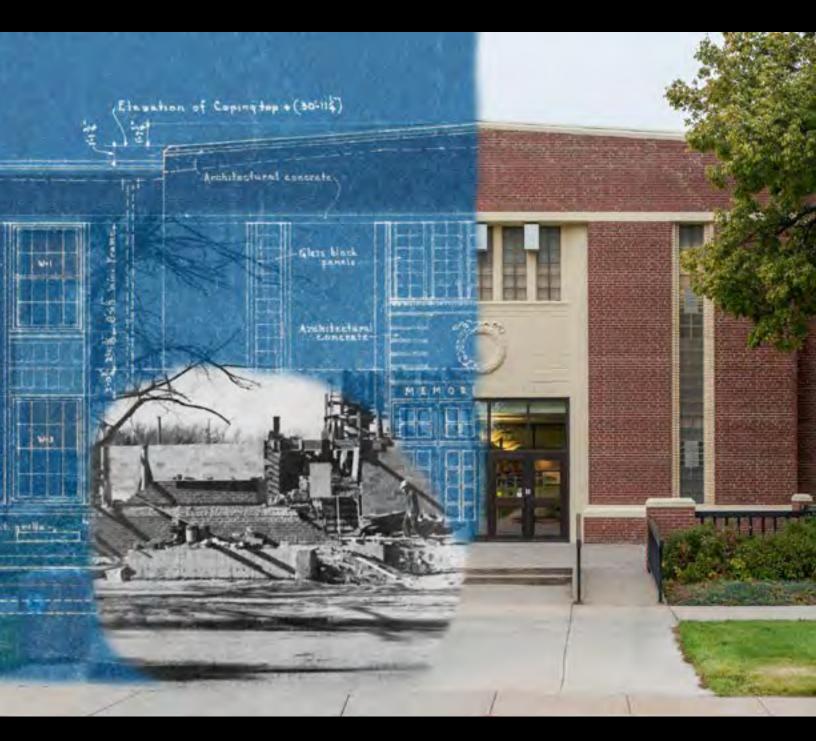
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Dr. Randy Rhine President of Chadron State College

Greetings from the $\ensuremath{PRESIDENT}$

Dear Chadron State College Alumni and Friends,

During the dedication of the Sports Complex Sept. 12, I was overwhelmed to see the numerous alumni and their families, retired faculty, former colleagues, donors and friends of the college who gathered to share a celebration as warm as the sunny day. That weather was in stark contrast to the stadium opener two weeks earlier that included a memorable two-hour rain and lightning delay.

The reunion of those who dedicated decades of their lives to the college was something to behold. The camaraderie was palpable as former colleagues exchanged greetings.

During the ceremony, football team members personally presented signed footballs to stake holders, Board of Trustees members, and dignitaries in attendance. The lives of these young people and many more will be enhanced by the new facilities made possible by the generosity of many like you.

Enhancements will continue to the Sports Complex. Just recently, the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees approved our request to begin work on the second phase of the complex, a \$1.8 million track facility.

Students will always be at the forefront of this institution and I was proud to preside over the undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies. The winter commencements are always a wonderful note to end the academic year on and I was pleased to see so many familiar faces.

I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful holiday season and a prosperous 2019.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Rhine

President

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A composite image of Memorial Hall, from conception to modern day. At right is the building in 2018; at left is the original façade blueprint; at lower left is the building under construction, from the 1952 Anokasan yearbook. (Photo illustration by Daniel Binkard)

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CSC GRADUATE ELECTED GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA

By Con Marshall

Tim Walz recently became the first Chadron State College graduate ever elected governor of one of the 50 states in November 2018. After serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for 12 years, Walz will be sworn in as Minnesota's 41st governor in early January.

During the 2018 election, he received about 54 percent of the vote, or nearly 300,000 more votes than his challenger, Jeff Johnson, a Hennepin County commissioner. The 1,392,958 votes that he received are the most ever for a gubernatorial candidate in Minnesota.

Walz said following the election he realizes his plurality carries with it a special responsibility. During the campaign he emphasized creating "one Minnesota."

Throughout his political career he has been labeled a moderate Democrat.

Walz, 54, was born in West Point, Nebraska, and spent most of his childhood in Valentine. He moved with his parents, Jim and Darlene Walz, to Butte, Nebraska, when he was a high school sophomore.

Minnesota's governor-elect graduated from Chadron State in 1989 and spent the following year teaching English and American history and culture in southern China. Afterwards, he led tours, which included numerous western Nebraska residents, to China for several summers.

Following the year in China, Walz taught global geography in Alliance for six years. During that time, he met his wife, Gwen, a native of Minnesota who also was teaching in the Alliance Schools. In 1997, the couple moved to Mankato, her hometown, and he joined the faculty at West High School as a geography, history and sociology teacher.

In 2002, he was one of six Minnesota teachers to receive a \$10,000 award recognizing their high performance and contributions to teaching. His award was for Ethics in Education.

Walz had joined the National Guard the summer after graduating from high school. Soon after he had been honored, his teaching career was interrupted when the First 125th Field Artillery Battalion from Minnesota that he had joined was sent to Afghanistan during the early stages of a conflict there.

He had served in the National Guard 24 years when he retired with the rank of Command Sergeant Major. When he took office in the U.S. House, he became the highest ranking retired enlisted soldier to ever serve in Congress. Throughout his tenure in Washington, he championed enhanced veterans' benefits.

In May 2014, Walz returned to Chadron State to give the commencement address and

also was presented the college's Distinguished Alumni Award.

During his talk, Walz said he was appreciative that his alma mater had provided middle class families like his the opportunity to earn a college education.

"The professors at this college wanted us to succeed," Walz said. "The door was always open for us to learn and to grow. We got a great base for future success.

"A healthy and educated populace creates economic and national security. We have the right of self-governance which was paid for with blood. We need more critical thinkers like the students who graduated from CSC today."

Two of the Walz's siblings, Jeff, who lives in Florida, and Sandy Dietrich of Alliance, also graduated from Chadron State. Tim and Gwen have two children, Hope and Gus.

While Walz is the first CSC alum to become governor of a state, two graduates have served as the governors of American Samoa, a U.S. territory, since 2003.

Togiola (Tala) Tulafono, held the office for 10 years, and was succeeded by Matalasi Moliga, the governor since 2013. They were among the two dozen or more American Samoans who attended Chadron State in the 1960s and '70s. Tulafono graduated from CSC in 1971 and Moliga in 1973.



Above: Chadron State College alumnus Tim Walz is the new governor of Minnesota. After serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for 12 years, Walz will be sworn in as Minnesota's 41st governor in early January, 2019. (Courtesy photo)

Below: Tim Walz, a native of West Point, Nebraska, taught English and American history for a year in southern China after graduating from CSC in 1989.



TURMAN IS NEW NSCS CHANCELLOR

By Judi Yorges, NSCS

The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees unanimously selected Dr. Paul D. Turman as the next Chancellor of the Nebraska State College System October 1, 2018.

Turman succeeds Stan Carpenter, who announced his plans to retire last May. Carpenter's last day is Jan. 2.

"I am very pleased that the Board of Trustees have placed their faith in my ability to guide the Nebraska State College System in the years to come. This January I look forward to working with the board, college presidents, and the staff to continue the great work that is underway to provide postsecondary opportunities that can drive the workforce needs for Nebraska," Turman said. "Additionally, I'm excited about working with leadership across the many education sectors to maintain and further expand the partnerships needed to meet the evolving educational attainment needs for the state."

Gary Bieganski, Chair of the Board of Trustees and CSC alumnus, said he has confidence in Turman's abilities.

"Our goal was to find the next leader of the State College System who could build upon the strong foundation Chancellor Carpenter put in place," Bieganski said. "Dr. Turman is that leader and I have great confidence in his leadership qualities and commitment to the state colleges' continued success."

Prior to becoming chancellor of the NSCS, Turman was the System Vice President for Academic Affairs for the South Dakota Board of Regents. He provided leadership for the academic and research functions of the South Dakota Regental system by managing system initiatives targeted at improving student preparation, progression, and completion through efforts to improve time to degree, increase affordability, and foster collaborate programs. Turman led six areas in the Regental system including Research and Economic Development, Institutional Research, State Scholarship Programs, New Program Approval, the Regental Library Consortium, and Instructional Technology.

As System Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Turman provided leadership to advance the grant, research, and scholarly goals in the Regental system by working with state government leadership, including the governor, executive branch agencies, and legislators, in making university research efforts effective for South Dakota.

Turman was involved with the South Dakota Board of Regents since 2006. He began as the director of Academic Assessment; then became the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2008; became the System



Chancellor Paul D. Turman

Vice President for Research and Economic Development in 2012; and became System Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2014.

Turman received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in Interpersonal Communication; his M.A. from South Dakota State University in Communication; and his B.S. from South Dakota State University in General Studies/Art Minor.

Commencement speakers advise graduates to be honest, take risks

By Tena L. Cook

More than 200 Chadron State College graduates were recognized during two Winter Commencement ceremonies Friday. Dr. Rob Stack, professor of mathematics, spoke to the master's degree recipients while Judge Russell Harford addressed undergraduates.

Stack interspersed his affinity for math into his Graduate Commencement speech.

"Studies have shown that after you have done an activity 10,000 times, it becomes a habit. 'Thank you.' Practice saying it, say it as many times as needed, maybe 10,000 times so it becomes a habit," he said.

Stack distributed an envelope to each graduate containing one his favorite sayings from a fortune cookie, "If you speak honestly, everyone will listen," and a \$2 bill.

"Speak, and when you speak, speak honestly. Speak sincerely. Support everyone around you. They most certainly have supported you. Now, more than ever, it makes sense to do this. Immerse yourself in the people around you," Stack said.

He explained several reasons why the \$2 bill was significant.

"This \$2 bill goes beyond more than just

the value of the piece of paper you're holding. This \$2 bill is as unique as yourself. See this \$2 bill as the first of many monetary attainments because of your master's degree," Stack said.

Stack counseled the graduates to consider the importance of listening.

"Lead by listening to everyone around you. Just as your path has been unique, everyone, likewise, has their own unique story. Take the time to listen to those stories. Learn from those around you," Stack said.

At the undergraduate ceremony, Harford explained that taking calculated risks is tied to success. He described leaving a secure job with the Nebraska State Patrol as a young husband and father of three to enroll in law school.

"I wouldn't be here today had I not taken risks in my career. You shouldn't discontinue taking risks just because one does not work," he said.

Along with taking risks, Harford suggested graduates should get involved in their communities to help enrich their lives and their careers.

"Joining a service organization, being active in your church, holding a public office, being involved in volunteer organizations, or being



Chadron State College's Undergraduate Winter Commencement Friday, Dec. 14, 2018, in the Chicoine Center. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

part of organizations at graduate or professional schools can have a tremendous impact. You will feel a sense of belonging and make contacts with people that ultimately could be your employer, or could serve as references for a future career," Harford said.

MAJOR GIFT MOVES MATH SCIENCE AHEAD



The Math Science building is shown with renderings of the planned addition and renovation to the facility. The new 15,000 square foot north wing will create a natural entrance and connection to the campus mall. (Photo by Daniel Binkard)

By College Relations

Chadron State Foundation Chair Marjean Terrell announced a \$500,000 gift to support the Math Science Initiative from the Sunderland Foundation during the Chadron State Foundation Annual Trustee meeting and dinner in October.

The Math science Initiative is part of the Chadron State Foundation's Next Horizon Campaign that is currently raising funds for capital projects and scholarships. Since 1945, the Sunderland Foundation, located in Overland Park, Kansas, has supported numerous projects in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas, Iowa, Oregon, Washington, Utah, and Montana

"We are extremely pleased that the Sunderland Foundation has joined us in renovating and expanding the Math science Building at Chadron State," Terrell said. "After 50 years, this facility requires a major overhaul. This gift provides a lift to securing \$4 million for the Math science Initiative."

Four million dollars is required as part of a \$29 million funding package for the capital project. According to Ben Watson, Chief Executive Officer of the Chadron State Foundation, \$1.57 million has been raised toward the goal.

"We are well on our way to meeting our goal," Watson said. "The Math science Building is a second home to its students, and the faculty in those disciplines assist in the development of many of western Nebraska's medical professionals and

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teachers."
Chadron State College
President Randy Rhine
echoed Watson's enthusi-

asm and thanked all who

have donated.

"We are grateful to all those who have joined this capital project as donors,"

Rhine said. "The alumni and friends of Chadron State College have made a dramatic impact on the lives of our students and this college. We are a stronger and more dynamic institution thanks to the charitable support of our alumni and friends."

Terrell also announced that more than 40 organizations, including school districts, hospitals, and employers in northwest Nebraska,

have endorsed the Math science Initiative. That support will be critical as the 2019 Legislative session begins in Lincoln. Starting on the project is dependent upon funding from the state. Over the last six months, Dr. Rhine and CSC have hosted the 309 Task Force for Building Renewal and a delegation of state legislators,

including members of the appropriations committee. The Executive Director of the Coordinating Commission for Public Education was also in Chadron and Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts toured the facility in November.

"It is rewarding to have so many partners endorsing this project. Western Nebraska, and really the entire state of Nebraska, benefits greatly from this project," Terrell said.

To date, the Next Horizon Campaign has helped raise more than \$18 million for capital, scholarship, program enhancement and endowment initiatives for Chadron State College.

HIGH PLAINS HERBARIUM SCANNING PROJECT UNDERWAY



Director of the High Plains Herbarium Steve Rolfsmeier, left, learns how to operate a new imaging station to digitize Chadron State College's herbarium collection from Ryan Allen, co-principal investigator of a National Science Foundation grant that provided the station. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

"Working with the digital imaging station will give students a broader skill set and introduce them to museum protocols."

— Steve Rolfsmeier

By Tena L. Cook

Chadron State College's High Plains Herbarium collection will eventually be accessible online thanks to an imaging station worth approximately \$8,000 funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), according to Steve Rolfsmeier, director of the herbarium.

"Having these specimens digitized will increase what we can learn from them and allow faculty to use them in lesson plans. We have a lot of specimens not being used to their full potential," Rolfsmeier said. "We're a unique, isolated, fairly sizable collection. A lot of the

data housed here aren't duplicated anywhere

In late September, Ryan Allen with the Museum of Natural History at the University of Colorado-Boulder, co-principal investigator for the NSF grant, visited CSC to train Rolfsmeier how to use the imaging station. Allen is the project manager for the grant's digitization efforts, part of the Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections initiative.

"We reached out to herbarium collections that were a good fit with the project," Allen said. "Without great collections like this, the



Kaleb Bell of Fort Morgan, Colorado, a biology major, applies bar codes to plant specimens in Chadron State College's High Plains Herbarium as part of a National Science Foundation grant for equipment and student salaries to digitize about half of the collection. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

project wouldn't have gone anywhere."

At the same time, Rolfsmeier was looking for a way to get the herbarium's collection of 65,000 specimens digitized.

"It's been a blessing to be invited to be part of this grant," Rolfsmeier said. "Our strength is that most of our specimens are from a region that has been historically under collected by botanists. This will make the data available to a broader audience."

The grant to CSC came in the second year of a four-year project that started in 2017. Thirty-nine institutions, including national parks, national monuments and colleges and universities, are contributing to the overall effort with 19 actively digitizing their collections.

Allen estimates the database will contain more than 1.7 million specimens, with many

including images and geo-references. He said digitalized collections function as puzzle pieces providing botanists a better view of the local distribution of plant species and understanding of why species are found where they are.

NSF funding includes students' salary for 2,800 hours of imaging, geo-referencing and entering data for about 35,000 of the herbarium's specimens.

"Working with the digital imaging station will give students a broader skill set and introduce them to museum protocols," Rolfsmeier said. "With the equipment in place, we can keep going and digitize the portions of our collection that represent areas outside the scope of this grant."

Students hired for the project are Kaleb Bell of Fort Morgan, Colorado, a biology major,

and Sadie Sheppard of Fargo, North Dakota, a science education major.

"It's a vast job. They will be looking for specimens that need repaired, weeding out duplicates, and applying bar codes. Their names will be associated with the images they scan into the database, which is noteworthy," Rolfsmeier said.

Although the collection has expanded by 10,000 specimens in the past eight years, and plans for the proposed Math Science Building renovation include more floor space for the collection, funding is not available for cases at this time, according to Rolfsmeier.

"We need to find a way to sustain this effort after the grant concludes," Rolfsmeier said. "I encourage supporters of the herbarium to consider donating cases to help house the collection as it grows."

HOMECOMING 2018



Homecoming Queen Kimberly Hernandez of Scottsbluff and King Devin Felton of Glenrock, Wyo., recognize the crowd as they are introduced at halftime of the football game.



Bill Baker, football and track coach at Chadron State in the late 1950s and early '60s, was the 2018 Homecoming Parade Marshal



Chadron State College band members march during the Homecoming parade Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018. (Photo by Kelsey R. Brummels)

Three families recognized with Family Tree Awards

Three families - Bunch-Lingelbach, Epp and Neubauer - were honored for their tradition of attending Chadron State College during Homecoming 2018. Each family includes at least three generations of graduates. In addition, at least two of the family members in each family have records of outstanding service to the college, the alumni association, their communities or their professions to qualify for the recognition.



The Bunch-Lingelbach family received Chadron State College's Family Tree Award in the Student Center on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, as part of Homecoming festivities. Front row, from left, Olivia Bahati, Kellen Hauf and Kyler Hauf. Second row, from left, Jesse Cortney and Nancy Lingelbach. Third row, from left, Daniel McCarty, Cora McCarty, Rylee Tracy, Erin Rodell, Linda Lingelbach, Fran McCarty and Beth Lingelbach. Fourth row, from left, Christian Tracy, Katie Teel, Doug McCarty, Greg Bahati, Cali Bahati, Kinsi Tracy and Katie Knaub. Fifth row, from left, Braydon Cortney, David Lingelbach, Crystle McCarty, Lacey Hauf, John Lingelbach and Casey Cortney. Sixth row, from left, Audrey Hanson, Carrie Martinson, Al Hanson, Harold Martinson and Robert Cortney. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



The Epp family received Chadron State College's Family Tree Award in the Student Center on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, as part of Homecoming festivities. Back row, from left, Nate Dorshorst, Jeff Watt, Don Watt, R. Willis and Virginia Brown. Third row, from left, Brad Fulk, Brad Diller, Marcee Diller, Hale Kreycik, Jana Watt, Will Tvrdik and Samantha, Tamie Tvrdik and Anna Fraser. Second row, from left, Brenda Fulk, Danielle Dorshorst, LaVerna Epp, Patsy Fulk and Brian Fulk. Front row, from left. Linda Epp, Maci Dorshorst, Halli Dorshorst and Kyli Dorshorst. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)



The Neubauer family received Chadron State College's Family Tree Award in the Student Center on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, as part of Homecoming festivities. From left, Brennann Jackson, Warren Jackson, Savannah Jackson, Ronda Jackson, Marcia Elliott and Monty Elliott. (Photo by Tena L. Cook)

ALUMNI HONORED DURING HOMECOMING

During Homecoming, two 2005 Chadron State College graduates – Mitch Feldman of Litchfield, Nebraska, and Dr. Ethan Mann of Centennial, Colorado, – received the college's Distinguished Young Alumni Award. Two graduates from the 1980s, Judge Russell W. Harford of Chadron and Dr. James Jaggers of Aurora, Colorado, were honored for achievements in their professions and demonstrating service to the college with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Distinguished Young Alumnus, Mitch Feldman

Mitch Feldman, who majored in chemistry and biology and earned a minor in physics, graduated from Chadron State College in 2005. Currently, Feldman is the plant manager of the \$150 million Kaapa ethanol facility in 2013. The Mitch Feldman company, owned by a



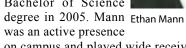
cooperative of local farmers, purchases more than 100,000 bushels of corn each day and produces more than 100 million gallons of ethanol annually.

As plant manager, Feldman directs the operation of 50 employees who work to convert grain into environmentally-friendly biofuels.

Feldman is active in his community. He and his wife, Cassie, who majored in business administration and graduated from CSC in 2005, enjoy volunteering and public service. The couple have three children, Caydence, Knox, and Kenna.

Distinguished Young Alumnus, Dr. Ethan Mann

Dr. Ethan Mann was born in Chadron but moved with his family to Wayne, Nebraska, while he was in elementary school. However, he came back to Chadron as a college student and earned a Bachelor of Science was an active presence



on campus and played wide receiver for the football team.

Mann, who earned a business certificate from the University of Colorado and is close to completing his Master of Business Administration specializing in international business strategy and finance, is the Vice President of Operations and Research and

Development at Sharklet Technologies. Mann currently serves on review panels that evaluate research grants, and is on the Colorado Bioscience Association Board of Directors. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

Mann and his wife, Tracy, who attended CSC, have four children, Taya, Rory, Nolan, and Lucy.

Distinguished Alumnus, **Judge Russell Harford**

Judge Russell Harford, a native of Lead, South Dakota, and a 30-plus year resident of Chadron, began his law career as a night police dispatcher in his hometown, but is now in his 10th year as one of five county judges in the panhandle, Har- Russell W. Harford ford primarily serves



Dawes, Sheridan and Sioux Counties.

Harford stays involved with Chadron State. He participated in early conversations about the Rural Law Opportunity Program at CSC and helps with the annual Social Work conferences. Harford was instrumental in the Court of Appeals hearing oral arguments on campus in 2017. He is the president of the Chadron State College Alumni Board.

Harford has also been active in his community. A long-time member and past president of the Chadron Rotary Club, he is also treasurer of the Chadron Public School Foundation.

Distinguished Alumnus, **Dr. James Jaggers**

Dr. James Jaggers, an Alliance, Nebraska, native and internationally known cardiac thoracic surgeon and specialist in repairing complex congenital heart defects in infants and newborns, earned his Bachelor of Science degree James Jaggers from Chadron State in



1984 and his M.D from the University of Nebraska in 1988. He completed residencies in general surgery in Oregon and in thoracic surgery at the University of Colorado, as well as a post graduate fellowship in congenital heart surgery at the Children's Hospital in Denver.

A Colorado resident since 2010, Jaggers practices medicine as the Barton-Elliman Chair of Pediatric Surgery at Children's Hospital Colorado (CHC). He also serves as co-director of the CHC Heart Institute, among several other leadership positions for the institution.

In addition to his medical practice, Jaggers is professor of surgery at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. The coauthor of a book on pediatric and congenital cardiology and cardiac surgery, Jaggers has also authored or co-authored nearly 150 papers published in peer-reviewed medical journals and lectures at medical conferences in the U.S. and abroad.



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COACH, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR USES GRADUATE DEGREE EVERY DAY

By Kelsey R. Brummels

As the head softball coach and athletic director at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Illinois, Chadron State College alumnus Darin Monroe uses his Master of Science in Organizational Management Sports Management degree every day.



Since he arrived in Rock- Darin Monroe ford in 2012, Monroe's soft-

ball teams have a 314-62 record that includes six consecutive Illinois N4C Conference championships and five consecutive National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national championships.

In his seven seasons, 31 players have been recognized as National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Academic All-Americans, and his teams have been recognized by the NFCA and NJCAA five years for their Academic Achievement of having a team GPA above 3.0.

But as the newly appointed athletic director at Rock Valley, Monroe's responsibilities don't end when he walks off of the field.

Fresh from earning his bachelor's degree in 2009, Monroe was an assistant softball coach and worked in residence life at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa.

Knowing he wanted to achieve his career goals of becoming a head coach and athletic director, Monroe researched online graduate programs and found CSC's Sports Management degree – something he feels helped him learn about many aspects of not only athletics, but also being well rounded.

"I learned about human resources' process-



Chadron State College alumnus Darin Monroe, left back row, poses with his softball team after winning its fifth consecutive NJCAA DIII Softball National Championship Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the McQuillan Softball Complex in Rochester, Minn. (Courtesy photo)

es, different leadership styles, as well as rules and regulations," said Monroe, a December 2017 graduate. "I feel like I am well prepared to handle different people of different backgrounds and know how to deal with situations that occur. My opportunity to study about different leadership styles allowed me to really decide what type of coach and leader I want to be."

In addition to these offerings and the affordability CSC provides, Monroe's classes also fit well with his work and family responsibilities.

"I feel the professors at CSC are willing to work with students of all different age levels and backgrounds. They want you to learn, but also understand that many people who take classes at CSC have full-time jobs and families as well," Monroe said. "My professors went above and beyond to prepare me for my job

and I will forever be grateful for them."

Monroe said he enjoyed classes taught by Dr. Scott Ritzen, Health, Physical Education and Recreation professor, department chair and Monroe's adviser.

"He allowed me to think outside the box to current issues relating to the world of sports," Monroe said. "I felt the content I learned in his classes was relevant to the work that I have been doing."

As someone who was once in their shoes, Monroe wants to share with others who are working and have families to continue to work toward the degree and stay committed.

"You have to remind yourself what your career goal is, and although it is tough at times to balance everything, in the end it was one of the most satisfying things I have accomplished in my career," Monroe said.

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NEVER STOP LEARNING: FRIESEN'S ART REMAINS FRESH



Vern Friesen poses for a photo by a few of his sculptures and paintings in his studio in Henderson, Nebraska. (Photo by Con Marshall)

By Con Marshall

After viewing art created by Vern Friesen, a Chadron State College alumnus, a common question is: Does anybody do better work, particularly as both a painter and a sculptor?

Friesen has sold hundreds of paintings and scores of sculptures into nearly every state and has no retirement plans. Why should he? His work is as good, if not better, than ever.

"I try to keep learning so I won't go stale," says Friesen, who shrugs off compliments. He notes he should be doing pretty good work by now since he's 71 and has been practicing ever since he could handle a pencil.

Friesen grew up on farm near Henderson in the same neighborhood where his great-grandfather purchased land from the railroad in 1874. Friesen still lives in the country, but his studio is on Main Street in Henderson, located 60 miles west of Lincoln.

He continues to farm, run cattle and ride horses and in his younger days roped calves and team roped at rodeos. These activities taught him a lot about how to produce realistic scenes.

About as far away as he ever got from his home place was in the early 1970s when he spent two years majoring in art at Chadron State College. He graduated in the spring of 1973.

He says it was time well spent, forging his

"I learned a lot," he recalls, then names the three members of the CSC art faculty while he was there. "John Dillon was the painting instructor, I took the only sculpturing class in my life from Tony Martin and Noel Gray taught art history, critiqued my work and made me better.

"I liked Chadron State. I had already gone to a much larger school and it seemed like they tried to flunk out about half the freshmen. At Chadron State, they helped us so we'd amount to something and graduate."

Expounding on his days at CSC, he says he learned much his from one of his classmates. That was Joe LaMay, who lived in Alliance and at age 56 enrolled at the college to earn an education degree so he could teach art.

"Joe didn't need anybody to show him how to paint," Friesen remembers. "He'd been making a living as artist for 30 years. Because he was so good, he'd already taught adult education classes, but wanted to teach art in schools."

Friesen has remained loyal to his alma mater and to western Nebraska. Since he was on the rodeo team at CSC, he contributes one of his works to be sold at the CSC Rodeo Club's fundraising auction each February. He's also had a one-man art show on campus and exhibited at Fort Robinson's Fourth of July art show 17 times, including every year since 2005.

For approximately 20 years after he returned to Henderson to both farm and put his art training to work, Friesen concentrated on painting western and rural scenes that include an array of animals, topography and situations. They range from driving trail herds, chasing horses, roping calves, crossing a creek with a pack horse trudging along to riding a horse-drawn sleigh past a country church.

Friesen's sculptures caught on quickly once he perfected them. In 1999, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association commissioned him to sculpt bronzes for its "Environmental Stewardship Awards Program." Each year, he makes seven bronzes that go to regional winners across the nation and an eighth that is presented to the national winner.

So far the winners have lived in 37 states.

"Getting that contract kind of put me on the map," he says. "It's helped me become pretty well known."

Four eastern Nebraska communities, including his hometown, also have life-size sculptures that Friesen has produced.

The display at Henderson, called "Life-blood of Agriculture," features a farmer and two youths setting irrigation tubes. Sutton's attraction has a Civil War theme, a large Viking stands in front of Northwest High School at Grand Island and the York Library shows a senior citizen reading to two grandchildren and their dog.



Memorial Hall has served many students and employees in a variety of capacities since it was built in the early 1950s. (Chadron State College Historical Photo)

FINE ARTS HAVE FLOURISHED IN MEMORIAL HALL

By George Ledbetter

Music, theatre, speech and art have been part of the curriculum at Chadron State College since the institution was founded in 1911 as a State Normal School focused on training public school teachers.

But for the first four decades those subjects coexisted with the other courses in the classrooms of Old Admin. Although the music department had a small auditorium on the building's third floor, there were no dedicated rooms for art and speech classes. Theatre performances and large concerts were performed in local churches, the movie hall or public school auditoriums.

Facing a need for more facilities to accommodate the influx of students following the end of World War II, college president Wiley G. Brooks in 1948 presented a 10-year plan to the State Board of Normal Schools that included building an auditorium, among other items. Brooks placed the auditorium on the must list of building needs, the "Chadron Record" reported.

Two years later at a meeting in Chadron, the State Board approved architectural plans for a Memorial Building to be dedicated to the men and women of the college who served in both World Wars. Besides a spacious auditorium, the building was designed to have classrooms and offices of the Fine Arts Division that had been created in a 1946 reorganization of the college administrative structure.

"There had been a need for this utilitarian building for 39 years," the "Chadron Record" reported, noting that the \$500,000 project would include a large auditorium, as well as a cafeteria, student union with snack bar, music studios, rehearsal rooms, classrooms for art

and speech, and a smaller second floor auditorium for recitals and one act plays.

Orshek Construction of Fremont was awarded the building contract early in 1951 and a cornerstone laying ceremony was scheduled for that fall, but construction proceeded slowly, apparently due in part to restrictions imposed because of the Korean War.

"Lady Luck smiled on our new auditorium," and all the steel and bricks needed for the building had been procured, Brooks said in a January 1952 interview with "The Eagle" student newspaper.

Brooks' prediction that the auditorium would be ready for commencement ceremonies in 1953 proved too optimistic, however, for reasons that remain unclear.

Some of the delay may have been due to an inexperienced contractor whose previous experience was primarily road projects, according to Gilbert (Gib) Wilson, a 1950s CSC student whose summer job as a laborer on the project paid \$1.25 per hour.

"There were a lot of boo-boos," Wilson said. "They had to correct a lot of things."

By mid-1953, the project was nearing completion. Visiting high school seniors and local Rotary Club members were allowed to tour the building in May.

"The \$600,000 structure has been termed one of the best of its kind in the state," "The Eagle" reported.

But in November the contractor was ordered to correct several defects in the building, and special permission was required to use the new, 849 seat auditorium for the funeral of Chadron attorney Edwin D. Crites, a long-time member of the State Normal Board and strong supporter of the college.

The building finally opened for public inspection on Sunday, Feb. 6, 1954. The "Chadron Record" reported that an estimated 1,600 people heard show music played on the \$8,500 Hammond organ in the auditorium's orchestra pit and viewed the attractively furnished student union in the northeast corner of the building, the modern cafeteria with seating for 350, and the 169-seat theatre upstairs.

The open, two-story foyer also dazzled visitors, the newspaper said, with huge wall mirrors installed as a memorial to Adelaide Miller, the popular physical education instructor who died two years previously.

Brooks, who by then had announced his resignation as president, put the building's cost at a little more than \$700,000, and, apparently reacting to public criticism, said that purchasing 16 new pianos and three new organs for the facility was justified by student numbers.

"He emphasized that all the building will be used upon its opening, with a big capacity for many more students, and that in his opinion, it was not overbuilt," the "Chadron Record" reported.

Less than a week after the open house, the auditorium was put to use, hosting a performance by the 30-member Tucson Boys Chorus that drew an overflow crowd and praise from the newspaper's music critic, who said the long-awaited building was beautiful and perfectly appointed, with acoustics that "meet all reasonable requirements."

Two weeks later the college theatre department staged a play in the new auditorium, and many more events soon followed. By the time of the May 13 formal dedication ceremony, with Nebraska Governor Robert Crosby as featured speaker, every facility

Facts and Figures of Memorial Hall

\$723,787.17 the final cost of construction

- 1954 the year the building opened
- 674 Auditorium's capacity
- 350 the number of seats in the cafeteria
- 92 Black Box Theatre's capacity
- 18 offices
- 13 pottery wheels
- 5 classrooms on the second floor, including labs for lighting, performance, painting, photography, printmaking and one traditional classroom with an 18-foot projection screen
- 13 practice rooms for percussion, piano, bass, guitar, brass, organ, and mallets
- 4 dressing rooms
- 2 galleries
- 2 classrooms on the first floor, including spaces for drawing, ceramics, glasswork, and kilns
- 1 graphic design lab in the basement
- darkroom to develop photos
- 1 performance room with a fireplace
- 1 choir room
- 1 band room
- 1 annex for pottery and glass

of the building was in use, Brooks told the audience.

Memorial Hall "is a hopeful building, expressive of the confidence which the state of Nebraska has in the Chadron community," declared Crosby.

That confidence and Brooks' pledge that the building would be available for the needs of the local community and western Nebraska have proved true. For the past 69 years, Memorial Hall has been a focus of cultural and community activities in northwest Nebraska. M-Hall, as it has come to be called, has hosted numerous college plays, student and faculty recitals and art shows, graduation ceremonies, class convocations, and the inauguration of several college presidents. The building's practice rooms and studios have nurtured the talents of hundreds of student artists and musicians. Community concerts, opera companies, and distinguished speakers, including many Nebraska governors, have appeared on the auditorium stage. The building has been used for conventions, fine arts festivals, speech tournaments, touring art exhibits, children's theatre productions and film series.

Since its debut in 1954, M-Hall has seen several transformations. Construction of a new Campus Center (later named the Kline Center) in 1961 opened space that had housed the Student Union, snack bar and cafeteria. An art classroom and small recital hall took their place, while some of the area was used briefly for overflow from the college library.

A \$50,000 remodel in 1970 added air conditioning to the Little Theatre, carpeting in music practice rooms, new curtains for the stage and a permanent art gallery on the main floor.

More extensive renovations took place in 1984, when the building got a new roof, lighting and heating upgrades, an elevator and exterior fire escape, carpeting, and new paint and improvements in music practice rooms and offices. The \$900,000 project also included acoustical treatments to reduce echoing in the auditorium, a new stage floor, better stage lighting, and a new control booth.

The turn of the century saw even greater changes to M-Hall. An 18-month, \$2.4 million renovation project completed in 2002 brought a new heating and ventilation system, full building air conditioning, new electric and data line connections, fire safety improvements, handicapped access, new paint and flooring. The building's open, two-story foyer was reduced to a single level, adding classroom space on the second floor, where the Little Theatre was reconfigured as the Black Box Theatre with seating on all sides of a central stage, a new control room and better lighting.

Adapting to new technology in art and music, M-Hall now includes practice rooms with electronic devices for performing and composing music and a classroom devoted to teaching computerized sound and lighting techniques for the stage. While art rooms are still used for instruction in traditional art media and techniques, students can also express their creativity in graphic design on high-end computers in the building's labs.

The heritage of creating fine arts creates a special feeling in M-Hall, something veteran theatre professor Roger Mays finds especially strong in the Black Box Theatre, where students have performed countless plays over the past seven decades.

"I love sitting here and thinking of all the plays that have gone on here, and all the shows that have yet to go on in it," he said.

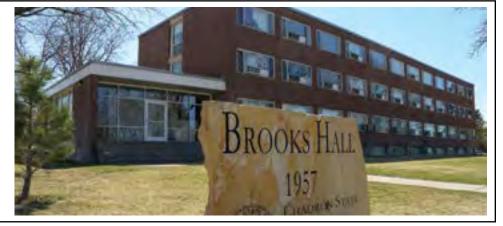
That feeling extends throughout the building, said Mays.

"It's that sense of anticipation and promise. I get that feeling every room I walk into, of what has been done here and what has yet to be done," he said.

Through its many transformations over the years, M-Hall has certainly lived up to Governor Crosby's expression of hope and confidence, and fulfilled its promise as "a rendezvous of youth and hope and opportunity" dedicated to those students whose ideal of service led them to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Request: Share your memories of Brooks Hall

Please share your memories, stories or photos about Brooks Hall via email to alumni@csc.edu or mail them to the Alumni Office, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337.



Memories of MEMORIAL HALL



Memorial Hall, Student Union. (Chadron State College Historical Photo)

I registered as a freshman at Chadron State the fall of 1960. Memorial Hall was nearly new, and it was a center of activity. The campus cafeteria was in the big room on the southeast corner, and one day a young man was seen waiting for lunch in the long line wrapping around the walls. He caught our attention because his head was tilted back and his eyes seemed huge and glazed. It turned out he was not intoxicated (alcohol being the most dangerous thing known then), but he was suffering from the first pair of contact lenses any of us had ever seen.

Besides being the center for art and music classes on campus, the building housed a splendid modern theatre, the largest west of Kearney. I won the Blue Key Revue on that stage in '62 with my sendup of John F. Kennedy, later I was Box in the farce "Box and Cox," and then a spear carrier in "Macbeth" under the tutelage of Theatre Professor Tom Turner.

Mr. Turner was a sturdy, compact man who reminded one of Humphrey Bogart as Sam Spade. He was an energetic director with a low tolerance for the ignorant and always demanded the best possible performances from his actors. He had a reputation for always being right that made people believe he was infallible. One story began when he and a friend were sitting back in the house watching auditions for dancers up on stage. "Look at that kid

in the red sweater," Turner remarked, "I don't want him in the show, he dances like a man with a wooden leg." The friend had grown up in the same town as the dancer, and he knew the young man was in a disabling car wreck a few years back.

"Migosh, Tom, how could you possibly know that?"

Turner paused. "Easy, I saw a woodpecker backstage keeping an eye on him."

M-Hall also housed the Student Union, which occupied the large room in the northeast corner of the ground floor. There was a small grill and snack bar in the northwest corner of the room, and the place was often the happy scene of mixers and dances that brought the students out at night to meet and mingle.

Walk into that room today, and in the far northeast corner you will find a large corner fireplace, now painted white. Look carefully on it, and you'll find etched into the surface an epigraph that has stayed with me all this time: HOLD FAST TO THE SPIRIT OF YOUTH, LET YEARS TO COME DO WHAT THEY MAY

Memorial Hall was an important part of my four great years at CSC, and I have tried hard always to live up to that motto.

Cliff Reisig Class of 1964



Before Memorial Hall was built the Scott House was on that site. We lived there from 1948 until the start of construction for Memorial Hall. The house had living space for a family on first floor and the second floor rooms and bath were rented to single college teachers. Back of the house was an area for a garden, large garage and then just open fields.

When the site was chosen for Memorial Hall the Scott House was moved to a new location just east of Sparks Hall and turned into apartments for faculty. Later on it was moved back to West Tenth Street to serve as apartments for students. That is where it is today.

I have no idea where the name "Scott" came from. I have always assumed that the house belonged to the college and not an individual.

> Eric A. Johnson Class of 1966



Memorial Hall, Foyer Stairway. (Chadron State College Historical Photo)

I have many memories of Memorial Hall, some of them a bit foggy now. The vivid ones include working on the musical "South Pacific." My roommate, Morse Clary, played the part of Emile. We who were the sailors in the production made our surprise entrance from the door near the rear of the audience when we burst in singing "Bloody Mary" as we came down the aisle and across to the ramp over the orchestra pit onto the stage. This was done so that the scene change did not take up valuable stage time. Another memory from the same production was the dancing of a somewhat older sailor who danced with his cap down over his eyes. The dancer was Harry Simonton.

"The King and I" was another production I worked on, though backstage.

It is very hard to forget the success of "The Glass Menagerie."

Harry Simonton also performed on stage in Memorial Hall as well at other places with a hand balancing act with Cissy Meyer. Harry also had a trampoline act he performed as though he was intoxicated.

"Behind the Shutters" was the title of the show put on by the Sigma Tau fraternity. Throughout the year members of the fraternity took pictures on campus. They would then go through the slides and makeup captions for the ones they used. It was always interesting and amusing to see what they came up with. The last slide always had the caption, "The End." Remember it?

Nick Vallentine Class of 1962



Freshmen report for beanies in Memorial Hall, from the 1961 Anokasan yearbook. (Chadron State College Historical Photo)

My early experiences of Memorial Hall came while in high school. Community concerts, were a part of Western Nebraska, when my family attended a concert featuring seven harpists. Another experience was when the Rushville High School band, directed by George Hinn, was requested to perform for an assembly at Memorial Hall. The program was March Slav, Afternoon of a Fawn and Stars and Stripes Forever.

Upon arrival on campus as a student, I worked in the student union snack bar. It wasn't long and those hours had to change. The organ was located in the orchestra pit' All lessons and practices had to be completed before the 10 o'clock hour.

Fine Arts buildings have many demands for choir and band concerts, recitals, art shows and plays. The route to practice the organ was: enter the south doors of Memorial Hall, go to the choir room, make a right turn down a short hall, make a left turn, reach for the hand rail, down three more steps to the concrete floor, then up one huge step and reach for the one light switch on the organ in the massive dark auditorium behind

The college cafeteria was located on the south side of Memorial Hall. In the clear morning air going to eat breakfast, one could often hear Otto coming across campus yodeling. Those attending Chadron at that time were well aware of this person and his yodel.

When it came time for school dances, they took place in the cafeteria with tables and chairs placed around the outside of the room, as well as the front entrance to the building. A highlight for music students was to play charades at the Boehle home. Charades included Dr. Boehle, Jean, the girls Dulcy and Alison, along with William Artis. I remember going to the library to research happenings in New York. William Artis was appreciative. We could not stump him.

Today, I can still remember the excellent Fine Arts faculty who could make up a dance band at the drop of a hat and the smell of the food from the cafeteria. And all the hours of practice in the pit preparing me to play the organ at the 1959 graduation ceremony. ALL THE LIGHTS WERE ON!

Ardyth Haverkamp Mendenhall Class of 1959

SPORTS

EAGLES HAD EXCITING SEASON: TIED FOR THIRD IN RMAC

By Con Marshall

The 2018 football season was a dramatic one for the Chadron State Eagles.

They opened their spectacularly refurbished field, stadium and press box, won all five of their home games and finished with a 7-3 record, good for a share of third place in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

They also had a spate of exciting, down-tothe-wire games, coming from behind in the fourth quarter to win four times.

Most of the games were on the wild side, fired by big plays on both sides of the ball. The Eagles averaged 37.2 points and the opponents 33.5. CSC had 22 touchdown plays that were at least 25 yards long. The Eagles' offense averaged 467.5 yards a game, second highest all-time at CSC. Two senior linemen, center Jake Geil and left tackle Travis Romsa, earned first-team all-conference, but many others also had excellent seasons.

Senior Kevin Coy, who earned first-team Academic All-District, led the Eagles' running backs with 171 carries for 962 yards and 15 touchdowns. He ripped off the longest play from scrimmage in Eagles' annals – a 97-yard burst with just 16 seconds remaining to clinch the win over Dixie State.

In addition, Coy had an 83-yard scoring jaunt, now CSC's 10th longest rushing TD all-time.

Stevann Brown and Elijah Myles did well while backing Coy. They comvards on 152 carries.

Triggered by sopho- (Photo by Lynni Talady) more quarterback Dalton Holst, the Eagles also had a potent passing game. Holst completed 195 of 340 passes for 2,603 yards and 22 touchdowns. The leading receiver was another sophomore, Cole Thurness, who caught 46 passes for 701 yards and seven TDs.

The Eagles had other exceptional receivers, including juniors Jackson Dickerson, who had 37 catches for 360 yards, Tevon Wright, 33 for 528, and Brandon Fullerton, 29 for 488. Redshirt freshman Chad Mikelson also served notice he's ready for more targets after catching 10 passes for 147 yards in the season finale.

The Eagles yielded an average of 516 yards, but they were the conference's runner-up in red zone defense, keeping the foes off the scoreboard 15 times after they had pushed inside



bined to rush for 1.030 Special teams stars Tyler Lewis, Jackson Dickerson, and Bryant Wilson celebrate a touchdown after a blocked punt on September 15 at home versus Fort Lewis.

Three standouts are graduating. They are end Kyle Temple, who had 54 tackles, including a team-high six sacks; linebacker Keenan Johnson, whose 103 stops led the Eagles in tackles for the third straight season; and safety Zech James, an active stabilizer in the second-

On the bright side, the returnees will include several of this year's big playmakers, including linebacker Tyler Lewis, who had 95 tackles, forced three fumbles and swiped two passes; end Calder Forcella, who had 10.5 tackles for minus yardage; safety Malik Goss, a true freshman who returned an interception 82 yards and a fumble 62 yards for TDs; and cornerback DeAndre Barthwell, who had three picks and broke 11 more passes.

Women's golf off to promising start in 2018-19

By Kaleb Center

An influx of new talent helped Chadron State women's golf to one of its best starts in recent years, as the fall season, typically not ideal for Nebraska golfers, saw the squad set new single-round and tournament records in only its second outing of the year.

After firing a 327 in their first round at Tiara Rado Golf Club in Grand Junction, Colorado, the CSC golfers drew a score of 319, landing them in a tie for 12th place of 17 teams. Both the 319 strokes and the two-day total of 646 were three better than the corresponding team records.

The previous marks were set at the 2016 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships at Coldwater Golf Club in Phoenix.

Typically, the spring season is when the CSC team peaks, and the Eagles expect better things to come their way as they develop four freshmen into top form.

Chadron native Alpine Hickstein is a major factor in the renaissance of the program. She came one stroke from tying Ally Malzahn's 2007 single-round school record of 74, in Grand Junction. In her next competition, she won the South Dakota Mines tournament.

helping the Eagles to their first team win since 2015. Hickstein was Chadron State's top golfer in three of four fall meets, adding to her win individual placings of 20th, 24th, and 28th.

The Eagles' number one at the Grand Junction RMAC Preview was another freshman, Kayla Elder. At that meet, the Fort Collins, Colorado, product was only one stroke off the program's by Malzahn in 2007 and

last equaled by Kelli Haynes four seasons ago in spring 2015.

The team's only senior, Sami Rahmig, continued to provide excellent leadership and consistent play throughout the fall. Rahmig, from Scottsbluff, Nebraska, was a model of consistency, firing eight consecutive rounds in the 80s in the four tournaments. The 86.1



all-time two-round tour-win at the South Dakota Mines Golf Tournament at Arrowhead Country Club in nament pace of 153, set Rapid City. (Photo by Kaleb Center)

stroke average she put together is the best of her career headed into the spring season.

Two other newcomers, freshmen Anna Branscome of Lakewood, Colorado, and Abby White of Ontario, Canada, also starred in the Eagles' top five for most of the early part of the season, showing great promise with each performance.

Cross country program rebuilds with youth

By Kaleb Center

Both Chadron State cross country teams faced challenges headed into their seasons, as first-year head cross country coach Scott Foley would acknowledge.

The men's side was comprised of four freshmen and four sophomores and the women's roster had one senior and two juniors.

Junior Alyse Henry was the strongest runner on either team as the youngsters eased

into the season with three early September races.

The women pulled out two second-place finishes as a team, while winning on their home turf. The men came along more slowly, but did manage to finish ahead of in-state player Wayne State Alyse Henry



College, when the Eagles visited Lincoln on September 15th.

The emergence of sophomore Sheldon Curley as a prime competitor was a bright spot for the men's team.

After the three early races, the Eagles took both teams down to Denver to battle with RMAC schools on the course where MSU Denver would host the NCAA regional, in Washington Park on October 6. Facing six RMAC schools and nine from the region, Curley finished 16th overall in 25:54.0. In doing so he clocked the seventh-fastest seasonal record in program

Chadron State's women ended up 13th of 15 at the RMAC meet. Henry, Savannah Silbaugh, Madi Watson, Emma Willadsen, and Catherine Orban were the top five runners, in that order.

The men's team only raced five healthy men. They were freshmen Michael Jaso, Jesse Jaramillo, and Zen Petrosius, along with sophomores Trevor Link and Tristian Oldhorse. The men finished 15th, ahead of only Regis University.

At the regional, the men's side was unable to field a team, due to the health of the runners, but sent two individuals, Jaramillo and

Henry was once again the women's top performer, crossing in a season-best 23:18.8 which ranks ninth on the school's performance lists. She finished 44th.

Three CSC women - Watson, Silbaugh, and Willadsen - each ran all-time bests at the 6000 meter distance in the regional meet. Watson ran 94th in 24:31.0, Silbaugh finished right behind in 24:32.9, and Willadsen's time of 25:05.3 was 138th.

VOLLEYBALL PROTECTED HOME COURT IN 2018

By Kaleb Center

Riann Mullis's third year as head volleyball coach at Chadron State College brought a more disciplined brand of volleyball to the program, as displayed on the court. It was evident to most who watched that the team continues to improve technically and that translated into a more exciting slate of matches.

The Eagles were particularly improved at home, where they had a .500 mark despite finishing with an overall record of 8-19. At one point in mid-October, they rode a four-match home win streak, which is noteworthy since it had not been done by a CSC volleyball team since 2003.

Junior libero Ashton Burditt and senior setter Madison Webb both received postseason recognition by the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and both made it onto the Academic All-RMAC First Team, as well.

Burditt took hold of the league lead in digs per set from week one, and she never relinquished it going wire-to-wire as the top statistical player in the RMAC for that category.

Her season began in St. Charles, Missouri, where she tied a school record for digs in a single match, with 36. Burditt finished with a 5.83 digs per set average, nearly 0.5 more than the next-best player in the conference. She was named to the All-RMAC Second Team in November.

Webb, a team captain for the second year in a row, finished with 944 assists for the season. She also finished with a career high 72 kills

and 277 digs. In the season opening match against Urbana, Webb recorded a season high 59 assists and a career high 25 digs.

With her first assist of the night at Westminster on October 6, Madison Webb broke a 14-year-old record owned by Shelly Kraus for most career assists by a CSC player. Kraus finished her volleyball career with 3,285 assists.

Webb, who compiled 3,639 assists, played in 384 consecutive sets. Her assists mark also ranked her in the top 25 of active NCAA Division II volleyball players at the conclusion of

Both Burditt, an elementary education major, and Webb, a business administration student, will finish with grade point averages near 3.90.

The Eagles tied with Black Hills State for an 11th-place finish in the RMAC standings, at 6-12 in league play. Against teams not qualifying for the conference postseason, the Eagles went 6-2, while suffering 10 losses all to topeight teams in the league.

Returning to lead the Eagles in 2019 will be Burditt's explosive play at libero, along with that of three other seniors, all hitters: right side Shelby Schouten, middle Timmi Keisel, and outside Brooke Gardner. Gardner was the team's kills per set leader while Schouten had the highest hitting percentage of the three, with a .195 for the year.

Two rising juniors, Katie Thoeny and Karli Noble, have both been regulars at defensive specialist for the Eagles, providing muchneeded depth on the back line.



CSC volleyball's leading scorer for 2018, Brooke Gardner, attacks the ball over the net in front of a Chicoine Center crowd during a match against Black Hills State on September 28. (Photo by Riley Ellis)













The inaugural season of the Sports Complex was a special one for Chadron State College football coaches and student-athletes, but it was also extraordinary for fans who watched the Eagles post a perfect 5-0 record at Beebe Stadium. The season opened with CSC hosting its first night game in decades and a formal dedication with donors and dignitaries followed two weeks later. The winning ways continued throughout the season and the Chadron State Foundation thanks all who supported the project. The photos on these pages showcase some scenes from the first two home games.

Russell follows his frontier to Alaska

By Kaleb Center

On a fishing island at the coast of the Bering Sea, Chadron State College alumnus Kent Russell has carved out a successful niche. Nearly 10 years after his graduation, Russell has become a successful high school boys basketball coach, despite working in the Alaskan wilderness town of Unalaska - more known for its fishing than for its basketball prowess.

Unalaska's name is inspired by the Unangan tribe, who are believed to have come to the island 9,000 years ago. When fur traders from Russia established a trading post there in the 18th century, they began to refer to the place similarly to how the natives did: near the

There are no roads connecting Unalaska to the Alaskan peninsula, and the shortest regular ferry is a four-day cruise from Homer, a town that is a four-hour drive from Anchorage. The most convenient way to get to the island is by airplane.

"Newsweek" chronicled the many idiosyncrasies of Unalaska when the publication profiled Russell's team in 2017. The story illuminated local cultural icons such as the Bridge to the Other Side, the quirky blog run by the town's deputy police chief, and the high school basketball team from nowhere that won its first state title in 18 years using Russell's brand of team-first, blue-collar play in 2016.

"I really enjoy coaching," Russell said. "Growing up and playing at Chadron, competition is in my nature. It's a challenge, but I enjoy trying to get kids to compete at a higher

Russell played on the CSC football team from 2005 to 2008. As a player he didn't rack up yards and touchdowns, but he did play in

"What made us good at

all 13 games as a sophomore and six as a junior when the Eagles went undefeated both seasons Chadron, was we had a bunch up having to leave town, and won playoff games. of guys that hated to lose What Russell took away and were willing to sacrifice from football, however, for each other, for the team's was more applicable to life than simple wins and benefit." losses.

"What made us good at -Chadron," Russell said, "was we had a bunch of guys that hated to lose and were willing to sacrifice for each other, for the team's benefit. Obviously, we had Danny [Woodhead] too, but most of us weren't necessarily top-notch talent. So, I try to get these kids to buy into that idea of what we need to do to be successful as a team."

The coach, who also teaches math and social studies at Unalaska City High, wasn't in search of the spotlight like he received in "Newsweek" when he left CSC and entered



Unalaska City High School Head Boys' Basketball Coach Kent Russell shows off his vertical leap while coaching at the 2015 Alaska 2A State Championships. (Courtesy Photo)

the education profession. He just wanted to see the great outdoors.

"I just wanted to move to the state of Alaska," Russell said. "Growing up in the state of Colorado, I always liked hunting and fishing, and Alaska was a draw for doing those kind of things."

Initially, Russell, who grew up in Mancos, Colorado, was supposed to be an assistant coach when he accepted his position at Un-

alaska City High. However, the person lined up to be the head coach ended and in Russell's words, the school had no other

What he arrived to in Unalaska was a warm and - Kent Russell welcoming, close-knit, albeit eclectic, community.

"It's a very unique place," Russell said. "It's very diverse. There are people from all over. We have a huge southeast Asian and Pacific Islander population. I have a student whose dad is from Guam. Fishing is our thing. We're the United States' largest fishing ports, in terms of tonnage. What we're seeing is a lot of people getting manager jobs since the 1990s and they're bringing their families up from those areas, because the money's pretty good. They have to pay fairly well to keep people here. It's pretty expensive to live here.

With so much of the town's hopes riding on the fishing business, the basketball team at Unalaska City High must rely on whatever local talent is available. Russell says nearly all the male students at the high school come out for basketball, and nobody gets cut from the roster. Only about eight are selected, however, to make the travel list.

Travel is a big deal for the group and it becomes part of the educational experience for those picked to compete at the varsity level. Travel is expensive, so the team tries to schedule clusters of three to five games on one expedition, which typically covers hundreds, if not thousands, of miles.

Russell says the support he's received from the locals has been outstanding. He even met his wife in Unalaska and the couple is expecting their first child in December. Since the basketball season begins January 6, Russell is taking some time off from teaching in order to enjoy his family. In doing so, he will also step down from his head coaching position and become an assistant coach for 2019.

"It's a challenge, but I enjoy trying to get kids to compete at a higher level. We have a culture now where we expect to go to the state tournament, but it could change in a couple years, because with the small population, the talent cycles up and down," Russell said.

As it turns out, the Unalaska basketball team, much like the fisheries that sustain it, is as cyclical as the ocean around it.

ALUMNI EVENTS



A reunion of men's basketball players was on campus in November. Standing from left, John Freudenberg, Joel Nelson, John Smith, Chuck Bunner, Lee Dick, Larry Baumann, Lyle Roberts, Pat Cordell. Front row, Don Reel and Rod Ehler.



Chadron State alumni and friends enjoyed a night at the ball park with the Colorado Rockies in July. Nearly 100 baseball fans braved an early rain delay as the Rockies won the game during Star Wars night at Coors Field.



Members of the Class of 1968 gathered for a photo prior to the Homecoming lunch. From left, Tamma Newth, Lynne Johnson, Sam Johnson, Veldon Tomlinson, Quin Myers, Donna Brown and Bill Jacobson. Not pictured were Roger and Annette Davies, Dick Kettlewell, Larry and Sherry Yost.



The 2018 alumni travel program cruised around the British Isles in June. Front row, Sandy Ferguson, Tessa Bridgwater, Robyn Hospodka, Norma Perkins. Middle row, Frank Ferguson, Mary Puffer, Anita Troudt, Terrie Wood. Back row, Bob Puffer and



The Survivors Luncheon is each year during Homecoming week. The original members were CSC graduates from the 1940s. In the back row, from left, CS Foundation CEO Ben Watson, Wally Goff, Beth Gibbons, Shirley Peters, Helen Slattery, Jean Baker and Lois Putnam. Front row, Marvin Spracklen and Jean Henkens.



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Alumni Events

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About 20 Chadron State College athletes, mostly from the 1950s, returned for a Bill Baker-Era Reunion during Homecoming 2018. It was organized by Baker, now 91 and living in Tucson, Ariz., to commemorate the Eagles' undefeated football season in 1958. Baker was the head football and track coach and the assistant basketball coach from 1955 through 1961. In the front row, from left, Rex Jones, Jim White, Jerry Rowe, Ron Knipp, Bill Mowry, Gale Ibach, Otto Welfring, Bob Pedrett, Keith Kyser, Bill Baker and Joe Chasteen. Back row, Tom Dindinger, John McLane, Don Schmaderer, Ron Pinney, Chuck Murray, Larry Lemons, Bud Murray, Rod Borders, Roger Hengen, Johnny Alberta and Frank Ferguson.



A reunion of early 1980s football players brought a large group to CSC for Homecoming. From left, Brian Keizer, Tom Brown, John Flynn, Zane Sweeney, Rick Hamilton, Scott Wickard, Robert Hart, Bob Ferguson, Dave Smith, Todd Kurtenbach (kneeling), Ron Estes, Dennis Hengen, Steve Wadas, Leonard Hawkins, Rob Ford, Rod Worth, Dave Minchow, Charlie Mitchell, Bart Voycheske, Andy Callahan, Shawn Osborn (kneeling), Don Peterson, Jeff Parke, Ray Hoffman, Andy Huerta (kneeling), Mitch Mosier, Mitch Huebner, Chris Wentling (kneeling), Tim Weiss and Glenn Weiss.

2019 Alumni Gatherings

January 25	Tucson	March 31	Denver	
January 25	Chandler	April 7	Chicago	
January 26	Mesa	April 13	North Platte	
January 26	Scottsdale	April 14	Grand Island	
January 27	Sun City/Surprise	April 27	Sioux Falls	
February 23	Omaha	April 28	Minneapolis	
March 30	Colorado Springs			

Watch for details in your mailbox or on the CSC website at www.csc.edu/alumni/events.csc

We hope to see you soon!

CLASS NOTES

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Mary Donahue Art Professor Chadron, was cast as an extra in the Coen brothers' Western anthology, "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs," now available through Netflix. She recounted her experience in a blog onthetrailwithbscruggs.wordpress.com.

70s

Cheryl "Cheri" (Kaufman) Cauble '71 Gering, has been teaching fitness classes at the Scottsbluff YMCA for more than 20 years.

Tim Turman BA '71, MA '76 Wahoo, is retiring as the head football coach at Bishop Neumann. His career spanned 46 seasons, 38 of those at Neumann.

Larry Young att Kimball, donated more than 1,000 specimens to the High Plains Herbarium at CSC in July.

Mike McNutt '76 Gillette, Wyo., retired after 28 years as park superintendent for the Campbell County Parks Department.

Robert Ecoffey '77 Pine Ridge, S.D., recently came out of retirement to be named chief of police for the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Jonette (Schade) Stupke '79 West Union, S.C., and husband David recently retired and moved to West Union, South Carolina.

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Don Watt '80 Chadron, was honored by the National Athletic Trainers Association for outstanding service receiving the Athletic Trainer Service Award.

Mark Glad '81 Prairie Village, Kan., was named number one in his company, IBT Industrial Tech of Kansas City, last year

Mike Rowan '81 Gurley, was recently named president and CEO of Crossroads Cooperative in Sidney.

Dr. Judy McShannon '83 Socorro, N.M., was named to the recently created research development manager position at New Mexico Tech's Office of Research and Development.

Martin Fleming MS '84 Tarboro, N.C., was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame recognizing over 40 years of dedication to the sport.

Charlotte Browning '85 Scottsbluff, retired after 42 years in education.

Marla (Payne) Ford '87 Yuma, Ariz., is the preschool director for Crane School District.

Leonard Hawkins '87 Omaha, was inducted into the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame.

Julia (Sullivan) Meyer '90 Rapid City, S.D., and husband Larry Meyer celebrated 50 years of marriage Nov. 11. 2017.

Jodi (Hastings) Benson BS '91, MS '03 Scottsbluff, was named principal of the Bear Cub Preschool for the 2018-19 school year.

Angela Crouch '92 Mesquite, Nev., is teaching fourth grade at Bowler Elementary.

Brian Jahnke '92 North Platte, was named the 2018 Nebraska Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year. He has taught Adapted Physical Education for 23 years.

Kraig Weyrich MS '92 Scottsbluff, was named principal of Lincoln Heights Elementary for the 2018-19 school year.

Jason Alexander '93 Beatrice, was named superintendent of Beatrice Public Schools.

Timothy Alvarez '93 La Junta, Colo., was named president of Otero Junior College.

Eric Glenn BS '93, MA '95 Rapid City, S.D., was named men's basketball head coach at South Dakota School of Mines.

Lonnie Grant '94 Alliance, was named Physician Assistant of the Year by the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants.

Dr. Regg Hagge '95 Newcastle, Wyo., recently joined the staff at Weston County Health Services.

Dr. Kevin Marr '96 Greeley, Colo., recently became a fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry. He and his wife Kami are in private practice together in Greeley, Colo.

Jane (Krogman) Harmon MS '97 Firestone, Colo., was named principal of Mountain View High School in Loveland, Colo.

Shane Zimmerman '98 Lincoln, was named head football coach at Lincoln North High School.

Dave Beintema '99 Mitchell, has been hired as the interim deputy treasurer for Davidson County. He will become the county's acting treasurer until the 2020 election in December.

Dr. Angela (Hunke) Brennan '99 Saint Paul, received the Outstanding Preceptor in Rural Family Medicine Award from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

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Kari (Coleman) Gaswick BA '03, MBA '16 Chadron, was named Vice President for Administration and Finance at Chadron State College.

Dr. Jennifer (Warriner) Green '04 Bozeman, Mont., earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor at Montana State University.

Jamie Martin BS '04, ME '13 Morrill, has been teaching lower grades in the Morrill school district 13 years. She currently teaches kindergarten.

Christy (Oosterman) Muecke '04 Powell, Wyo., created sculptures out of stumps in front of the Park County School District No. 1 Support Services Building. She has been creating chainsaw art for almost 20 years.

Dr. Shannon (McGee) Sorensen '04 Gillette, Wyo., recently became the manager at The Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center.

Will Weibert '04 Sedalia, Mo., was named the publisher of the Sedalia Democrat.

Tony Essay '05 Omaha, was hired as director of Private Client Services for the Wealth Management Group at First National Bank.

Jill (Hidy) Hurtt '05 Hemingford, recently appeared on the game show "Jeopardy!" She is the librarian at Hemingford Public Schools.

Tim Collins MS '06 Fresno, Calif., was named the senior associate athletics director for development at Fresno State University.

Clint Reading BA '06, MA '08 Idaho Falls, Idaho, has been named Dean of Career Technical Education for College of Eastern Idaho.

Zach Kearns '06 Rushville, was inducted into the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame.

Lukas Benzel BS '07, ME '14 Gering, was named assistant principal at Westmoor Elementary School in Scottsbluff.



A team of CSC alumnae participated in the 2018 Market-to-Market Relay in October. The course covers 76 miles between Omaha and Lincoln. Runners were Holly Beavers '98, Sandy Wilkie '00, Dawn Sherlock '98, Heather Evans '01, Tammy Knapke '99 and Hilary Catron '99.

Danny Woodhead '08 Elkhorn, was the mystery torch lighter at the 34th annual Cornhusker State Games held in July in Lincoln.

Dr. Danny Hanlon '09 Imperial, and his wife Kaylee recently purchased Southwest Nebraska Dental Center in Imperial.

John Grossnickle '09 Rock Springs, Wyo., was elected to the office of Sweetwater County Sherriff in November.

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Brandy Ritz '11 Bennington, was promoted to senior accountant at Frankel Zacharia LLC in Omaha.

Becca Chasek '12 Chadron, was appointed Dawes County public defender in October.

Heather Converse '12 Wray, Colo., is a kindergarten teacher at Ayers Elementary in Sterling, Colo.

Casandra "Sandy" Hoehn '12 Torrington, Wyo., was selected as 2018 Wyoming Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year for her work for Goshen County Economic Development

Ryan Barron '13 Loveland, Colo., was named K-99 radio's Teacher Tuesday Teacher of the Week March 25. He is a math teacher at Mountain View High School

Mike Sandstrom '13, MA '17 Chadron, was one of 114 teachers selected for a National History Day program titled, "Legacies in World War I."

Frederick Culp '14 Mililani, Hawaii, with his band Twelvenoonandmidnite released their first single, "Greenstone," in October.

Dr. Megan Eitemiller '14 Chadron, has joined the Horizon West Dental Clinic in Crawford.

Dr. Jordyn Stevens '14 Chadron, has joined the Northwest Eye Center in Chadron.

Kathy (Green) Bourque '15 Ogallala, was appointed by the Great Plains Health Care Foundation Board of Trustees as the new executive director.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Wade Waugh '15} Paxton, was accepted into the Rapid City Fire Department firefighting academy. \end{tabular}$

William McLaughlin '16 Alamosa, Colo., was named Sports Information Director at Adams State University.

Whitney Roth MS '16 Gering, was named the University of Arkansas volleyball team-director of operations in April.

Dylan Stansbury '16 Crawford, continues to compete in distance races around the region. He came in first in the half-marathon event at the Omaha Marathon and set a new course record in his first ever full marathon at the Platte Valley Companies Monument Marathon in September.

Drew Kasch '17 Parker, Colo., is a financial planner at Northwestern Mutual Greenwood Village.

Darin Monroe MS '17 Rockford, Ill., is using his degree every day in his position as the head softball coach and athletic director at Rock Valley College in Rockford.

Danny O'Boyle '17 Gering, is teaching boys physical education and coaching football for Gering Public Schools.

Mackenzie Watson '17 Mitchell, is the teen librarian at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library.

Gabriela Varela '17 Scottsbluff, is working as a marketing specialist redesigning and promoting the eCenter at Twin Cities Development.

MARRIAGES

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Joshua Russo '04 Lincoln, married Brooke Rhoades Oct. 3, 2015.

Troy Jasnoch att. Scott City, Kan., married Stacey Chudomelka Nov. 5, 2017.

Tessa (Dormann) Hood '05 Parker, Colo., married Aaron Hood April 18, 2018.

Katy (Dobry) Pamnani '05 Charlotte, N.C., married Vinay Pamnani June 30, 2018.

Hilary (Buoy) Dana '07 Lodgepole, married Eric Dana June 9, 2018.

Dawn (Davenport) Baumgart '07 Humphrey, married Erik Baumgart July 14, 2018.

Courtney (Schnell) Turner '07 Minatare, married Travis Turner Sept. 14, 2018.

Dr. Brittany (Schultz) Meyer '09 Sussex, Wis., married Spencer Meyer June 23, 2018.

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Christopher Zayas '10 Houston, married Carra Hartly Sept. 30, 2017.

Kassyopea (Brooks) Schrader '12 Chadron, married Andrew Schrader Sept. 15, 2018.

Allan '12 and Brenna (Jungck) Schmaltz att. Rapid City, S.D., married June 16, 2018.

Dylan Wisroth '14 Casper, Wyo., married Jordyn Grose July 28, 2018.

Joseph Boerner '14 Sterling, Colo., married Brittany Lenox June 2, 2018.

Karly (Watson) Simonson '14 Grand Island, married Logan Simonson June 9, 2018.

Travis Kuhn '15 Ellsworth, married Alyssa Valko July 14, 2018.

Brianne (Brit) Gladson '15 Gillette, Wyo., married Trey Gladson July 21, 2018. **Jessie (Krien) Belford '15** Louisville, married Dan

Belford Sept. 15, 2018.

Angela (Christensen) Osborn '15 Gillette, Wyo.,

married Trevor Osborn Sept. 23, 2017.

Jerrick Bowers '16 and Makenzie (Smith) Bowers

'16 Omaha, married Feb. 24, 2018. `Slade '16 and Justine (Ackie) Hunn '16 Chadron, married April 22, 2018.

Alyssa (Dodd) Regier '16 Lincoln, married Tyler Regier May 26, 2018.

Breanna (Krutsinger) Sueper '16 Lindsay, married Ross Sueper June 23, 2018.

Patricia (Mitnik) Wagner '16 McCook, married Chandler Wagner Sept. 1, 2018.

Patrick '16 and Faith (Stroup) Lehmen Belvidere, S.D. married Sept. 29, 2018.

Randy Wentz BA '16, MBA '17 and Morgan (Greene) Wentz '17 Scottsbluff, married June 23, 2018.

Shelby (Ackerman) Riggins '17 Lawton, Okla., married Ryan Riggins June 2, 2018.

Frantzlee LaCrete '17 and Diana (Paisley) LaCrete '17 Omaha, married June 3, 2017.

Jordan (May) Arnold '17 Indianola, married Tersen Arnold July 7, 2018.

FUTURE EAGLES

Faculty and Staff

Julian Robert to **Kate Pope** and husband Drew Chadron, Sept. 25, 2018.

Laura Rose to **Dr. Aaron Field** and wife Jenny

Chadron, Oct. 2, 2018.

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Twins Hadlee Mae and Kinzlee Lynn to **Bart Peters** '00 and wife Jennifer Lincoln, May 3, 2018.

Adeline Viola to **Joshua Russo '04** and wife Brooke Lincoln, March 21, 2017.

Twins Madelyn Rose and Aubree Rae to **Anthony Jasnoch** and wife Stacey Scott City, Kan., Aug. 16, 2018.

Cruz Harrison Clint att. and wife Danielle (Hencey) Lecher '07 Chadron, Oct. 7, 2018. He joins sister Liv. Grant Douglas to Loni (Hughes) Watson BS '08, ME '13, ME '17 and husband Matt Chadron, June 5, 2018. He joins sister Reese.

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Witten John to **Kody att.** and wife **Jessica Schwager** '08 Bridgeport, Sept. 15, 2018. He joins brother Tayson.

Maizy Mae to Arthur ME '15 and wife Emily (Holmes) Rose BS '09, ME '12 Gering, March 24, 2018.

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Brenleigh Rae to Lucas Albrecht '12 and wife Aimie Wilber, May 9, 2018.

Lynnora Love to **Kevin '13** and **Ashley (Rushman) Lindholm '15** Gordon, Jan. 6, 2018.

Maxton Zachariah to **Ann (Underwood) Kizer '14** and husband Jacob Callahan, Fla., April 23, 2018.

Finley to Tamara Toomey MS '17 and Dr. Steve Coughlin Faculty Chadron, May 2018.

OBITUARIES

Former Faculty

Philip Cary Chadron, died June 20, 2018.

Friend

Clifford Johnson Chappell, died July 30, 2018.

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Mary Ann "Peek" (Felz) Mintken '47 Dalton, died Oct. 14, 2018.

Marthabelle "Tad" (Ehrman) Schuemaker '48 Gering, died July 21, 2018.

50s

Joseph Brickner '50 Orange, Calif., died Feb. 28, 2018.

Ethyl (Mueller) Baldauf '50 Pueblo, Colo., died June 19, 2018.

Frederick Merritt att. Chadron, died Sept. 24, 2018. Ruth (Parks) Foudray '54 Rapid City, S.D., died Oct. 25, 2018.

Morris Duane McCullock '57 Carmichael, Calif., died June 2, 2018.

William Winland att. Gillette, Wyo., died Oct. 19, 2018

Lyle McIrvin '59 Cheyenne, Wyo., died May 11, 2018. Roy Milliken '59 Huron, S.D., died May 29, 2018.

60s

Gayle (Babue) Hendrickson att. wife of Dale Hendrickson '60 Kimball, died June 24, 2018.

Lambert "Tom" Dredla '60 Hyannis, died June 30, 2018.

Brett Robertson '60 Lynchburg, Va., died Oct. 8, 2018.

Ronald Wiley '60 Lincoln, died Oct. 8, 2018.

Wayne Sides, Sr. '61 husband of Virginia (Thoendal) Sides '61 Scottsbluff, died Dec. 26, 2017.

Floyd Colwell '62 Gering, died Aug. 4, 2018.

Donald Witte att. York, died Oct. 11, 2018.

Arlin Lowe '63 Tekamah, died Feb. 15, 2018.

Mary "Kathleen" (Copeland) Connell BS '63, MS '71 Oral, S.D., died July 3, 2018.

James Soester '64 Crawford, died Nov. 28, 2018.

Marian Miller '66 Freeport, Ill., died July 30, 2017.

Carol Dotson wife of Roger Dotson '66 Chadron, died June 24, 2018.

Larry Franklin, Sr. '67 Lawton, Okla., died Sept. 13, 2017.

Jerry Lee MA '67 Scottsbluff, died May 7, 2018. William Hoffmann husband of Gena (Grandstaff) Hoffmann '67 Parker, Colo., died July 27, 2018.

Ron Wineteer '67 Chadron, died Sept. 10, 2018. Charles "Butch" Brewer '68 Omaha, died April 24,

Audrey Engel '68 Waverly, died June 26, 2017.

Carol "Bunny" (Powell) Malcom '68 Gering, died

Susan (Fulk) Masek '69 Parker, Ariz., died July 31 2017

Eileen (Lang) Smith '69 Hay Springs, died Sept. 29, 2018.

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Nov. 5. 2018.

Dean Engelhaupt Grand Island, died July 12, 2018. **Ruth (Coleman) Stone '70** Eudora, Kan., died May 7, 2018.

Marvel (Hervert) Buettner '71 Hay Springs, died May 5. 2018.

Kerry (Betson) Griffiths '71 Midwest City, Okla., died Oct., 22, 2018.

William Huey '72 Pearland, Texas, died May 6, 2017. Paul Morrill '73 Morrill, died May, 29, 2018.

Lidmila "Lil" (Joska) Morava Mansfield att '74 Crawford, died June 19, 2018.

Paula Riggs '75 Chadron, died June, 12, 2018.

Larry Perez '76 Julesburg, Colo., died April 23, 2018. **Rhonda (Schommer) Case** '77 Crawford, died Sept. 15, 2018.

Bonnie (Mintun) Ellis '78 Alliance, died June 8, 2018. 80s

Michael Wrage '81 husband of Kathy (Weitzel) Wrage '81 Tampa, Fla., died Nov. 4, 2018.

Lloyd Steele '82 Bayard, died June 28, 2018.

Larry "Bear" Watts '83 Seguin, Texas, died March 19, 2018.

William Long '83 Yoder, Wyo., died May 20, 2018. John Neil Graham BS '83, ME '88 Valentine, died June 25, 2018.

90s

Bradley Sauder '90 Hay Springs, died July 3, 2018. Gene McGannon att. Whitney, died Oct. 21, 2018. Darlyn Clark '92 Casper, Wyo., died July 16, 2018. Howard Peshek '95 Lincoln, died May 21, 2018.

Glenn Smith att. '00 Evanston, Wyo., died March 2, 2018.

Steffe Evans '01 Gering, died Oct. 31, 2018. Clayton Hergott '03 Hebron, died July 14, 2018.

