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IS NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING?

We believe we are safe for the present time.

By Helen Shores '61

As you may have heard, the Kansas City, Missouri, Board of Education developed a plan in which Northeast High School would be closed beginning with the 2026 school year. This plan is called the Blueprint 2030. Northeast would be open, but students attending NE would be from Lincoln Prep while the Lincoln building was being renovated. Northeast High School students would be attending East or Southeast High School.

While the Kansas City School District does need to make changes for its fiscal survivability, the plan met with strong opposition from parents at the nine public meetings. Nine or ten elementary and two high schools would be closed. Because of parent and alumni dissatisfaction with the plan, only two schools have been closed at this time: Longfellow and Truman Elementary Schools.

Reasons given for closing Northeast are declining enrollment with lower numbers expected in the future and low academic student performance. Future use of the building was said "to be announced." First, it is believed that the enrollment at Northeast will be up next year. And more important, student achievement numbers are increasing to the point that it has been taken off the list of schools needing improvement.

A bond issue is proposed by the School Board to finance new construction and school renovation projects. This will be a difficult goal to achieve given our economic times and disgust with the Blueprint 2030 plan. The school board is now considering two revised plans, one with and one without bond passage. At this time we do not know the details of the two plans, but hopefully neither one will involve closing Northeast.

"Thou Dear" has been an educational and societal beacon for nearly 110 years. Not only have many distinguished people graduated from NE, but the Alumni Association has partnered with the school for nearly 25 years to assist with daily supplies, academic and attendance incentives, and scholarships for future education. Your Northeast High School Alumni Association has supported the food and clothing pantry, which has served hundreds of students and families by providing money and volunteers to run the program. The closing of Northeast High School will contribute to a decline in the historically rich part of Kansas City and its future citizens.



“THOU DEAR” NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA

- After construction completion, NEHS was called the Jewel of the Midwest because it was far advanced from any other schools.
- NEHS became the largest high school in the KCMO School District and is completely fireproof.
- The entire school could be heated in 20 minutes. The air throughout the building could be changed in 8 minutes.
- All air was blown inside from enormous fans, forced through heating coils, then through a sheet of water to cleanse of impurities, then blown into the rooms creating 70 degree temperature at all times. (The school is now air conditioned.)
- The building has a 6 1/2 foot deep white tiled swimming pool with on-sight laundry for towels, bathing suits, and kitchen linens. (Not in use now.)
- All water for drinking, bathing, and swimming was filtered.
- Northeast manufactured all the soap used.
- The school had a hot air apparatus where students could dry their hair at the same time.
- The school is solid concrete with brick facades, and the roof is solid concrete slabs.
- Northeast offered complete business courses from stenography to banking.
- Northeast also offered vocational training from joinery to shop work.
- NEHS had a complete telephone system with 61 phones.
- Full courses in cooking, millinery, and dressmaking were included in the high school curriculum, including a model flat to teach all aspects of housekeeping!
- NEHS had a complete telephone system with 61 phones.
- The school had a master clock which, by compressed air sent through tubes, operated 27 other clocks and rang the program bells in the classrooms

PURPLE REIGN



MIGHTY, MIGHTY, VIKINGS!

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Northeast Alumni Association would soon cease to exist without the generous help of our supporters!

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- 1970- Leslie Wayne Rupp, Sherry Bright
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thank you

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The lack of a high school diploma is the single greatest risk factor for experiencing homelessness as a young adult. Education is going to allow a child to get a job that will provide a salary to pay for housing and food.

The Missouri school districts have identified nearly 33,000 students in the districts as unhoused in 2021. Kansas had approximately 7,000 during the 2021-2022 school year.

Homelessness is determined if the child is staying with family in a motel, car, shelter, from couch to couch or in a multiple family situation.

KCPS works with community agencies to help families find safe living arrangements, and the law requires the districts to admit the student, provide services, and equal access to education. The pantry aids in serving the students and families in need.



MEMORABILIA

Please consider donating memorabilia to our Lyal Viers Alumni room. We are interested in jewelry, trophies, year-books, etc., to display. In the past, we have been visited by another local high school regarding establishing their own alumni room of history. Another reason to be proud.



VOLUNTEER

You don't have to be on the Board of Directors to volunteer to help us. We need volunteers to help in the Pantry, Alumni room, help with the Teacher's luncheon or numerous other events as well. Want to call on an elderly Alumni to brighten their day? Your time and choice.

GOODBYE TO A NORTHEAST NOTABLE

**CARL J. DiCAPO `44**

Carl was born November 7, 1927 to Jack and Kelly DiCapo in the house at 119 N. Lawn in the Northeast area of Kansas City.

He attended and graduated from Gladstone Elementary School, Northeast High School, KC Junior College, and the University of Missouri.

Carl worked at the IRS for a few years, until his brother-in-law asked him to help out at the Italian Gardens Restaurant in 1953, and the rest is HISTORY. He spent the next 46 years, starting as Cashier, Assistant Manager, Manager, President, Chairman of the Board, Part-Owner, and then retired in 1998.

Carl was a VERY loyal Kansas Citian. His many achievements include serving on countless boards as either Director, Board Member or Officer including: Don Bosco Community Center, Missouri Restaurant Association, Ethnic Enrichment, Park Lane Hospital, Salvation Army, Park Board Commission, Native Sons and Daughters of KC, Citizens Association, KC Jazz Orchestra, JCC Metropolitan College, Crime Commission, VA Hospital, Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Corinthian Hall.

He was most proud of the fountain named after him at Cliff Drive in the Northeast area, as well as Carl J. DiCapo Drive at Main Street from Pershing Road to the entrance of the World War I Museum.

Carl leaves behind his wife of almost 70 years, Anita "Sugie" Donnici DiCapo; three sons, Jack (Pam), John David (Julia), and Carl Michael; three granddaughters, Lauren (Luke) Marvine, Alexandra (Rishi) Patel, and Ava DiCapo; and two great granddaughters, Penelope and Mela Marvine. Also nephew, Victor Cascio and nieces, Rozanne Scimeca and Christy Hartner, for they were like his children. He also leaves many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was truly a Northeast Viking and was elected a Northeast Notable some years ago. He is admired and held in high esteem by the Northeast High School Alumni Board of Directors, as he was always there when we needed to consult him. Carl was one of the original founders of the Alumni Association, and we shall miss him.

The Northeast Alumni Association extends their condolences to the family and friends of Carl.



JROTC BALL

What an honor it was for the alumni to be invited to the Annual ROTC Ball. Every high school in the district was in attendance. This was my first and according to MSG Rudd, it won't be our last. He also said that next year he would like Northeast to be the school with the most alumni in attendance. Every school takes part in the honor court.

Northeast especially stood out as we carry on a tradition in which our ladies are draped in purple velvet capes. No other school honored their court like Northeast.

After dinner and awards, the lights were turned down, the music got loud, and the fun began. Surprisingly, the cadets remained in uniform until the last dance. What a wonderful time we had.

It was a memorable evening watching our cadets take part in tradition and making their own memories. Please plan to join us in 2024.



BRYCE STIVERS-ABBOTT '23

Bryce exemplifies what a JROTC cadet should be. A gentleman and a scholar. He received the Hilliard-Lewis JROTC \$1,000 scholarship along with \$1,000 from the NEAA. We are excited for Bryce to enter the next phase of his education and we know he will do well. While attending NE he was always striving to set an example for his peers and lend a helping hand where needed.

Congratulations, Bryce, you're on your way to do great things!

2023 PROM

The 2023 Prom was held in late April. Unfortunately, this was the first prom in a long time that the alumni were unable to attend. From the pictures, the students look like they were having a great time.

The pantry made a decision to end our participation in the pre-party festivities. We gave our all for five years, and we so appreciate the help we got in amassing an amazing 400 dresses and suits.

So, although we had a dedicated room this year, our students had other arrangements for their attire. The pantry is no longer involved in dressing the gals for prom and have donated the remainder of the party clothes to an amazing group in Lee's Summit who have been hosting these kinds of faires for a long time.

They give away 1000s every year during the season. We felt that it was for the best as this year we had few takers even though we had invited numerous schools to come and take dresses back to their schools.

Thank you for your past support! We are already working on plans to move on to another service for our students, their families, and our community.

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY!



**NORTHEAST VIKING
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

By Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

Have you heard the expression, “if you build it, they will come”? On Friday the Northeast High School Community Garden started building, and they came.

Not a huge group, but happy to report that we had a student, teachers, alumni, community, and community organizers. We had enough to build a Viking Ship. Oops, I got carried away.

Our partnership is with the KC Community Gardens. They provided all the materials to build the garden boxes, including the tools to use in the gardening process. Rich garden soil was donated by the Alumni Association and brought to the sight by Pete Petersen '60.

The project is funded by three private alumni donations and a grant from the Northeast Alumni Association. That means everyone reading this is a stakeholder in this new endeavor.

Planting will start soon, and the plan is to have fall vegetables by Thanksgiving. Also, in the plan is to keep building with seasonal vegetables and fruit year round.

The garden is the brainchild of science teacher, Mariccia Spearman-Kaki. It will be a science-driven project with student gardeners getting community service hours toward graduation.

Donations are still needed or gardening tools like cultivators, weeders, trowels, or anything you gardeners have around that you no longer use. The garden is on school grounds on the north side of the building at the corner of Chelsea and Smart. Come to volunteer or just come to see our garden grow.



VIKING SPIRIT
AT
WORK



Casino Night was held at the Elks Lodge in Blue Springs on April 22nd, 2023



When Vikings gather, there is bound to be some fun, and Casino Night was no exception. Upon arrival the players checked in and were given a swag bag containing a deck of cards, dice, mints, a commemorative bottle opener, two drink tickets, and \$5,000 in chips. To register for the fun was a donation of \$50.00.

A spaghetti dinner prepared by Viking-Chef-alumni, Mike Frederico '61, was included for the players, and non-players could purchase this great Italian meal for \$10 and enjoy the camaraderie of the evening ahead. The dinner included cooked-to-perfection spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and butter, and delicious Italian cookies for dessert. A cash bar added to the fun for those who wished to have a drink. A few of the Elks Lodge members joined us, and anyone who wanted to play was invited to attend.

Jack & Aces provided the Black Jack, Roulette, and Craps tables along with the Money Wheel. The Dealers were fun, engaging and helpful to those who were beginners.

Gift cards, tickets to Worlds of Fun, and prizes were won by the winners, but everyone who participated in the fun was the real winner, because everyone helped us raise money to help Northeast! A big thank you to our sponsors: Elaine (Hicklin) Bethke and Jim Bethke, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crook, Patty (Dowell) Gerrans, Earl Williamson, Virginia Spencer, Gene Schnake, Jim Hamilton, Donna (Hunt) Skates, Kenny Rogers, Pete Petersen, and Ron Fornelli.

Consider joining us for other events, or maybe there just might be another tournament or Casino Night. You never know what we may be planning. Stay tuned.



THE VIKING VILLAGE PANTRY

The pantry was busy during the last few months. We see approximately 50-100 families a month. These families can come from our own school family, but they also come from families from our feeder schools or even other schools in the district. Often a school will not have a pantry, but the school clinician will reach out to us to help a family in need.

As a member of SchoolSmartKC, we tried to use our grant wisely but still had to spend our money. We reached out to the KCPS Foundation, who helped us through this school year, but that has now ended. Northeast was chosen to be this year's Summer Academy. We saw many students who did not have pantries at their schools. We made sure that students were aware that they were our students for the summer. Summer Academy had its own clinician who was asked multiple times to deliver to a student's home, if they were unable to carry the box on the bus.

Through your generosity, the Viking Village Pantry has a growing reputation for being something that other schools replicate. This summer alone, we visited with or were visited by staff from not only KCPS but by Charter schools throughout the city.

The pantry has been asked to include servicing the Northeast Middle School need, and will do so at the start of the year. The Middle School, in appreciation, has donated a substantial amount of money to help with the increase in students.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers. A list that continues to grow. I'd like to especially thank the men who come in to do the heavy work. They often sneak in to put something together for us, or take it apart, or move it, or dispose of it, pack it, and especially drive it from point A to B, C, D, and often E. We hope you know your help is invaluable to us.

To my ladies, Thank you! To Karen Laughlin '68 our special thanks for your generosity and donation of \$3,000 and for your plan to establish a scholarship in your sister's name. As always, we appreciate donations of clothing, especially sports clothing and larger men's sizes. Another reminder to clean out your home pantries; we can always find needy homes.

Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

Editor's note: The Pantry and the Alumni Room are often approached by other groups that want to use us as models for making their own projects. This has come from the hard work and effort of the volunteers and alumni dedicated to providing these services and preserving the history of Northeast.



WE ARE THE VIKINGS!



**GOLF TOURNAMENT
Vikings Forever!**

**THE NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO PLAY IN THE
NEHSAA 2023 ANNUAL JAMES CARIDDI MEMORIAL GOLF
BENEFIT TOURNAMENT**

DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2023
TIME: Pre-Tournament Begins at 8 AM With Tee-Off at 9 AM
(Rain or Shine)
LOCATION: ADAMS Pointe Golf Club
1601 NE R. D. Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64014
PHONE: 816-220-3673



COST: \$115 PER GOLFER. Your golf fee will include a buffet lunch.

BE A HERO AND HELP THE KIDS AT NEHS REALIZE THEIR DREAMS

PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY BY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE VIKING DISCOUNT PACKAGE.

The Viking Discount Package provides you with 1 Raffle ticket, 2 drink tickets, 2 mulligans, 2 putting, and 2 chipping tickets. The value of this package is \$25 and the Discounted price is \$15 with your registration. Limit one per golfer. The tournament is open to all who wish to play. A lunch buffet is included in the Golf fee and will be served after the tournament

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

DIAMOND	\$1000 _____	GOLD, PLATINUM, AND	CONQUEROR	\$100 _____
PLATINUM	\$ 500 _____	DIAMOND SPONSORS	EXPLORER	\$ 50 _____
GOLD	\$ 250 _____	GOLF FOR FREE	VOYAGER	\$ 30 _____
VIKING	\$ 150 _____		CADDIE	\$ 25 _____

GOLF FEE \$115 _____ + Package \$15 _____ +DONATION/SPONSORSHIP \$ _____ + NEHSAA DUES \$20 _____ TOTAL = \$ _____

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As a reminder, if you have services or items to donate for our raffle, we will be most appreciative, as this helps support our scholarships, and other programs at Northeast High School. The Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization, and donations etc., are tax deductible. Please email Earl Williamson, aewkcfan@comcast.net or Karole.zinger@yahoo.com; if you have a donation or an item to be picked up.

NORTHEAST INFORMATION

There are six neighborhoods in Northeast Kansas City, Missouri—Pendleton Heights, Scarritt Renaissance, Indian Mound, Sheffield, Lykins, and Independence Plaza—dating back to the 1800’s. Columbus Park has also been included because, although it is separated from Northeast by highways, the same resilience is found there.

Abby Hoover, Northeast News, March 16th, 2022 issue.

There are 105,579 residents in Northeast Kansas City, with a median age of 34. Of this, 48.97% are males and 51.03% are females. US-born citizens make up 91.66% of the residential pool in Northeast Kansas City, while non-US-born citizens account for 5.27%. Additionally, 3.07% of the population is represented by non-citizens.

Wikipedia

A row of vintage houses sits north of the Kansas City Museum. One at 3400 Norledge Avenue was built of limestone in 1899 and was home to the daughter of Nathan Scarritt, a Methodist minister who owned much of the property in Scarritt Renaissance in the mid 1800’s. Near the house is Scarritt Point, where Scarritt’s log cabin once stood.

Following Gladstone south toward St. John Avenue, you’ll come upon a historic landmark known as The Colonnade. It was built in 1908 and designed by Henry Wright, a city planner who wanted to map out communities around “largely undeveloped, wild, or agricultural land surrounding or neighboring urban areas.”

As for The Colonnade, the structure was built in the Beaux-Arts style of architecture, known for its distinct focus on symmetry, classical details, stone, statues and fountains and long hallways supported by arches or arcades.

*KCUR By Emily Standlee
Published November 5, 2022*

CURRENT REAL ESTATE LISTINGS IN NORTHEAST

3242 Norledge Avenue	\$1,849,000	533 Drury Avenue	\$ 89,900
111 Kensington Avenue	\$355,000	4209 Windsor Avenue	\$300,000
3414 Gladstone Blvd.	\$525,000	3515 Gladstone Blvd.	\$487,950
3418 Gladstone Blvd.	\$375,000	144 N. Van Brunt Blvd.	\$225,000
333 Barat Avenue	\$160,000	320 N. Van Brunt Blvd.	\$357,000



Since the last issue of the Purple & White, the following names have been submitted for placement on our new Memorial/Recognition Wall located in the Lyl Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School:

- Virginia (Melloway) Testorff `47 **By Lisa Hartman `74 (Daughter)**
Winnetonka High School
- Mary Margaret (Melloway) Sims `43 **By Betty Ann (Melloway) Sears `45**
(Sister)
- Betty Ann (Melloway) Sears `45 **By Betty Ann (Melloway) Sears `45**
(Sister)
- Ruth (Brockman) Pagacz `60 **By Nancy (Mall) Hudson `61**
(Friend)
- Elaine (Wylie) Myer `54 **By Jane (Bowman) Smith `54 (Classmate)**
- Jane (Bowman) Smith `54 **By A. Earl Williamson, Jr., `56 (Friend)**
- Mary Ann (Ferrara) Wells `49 **By Mark A. & Jayne E.**
(Son & Daughter-in-Law)
- James B. Alexander `54 **By James B. Alexander `54**



The Memorial/Recognition Wall will be on permanent display in the Alumni Room for all students, faculty, and alumni visitors to view. The area designated for the memorial/recognition wall plaque is four-feet wide and thirty-two inches tall. The plaque is made of colorful acrylic. Names of individuals honored will be permanently inscribed on plates to be attached. When you provide a generous, tax-deductible donation of at least \$100 or more, you may choose to have a name placed on the wall. You might want to honor a spouse, sibling, parent, classmate or other loved one, **living or deceased**. Your class may want to provide a donation and have the class year inscribed for all others to see. With each \$100 or more donated, you may specify an honoree. Our thanks to you for your support, and we hope you will take this opportunity to receive the recognition due or to honor someone with a lasting remembrance. Send your donation today and be recognized, or honor a loved-one.

YOUR NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

NAME TO BE PLACED ON THE WALL _____ CLASS YEAR _____ Your phone # _____
(one name only, please)

DONATION: \$100 \$250 \$500 \$ _____ OTHER _____ SEND TAX RECEIPT

Send check to NEHS Alumni Assn., M/R Wall, PO Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264

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It is very important to us for you to let us know if you have moved! Twice a year we mail out approximately 7,000 newsletters to alumni in our database. In order to keep our records up to date, we ask the Post Office to furnish us with a correct address, and we guarantee postage on each newsletter returned to us with a correction. An incorrect zip code can result in a returned newsletter. **Each returned newsletter now costs us money.** We would very much appreciate it if you would fill out the Change of Address Form below advising us of any changes. If you receive a newsletter for a member of your family who is deceased, please send us that information also. If you do not wish to continue receiving our newsletter, we appreciate your advising us. You can mail us the change of address form provided below, call any Board Member, or email info to sal.fanara1@gmail.com. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Mail changes to: **Northeast Alumni Association P.O. Box 1264 Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264**

Name: _____ Class Year _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ - _____

SCHOLARSHIPS

By Roberta Holt-Kipper '69, Scholarship Chair



This year we took a high tech approach to scholarships. The scholarship committee worked with the school scholarship college prep advisors to change our approach to scholarships. Everything we did was done online and was open to all seniors and graduating juniors.

Our approach to the process was to try to follow the path of national scholarship programs. We were led in the process by Ayanna Casteneda, HDF Family College Prep Program, and Breonna Taylor, KCPS College Specialist. With their help, we determined what was the necessary student info we needed now from our student applicants, and what we could get from other sources at a later date. It ended with us having a clear application that was easy for us and our student body. It automatically fed to a spreadsheet that made it easy for us to work from. It was available to each member of the committee and could be viewed by multiple people at any time.

Scholarships opened at the beginning of 2nd semester and closed two months later, leaving the committee plenty of time to process the chore ahead of us. Because of the shortened, and clear application, we were able to tweak the work ahead of time instead of getting it all at one time. We got an application one day, maybe the essay a month later. It meant we could take time to process what we were seeing.

Our next step was the evaluation by each of us of the information provided on the application and their essays. Every member had the choice of reading all the material online or by printing it out. Our final step was the interview. We had 9 applicants who were interviewed by 5 of us. Each student was given 20 minutes and each committee member asked them 3 questions. Questions ranged from their essays to more personal questions regarding their goals and experiences.

We were joined by SFC Jerry Lewis, instructor extraordinaire. He was gracious enough to join us in interviewing all the candidates. Upon the retirement of SFC Lewis and Colonel Hilliard, the Board of Directors voted to create a JROTC scholarship in their names. It was an honor to have him interview the candidates for that scholarship.

The scholarship winners were **Amy Duong**, **Ar Min Do La**, **Bryce Stivers-Abbott** (JROTC scholarship), **Gino Morales** (Markey Peters scholarship), **Monica Aguilar**, **Sa Ki Da** (Rodina Kids scholarship), **Sha Ban Bi** (Tracy Gail Weber scholarship), **Wendy Munoz**, and **Esperance Bigirimana** (Barbara Blair Fanara scholarship.)

Sixteen thousand dollars was awarded to these worthy students. Scholarships were announced at a senior celebration and acknowledged during graduation. Scholarship funds will be mailed to the school of their choice, and will be there prior to the start of their collage experience.

We wish them all success and look forward to applauding their accomplishments.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, since our last newsletter, we have learned of the following death

1940`s

1941—Donald G. & Marjorie H. Johnson

1942—Rose (Vento) Cooper

1944—Carl Jack DiCapo

1945—Betty Jo (Tilton) Kennedy

1946—Nadine (DeCleva) Labella, Jean (Ballard) Mellies, David L. Slusher

1947—JoAnn Broyles, David Murrell Huckett

1948—Robert Benjamin Bond, James Clifford Miller

1949—Carlos Lynch

1951—Patricia (Lynn) Converse, Mary Joann (Niccoli) Giambalvo, John G. Healy, Wilburn Poe, Jr.

1952—Mary Agnes (Spanbauer) Mitchell

1953—Victor Carl Caruso, Russell L. Pope

1954—Ross Lawrence Arnold, Loma Howard Frakes, Jerry Dean Graham, Mary Ann (Rose) Johnson, Doris Elaine (Wylie) Meyer, Rosetta (Mangiaracina) Pernice

1955—Joseph Anthony Anello, Andrew Colletti, Jim LeRoy Holladay

1956—James Donald “Don” Cobb, Kay (Fox) Hazelbaker, Catherine (Hudson) Moran, Elinor (Hadley) Stillman

1958—Martha Adora (Bowen) Dominick, Mary L. (Rothrock) Sickman, Loretta Vandervoort, June (Locatelli) Way, Kathleen (Pebley) Winn

1959—John Glorioso,

1960—Larry Dale Blair, Joyce Enyeart, Alfonso “Sonny” Estrada Jr., Dan Garrett, Karen (McKee) Irwin, Ruth (Brockman) Pajacz

1961—Gary L. Coleman, Clyde Hill

1960`s continued

1962—Dan Allgaier, Rita Banner, Melba (Sanders) Brown, Sandra (Ellis) Brucken, Joann (Herriman) Cooper, Robert L. Hugins, Jeannette (Lemka) Moss, Linda (Harmon) Panter, Linda Dee (Faler) Roberts

1963—Don Foote

1964—Paul Treyman Rapp

1965—Carl Cleland, Carolyn Ann (Brown) Frazier, Janet Kay (Wyant) Williams, Floyd Stephen Wilson

1966—Pamela (Elston) Brown, Jeannie (Lillard) Frank, Eugene Miller,

1967—Larry Allen Ballew

1968—Dennis Charles Miller, Francis Dale Williams, Robert Wolgamott

1975—Leta May (Roberts) Wiseman

1976—Stephen J. Zicarelli

1979—Michael W. Kendrick

1991—Connie A. Lanier



SADLY WE SAY GOODBYE

**OUR APOLOGIES FOR
MISSPELLING
STEPHEN LEE GRINDSTAFF’S
NAME IN THE LAST ISSUE**

Please contact the **Purple & White News** karole.zinger@yahoo.com or call any Board Member listed on the back page if you learn of the death of anyone affiliated (past or present) with Northeast High School. We rely on information we receive from our readers and what we find in the local newspapers.



**In
Loving
Memory of
Our
Classmates
And
Friends
Who have gone
before us
You
Are
Forever
In
Our
hearts**



Our condolences to the families and friends for the loss of these classmates and loved ones.

Class of `58 - Meet for lunch the third Monday of each month. Anyone interested in attending or for more information, please call Jane Bryant Morgan at 816-781-3730. We try to rotate from North to South of the river each month as the restaurant changes. An email or phone call notification will be sent each month with the location.

Gals of `60—Meet for lunch on the 3rd Thursday of the month at noon. We change restaurants every month to accommodate our gals from all parts of the area. We would like to invite all gals from close classes to join us! Contact: dhshores1@gmail.com

Gals of `63— Meet for lunch. Contact: Diane Tosti Collura 816-478-9970

LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES!

****NOTICE TO THE GENTLEMAN**
IN LIBERTY WHO CALLED
REGARDING DONATING
THE DOORKNOB,
PLEASE CALL ME,
I LOST YOUR PHONE NUMBER.
KAROLE 913-484-6400**

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RECONNECT AT 2023 REUNIONS

Class of 1960 60th Reunion

The 1960 class of Northeast High School will hold its belated 60th reunion on Sunday, September 17 at the Mike Onka Memorial Hall in Sugar Creek, Missouri from 1-5 pm. It will be a lunch buffet, casual attire and handicapped accessible. There will be no cost. Please respond to Helen Kuhr Shores, if you plan to attend. dhshores1@gmail.com

Class of 1978 45th Reunion

Please join us for a night of fun at 5 p.m. at Paul & Jack's, 1808 Clay Street, NKC 64116, on September 5th, 2023. For additional information, please contact John David Leon

Class of 2003 20th Reunion

Contact Flora for information regarding your 20th reunion at 913-687-4245 Class of 2003 come to enjoy fun times and keep the Northeast spirit alive.

LET US KNOW YOUR CLASS CONTACT INFORMATION

We are often asked about reunions, and often, we don't have the information. It would be nice if we had the contact person from each class for reunions so we can post it on the website and in the newsletter.

Reunions are a great place to rekindle old friendships, make new ones and learn about classmates that you didn't know very well in school. Reunions are also interesting because everyone's memories are so different as to what their high school days were like. Some good, some not so good, but still the bonds that kept us loving the Northeast neighborhood and the school are to be cherished. Consider attending your class reunion and celebrate how lucky you really are to be able to do so.

-Important-

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2023

Board Meeting.....Jul 18
 Garden to begin.....Jul.21
 Golf Tournament.....Sept. 23

The above dates are subject to change!

You participation in our Social Events are Fundraisers and we invite you to come have fun and help us raise money!

DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS.

Website— northeastvikings.org

Newsletter—karole.zinger@yahoo.com

**Facebook
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Want to help?

We need volunteers for many of our projects. Please contact an officer or board member and get involved.

EMAIL ADDRESS

Purple & White news may be sent to:

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WEBSITE ADDRESS

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Become an Active Member!

Pay your dues...

Volunteer...

Please fill out the application form in this issue and do what you can to support the Northeast High School Alumni Association



**New Payment/
Donation Capabilities**

PayPal (thru website)

Venmo

Square Credit (at events)

Smile.Amazon.Com (Discontinued by Amazon) Not available.

LOGO SALES FORM

Logo Sweatshirts \$40.00 (Black Hooded Long Sleeve Zippered Sweatshirt)
Med ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL

Golf Shirts \$30.00 (Purple)
Med ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL ___

The above have Viking Ship logos-men's and women's sizes available.

Ball Cap \$12.00 White with purple lettering & Viking head
Visors \$10.00 White with purple lettering
T-Shirts \$10.00 Black with gray and purple (pre shrunk)
Short Sleeve T098 ___ Long sleeve T099 ___

Centennial Insulated Mug White plastic with purple lettering
License Plate Cover \$5.00 White plastic, purple letters, & Viking head
Postage Please include \$7.00 for postage. *

History of Northeast on DVD- \$20.00 donation plus \$3.00 postage

Total Enclosed: _____

Please include your name, address, email address, & phone number.

Make checks payable to: Northeast Alumni Association
Earl Williamson, Treasurer
PO Box 1264
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**Contact Tiffany Bush '07 for more info.
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The Board of Directors consists of Alumni willing to give their time toward the needs of NE students and to the betterment of the school itself. Tell them thank you.

VOLUNTEER

LOGO ITEMS

Support the Alumni Association by buying our Logo items. Watch for new items.

Let us know what you would like to see us offer.

Remember the money is for the good cause of helping Northeast and the students of Northeast to have a better high school experience.

Buy golf shirts and visors for your team and wear them in our Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Buy a history of NE CD and send it to a classmate you haven't seen for awhile or present them as a favor at your reunion.

Call or email Tiffany Bush to set up at a reunion or for inquiries.

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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Northeast High School Alumni Association

NAME _____
Last First Maiden Class Year
ADDRESS _____
CITY-STATE-ZIP CODE _____ EMAIL _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ SPOUSE'S NAME & CLASS _____
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$20.00 _____ DONATION: _____

An individual and/or corporate donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Dues are payable January 1st of each year!

Send to: NEHSAA, P. O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264