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OUTSTANDING INDUCTEES INTO THE 2014 SHS HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to **1958-Pat Durbin** of Port Townsend, WA, **1970-Gary Kastrick** of Omaha; **1946-Antionette "Toni" (Acquazzino) Hahn** of Omaha; **1960-Frank Vondra** of Arlington, TX; and **1979-Dan Zongker** of Omaha who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 10-4-14 brunch at the Livestock Exchange Building. The

Sherwood Foundation will receive the Community Award. This year we added a new category to honor a retired SHS teacher, and our first Distinguished Teacher Award will be presented to **Joanne (Placek) Sokalsky**. Photos and information about these outstanding individuals will appear in the Spring 2015 TOOTER. *Congratulations to all!*

CONGRATULATIONS PACKER SPORTS GREATS

The following outstanding individuals and teams will be inducted into the Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame at a banquet on 10-22-14 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Anthony's Steakhouse: Athlete awards to **Carol (Chemecka) Balerud-1979, Ted Bertagni-1945, Edward Gruidel-1959, Charlie Lubischer-1973, Dwane Novak-1961, Homer F. Renshaw, Jr.-1997**, and **Mike Sheehan-1967**. Coach's award

to **Melvin Comstock**. Merit award to **John Sousa-1956** and **Frances (Galus) Sempek**. Contributor award to **Ron Patton-1951**. Team awards to **1979-Men's Gymnastic team**, and **1941-Men's Baseball team**. Photos and information on these outstanding inductees will be included in the 2015 Spring TOOTER issue. *Congratulations one and all!*

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU, DR. RICHARD GULIZIA, CEO!



Dr. Gulizia was the first President of the SHSAA, and has served as our only CEO for more than 22 years. As one of the founders, he has been our propelling force. Dr. Gulizia has chosen to resign from the Board effective July 2014. For years, prior to the school's centennial

alumni information provided by each class contact. From those humble beginnings, the Alumni Association was born with Dick as our leader. Early TOOTER issues were stapled, labeled and sorted in Dick's basement with the help of his mother and a couple of others. They were delivered to the post office in Dick's van.

Now the list has grown to 20,000 alumni, and the process of tabbing, labeling and mailing the TOOTERS involves many volunteers. We have established numerous annual events celebrating our alumni since then. We have helped many classes expand their knowledge through new experiences we funded, and we have given countless scholarships to students to further their education. We have been involved in financing the amazing renovations at every athletic field used by our young athletes. Leading the development of the

celebration in 1989, the SHS class of 1961 had discussed forming an Alumni Association to help our school. The founders met in 1992 in **Rudy and Judy Tesar's** home to make concrete plans to bring this dream to reality. **Dick Gulizia** and **Paul Kracher** worked with Jerry Porterfield, **Jeanie (Kubovy) Porterfield's** husband, to set up a computer database to capture

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Association became a full-time job for Dick, who has tenaciously pulled together an alliance of government agencies, business and community leaders, and alumni to see our vision fulfilled. His daily telephone calls to follow up on numerous details and ideas, staff direction, meetings with countless individuals

and SHS classes, have furthered the Association's cause, and expanded our financial and moral support to SHS. There is no way to reward him or thank him enough for his outstanding success, but he will never be forgotten. *Dick, all SOBs (South Omaha Boys and Babes) salute you!*

TONY PALMA DAY PROCLAIMED!



Joe Cabral welcomed guests to the gathering at H.P. Smith Field to unveil a plaque to honor Tony Palma. Joe introduced numerous speakers who told stories of Tony's behind-the-scenes role in so many South Omaha events. Subby Anzaldo

proclaimed Sunday 7-6-14 *Anthony "Tony" Palma Day* in Omaha. A large crowd gathered at noon Sunday to listen to dignitaries, family and friends honor Tony for his outstanding service to the South Omaha

Community. He also was thanked and given overdue credit for starting many youth basketball and baseball teams in South Omaha. Tony, dubbed an SOB, or in his case a "South Omaha Brother," thanked everyone for their comments and for the plaque in his honor. Following the program, food was served at the GI Forum Pavilion. *Congratulations, Tony, for this outstanding and well-deserved recognition!*



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER—CANDY REZAC



1963-Andrea "Candy" (Fahey) Rezac married fellow classmate **Dean Rezac** on 7-24-65. She retired in 2012 from serving as an Educational Paraprofessional for Omaha Public Schools. Candy worked with English as a Second Language

(ESL) students at Robbins, Ashland Park/Robbins and Field Club Elementary schools for 31 years. She has

been a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and a tireless worker at the spaghetti dinners since they began in 1995. Candy and Dean have co-chaired this event the last three years with **Jackie Dower-1961**. Candy has been a loyal, hardworking volunteer for our past poker runs, golf tournaments and other special activities. She encourages all SHS graduates who have not joined the Alumni Association to do so, and to get involved in our scholarship fundraisers.

Congratulations for becoming a member of the South High Alumni Association Board of Directors!

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OUTSTANDING ALUMNA

We've honored many alumni over the years, but this is our first opportunity to honor a Fossil Master-
Judy (Meister) Stiles-1961!

In 1976, a college geology course introduced Judy to fossil collecting. Searching the Monterey Bay area for fossil shark teeth, brachiopods and crabs sparked a love of paleontology that has become her lifelong hobby. When her husband decided to relocate his business to North Carolina, Judy was at first unwilling to move. Then Thelma, the mother of her husband's business partner, sent Judy six shark teeth from NC. Those teeth convinced Judy that NC had a lot to offer to fossil collectors, and she needed no further prompting to relocate. She said that "Thelma became my friend, my confidant, my mentor and my fossil partner for over 20 years." Judy's fossil collecting adventures have expanded greatly. She has collected in Georgia, West Virginia, Colorado, Utah, Virginia, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Nebraska. In addition, she's gathered shark teeth in both Maryland and South Carolina. Judy said, "I

have worked at the Aurora Fossil Museum for the past three years, after having formerly volunteered there. I enjoy meeting the visitors and seeing their appreciation for all the fossils. One of the opportunities I have at the museum is giving talks to children and adults about Aurora's fossils. I have also taught a fossil class at Camp Don Lee in Minnesota Beach, NC. Although I've enjoyed the many fossils I've collected over the years, I have found the best part of fossil collecting is the friends one makes." Judy is a founding member of the North Carolina Fossil Club (past NCFC Board Member and Secretary), Aurora Fossil Club (longtime Secretary), and the Special Friends of the Aurora Fossil Museum. She is also a faithful Fossil Festival Volunteer and an invaluable guide for fossil hunts at PotashCorp-Aurora. She freely shares her knowledge and love of fossils. *We congratulate you for this fine honor and wish you happy hunting!*



CHARLIE'S BULL

By Paul Kracher-1961

Charlie Svajgl-1950 is a retired plumber and master woodworker. He made a wooden Packer bull symbol and donated it to SHS. This piece of art was created out of seven different types of wood, and will be displayed in the library near the Touch Wall. One of Charlie's shop class teachers at SHS taught woodworking, which was the beginning of a love of working with wood that has lasted throughout his lifetime. He has crafted numerous model cars, trucks and other artifacts. He said he works with wood during the winter, and spends his summer working in his garden and in his yard. His father came from Czechoslovakia and his mother came from Poland. His three sisters are also SHS

alumni. Charlie and his wife, Carol, have three girls and a boy, eight grandchildren plus 15 great grandchildren. *It is amazing and wonderful that your talent was kindled in a SHS shop class. Thank you for this fine gift to SHS!*





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were brisk, the SHS kids and teacher volunteers worked hard. Kudos to all the outstanding volunteer workers who make this event successful year after year. A new venue is being sought for next year. Congratulations to **Jackie Dower** and **Dean & Candy Rezac** who co-chaired this event.

A big thank you to the following donors who contributed to our dinner: **Evelyn & Dean Winther**, **Julie & Ed Diehm**, **Judy & Rudy Tesar**, **Mary & John Salcedo**, **Carol Daley**, **Carpet Express**, **Carol Safley**, **Dean & Candy Rezac**, **Meineke Car Care in Millard** (Tom Dyrda), **Paul & Sharon Kracher**, **John & Bev Krayneski**, **Jeanie & Jerry Porterfield**, **Jackie Dower**, **Mary Urkevich**, **Jeanne Patrick-NP Dodge**, **Cookie Brazda**, **All About Dogs**, **Nancy Shelton**, **Vic & Bev Riha**, **Diane Battiato**, **Becky & Co.**, **Coke Company Omaha** (Dave Holoch), **Stoysich House of Sausage**, **Victor Palma**,

Farewell to Sokol South Omaha. Unfortunately for us, the facility was sold and changed hands right after our very successful 2014 spaghetti dinner. We served over 800 dinners, the raffle sales

Scott Knudsen, **Tim Proksel**, **E & J Drywall**, **Pet Resort**, **Orsi's Italian Bakery**, **Sons of Italy**, **Hy-Vee Grocery**, **Hiland Dairy**, **Games People Play**, **Overhead Door** (**John Krayneski**), **Burger King** (**South 24th Street**) and **Fazoli's** in **Bellevue**.

And a huge thank you to all the workers who made this a great event: Friday and Saturday workers-**Jackie Dower**, **Dean & Candy Rezac**, **Al Rezac**, **Bob Lubsen**, **Coach Kevin O'Donnell**, **Coach Thomas Kearney**, **Julie Diehm**, **Mary Salcedo**, **Paul Kracher**, **Mike Roedel**, **Vic Riha**, **Evelyn Winther** and **Jeanne Patrick**. Saturday workers-**Jackie Casper**, **Mary Urkevich**, **Gail Granger**, **Judy Storm**, **Carole Safley**, **Judy Tesar**, **Zach Sanko**, **Jen Kracher**, **Dean Winther**, **Kay Ivey**, **Jerry & Jeanie Porterfield**, **Michael Roehr**, **Keith Roedel**, **Bev Riha**, **Rudy Tesar**, **Vera Crnkovich**, **Sue Collin**, **Julie Diehm**, **Shirley Benak**, **Nancy Shelton**, **Kathy Salcedo**, **Diane Atkins**, **Karen Wilson**, **Kellie Tuller**, **Mitzi O'Donnell**, **Margo Hathaway**, **Helene Elsasser**, **John Krayneski** and **Nellie MacCullum**. Student workers Saturday-**Mickey Fitzer**, **Maura Fitzer**, **Kyle Geko**, **Lexi Bobier**, **Collin Benson**, **Morgan Avila**, **Victoria Matter**, **Mary Pritchard**, **Michelle Orduna**, **Kenyar Quartec**, **Ellen Augustine**, **Mario Pinto**, **John Holzapfel**, **Brianna Beauford**, **Emily McGuire**, **Samantha Soukup**, **Maria Cubilla**, **Angel Jacinto**, **Angelica Particia**, **Allison Remijio**, **Abbey Fields**, **Sierra Fields**, **Mario Remijio**, **Daisy Mercado**, **Mavisol Mercado**, **Tristyn Appel**, **Anna Farnsworth**, **Anssa Hansen**, **Tyra Tyler** and **McKenzie Teeter**.

2014 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

By Denny Koubsky-1961

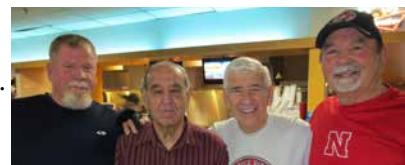
Nearly 80 bowlers joined in the fun at Mockingbird Lanes on 4-16-14. SHS teacher Rick Benak brought along 15 other teachers this year. Over 20 prizes were raffled, some of which were made by our alumni. **Joe Sporcic-1956** made a wooden cross game. **Joan (Novak) Welch-1961** made two decorated brick door stops, and Ron Welch made a wooden welcome sign. Wine and tee shirts were donated by alumni along with ball caps and shirts donated by the Alumni office. Gift certificates were donated by Mockingbird Lanes, Kelly's Bowling Store, Firebirds Restaurant, Red Lobster Restaurant, Bonefish Grill, and Performance Toyota. *We thank all our donors!*

Anne Hendricks led the women bowlers this year with high series of 557 and high games 2 and 3 with scores of 185 and 223 respectively. Alissa Vanderpool had the high score of 208 in game one. **Joe Sporcic** had the first game high score for the men with a 234, while T. J. Atkins had high series of 715

and games of 279 and 265 for the winning scores in games 2 and 3.

Thanks to Denny Koubsky and

Chris Saklar, co-chairs of this event, and to workers Nadine Saklar, Snooky Campagna and Judi Koubsky. Congratulations to all and thank you for helping us raise scholarship funds for SHS students. Hope to see you next year. Bring your family and friends!



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Description	Sizes (circle)	Color	Price	Total
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SHSAA with Bull Hat			White	
"S" Hat	Baseball hat with red 'S' embroidered on it.	One Size	Red	\$15.00
			Black	\$15.00
T-Shirts (short-sleeved)				
"SOB"	Short-sleeve screen-printed t-shirt with SOB (in white on red and red on white) & 'South Omaha Boy' in black below.	S M L XL 2X 3X	Red White	\$13.00
Alumni	Red short-sleeve screen-printed t-shirt with Packer bull logo and Omaha South Alumni in white.	S M L XL 2X 3X	Red	\$13.00
Alumni-round logo	Short-sleeve screen-printed t-shirt (red, black or gray) with round SHSAA design.	S M L XL 2X 3X	Red Black Gray	\$13.00
Alumni, Packer Pride	Red short-sleeve screen-printed t-shirt with Packer Pride Omaha South Alumni across the chest.	M L XL 2X 3X	Red Black	\$13.00
Sweatshirts				
Crewneck Sweatshirt	Crewneck sweatshirt with 'Omaha South High Alumni' embroidered across the chest.	S 2X M 2X M 2X	Red	\$30.00
		M 3X L XL		\$35.00
		3X	Grey	\$30.00
		L XL		\$35.00
		XL	Black	\$30.00
		2X 3X		\$35.00
Other Items				
Koozie	Red collapsible koozie with white SHSAA logo.	One Size	Red	\$1.00
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BOARD REPORT

by Judi Koubsky
Secretary



The **2014 Hall of Fame** brunch will be held 10-4-14 at the Livestock Exchange Building at 10 a.m. The **Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame** will be held at Anthony's Steakhouse on 10-22-14. All are invited to both of these important events honoring the accomplishments of our alumni. Reservations are required in advance so call or e-mail the office in this regard. Please nominate worthy candidates for these honors. Forms are on our website, OmahaSouthAlumni.com, or we would be glad to mail you a form at your request.

We were pleased to receive a fireworks license for the first time this year. We teamed with Benson High School to sell fireworks at Garden Ridge store at 12990 West Center Road after purchasing a Charity License. The promoter paid all city licensing fees and insurance costs. He provided the tents and hired staffers. We received 5% of the gross sales and Benson received 5%. Check our website, Facebook or Twitter link for exciting news such as this. We understand 270,000 flyers were distributed throughout Omaha about the Black Cat fireworks stand. Did you see one?

We also participated in **Omaha Gives!** for the first time this year. Packers were invited to make donations to the Omaha Community Foundation (directed to benefit SHSAA) on 5-21-14 starting at midnight. Random prizes were given throughout the period to reward participants. The amount

each charity received was based on a percentage of all of the funds collected during that 24-hour period plus nearly 95% of all the funds specified by donors for us. We received over \$1,000 during our first year participating in this event. We'll post this on our website next year and we hope you will consider donating any amount so we will receive more matching funds.

Our spring events included our **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** and the **Bowling Tournament** fundraisers. The **Golf Tournament** was held at Tregaron on Sunday, 7-20-14.

Please contact the office regarding payment of your dues, donations, clothing purchases, tickets to events, or if you can help with any of our events. Exciting news – we are now set up to accept charge and debit cards for your dues, ticket and clothing purchases and donations. PayPal is always available on our website for all financial transactions. We are very thankful for **any** help you can provide, as are the students and teachers of SHS. We will publish a list of members and new donors in a future issue. (We are sorry we were unable to include the list in this TOOTER.) Please continue to share ideas and encouragement and any time you can spare with us. We appreciate your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi (Clark) Koubsky
Secretary

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SHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to:

Organize, develop and build a dynamic group of Alumni. Promote the success of SHS, its students and faculty through a variety of events, projects and scholarships.

2014 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships totaling \$9 million were awarded to SHS students at the 5-7-14 Honors and Awards night in the school theater. Thank you to our generous alumni funding these scholarships to educate our future leaders! We couldn't do it without you! Your Alumni Association awarded the following scholarships totaling \$27,000.

\$1,500 Margie Krakowski Speck Scholarships to Yahaira Gonzalez and Gary Westbrook; **\$1,000 Shane Kielion Memorial Scholarship** to Kevin Harkins; **\$1,500 Mudra Family Scholarship** to Makenzie Bergelt; **\$1,000 Siderewicz Family Scholarship** to Cheyenne Stillinger; **\$1,000 Jerry Rodriguez Scholarship** to Dane La; **\$1,000 Lt. Gen. Leo J. Dulacki Scholarship** to Icel Davila; **\$1,500 Judy Henggeler Spohr Scholarship** to Andrew Riesenber; **\$1,000 Judy Henggeler Spohr**

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to Kaitlin Vickers; **\$1,000 Fern Watanabe**

Scholarships to Adriana Carlos-Santos and Wah Lah;

\$1,500 Steve Cavlovic Scholarship to Christian Escobar; **\$1,000 Class of 1963 Scholarship**

to Nyabuony Gatvoch; **\$1,000 Centennial Golf Scholarships** to Miracle Northcutt and Edith Yasmin Gonzalez-Barragan; **\$1,500 SHS Alumni**

Association Scholarship to Niko Rangel; **\$1,000 SHS Alumni Association Scholarships** to Yenises Morga, Annel Mendoza, Susana Lopez, Janette Alvarado,

Skarley Gonzalez, Seven Four and Shelby Riggs.

THANK YOU NOTE FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

I am a recipient of the Lt. Gen. Leo J. Dulacki scholarship and I would like to express my gratitude for being selected. I greatly appreciate your support and I promise you your investment in my education will not be a mistake. At Iowa State University I will

excel in my studies, become active on campus and in the community. I will seize opportunities, work hard and persevere to put myself in a position of success and ensure a fruitful career. Once again, thank you.

Icel Davila

THANK YOU TOOTER WORKERS

We had a short deadline to tab and label the Spring 2014 TOOTER for mailing, but these hard working alumni and friends did it in record time! Dean & Candy Rezac, Bob Lubsen, Jackie Dower, Judy Storm, Gail Granger, Betty Rubek, Nancy Shelton,

Shirley Benak, Mary Salcedo, Paul Kracher, Al Rezac, Dean & Evelyn Winther, Jaya Winther, Linda Moore, Nate, Sophie and Emma Limas, Tom & Diane Atkins, Wayne & Chris Woodard, Mary Urkevich, and Denny & Judi Koubsky. *Great job!*

2014 GOLF OUTING— A GREAT EVENT

Another successful Packer Greats Golf Outing was held on Sunday 7-20-14 at Tregaron Golf Course. The 32 teams showed up bright and early to collect their “goodie bags,” buy their mulligans and raffle tickets, and head out to the course for the 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. BIG thanks to all the golfers, hole sponsors, and raffle prize donors. Thanks to tournament volunteers: Carole Safley, Mary Urkevich, Judy Storm, Gail Granger, Jen Kracher, Sharon Kracher, Scott Knudsen and Paul Kracher (our photographer) for creating a very successful outing. All money raised from this event will be used for teacher grants and scholarships. Tournament winners were: **FLIGHT ONE-1st place:** Michael Hall, Dan Trombla, Denny Koubsky and Rick Koubsky; **2nd place:** Tony Venditte, Tony Venditte Jr, Jason Holken and Scott Peterson; **FLIGHT TWO-1st place:** Laurie Negrete-Bobier and Mario Remejio; **2nd place –** Tom Kalasky, Ken Kalasky, Jerry Kalasky and Guy Williamson. **Pin Prize** winners were: #2-Closest 2nd Shot: Jesse Brown; #5-Closest to Pin 1st Shot: Pat Linson; #6-Longest Putt: Andy Hunter; #7-Longest Drive in Fairway: Kyle Stanek; #9-Longest Putt: Mike Meinke; #11-Closest 2nd Shot: Ryan Frank; #12-Closest to Pin 1st Shot: Ron Krayneski; #15– Ladies Only 1st Shot: Sue Krayneski; #17-Closest 3rd Shot: Andy Hunter; #18-Longest Putt: John Devaney.

Next year's golf outing is set for Sunday, 7-19-15 at Tregaron. Keep the date open. Carole and her crew will start working on next year's event. Hope to see you then!

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

A luncheon was held at Eddie's Café in South Omaha on 6-14-14 to say farewell and thank you to retiring principal Cara Riggs (who has moved to California) and to Dave and Carol Van Metre (who have moved to Colorado). *We salute all three individuals for having such a positive impact on the community and SHS!*




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SOUTH OMAHA, IT'S ALL ABOUT PATRIOTISM & HEROES!

By SHS Friend Randy Lukasiewicz

South Omaha was built on diversity, hard work, strong faith and families, community pride and patriotism. Patriotism and Heroes were the themes on Memorial Day 2014 at Brown Park. **Dr. Carl Buda-1938**, 92 years young and the last living player from the 1939 McDevitts Legion team, was honored at the 42nd Annual Collin-Orcutt High School All-Star game. More than 400 attendees witnessed the ceremony of two color guards, SHS

ROTC and American Legion Post 331. Music was played honoring all branches of the military. Ceremonial pitches by **Buddy Hunter-1965** and John Morse (Benson 1953) recognized legendary coaches Cornie Collin-SHS and Scotty Orcutt-Benson. Kate Smith's *God Bless America* was played during the 7th inning stretch. The game was certainly as exciting as the program. *Thanks, Randy, for the report!*

ROSENBLATT LIVES IN SOUTH OMAHA

Brown Park - John Stella, Joe Smejkal, Dave Van Metre and **Steve Cavlovic** worked with Omaha City Parks Director Brook Bench, OPS Athletic Director Bob Danenhauer and the Omaha Zoo Foundation to reuse Rosenblatt materials at the park. Most recognized are the seats, the memorial plaque honoring local ballplayers who died fighting in WWII, and a plaque dedicating Municipal Stadium (later renamed Rosenblatt). Brown Park also sports a J. Doe ballplayer sculpture and an oversized concrete baseball. We have a Rosenblatt pitching mound tarp, a batting cage net and two L-shaped screens for infield practice.

Cavlovic Field and H.P. Smith Field Youth Softball Complexes inherited Rosenblatt seats and field grooming equipment.

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OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS CAVLOVIC

1951-Steve Cavlovic will be inducted into the OPS Sports Hall of Fame on 11-22-14 at the Champions Club banquet. *We hope many will attend this event to honor Steve's memory.*

So You Think You Know South Omaha?

(Check our Website SouthOmahaAlumni.com for the Answers to this Quiz)

1. What was the original name of South Omaha?
2. Name the four big packinghouses in South Omaha.
3. On what night would the livestock trucks line up on L Street?
4. How much would you receive when you turned in a completed Phillips stamp book?

ALUM Notes



1930-Mary (Kanger) Yeshnowski celebrated her 100th birthday with a party at Fox Run Golf Course in Council Bluffs on 3-29-14, two days after she turned 100. Most of her family, including nieces and nephews, came from California. 170 family and friends attended. Mary's daughters also organized a card shower for her. Mary's family consists of 12 children, 40 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

One of her sons is **Richard**

Yeshnowski-1959. Happy belated centennial birthday! You share your longevity with seven other classmates.

1931-Antoinette (Jaksich)

Merwald of Omaha celebrated her 100th birthday on 3-29-14. Her family posted this greeting in the *OW-H*: "Happy Birthday Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma, from your four children and their spouses, 10 grandchildren and their spouses, and eight great-grandchildren. You are an inspiration to us all!" *We join your family in wishing you a Happy Birthday!*

1931-Mary (Klostermeyer) Goette of Papillion celebrated her 100th birthday in March, 2014. She grew up near 16th and Vinton Streets. *It is quite an honor to wish you well during such a special birthday year!*

1932-Frances J. (Olderog)

Petersen will celebrate her 100th birthday in September 2014. Longevity runs in the family. *Her older sister, Gertrude (Olderog) Hufford-1927, lived until she was 105 years old. Happy Birthday!*

1932-Marie E. (Spicka) Doll

of Salmon, ID celebrated her 100th birthday on 3-29-14. After graduating from SHS, she attended nurses' training before working as a model. She also worked for Union Pacific Railroad and was a Red Cross volunteer. She married Frank Doll in 1944 and they had two sons. They moved to the beautiful Salmon River near Challis, ID in 1960 where Frank later died at the Veterans Home. Marie cleans, restores, and adds bright bows to teddy bears and other stuffed animals, which she gives to the local EMTs, two county sheriffs'

departments, medical clinics, and veterans homes to be used as a source of comfort. She is known by many as the "Teddy Bear Lady" because she has donated several thousand refurbished teddy bears and stuffed animals over the years. Marie has been very active in the local Senior Citizens group, treasurer of her church and a 50-year member of Eastern Star. Her friends say she is generous with her friendly smile and loves playing pinochle, bridge and bingo. *Thank you for the update and happy belated birthday!*

1933-Harold Janoff of Laguna Woods, CA wrote: "I recently received a copy of the TOOTER. I was 16 at SHS and 97 now. Could I be the sole survivor of that class? My wife and I are retired in the former 'Leisure World' in California. I still remember the Omaha of that time." *Harold, you have 19 other classmates from your class.*

1936-Lt. Gen. Leo J. Dulacki was selected as an OPS A+ Alumnus in the OPS newsletter. This is quite an honor since individuals are selected from among OPS graduates of all high schools. They cited his outstanding education, military career, and awards he received. He was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 2013. *Congratulations!*

1937-Ed Sobczyk returned to Europe the week of 4-20-14 to commemorate a tragedy in the run-up to D-Day. His Army unit was rehearsing at Devon, England at a place called Slapton Sands for the planned landing later at Utah Beach since the beaches were similar. However, a German E-boat discovered them and fired torpedoes which struck three of the ships, killing 749 servicemen. This incident was dubbed *Exercise Tiger*, and it was classified and not to be disclosed. Ed and two of his fellow soldiers rescued dozens of GIs from the English Channel and onto another ship. They were to receive medals for their actions, but secrecy precluded any such action. His regiment invaded Utah Beach a month later. Before his current planned return trip to England, Ed received 11 medals including a Combat Infantry Badge, a Bronze Star, another Purple Heart, and a WWII Victory Medal from U.S. Rep. Lee Terry. Ed was a former Boys Town postmaster and a longtime

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College World Series ticket-seller. He grew up at 30th and Vinton Streets. *Congratulations for receiving your long-awaited medals, thank you for your service, and we hope you'll update us regarding your return to England.*

1938-Eleanor (Reynolds) Leach of Portland, OR wrote: "Dear Friends, It's always so great to get the TOOTER. I enjoy all the news of SHS even though there aren't many people still around from my class. Since I've moved to Oregon after 70 wonderful years of living in Los Angeles, I've realized Portland reminds me of Omaha. It's beautiful and I like it although I do miss the California sunshine a lot. I moved to Portland to be near my daughter who lives here. Thank you for keeping the TOOTER going. Your work is appreciated." *Thank you for your kind words, and we hope you enjoy your new home!*

1941-Nancy A. (Fucinaro) Rembolt of Kingman, AZ wrote: "Dear Tooter Committee, I celebrated my 90th birthday this past April with family from Washington, Colorado and California, which was a surprise to me, and topped it off with a trip to good 'ole' Nebraska in July. I continue my work of volunteering for many years with the local Cancer Care Unit and St. Vincent's Society. I also do water exercising and art painting. I truly enjoy reading the TOOTER, and thank you for it. My younger sisters are **Loretta "Lorry" (Fucinaro) Gomez-1942** and **Louise (Fucinaro) Galloway-1946**. Happy belated birthday! Thanks for the update, and for your kind comment!

1941-Joseph Miklas is known to many as "a special guy." He turned 90 on 8-10-13. Joe would enjoy hearing

from friends. His address is 12856 Deauville Dr., Room #308, Omaha, NE 68137. His family published this note to him: "Thanks for being such a great dad, grandpa and great-grandpa. We love you, 'Papa Joe!' With much love from the Miklases, Pillars and Ryans." *Congratulations and we hope you receive lots of mail!*

1941-Marjorie (Tourek)

Charnquist of Van Nuys, CA wrote: "Thanks for sending the TOOTER. I really enjoy hearing about how well South High grads are doing." *Glad you enjoy it – keep the news coming in, classmates!*

1942-Loretta "Lorry" (Fucinaro) Gomez

Gomez celebrated her 90th birthday with her family in April 2014. She and her husband **John-1942** have five sons and daughters-in-law, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. *Happy Birthday!*

1943-Verlon and Margaret

(Ostronic) Allen-1945 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 9-26-13 at Piccolo Pete's. Vern is a retired steamfitter from Local Union 464. *Congratulations!*

1945-Jesse Hofmann of Norman, OK reminiscing about his classmate,

Al Shoehigh-1945, who died last year. He said that Al left school early (as many did) to serve his country in the US Navy submarine service. After the war, he settled in Hawaii, established an insurance office, and he was very successful. His residence was in Aiea, a suburb of Honolulu. (I have been told that Aiea is the only city in the U.S. whose name contains only vowels). On several occasions, Al came to Omaha for 1945 class reunions. Our first trip to Hawaii was in the fall of 1995. We contacted Al, and he was the most gracious host! Over the next dozen or so years, we visited Hawaii seven or eight times and usually saw Al and met his lovely wife. Also, Jesse said he is still a Husker at heart...and...GO PACKERS! *Thanks for sharing your memories with us!*

1945-Stan J. Schultz served in

the Navy during WWII and Korea. He witnessed the signing of Japan's unconditional surrender aboard the USS Missouri while the USS Iowa was standing by. He was married to Bette Beavers (a Benson Bunny) for 61 years. She died in 2008. He wrote: "I am 87 and still kicking. I was in Omaha last year and could not believe the new

football stadium - great job!" *Thanks for the update!*

1947-John Kaluza, Jr. and his wife, Dorothy (Vampola), celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on 2-12-14 with their family. They have six children, 18 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. John retired from the Omaha Police Department. They are long-time members of St. Bridget's Catholic Church. *Congratulations!*

1948-Frank A. and Dorothy

(Chadnick) Mixan-1951 celebrated their 60th anniversary on 10-10-13. They celebrated their anniversary with Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church and a family dinner. *Congratulations!*

1948-John Wiren sent this poem titled "Home" dedicated to SHS Alums: A long way I have traveled and lived on foreign strands

And seen the sights that could be seen away on distant lands
And what I've seen and where I've been were pleasant you can be sure
And one might ask to compare the lot of those sights of mystic allure.
Well I can say that I liked them all from here to far thee roam
But a better sight I've yet to see is the place that I call home. *Thanks, John, and so true!*

1949-Raymond Kempnich and his wife, Elaine (Sudyka), celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during Mass at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church. Their family hosted a breakfast following the services. *Congratulations!*

1949-Ben and Josephine Letak

celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a private dinner in the couple's honor. They married at Assumption Catholic Church on 2-20-54. They have six children, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. *Congratulations!*

1949-Antony "Tony" Tasich

resides in Springfield, MO with his wife Roberta. They celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on 7-31-14. They started a business on 4-1-74 and are celebrating 40 years in Anton's Coffee Shop, the longest-running-single-owner, independent restaurant in Springfield, MO. *Double congratulations!*

1949-Lou Worm and his wife, Nancy (Barlett), celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house on 7-12-14 at the First Presbyterian Church

in Bellevue. Lou retired from Bellevue Public Schools and Nancy retired from the OW-H. *Congratulations!*

1951-Jerry R. Ourada of Sioux

Falls, SD spent his entire career in the telephone industry, retiring from ATT/Lucent Technologies in 1991 after 40 years of service. He has spent his retirement coaching, volunteering for his church, the credit union and the Sioux Falls, SD Police Department. He and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 7-4-13 with their six children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Jerry celebrated his 80th birthday in November 2013. *Thanks for the update and lots of congratulations!*

1951-Dolores G. Peterson of

Omaha wrote: "I was born 4-19-33, the same day, year and month as Jayne Mansfield. In 1947, I graduated from St. Mary's Grade School at 36th & Q Streets. I played the trumpet in the SHS band, graduating in January 1951. I also played the piano and accordion in "Tony Lucina's All Girl Band" in 1950 and played at Sokol and over the radio at KSWI Council Bluffs on Sundays, playing mostly polkas. I have been a stenographer for about 15 years at various offices. I became a real-estate agent and worked for 30 years for various brokers. Mr. Phil Breton from Saskatchewan, Canada, a piano player, was my partner for 46 years in the rooming houses." *Thanks for the update!*

1952-John "Jack" Kozlik celebrated his 80th birthday on 5-7-14. His family sent him greetings in an OW-H article. *Happy Birthday, Jack!*

1954-Dolores M. (Kucirek) Semin donated \$1,000 for SHS scholarships. *Thank you for your generosity!*

1955-Fred A. Adams of Tucson, AZ

is the author of a detective novel titled *Blackbird Shouts*. He wrote that "it's been 58 years since I graduated from South and a lot has happened in that time - both historically and personally. I spent 29 days in the hospital in May and lost 40 pounds due to just intravenous feeding. Now I look like a skinny old man. I wonder why? But son of a gun, I'm up walking, talking and typing. **Joe Waskel-1955** and I joined the Army in 1956 after looking for better things to do and not finding them. I received a lot of electronic engineering training over the years and went to work for Hughes Aircraft and repaired fire control

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systems for our F102 fighter jets flying in Vietnam. Then I returned to work in California and helped put the first soft lander, The Surveyor, on the moon. My life has been good, and I owe a lot to the start I got in Omaha at Ashland Park Grade School, SHS, and Commercial Radio and TV school. I have three children from a previous marriage and two children from my present marriage, grown up and producing grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My wife, Marilyn, takes good care of me and tries to keep me in line; usually she does very well. Good luck and good wishes to all." *Congratulations on the novel and thanks for the update!*

1955-Duane Alstadt wrapped up a journalism career that began as sports editor of the *SHS TOOTER* in 1954. During his tenure, the TOOTER earned top honors in the Omaha market, thus besting perennial leaders Benson and Central. He credits teacher Margaret McMartin and editors **Jeanne (Barton) Giles-1954** and **Sandra Day-1955** for the honors received. Duane retired as editor/publisher of the *Nebraska Bowler* after 36 years of service. During the last two years, the trade paper was the oldest continuing such effort in the United States. *Congratulations for your successful career, and we hope you enjoy your retirement.*

1956-Joe and Margie (Bealer) Meschede celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on 3-5-14. *Congratulations!*

1957-Lois (Lindstrom) Nemecek played a bit part in the movie *Nebraska*. She was part of a couple in the restaurant scene. *How exciting – congratulations!*

1957-Don and Anne (Barna) Ostronic celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 2-1-14 with a family dinner at Biaggi's in Omaha. They will also celebrate with a family vacation at a later date. Don retired from the *OW-H*, and Anne retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital. *Congratulations!*

1957-Norma J. (Slump) Goble donated 1956 and 1957 yearbooks. *We have a wonderful archive collection thanks to people like you. Thank you so much!*

1958-Angelo Perry wrote that "65 classmates and friends gathered at Brewsky's Sports Bar on 6-6-13 for

fun and reminiscing. There were no nametags, so some of us had to re-introduce ourselves. This did not disrupt the evening in any way. Everyone had a grand time and decided at our age we should not wait five years for another reunion. So at 6 p.m. on 6-12-14 we got together again at Brewsky's in Ralston." *How fun and let us know of future gatherings!*

1958-Larry and Betty (Zezulak) Rischling-1959 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 4-26-14 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Omaha at a party hosted by their children. Larry retired from OPPD. *Congratulations!*

1959-Joan (Cronican) Ulrich and her husband, Ron, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family. They have four children and nine grandchildren. Their family sent this message: "Congratulations, Mom and Dad/ Grandma and Grandpa! We love you and wish you many more years of happiness and joy." *Congratulations!*

1959-Tom and Julie (Vomacka) Dunn-1961 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 6-20-14 with family and friends. *Congratulations!*

1959-Fran (Mikovec) Rhoades and her husband, Tim, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary at a dinner on 2-28-14 with their family. *Congratulations!*

1959-Victor and Irene (Turek) Palma-1963 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 2-1-14 with Mass at Assumption Catholic Church. A reception and dinner hosted by their family followed at Cascio's Steakhouse with family and friends. *Congratulations!*

1959-Judith J. (Henggeler) Spohr of Burbank CA wrote: "All you wonderful people, here is my check for your scholarship fund. Thank you all for your hard work to keep the SHS alumni in contact with our alma mater. You are appreciated!" *And we appreciate your kind words and continuing financial support!*

1959-Jelena H. (Shuput) Fritsch of Aurora, CO wrote: "Dear friends, Thank you for the work you do! We were able to attend the spaghetti dinner this year, had a great time - amazing event. Thank you." *Glad you were in town and thanks for the kind words!*

1960-Jim Collin had hip replacement surgery in early June and is looking

forward to a quick return to the golf course. *We wish you a speedy recovery!*

1960-Joseph Hulbert and his wife Susan celebrated their 50th anniversary on 12-28-13. *Congratulations!*

1960-Carolyn (Reynek) Murphy and her husband, Charlie, were featured in an *OW-H* "How We Met" series article on 5-24-14. They met at a dance at Omaha's Sokol Hall in May 1963. Since she always wanted to marry someone whose first name started with a "C" (so she could name their children also with "C" names), she took notice of his perfect name. She worked at an Omaha insurance company, and he worked at a lumber yard company and lived on his family's Weeping Water farm. They had a lot in common, including being Irish Catholics, and they began dating. Arrangements for their dates were made through his uncle's phone which was a mile from the farm. They married on 5-23-64 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Omaha. Carolyn and Charlie renewed their vows and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the same date their daughter got married this year. They did name each child (and their dog) with "C" names. Carolyn commented that she would describe her life as "contented!" *Congratulations on a great story and 50 years of contentment!*

1960-Norman and Alyce (Harder) Rockwell-1964 of Randolph, NE celebrated their golden anniversary on 7-3-14. *Congratulations!*

1960-Ralph "Mac" McCarty and his wife, Dianna (Stevens), celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 4-26-14 at Disabled American Veterans Hall in Omaha. The dinner was hosted by their family. Also attending were their best man Frank Ricceri and maid of honor **Carmela (Hembert) Brooks-1963**. *Congratulations!*

1961-Denny and Judi (Clark) Koubsky cruised to Cobh, Ireland; Cherbourg, France (to see Normandy and Omaha Beach); Bruges, Belgium; and London, England with family and friends in May. They spent three days touring London before flying home and said they had a great time. *Thanks for the update!*

1961-Linda (Bednar) and Subby Nigro (our Prom Queen and King) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 10-5-13 in Las Vegas. *Congratulations!*



1961-Margaret Sova traveled to China in June and saw many wonderful sights. She said that, "The best part of the trip was meeting my China family in Xi'an. I met Beth in 2005 when I was teaching English in Zhuhai, China. She was polishing her English prior to working on her Ph.D. in microbiology in Shanghai. Over the years we kept in touch. She married Junrui who has a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering, and they had a baby girl born on my birthday, July 21. Her name is Boxin (almost 2 years old). Her English name is Margaret, and I'm her auntie/godmother. How precious is that! So I finally met Boxin for the first time as well as her grandma and grandpa. Our family time together was so wonderful." *Thanks for sharing the story of little Boxin/Margaret!*

1962-Emilia (Chavez) Saphore of Youngstown, OH wrote: "Dear Alumni Association, Thank you for finding me in Ohio where we moved two months ago!" *Enjoy your new home and keep in touch!*

1962-Kathleen (Hargis) Nunn and her husband Mike of Longmont, CO celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the Big Island of Hawaii in December 2013. They spent four weeks there with their oldest son who owns a plantation bed and breakfast. While there, their younger son (also from Longmont), his wife and their two children (6 and 12 years old) pulled off a huge surprise and magically appeared on the beach one day. They all enjoyed celebrating the anniversary and Thanksgiving week together. *Congratulations!*

1963- Barb (Boettcher) Griel's family donated Barb's SHS memorabilia to the Alumni Association. *Thank you so much!*



1963-Marlin Briscoe was a member of the Miami Dolphins football team invited to the White House to be honored for the team's 1972 undefeated season. Theirs was the only NFL team in history to win all games in a season. Briscoe was All-Pro and scored four touchdowns in the 1972 season. He also was the first

black quarterback to start in modern pro football. Marlin was on a *60 Minutes Sports* program about black quarterbacks. When he met President Obama, he was surprised when the President acknowledged that he had seen the segment and called Marlin "a trailblazer!" Marlin left a copy of the book that he wrote titled *The First Black Quarterback* with a White House aide asking that the President sign it and return it to him. In his 8-23-13 story about the presidential visit, *OW-H* writer Dirk Chatelain wondered if the President will read it before mailing it back. *We hope so and congratulate you and wish you the best of luck in the future!*

Footnote: Marlin appeared at the Union Pizzeria and Sports Bar on Cuming Street on 4-23-14 in an event sponsored by the Durham Museum regarding his role as a pioneer in the civil rights movement and American sports. He also appeared at SHS the following day to address students in the gymnasium. The Alumni Association has placed on display at SHS the following items: Marlin's Denver Bronco's football jersey; framed copies of the *OW-H* story cited above as well as a *New York Times* story about the impact he had as the first black quarterback in the NFL. *Thank you for returning to Omaha and SHS! Watch for future news regarding the pending movie about Marlin's life.*

1963-Dean and Candy (Fahey) Rezac celebrated the 3-14-14 wedding of their son, Jason, to Maureen McMahon at St. John's Catholic Church on the Creighton University campus. The reception was held at Scoular Ballroom. *Congratulations to all!*

1963-Lillian (Riha) Cabiness and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Mahoney State Park on 6-29-14 with family and friends. *Congratulations!*

1963-Denny Schmidt and his wife, Karen, were featured in a 5-3-14 *OW-H How We Met* series. Karen was working at A&W South Omaha Drive-In and came to Denny's car to take his order. He flirted with her and asked about her co-worker. She told him that gal was not his type. He stopped back just about every day to see her and asked if she'd go out with him. Finally she agreed, and they went to a drive-in movie. They started seeing each other on a regular basis, and some of her friends at Ryan High School thought he was a student

since he was always around. They fell in love and married in 1964 at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in Omaha. They bought a house in South Omaha and moved a couple more times before moving to Springfield where they now reside. They have two sons and five grandchildren. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 6-6-14. Karen said, "He sure turned out to be my kind of guy." *Congratulations – how fun to read your story!*



1963-nellie (sudavicius) macullum was featured in the *March/April 2014 Encounter* magazine. The *Encounter* is a bi-monthly magazine dedicated to the vibrant culture of Downtown Omaha (the Old Market, NoDo, and SoDo), Midtown Omaha, and the Riverfront. nellie, a principal in the Galen & nellie advertising agency, designed the artwork scrawled on the east and west walls of the Riley Building at 1016 Douglas Street in 1982. nellie said she researched ideas at the Durham Museum and Omaha Public Library archives, turn-of-the-century Omaha telephone books and old ads. She cleaned up the artwork already in place and added other original ideas. The wall is an icon in downtown Omaha, especially the vintage "Omaha" often photographed. She is currently marketing director of *Shakespeare on the Green*. *We are glad this piece of history has been recorded and congratulate our Hall of Famer, nellie, for another triumph in her outstanding creative career.*

1964 50th Class Reunion was held on 6-6-14 at the Field Club of Omaha and on 6-7-14 at the Comfort Inn. The Grease Band provided the music on Friday night and as always was superb. The video was an indescribable walk down memory lane! Special thanks to the Committee, all the guests, and to everyone who made this such a special reunion! *Thank you, Betty (Parish) Stern for your report!*

1964-Helen (Teply) Malzacher of Sun Prairie, WI sent information about her family and her brother, **Vernon Teply-1967**, who died in 2013 of a heart attack. She said he liked to say he was a "bo-hunk" because of his Czech heritage. Their father's grandparents emigrated from Czechoslovakia, paying for their passage with apricot brandy. Their mother's grandfather fought with the French in WWII,

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which earned the family passage to America to escape religious persecution. Vernon was legally blind at age 15 from diabetes, but laser technology restored 100% vision in one eye and 80% in the other. He was among the first to use an insulin pump with the aid of a computer to make adjustments. He put together a motorcycle and made a career, starting at age 13, of repairing motorcycles. He graduated from UNO with a Construction Engineering degree and enjoyed a distinguished career. He received the UNO *2010 Engineering Alumnus of the Year Award*. He married and had two daughters. One grandson was born shortly after his death. *Helen, thank you for providing such interesting information regarding your family and your brother, and deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

1965-Linda P. (Meyer) Krider of Palm Coast, FL wrote: "To the TOOTER: My husband Vern (a South High Wannabe) and I really enjoy the TOOTER. Y'all do a great job. We live happily by the ocean with our six cats, two pups and a parrot in a relatively rural and private area right by Marineland. We are just south of St. Augustine and north of Daytona Beach. There are lots of visitors (tourists) but virtually never a Nebraska license plate." *Sounds lovely – thanks for the update and hope some Nebraskans make their way to Florida someday!*

1967-Sharon (Armbrust) Zadina wrote: "Great job putting the TOOTER together! I have such fond memories of my years at South, as well as all four of my children who also graduated from South: **Stephanie (Johnson) Bryant-1986, Jeffrey Johnson-1988, Melanie (Zadina) Hoffmann-1995, and Ryan Zadina-1997.** Now that I am retired, I enjoy sitting down and reading the TOOTER from beginning to end. Keep up the good work!" *Thanks for the kind words and glad you are all Packers!*



1967-Diane (Galloway) Battiatto won the primary election to lead the new combined office of the Douglas County Assessor and Register of Deeds.

She is unopposed in the general election and is looking forward to transitioning to the newly combined department. *Congratulations!*

1967-Ron Garofolo donated a 1940 SHS yearbook that belonged to his father, **Sam.** *Thank you so much for your donation!*

1967-Janet Stewart, a Fremont attorney, won the Democrat's primary for Nebraska attorney general. She formerly worked for Mutual of Omaha. *We wish you the best of luck in the November elections!*

1971-George Dare has produced and recorded several wonderful YouTube videos to touch our lives and hearts. The link to his new safety song for kids "I'll be Wearing My Helmet" is <http://youtu.be/VThfUZeF5yg> The link to "No More Bullies" is <http://youtu.be/SWYdqKPpo3I> Link to George's song honoring the military and their dogs at <http://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=GPAClgClj4E> and last but not least, link to a touching "I Love You Dad" song sung by Maureen Page that George wrote, arranged and videotaped at http://youtu.be/679eil64Q_g *George, thank you for sharing these creative links with our fellow alumni.*

1972-Ann Marie (Bera) Botdorf donated nine SHS yearbooks that she found in a secondhand store. *Thank you for thinking of us and adding to our archives!*

1973-Rick Plymale is a disabled Army veteran due to a knee injury he suffered during jungle training preparing for mobilization to Vietnam. He lives near Atlanta, GA with his wife of 26 years and is now medically retired from law enforcement after 17 years of service. He was wounded four times in the line of duty and one incident was nearly fatal. After that retirement, he joined a law firm as a trained paralegal and criminal trial investigator for eight years and is now permanently retired. *We hope you enjoy your retirement, and we thank you for your service to America!*

1974-Angie (Shuput) Pryich of Rock Springs, WY wrote: "Dear Friends, Thank you for your continued and successful efforts to serve and support SHS, the students, teachers and alumni. As others have written, when the TOOTER arrives, I read it completely!" *We love that you read the TOOTER immediately and thank you for your nice note.*

1977-Alberto "Beto" Gonzales has joined the Omaha Police Department as a gang specialist. He was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 2012 for his outstanding work with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Omaha and at SHS deterring

gang involvement. He said he can relate to gang members and drug addicts as he escaped from that life as a young man. He is bilingual and said he will work to save one life at a time. *We congratulate you and wish you the best of luck in your new position!*

1978-Bill J. Baburek of Omaha was featured in a 2-9-14 OW-H article for his efforts to pay homage to Omaha's history of local breweries. He owns the Crescent Moon Ale House at 36th and Farnam Streets and is opening a new brewery called Infusion at 6115 Maple Street in Benson this year. He collected beer cans as a youth and learned about the history of breweries and how some of them survived Prohibition. His collection totals 2,000 beer cans, and he enjoys taking Omahans on beer odysseys from Kansas to Europe to visit breweries. He is past president of the Cornhusker Chapter of the Beer Can Collectors of America. He teaches a seven-week beer school at his package craft beer store, Beertopia. He also owns German-themed Huber Haus downstairs below the Crescent Moon Bar and Max & Joe's next door. *Congratulations for having a "beer empire" with your goal of five beer-themed establishments!*

1979-Dan Zongker and his brother Dennis were featured in the 2014 Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce member directory. The brothers own Zongkers Custom Furniture, which is celebrating its 25-year anniversary this year. The Chamber described it "as one of Omaha's best-kept secrets." The business is located in the heart of South Omaha in the Metz Brewery building on South Third Street. Dan said a woodworking class that he took at SHS led to his employment by a cabinet-maker upon graduation. His brother Dennis joined him in 1981. They formed the company in 1989 in their basements with Dan as vice-president and Dennis as president. One year later they moved to the Metz building, making custom furniture for homeowners, businesses and government offices. They said they have customers all over the world, even shipping to Japan. High school students tour the business to learn what a woodworking career would be like. The brothers also have judged woodworking student projects and taught woodworking classes. Dennis wrote a how-to book published by Taunton Press titled *Wood Boxes: Skill Building Techniques for Seven Unique Projects*. You can check out their work at www.zongkers.com. Employing eight

people, the business now has clients in 44 states. Dan works with clients to design projects. Dennis handles engineering, building and billing with today's technology to provide the company's Old World craftsmanship. *Congratulations on your success and on celebrating your 25th anniversary!*

1989-25th class reunion was held on 7-18-14. The Facebook page is Omaha South High Class of 1989 "Big" 25 Year Reunion. *Hope you had a good turnout!*

2011-Duol Myot was a 6'-5" forward basketball star at SHS and was featured in an *OW-H* article about him on 3-1-14. He is now playing for Northeastern College in Sterling, CO. The team has enjoyed a 27-3 record and a 6th place ranking heading into the Region IX tournament. He has led the team with 15 points and nine rebounds per game. After the junior college season ends this year, Duol will visit other Division 1 schools to decide where to finish his college career. *We wish you the best of luck. Duol!*

2011-Nyajuok Pal's high school diploma was ruined in a fire at Scott Village on the UNO campus, and her photo appeared in the *OW-H* with the ruined diploma. She said it was her most important possession because she was the first in her family to graduate from high school and attend college. Now retired principal Cara Riggs and UNO Chancellor John Christensen presented a replacement diploma to Pal as reported in an *OW-H* article and photo on 3-14-14. *So nice that a replacement diploma was possible!*

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UPDATES FROM TEACHERS WHO TOUCHED YOUR LIVES

Willis Brown, football coach and social studies teacher at SHS from 1951 to 1960 wrote, "I moved to California to help my son with health issues. I'm in good health. I wish my ex-students the best."

Bob Keister was assistant football coach, head wrestling and track coach, American History, Business Law and Bookkeeping teacher at SHS in the 1960s. He and his wife Carmen live in Winona, MN where they moved after he left SHS. He was honored to serve with Coach Cletus Fisher whom he called on for help when he was coaching football as assistant and then head coach for 14 years at Winona State University. He also was helped by Coach Tom Osborne. He retired from Winona State after

32 years. He said the young men and women he was honored to teach at SHS made him realize the goodness in young people, and the great ethics they showed. Also, he said the Packers in the 1960s had a student body that was superior in the city of Omaha. He says hello to all and wishes all present and past Packers a wonderful and fulfilling life. He is 80 years young and doing fine.

Joe Mancuso taught Physical Education and coached football, basketball, and baseball at SHS from 1987 to 1992. He has had varied and interesting career positions and is currently Instructor/Coordinator regarding Fire Service Management for the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

PARTY MIX RECIPE FROM THE SHS CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

Submitted by Mary Ann Knappenberger

2 cups Cheerios	1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 cups salted mixed nuts	2 cups Rice Chex
2 cups puffed rice	1 cup margarine, melted
2 cups thin pretzel sticks	2 cups Wheat Chex
2 cups puffed wheat	1/4 tsp. garlic salt

Mix ingredients together and bake in a very slow oven (250 degrees) for one hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Cool, serve and enjoy.

South High School Alumni Association's Annual **PACKER SPORTS GREATS** *Induction Banquet*

To recognize and honor former student-athletes, coaches, teams, and significant contributors for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to South's Athletic Program.

When: Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Where: Anthony's Steakhouse (72nd & F)

Time: 5:30pm Social Time (Cash Bar) | 7:00pm Plated Dinner

Cost: \$40 in advance / \$45 at the door

For questions or to purchase tickets call the SHS Alumni Office at 402-738-9493.
Go to www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com for more information.

MEMORIALS GIVEN

*Memorials were given in honor
and memory of the following:*

1939-Ann E. (Urek) Barry given by Denny and Judi Koubsky-**1961**.

1942-Raymond E. "Red" Nauslar, Jr. given by Pittenger & Anderson-Lincoln, NE, Marybell Avery, Stan Campbell, Denny and Judi Koubsky-**1961**, Jeff and Tami Davis Family, Scott and Suzi White Family.

1943-Fred Kudym given by his sister, Betty Vela-**1952**.

1945-Anne R. (Huch) Jensen given by her daughter Dianne & John F. Herzog, Alfred & Patricia Menghini, Michael & Gay Gill, Scott & Melinda Hester, James & Deborah Sterling, Patricia Sim, Ann Marie and **John W. Bowen-1958**, Daniel & Benita McVicker, Douglas & Paulette Rourke, Kenneth & Patricia Treinen, John & Lauren Hewitt.

1949-Robert V. Andersen given by his wife Mary A. (Wzorek) Andersen-**1955**.

1950-Steve Cavlovic given by Gerald & Janet Haney-**1954**.

1950-Charles R. Moore given by the Riha family.

1950-Woodson L. "Woody" Stovall given by his wife, Carol.

1951-Ron D. Patton given by Harold "Buddy"-**1965** and Lori (Roberts) Hunter-**1966**, Denny & Judi Koubsky-**1961**.

1951-Hector Vela given by his wife Betty Vela-**1952**.

1952-Joan (Mirasky) Bader given by Gerald and Janet (Mirasky) Haney-**1954**.

1954-Phyllis E. (Waldo) Sullivan given by Gerald and Janet (Mirasky) Haney-**1954**.

1957-Susan (Collins) Mahan given by Jack L. Corbin.

1960-Thomas E. Kinsella given by William-**1963** & Patricia (Kinsella) Greguras-**1964**, Eugene & Rita (Kinsella) Skutnik-**1974**, Denny & Judi Koubsky-**1961**.

1966-Sharon L. (Botos) Brenner given by Ed-**1965** & Julie (Riha) Diehm-**1966**.

1968-Amiel "Frank" Urban given by Joyce (Ogden) Mortensen-**1967**.

1970-James R. Young given by Duncan-**1970** and Rozanne Murphy, Denny & Judi Koubsky-**1961**.

Memorials for Friends of SHS:

Jack Langle, Sr. by his daughter Colleen (Langle) Moore-**1967**.

Duane Katz by his wife, Janet (Croppford) Katz-**1961**, and Denny & Judi Koubsky-**1961**.

In Memoriam

Memorial Prayer

Gone from us that smiling face,

The cheerful pleasant ways,

The heart that won so many friends

In bygone, happy days.

1927-Gertrude (Olderog) Hufford of Omaha died 6-25-14 at age 105. She began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse immediately after graduating from SHS. She spent the rest of her career teaching 3rd and 4th graders at Harrison Elementary School. She later taught Sunday school at Grace Lutheran Church. She was active in the church up until her death. Her son said she was all for "God, church, family, country, school."

1931-Audrey R. (Moore) Andersen of Linwood, NE died 2-28-14 at the age of 101.

1932-Marcella (Nepodal) Kozak of Omaha died 6-9-14.

1935-Emma (Chance) Steindl of Omaha died July 2013. She enjoyed the TOOTER.

1935-Oswald G. "Ozzie" Jeck of Omaha died 5-13-14. Ozzie was a WWII Army veteran and a Bronze Star recipient.

1935-Cecilla "Ceal" (Krajicek) Tourek of Plymouth, MN died 5-17-14. Preceded in death by husband Joseph-**1936**.

1935-Florence P. "Flo" (Thomas) Walsh of Omaha died 2-7-14. She played basketball and softball and was named Queen of Athletics her senior year. After graduation she worked at Metropolitan Drug Store in downtown Omaha with her future husband, Leo. She bowled and golfed her entire life and loved all sports, especially Creighton basketball and Husker football. Her daughter described her as a "jazzy little lady" who was active and involved up to her death at age 97.

1935-Jack N. Williams of Omaha died 4-17-14. He was preceded in death by his wife Jane (Lind)-**1935**. Jack and family moved to Washington D.C. where he joined the F.B.I. as a Special Agent after he graduated from Creighton University. He returned to Omaha and Creighton in 1946 to serve as University Registrar until his retirement in 1987.

1936-Edith "Edee" (Platt) Walker of Louisville, NE formerly of Bellevue, NE died 3-13-14.

1936-Lucille "Lou" (Texel) Jarosik of Omaha died 2-20-14.

1937-Leonard Holoubek of Marietta, PA died 2-19-14.

1937-Helen M. (Krajicek) Woracek of Omaha died 6-30-14.

1937-Margaret (Laird) Manion of Creighton, NE died 2-25-14.

1938-Dorothy M. (Morris) Lund of Omaha died 3-26-14.

1938-Edward D. Palleck of Omaha died 11-13-13.

1938-Leona M. (John) Parsons of Omaha died 6-10-14.

1938-Jean (Strazzdas) Pospichal of Ojai, CA died 1-14-14.

1939-Margaret Mary (Cera) Zbylut of Omaha died 3-7-14.

1939-Blanche (Cordes) Milek of Omaha died 5-25-14.

1939-Ruth (Heldt) Hromek of Omaha died 6-21-14.

1939-Evelyn (Rush) Thompson of Omaha died 6-20-14.

1939-Anne E. (Urek) Barry of Omaha died 4-5-14.

1939-Maecile (Zurek) Miller of Omaha died 3-30-14.

1940-Margaret A. "Peggy" (Hansen) Tentis of Omaha died 6-16-14.

1940-James F. Munnely of Gretna, NE died 1-22-14.

1940-Harold O. "Skrip" Skripsy of Cedar Rapids, IA died 2-14-14. Harold is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ellen, two children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He added many items to our SHSAA archive collection including his diary of WWII exploits.

1940-Wesley H. Turtzher of Papillion, NE died 3-17-14.

1941-Wilma E. (Chipman) Hauptman of Bennington, NE died 10-21-13. She is survived by her husband **Robert-1941**.

1941-Raymond A. Dundis of Washington, NE died 3-28-14.

1941-Daniel F. Hammerly of Omaha died 2-19-14.

1941-Wayne L. Hotz of Omaha died 2-24-14.

1941-Regina Doris (Janda) Stodola of Omaha died 3-24-14.

1942-Lucille (Bentz) Hahne of Utica, NE died 6-20-14. She was preceded in death by her husband **Welton-1936**.

1942-Lillian F. (Kostrunek) Lucas of Omaha died 7-2-14.

1942-Raymond Edward "Red" Nauslar, Jr. of Lincoln, NE died 5-12-14. He was inducted into the SHSAA Packer Sports Greats in 2004 and into the Hall of Fame in 2008. He served in the Merchant Marines during WWII and later made a career in the soft drink beverage industry. When he retired, he raised Texas longhorn cattle and quarter/paint horses on a ranch near Lincoln. He sponsored many youth activities throughout his lifetime, including SHS Packer young men and women athletes.

1942-Dorothy A. (Trela) Staroski of Omaha died 4-7-14.

1943-Jack Cormaci of Omaha died 6-8-14.

1943-Rose M. (Duncan) Smith of Bellevue, NE died 2-2-14.

1943-Marjorie (Kopecky) Lempke of Omaha died 9-16-13.

1943-Irene M. (Kosiut) Wattonville of Omaha died 2-1-14.

1943-Fred R. Kudym of Omaha died 4-24-14. He was a retired State Farm Insurance Agent and served as a Naval Aviator. He was a member and past president of the Omaha Fish and Wildlife Club. Fred also belonged to the Nebraska Council of Sportsmen's Club and Omaha United Ostomy Association. He was past president of Omaha Life Underwriters and was an active member of Knights of Columbus #3109. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and golfer.

1943-George M. Riedmann of Omaha died 6-10-14 following an automobile accident. After serving in the US Navy, he returned to Omaha to take over the family business of Willow Springs distillery which had been converted to a brewery. Prohibition caused the conversion to soft drinks. He purchased property at 85th and K Streets, which is their current location. They added a retail store and concentrated their efforts on Cornhusker Beverage Mart, discontinuing the bottling operation.

1943-Rudy F. Stoysich of Omaha died 6-14-14 of heart complications brought on by cancer. After graduation, he served in the Marines at Iwo Jima and Guam. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, **Rita (Pawlowicz) Stoysich-1945** as well as children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and two brothers. Rudy and Rita were inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 2009 for their outstanding contributions to others and their success at the award-winning Stoysich House of Sausage.

1943-Raymond J. Vacek of Plattsmouth, NE died 6-30-14.

1944-Daniel D. Koukol died 8-20-13. He graduated from Omaha University and the University of Nebraska College of Law. He was a WWII US Navy veteran and past president of both the South Omaha Optimists Club and South Omaha Merchants Association. He was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 1988 and was an advisor to the SHSAA Board of Directors. He practiced law primarily in South Omaha and eventually his firm merged with Erickson & Sederstrom, P.C.

1944-Betty May (Walla) Kiefer of Flower Mound, TX died 3-9-14.

1944-William A. Yost of Omaha died 6-5-14. He was a US Army WWII veteran, a retired Omaha Police Department officer, and a member of American Legion Post #331.

1945-Stanley G. Bernady of Omaha died 7-4-14.

1945-Beverly J. (Haines) Brazda of Omaha died 2-23-14.

1945-Virginia M. (Kudlacz) Becker of Omaha died 5-22-14.

1945-Herman J. Lang, Jr. of Las Vegas, NV died 1-24-14.

1945-Alvin M. "Al" Shoehigh of Aiea, HI died 10-18-13. Al was a member of Bowfin Base US Submarine Veterans, Inc., USS Bowfin Memorial, Pearl Harbor, Navy League-Honolulu Chapter, and FRA Branch 46 Pearl Harbor.

1945-Gilbert R. Wilson of Omaha died 4-8-14.

1945-William C. "Bill" Wyszenski of Papillion, NE died 4-11-14.

1946-Harold F. Andersen of Overland Park, KS died 10-23-13.

1946-Jim L. Essex of Denver, CO died 4-11-14.

1946-John A. "Jack" Steenson of Mesa, AZ died 4-11-14.

1946-Robert J. Wehner, Jr. of Fremont, NE died 1-23-14.

1946-Beth (Urban) Wentz of Omaha died 2-13-14.

1947-George H. "Doc" Hill of Omaha died 3-9-14. He is survived by wife, **Donna (Trambly)-1951**.

1947-Edward F. Imig of Omaha died 5-9-14.

1947-Fred J. Kidder of Bellevue, NE died 7-6-14.

1948-Christian R. Andersen of Omaha died March 2014.

1948-William R. Jespersen of Broken Arrow, OK died 8-18-13.

1948-Joan E. (Nelson) Herdzina of Omaha died 5-22-14.

1948-Paul R. Schuchart of Omaha died 4-6-14.

1949-Robert V. Andersen of Cedar Creek, NE died 2-1-14 from complications of West Nile Virus which he contracted in 2011. He was an electrician by trade and was a member of IBEW Local #22 for 62 years.

1949-Robert D. Brown of Omaha died 7-2-14. He is survived by his wife **Dorthea (Carlson)-1949**.

1949-Helen (Godek) Noltmier of Omaha died 12-10-13.

1949-Helene D. (Halda) Kalous of Omaha died 4-27-14.

1949-Donald L. Hopkins of Omaha died 2-23-14.

1949-Alice M. (Kafka) Boggs of Omaha died 1-23-14.

1949-Leonard D. "Hunk" Ondracek of Blair, NE died 2-18-14.

1949-Rita A. (Mori) Skarda of Omaha died 4-12-14.

1950-Charlene (Andersen) Hawkins of Auburn, WA died of pneumonia on 12-25-13.

1950-John R. Distefano of Bella Vista, AR died 3-9-14.

1950-Charles R. Moore of Bellevue, NE died 6-15-14.

1950-Woodson L. "Woody" Stovall of Lincoln, NE died 4-8-14. He was a USAF Korean War veteran.

1951-Vlasta "Vickie" (Ashenbrenner) Zeluf of Omaha died 3-22-14.

1951-Herbert Gomez, Sr. of Fremont, NE died 3-3-14.

1951-Ronald D. Patton of Omaha died May 2014. He is survived by wife **Mary Ann (Covalciuc)-1952**. He was owner of Patton Equipment Co., a material handling equipment distributor in Omaha, offering lockers, shelving and racks. He had more than 50 years experience in the industry.

1951-Donald R. "Don" Saltzman of Oakdale, CA died 1-11-14 of pancreatic cancer. At SHS he was president of the school's National Honor Society chapter and vice president of his class. He won the OW-H senior male Scholarship Achievement Award. He served in the Army for two years and was selected for officer candidate school. After receiving a BS degree in Physics at the University of Washington in 1961, he married Polly (Justice) Saur in 1967 and began a 28-year career at Lockheed Missiles & Space Company in Sunnyvale, CA. Upon retirement, they moved to Oakdale, CA.

1951-Marlene L. (Tomes) Harris of Omaha died 6-22-14.

1951-Vernon D. Schlesiger of Omaha died 6-10-14.

1951-Hector R. Vela of Las Cruces, NM died 2-9-14.

1952-Joanne M. (Graves) Nelson of Valley, NE died 1-30-14.

1952-Warren Grieb of Denison, IA died 12-21-13.

1953-Elvera E. (Schroeder) Jeck of Omaha died 4-7-14.

1954-Senator Gerald "Jerry" Chizek of Longville, MN died of cancer on 5-26-14. He served as a Nebraska State Senator. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Connie, their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family members and friends. Jerry served his country in the 101st Airborne. He was the head of the local communications union, commissioner of labor, head of the judiciary committee as a Nebraska State Senator, and a reserve deputy for the Douglas County Sheriff's office.

1954-Robert G. "Bob" Kubin of Omaha died 4-24-14.

1954-Phyllis E. (Waldo) Sullivan of Omaha died 6-9-14.

1954-Fred V. Uzel of Omaha died 1-25-14.

1955-Kenneth B. "Butch" Hendrix of Papillion, NE died 3-2-14.

1955-Fred P. Schoning of Omaha died 5-19-14. He enjoyed a 29-year career teaching Art and English in the Omaha Public Schools including SHS and Bryan, Jr. and Sr. High Schools. He also served as a Curriculum Specialist for an additional 10 years.

1956-Robert E. Cochrane of Papillion, NE died 4-17-14. He is survived by his wife **Beverly (Sakalosky)-1957**.

1956-Ramon A. Evon of Elkhorn, NE died 1-21-14. He was the beloved brother of **Daniel Evon-1963**.

1957-Michael J. Warsocki of Omaha died 3-26-14. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Patricia (Pabian)**

Warsocki-1960, children **Jim Warsocki-1982**, Brenda and **Bob Rider-1983**, **1986-Jeff and Linda Pochop-1987**, **1989-Jeffrey and Barbara Zorn-1990**, Daren and **Carrie Schrat-1992**, **John Warsocki-1997**, grandchildren Kaitlyn Rider-2012 and Mikey Schrat. Michael was always proud to be a Packer and that his family boasted three generations of Packers!

1958-Ted F. Bidrowski of Omaha died 4-26-14. Ted had not been sick a day of his married life and was a very hard-working man. He loved hunting and especially loved fishing. His wife, Eileen, sends her regards to all who knew him.

1958-Valentine "Bill" Lassek, Jr. of Lamar, MO died 7-24-03.

1958-Kathleen "Kathy" (Matulevitz) Kurcz of Sherwood, AR died 2-16-14.

1958-Anton "Tony" Novotny of Omaha died 5-9-14.

1958-Donald West of Fort Madison, IA died 7-31-12.

1959-David Francis Feder, Sr. of Plattsburgh, NE died 6-2-14.

1959-Vida T. "Vicky" (Kovas) Hanson of Suisun City, CA died 3-17-14.

1960-John Bluvas of Omaha died 1-30-14.

1960-Thomas E. Kinsella of Omaha died 3-1-14.

1960-Ronald Lee Pancers of Omaha died 4-13-14.

1960-Robert I. "Bob" Thompson of Omaha died 6-16-13.

1961-Joe N. Donaldson of Amarillo, TX died 1-15-14. Joe was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis last September, and was in hospice care the last two weeks of his life.

1961-Larry W. Estes of Papillion died 5-5-14.

1961-Sam P. Grasso of Omaha died 6-29-14. He is survived by his son, daughter, and grandchildren, and by his twin sister **Angie Sandoval-1961**, and sister Theresa Ridout.

1961-Daniel Hood of Cove City, NC died 2-19-14. Daniel played the clarinet in the SHS band.

1961-Dennis Lopez of San Tan Valley, AZ died 2-12-14. He is survived by his wife **Phyllis (Goff)-1962**.

1962-Sandee (Goodall) Mactier of Omaha died 5-9-14.

1962-William Lutz of Omaha died March 2013.

1962-James R. "Jim" Whitney died 6-6-14.

1963-Ernie "Skip" Acamo of Tucson, AZ died 4-12-14 from complications following surgery. He served for more than 20 years in the Air Force and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant. He was formerly married to **Karen (Baker) Acamo-1963**.

1963-Barbara L. (Boettcher) Griell of Omaha died 3-14-14.

1964-Donette Elaine (Demont) Cone of Omaha died 5-3-14.

1964-Robert L. Fleshman of Omaha died 4-23-14.

1964-Charles L. Fous of Omaha died 5-15-14.

1964-James L. Hatfield of Omaha died 3-13-14.

1964-Donna Joan (Hug) Johnson of Omaha died 1-23-14.

1964-Thomas P. Pope died 12-7-11.

1964-Michael Dean Waits of Omaha died May, 2014.

1965-Jack Edward Mindrup of Omaha died 6-1-14.

1966-Sharon L. (Botos) Brenner of Omaha died 3-20-14.

1966-Judith A. (Kava) Eveland of Elkhorn, NE died 2-4-14.

1966-Jean M. (Korwick) Bojanski of La Vista, NE died 7-7-14.

1966-Catherine A. Koziol of Bellevue died 3-19-14.

1966-Patricia (Wasielewski) Kulper of Omaha died of cancer on 2-22-14.

1966-Gary Whetstone of Papillion, NE died 2-25-14.

1966-Larry Wieczorek of Beaver Lake, NE died 4-4-14.

1967-Frank J. Hoscoda of Omaha died 4-7-14.

1967-Patrick Robertson of Papillion, NE died 12-22-11.

1968-Donna Rae (Meyers) Hooper of Lakeside, NE died 8-15-13.

1968-Don "Stretch" Tykowski of Omaha died 5-25-14.

1968-Frank A. Urban of Omaha died 2-1-14.

1969-Gary L. Baker, MD of Leawood, KS died 2-10-14.

1969-Deborah Ann (Sapp) Maher of Omaha died 5-17-14.

1969-Gregory Lee Spung, Sr. of Omaha died 6-15-14

1969-Al A. Vasiliauskas of Omaha died May 2014.

1970-Barbara S. (Myers) Ruffcorn of Omaha died 7-8-14.

1970-James R. Young of Omaha died 2-15-14 of pancreatic cancer. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of Union Pacific Railroad and served on many charitable and civic boards in Omaha. He was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 2006. He is survived by his wife **Shirley (Samples)-1972**, children, grandchildren and many family members. He and his wife were staunch supporters of SHSAA fundraising efforts, including Collin Stadium. They touched many lives through their devotion to education at SHS and UNO.

1972-Linda L. (Galsche) Cvilikas of La Vista, NE died 6-17-14.

1973-Dennis F. McCoy of Anchorage, AK died 5-4-14.

1974-Hugh B. "Bou" Kerwin, III of Bennington, NE died 7-1-14.

1975-Renie (Rolfson) Cope of Omaha died 6-29-14.

1975-Dee M. (Vavra) Elsberry of Omaha died 6-22-14.

1977-Daniel A. Badgers of Omaha died 2-8-14.

1982-Ruth Ann (Patrick) Allen of Omaha died 9-22-91.

1983-Lori Ann Ellefson of Costa Rica died 2-4-14.

1984-Jesus R. "Jesse" Galvan of Omaha died 2-8-14.

1985-Kevin R. Hering of Omaha died 6-21-14.

1985-Joseph Anthony "Joey" Nacarelli, Jr. of Omaha died 3-26-14.

1990-Mickey A. "Big Mick" Riesberg of Omaha died 6-23-14.

2011-Poth Wantok Acouth of Omaha died 4-20-14 in Mankato, MN after being shot. He traveled to Minnesota to play in a basketball tournament to raise money and awareness about the war in South Sudan, his homeland. He and other teammates attended a Sudanese cultural event at Minnesota State University, and then headed to a dance hall. When shots fired out as they were leaving, everyone fled. Poth stayed behind to help a friend who was knocked down and he was then killed. He had dreamed of becoming a police officer. No arrests were made as of last report.

Friends of SHS

Coach Dewey Wade died in 2012 in Lucas, KS.

Duane M. "Max" Katz, attorney-at-law provided counsel to the SHSAA Board. He died on 2-7-14 and is survived by his wife of 45 years, **Janet (Croxford) Katz-1961**, three children, three grandchildren, other relatives, and many friends.

School News

TEACHER NEWS

Farewell to SHS's past principal Cara Riggs who has moved near her sister in the San Diego, CA area where her daughter will attend college. There have been several newspaper articles and farewell ceremonies highlighting her success in building the Packer Family at the school. *We will miss you and wish you the best in the future!*



Welcome to SHS's new principal Ruben Cano who will take over for the 2014-15 school year. Cano has over a decade of experience in education, serving in several different capacities. He began by teaching for a year in Las Cruces, NM. He started his career with

OPS, first working as a teacher at SHS for three years before transferring to Lewis & Clark Middle School, where he served as dean of students for one year. After that, Cano began what has now become a six-year stretch at Norris Jr. High. His first two years were spent as assistant principal, and his last four as principal. Under his leadership, the school won an OPS Excellence Award for the 2012-13 academic year. Cano earned his master's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2007. He said he is excited about getting started at South. "My experience working with families in the South Omaha community and the knowledge I gained as principal at Norris will be invaluable as I move forward into this new chapter," he said. *We look forward to working with you in your new role!*

SHS 2014 ALICE BUFFETT OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD WINNER

Melissa Peterson, Social Studies teacher, has taught 13 years at SHS. She received her BA degree from Cornell College and her MS from the UNO. *Congratulations for receiving this high honor!* Note: Each winner receives a \$10,000 award! The Buffett Foundation stated that each winner is admired by students, parents and peers. Each makes their subject matter come alive. Each goes to extraordinary lengths to encourage and stimulate our children's interest in numerous subjects and skills. Each winner has shown

incredible energy throughout the school day (which often extends into the evening and weekend).

GREATNESS ACADEMY ACTIVITY

Students learn to tackle challenges in the Academy. Retired principal Cara Riggs expanded the classroom experience by sending students to work with Blair equine-assisted psychotherapist Sue Miller-Harsin to increase their self-confidence and leadership skills. The OW-H featured a story on 6-26-14 about SHS teacher Chris Fant and Miller-Harsin working with a dozen SHS students at Unbridled Acres.

SHS STUDENTS SPOTLIGHTED AT 2014 SONA BANQUET

The South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance (SONA) consists of neighborhood, community and charitable associations that assist individuals and improve companies in South Omaha. SONA presents awards at its annual banquet to honor those who have made a difference in the community. The banquet was held 6-5-14 at Sokol Auditorium at 13th and Martha Streets. The speaker was Omaha Chief of Police Todd R. Schmaderer who described specialized police personnel, including gang specialists. They are all working hard to improve relations and public safety, and to deter crime in South Omaha.

We are proud to report that two outstanding South High Magnet School graduating students were among the four selected this year because of their outstanding scholastic standing and their volunteer work to help others. *We congratulate Seven Four and Perla Herrera for this wonderful honor and recognition!*

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OW-H OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR

2014-Chelsea Chapman was selected for the Outstanding Scholar Award because of class ranking, 32nd out of 512, and her outstanding leadership. She participated in various varsity athletics while maintaining a strong academic profile. She also exhibited outstanding citizenship, leadership and interpersonal skills with students, faculty and staff. *Congratulations!*

KEY STAFFER

2014-Miracle C. Northcutt was selected as Key Staffer for her journalist roles in yearbook photography and editing. She had a great attitude, excellent participation and great follow through. She will enter the pre-law program at UNL. *Congratulations!*

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AWARDS

2014-Xena Broaden was selected by Omaha Performing Arts judges to receive a Nebraska High School Theater Award for her acting part as Rosie in *Bye Bye Birdie*. *Congratulations!*

NEBRASKA NATURALISTS CLUB



Your Alumni Association sponsored a SHS camping trip to Kearney, NE to view and study the great crane migration during spring break this year. The kids had a ball living in pup tents and cooking over

campfires. We received a nice thank you card from SHS teacher Doug Clark and students **Karen Yanez, Diego Juarez, Antonia Juarez, Roxana Ortega, Allison Schlecht, Diana Alvarado, Alicia Juan, Yael Estrada, Sofia Rodriguez, Cristofer Brito, Ana Valadez, Blake Doyle, Angelenia Perez, Angel Flores, Andrew Riesenbergs, and Christina Villanueva**. We were glad to provide this close-up look at an annual phenomenon for these students.

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Sports News

BASKETBALL

The top ranked Packers defeated Prep for the district title in a 56-51 battle. Sophomore **Karlton McSpadden** led SHS with 12 points; **Kevin Harkins** made 11 points in the first half and added 11 rebounds for the team. This was their fourth straight district win and fourth straight trip to state.

The Packers have agreed to play Virginia Oak Hill Academy, a national power, in the feature game of the Heartland Hoops Classic boys' basketball showcase event on 2-14-15 in Grand Island, NE. Oak Hill lost to Central in 2013. SHS was #1 in the state when we lost to Norfolk, NE in a triple overtime in the first round of the state tournament this year. *Good luck!*

SHS sophomore **Aguek Arop** is a member of Omaha Elite summer basketball team which had a 22-2 record reported in an *OW-H* article on 7-6-14. They compete throughout the United States. *Congratulations!*

Packer basketball standout **James Dumas-2014** was selected to play in the Metro Basketball Coaches Boys All-Star game on the South team this year. The 5-31-14 Buell-Brosnihan game was played at Creighton Prep before a crowd of 600, and in the fourth quarter the South team prevailed with a final score of 114 to 111. **Dumas** contributed 27 points toward that win! *Congratulations for being selected for this honor and for your outstanding contribution to the win.*

An *OW-H* article on 6-4-14 stated that SHS's basketball team "is likely to be among the state's best next year!" *Come support the Packer teams!*

SOCCER

Senior **Michael Jaime** scored the only goal in the win over Omaha Westside in the boys' final of the Metro Conference soccer tournament at Norris Middle School 4-15-14.

In the state semi-finals, **Ernesto Perez** scored the first goal but was matched by two more Creighton Prep scores as they rallied to beat South 3-2.

FOOTBALL

Junior **Noah Fant-2016** was mentioned as possibly the state's top football prospect for the 2016 class in an *OW-H* article on 6-4-14. He has been recruited by colleges for his football and basketball skills. We are pleased to announce that Fant, at 6'-4" and 210 lbs., has transferred from Burke to SHS in the offseason. He said he will work hard to intensify Packer efforts for more wins. *Fant will be a welcome addition to the team!*

JUNIOR PACKERS FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Kevin O'Donnell, Head Football Coach at SHS, announced that SHS will partner with Junior Packers to create a premier youth football organization in South Omaha. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children in the program to prepare them for high school techniques and terminology. They are asking the business community to financially support this program to further strengthen SO pride.

WRESTLING

District wrestling finals were held in Omaha at Century Link Arena on 2-22-14 with three Packers winning and making it to the state finals. Congratulations to all and especially **Francisco Vazquez** at 145 lbs. who won his fifth place match 8-2 over his opponent at State. Their coach is Greg Wilcox.

BASEBALL

The **Van Metre Wooden Bat Baseball Tournament** was held at Brown Park on 7-4-14. Dave



Van Metre threw the ceremonial first pitch of the game one last time before he and his wife moved to Colorado to be near their children. Coach **John Stella-1953** stood by to honor Dave for all he has done for Brown Park, and then issued the "Play Ball" command with Dave!

2014 REUNIONS

1949-At this time there is no reunion planned. Contact **Dolores (Torek) Kripal 402/731-7865.**

1965 50th reunion planning underway-dates later. Class contact: **Carol Daley** email cadaley2@cox.net.

1969 45th reunion will be 10-11-14 at the Disabled American Veterans Hall, 45th & F Streets in Omaha from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Activities will include dinner, cash bar, door prizes, karaoke, and a night of fun. Music will be provided by classmate **Frank Vondra**. If questions, contact **Roxie (Simon) Freeman 402/669-1281** or email rfreeman11@cox.net.

1975 class reunion will be 8-1-15 at The Belvedere Hall, 201 E. First Street, Papillion, NE from 7 to midnight. Light hors d'oeuvres, beer, pop, wine and door prizes. \$35 per person. Contact **Ron Cerone** at roncerone@aol.com or call 402-672-1371. Also check the OSHAA website.

1994 20th reunion is on 10-3-14. Plan to meet at the SHS Homecoming football game at Collin Field. Bar night is on 10-4-14. Please check the SHSAA Facebook or web page for further information. Contact person is **Genevive (Grant) Core 402/210-3613** or email genevive.core@gmail.com.

If anyone has information on pending reunions, please call the office at 402/738-9493 with contact information.



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When: Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Livestock Exchange Building

Price: \$25 per person

Reservations: Required in advance. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

Call SHSAA Office (402-738-9493) for reservations.

Calendar of Events

2014

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| 9-14 | Lottery begins. |
| 10-4 | Hall of Fame
Brunch -10 a.m. check in at Livestock Exchange Building.* |
| 10-4 | SHS Homecoming
Football Game -Collin Field 7 p.m. vs. Columbus. |
| 10-22 | Packer Sports Greats-
Anthony's Steak House at 5 p.m.* |
| 12-12 | Drawing for the 2014 Lottery. |

**7-11 Alumni Board of
 Directors Meeting—6
 p.m. potluck SHSAA Office.**

**7-19 Packer Greats Golf
Tournament-Tregaron
7:30 shotgun start.***

**8-13 First day of
 school-2015/2016 school
 year.**

Sept. Lottery begins.

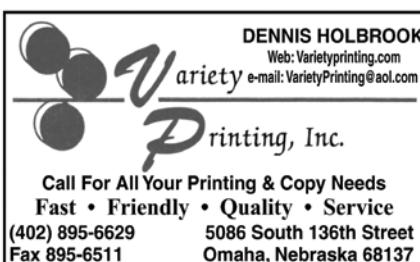
Sept. Fall 2015 TOOTER.

**Contact the office for purchase of tickets*

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AND ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND ANY AND ALL OF
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NOTE SOME OF THE EVENTS
REQUIRE TICKETS AND/OR
RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE.
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IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND A
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HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY
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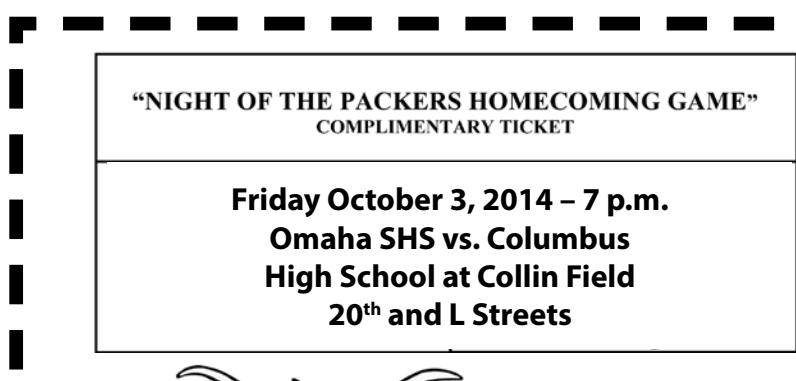
2015

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| 1-5 | SHS -Classes resume. |
| 1-10 | Alumni Board of Directors Meeting -9:30 a.m. SHSAA Office. |
| March | Spring 2015 TOOTER. |
| TBD | Spaghetti dinner -Date to be determined.* |
| TBD | 20th Annual Bowling Party -Mockingbird Lanes, noon check-in.* |
| 4-11 | Alumni Board of Directors Meeting -9:30 a.m. SHSAA Office. |
| 4-25 | SHS Prom at the Kroc Center. |
| 5-27 | SHS Graduation-Class of 2015 -UNO Field House. |



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