chance to walk the halls, which have changed a bit, and see some familiar faces.

Hoping to see lots of familiar faces at the reunion.

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I was divorced after 10 years. I had 2 children. Tracy and Kammie. I am a proud grandma of 4. Lanishia, Monika, Tristian, and Kiryn. I moved to Salina in 1989 and worked as a head cook and assistant supervisor for a care home. Then went to Schwans Enterprise as a lab tech. I worked there for 7 years.

I met my husband Robert McNabb in 1990. We own our own business, Handy Man Bob. A contracting company.

In 1996, I became disabled with a blood disease called cellulitis. It effects the blood veins in my legs. I am in and out of the hospital with this disease. I am involved with my daughters Special Olympics and with my grandchildren. I am involved with their school activities. For 6 years we have been raising our niece and nephew. Nicole 10 and Austin 8. I am also involved in their school activities.

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Even though I left Lexington High School my senior year and graduated from Loomis Public Schools, I have always felt that Lexington was my graduating school. I have a lot of great friends from Lexington, and still keep in contact with many of them.

After High School, I attended Kearney State College and took prerequisite courses for my nursing career. After that first year, I attended Saint Francis School of Nursing in Grand Island Nebraska. I truly loved my college years.

I have worked at 3 wonderful hospitals since I graduated from nursing school. I worked at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Holdrege, and Good Samaritan Health System in Kearney. For the last 25 years I have worked at Cozad Community Hospital. I have had a lot of interesting experiences at this little hospital...ER, delivered a few babies (doctor didn't quite make it on time), ICU, and ambulance runs. My title now is Director of Nursing, and I manage 34 nurses, Cardiac Rehab, Respiratory Rehab, Specialty Clinics and ER. A lot of different challenges.

My husband's name is Ken. We have 3 daughters. Emily will be a senior, and is pursuing a Pharmacy career. Amanda is a freshman and just loves to hang out with her friends. Blayr is in 4th grade and is getting into volleyball and basketball. She pretty much lives at the swimming pool in the summer.

Looking forward to the class reunion. It will be nice to see everyone. Take Care. - Tammy

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Hey y'all! good to be able to catch-up. Thought I'd check in since it's fast approaching our 30th! OMG! After our 20th reunion I moved down to Texas. Been married to a Texan for the past 8+ years. We moved up here to Colorado a couple years ago. We are doing the ranch thing and living the dream on 4000 acres along the front range. We have horses, cattle, and assorted dogs and cats. Never a dull moment. Elizabeth is 27 and lives in Omaha. Ryan is 21 and here in Colorado. Neither one are married, so NO grandchildren! Feel free to e-mail and I look forward to seeing y'all this summer.

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Third time's a charm...I'm married to a wonderful man, Doug McQuinn. His three children have warmly embraced me as their stepmother and one of them has made me a step-grandmother. I've been working at Boys Town for the past ten years, love my job and love the mission of Boys Town. I wish you all peace and joy.

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Many of you may remember me even though I did not graduate from Lexington High School. I lived in Lex and attended school when my father was in Vietnam (elementary) and also when he did a tour in Korea (JR high and high school). As an Air Force brat I ended up attending 12 different schools until finally ending up in beautiful Washington State where I still reside. My father's side of the family are from Lexington, so it made sense when my father had to serve his Country in Vietnam and Korea, that he leave his wife and two daughters in a small, safe town where he grew up and where his family lives. Those were hard times, but also fun times. I loved living there and truly enjoyed the friends and experiences that I had.

So what am I doing today? I am married to a wonderful man and have four great sons. The oldest son Aaron (24), is deployed to IRAQ with the U. S. Army. Keep him in your prayers please. Adam (22), Austin (21) and Alex (17) are doing well and keeping very busy!

I have the greatest career that I can imagine as a firefighter with Tacoma Fire Department. I was hired in Feb. 1991 and work at fire station #10 on E-10. I am Commander of The Tacoma Fire Department Honor guard and Pipers and also am an Ambassador for the HeroToHero program (police and fire supporting our troops.)

I guess I had better leave some space for other folks. Perhaps I will take a trip to Nebraska next year for the reunion?! *posted on July 5, 2006 on lexingtonalumn.com*

Alumni Times Article by Roger and Lucinda 'Cindy' (Cordes) Glen

The Class of 1977, like the class song by the Steve Miller Band said, flew like eagles. We pursued excellence relentlessly, and not just in sports. We had big goals and dreams that sometimes made us feel like we'd failed, even when we succeeded. We embraced change. We didn't know exactly what we were going to be when we grew up, but time kept on slipping into the future and we were ready to take on the world.

Whether it was volleyball or warball, the Class of 1977 played to win. Lincoln Pius High School was our undisputed rival. Our programs were the envy of Southwest Conference (SWC) rivals Cozad, Gothenburg, Holdrege, Broken Bow, and Ogallala. The football team, under the leadership of first-year head coach Dennis Thorell, beat Lincoln Pius, then the top-ranked team in Class B, on Homecoming night. The team finished the season 8-2, tied for the SWC title, was crowned district champion, and earned a berth in the state football playoffs. The volleyball team, under the leadership of Coach Steve Sykes, beat Lincoln Pius to win the state Class B volleyball championship after an undefeated season. The boys' basketball team (21-2) was SWC and district champ, earned a trip to the state basketball tournament, and finished the season ranked second or third in Class B, depending on which newspaper ranking you believed. The girls' basketball team (19-1) was SWC and district champion, undefeated, and ranked number one going into the state tournament, but lost by one point in overtime to York in the state finals and finish the season ranked second in the state. The wrestlers came home from the state wrestling meet with a second place finish that was a surprise to everyone but the wrestlers. Boys' track finished the regular season undefeated and qualified twelve for the state meet. All of that success was possible even though participation in school sports was essentially confined to the sport's season, weight-lifting was on a circuit machine in the basement under the stage, and basketball players wore shorts that hit substantially above their knees.

In the fall play, Annie got her gun. The one-act play earned a berth in state competition. Swing Choir, which performed on a tour of high schools around the state, earned a I in district competition, as did the triple trio. The band earned awards for excellence in parades and contests wearing orange and black uniforms fashioned after Revolutionary War military uniforms. The band also played a mean version of Chicago's "25 or 6 to 4."

The Class of 1977 embraced change in a time when change was thrust upon us at an unprecedented pace. Using a playoff system to determine state football champions was a new concept. LHS's 1976 homecoming queen shared the spotlight with the school's first homecoming king in recent memory. Agreeing with a student task force recommendation, administrators decided that 1977 was the last year for Lexington's pep club as a school-sanctioned club. A more loosely organized and unsanctioned group of boys and girls wearing crazy outfits and construction hardhats had taken on the pep club role, with a Farah Fawcett swimsuit poster as a mascot.

Title IX ushered in a controversial new era of gender equality in high school sports. The seniors of 1977 were sophomores when LHS organized a girls' basketball team coached by Randy Carpenter. Because the school had only one gym and the boys' teams used it after school, the girls initially practiced before school and at night. By 1977, the girls' basketball team excelled in the first girls' state basketball tournament of the modern era. In 1977, girls' sports were supported by cheerleaders for the first time and the girls' and boys L Clubs were united into one organization, the Lexington Athletic Letter Club.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was chartered at LHS in the fall of 1976 and joined organizations of future farmers and homemakers. In its first year, FBLA brought home two trophies from the State Leadership Conference. Science Club was organized.

In a mock election in November 1976, the high school selected Gerald Ford as its presidential choice, but Jimmy Carter won the real thing. Disco was on the horizon. Cable television allowed us to visit "Gilligan's Island" every day after school and made us all Cubs fans. Cable also brought us "Star Trek" reruns featuring wireless communication via cell phone as science fiction. Sneaking in to drive-in movies in the large trunk of a gas-guzzling passenger vehicle was about to become a thing of the past, both because of the demise of drive-ins and because the United States was enduring unprecedented gasoline shortages. We waited in line to buy gas. We got the jokes on "Saturday Night Live" and our parents didn't. Those of us who were eighteen years old bought 3.2 beer legally in Kansas, but a push was on in state legislatures to raise the legal drinking age. Many of our parents worked at New Holland building combines. Scientists speculated that someday, instead of typing your anthropology paper about the Mbuti tribesmen for Mr. Davis on a typewriter, you would input it into a mini-computer on your desk and send it to him via some voodoo airwave thing.

The Class of 1977 used our competitive natures to embrace opportunities that come with change, we took on the world, and we soared like eagles. We relentlessly pursued excellence and our big goals and dreams. We became bankers, farmers, doctors, lawyers, politicians, teachers, business owners, executives, leaders, government officials, mentors, volunteers, parents, and grandparents. We've been elected, honored, awarded, respected, and promoted. We are responsible citizens. And time keeps on slipping into the future.



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We Are Brothers and Sisters

When we learned of Kay Hasty's death, we were all shocked. When I learned more of the events leading up to her death, I felt compelled to do something. I learned that she had been feeling very worn out and sick for some time but didn't go to the doctor because she did not have insurance. I cannot imagine how helpless and hopeless she must have felt. I wish she would have known that her 'brothers and sisters' from the LHS Class of 1977 could have helped out, in one way or another, if we had known. There is power in numbers. Some where along the way, I remember learning in Sunday School a Bible verse that goes something like this: 'humble yourself and let your needs be known'.

What I am trying to say is this, if you are in need of anything, let someone from your extended family know. Through our network with having access to e-mails, etc. we can let others know. One such example: Craig's death. We sent out e-mails to all we have e-mail addresses for, to let them know of his death, when and where his funeral was and where you could send condolences and memorials. Another example: Dale Wenburg family fund raiser event - We got all the e-mail addresses we could for the Class of 1976 and sent them all an e-mail to let them know about the fund raiser. Many of Dale's classmates attended, and those who were not able to come were able to send a donation to help Dale's family attend a ceremony in Washington DC in Dale's honor!

I am so lucky to be witness behind the scenes to such generous and caring classmates. When the first draft of our reunion letters went out to some of our committee members, we had several e-mail back to offer to pay for any classmate not able to. They know who they are and I know who they are, but that's as far as it will go. I just want you all to know that there is a wonderful feeling of 'family love and genuine caring' in our class. We may not be brothers and sisters by blood, but we are brothers and sisters from the LHS Class of 1977!

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