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This message is from the release from the KC Public School District

Please join us in welcoming and congratulating Alisha Glover, the new principal at Northeast High School!

Principal Glover brings over a decade of experience in education as a teacher, interventionist, College & Career director, instructional coach, and vice principal. Most recently, you may have known her as the vice principal at Lincoln College Preparatory Academy Middle School.

In her various roles Principal Glover has increased teacher retention, successfully designed and implemented professional development, and leveraged data to ensure student success.

Ms. Glover believes in fostering a high-performance environment through positive climate and culture, student voice, and parent involvement. She is thrilled to accept her new role as principal at Northeast High School, and we know she will do a fantastic job.

This principal decision comes after multiple productive collaborations involving families, community members, and school staff. We are ecstatic that the direction of those important discussions led to this stellar selection.

Editor's Note: While we were sad to learn that Dr. Irvin (principal) had taken a new position in Lawrence, Kansas, we wish him well in his new position. We now look forward to a great relationship with Principal Glover, and welcome her to Northeast.

NEHSAA PROUDLY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS!

The Northeast High School Alumni Association is proud to announce that 14 Northeast graduates in the Class of 2024 were awarded scholarships in the amount of \$20,000.

These include both Juniors and Seniors. Our Juniors are among approximately 20 students who worked extremely hard, taking classes both in school and out. This allowed them to earn the credits needed to exit early, and to enter college or trade schools. At least 2 of them were not yet 17 years old. We congratulate and applaud all of our students' efforts in achievement.

Students receiving these scholarships are:

Robert Sasser - Northeast Alumni Scholarship
Tenavia Lewis-McFall - Northeast Alumni Scholarship
Camryn Gibson - Northeast Alumni Scholarship
Amaura Duncan - Northeast Alumni Scholarship
Gabrielle Simpson - Northeast Alumni Scholarship
Muntasir Osman - Northeast Alumni Scholarship

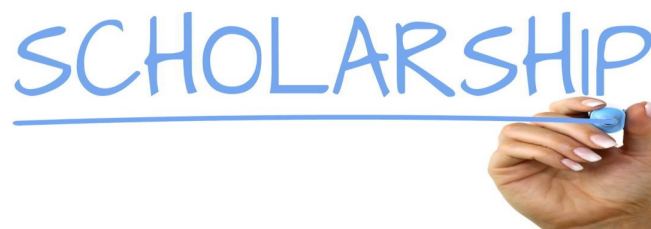
The following students were awarded scholarships honoring Northeast graduates. Some of these are endowed by families and friends. Some are alumni honoring alumni.

Axel Lorenzo Narvaez - The Velma Showalter Scholarship
Tar Reh - Tracy Gail Weber Scholarship
Kya Mwen - Rodina Kids Scholarship
Neveaha Schaffer - Barbara Blair Fanara Scholarship
Tan Truong - Markey-Peters Alumni Scholarship
Ernesto Ramirez Perez - Beverly Albertson Scholarship
Angelica Rodriquez Hernandez - Beverly Albertson Scholarship
Paw Moo - Beverly Albertson Scholarship

Once again I would like to thank my scholarship committee for their hard work and dedication to our students.

Northeast High School Scholarship Committee
Kathy Laughlin Bussey
Helen Kuhr Shores
Karole Null Zinger
Roberta Holt-Kipper Chair

SCHOLARSHIP



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MEMORABILIA

Please consider donating memorabilia to our Lyal Viers Alumni room. We are interested in jewelry, trophies, yearbooks, etc. to display. In the past, we have been visited by other local high schools regarding establishing their own alumni room of history. Another reason to be proud of our Alumni Room at the top of the stairs at Thou Dear.



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 places as well. Want to call on an elderly Alumni to brighten their day?

Your time/choice.

FUN TIMES AT NORTHEAST

GALENTINE'S DAY

By Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

How many of you have heard of the relatively new holiday called Galentine's Day? This year the NEAA hopefully started a new tradition for the girls at Northeast. Galentine's Day was put on the calendar for all to enjoy!

Galentine's Day is a made-up holiday from the TV show called Parks and Rec. Come to find out it's all about celebrating the friendships between women. Focused on "Mutual empowerment...a reminder for women to support and uplift one another." That is something we think is one of the most important things in our own lives. It's why we at Northeast have long enduring friendships started sometimes before we ever started school. Think of those monthly or quarterly luncheons we so look forward to.

It was decided we just needed to share this wisdom with our younger sisters, so we decided to ask Dr Ervin to borrow 60 Soph/Jr girls and the media center. We decided on these classes as Seniors mentally have already moved out of their high school years. Freshman are just seeking friends, but may not have figured out friendships.

While I was out gathering ideas, two of our favorite alumni walked back into our lives. Kelsha Donnell James, a 2005 Graduate, and Josh Lynn Bruce Brown or Puff, as she was called in her graduating class of 2007. Both awesome women and life long friends. These two amazing women put together an incredible event which had our girls laughing, making new friendships, and learning ways to treasure the value of each other.

Kelsha and Lynn in less than 2 days put a program together that was all and more than I could have hoped for. Our girls interviewed each other, learned communication skills, ate lunch, and were treated to some awesome take home gifts. My thanks to these two awesome women, along with my own awesome friends. Thank you Karole, Kathy, Karen, Helen and Ms. Pat for our own friendships. See you next year for GALENTINE'S

VOLUNTEER DAY

The Alumni Board of Directors were invited to attend Volunteer Day & Partner Appreciation Day on April 19th in the Media Center at NE. The purpose of the program was to thank those who help at NE in various ways. The program consisted of a video of NE history and progress, poems written and read by a student, and a poem written by a father for his student, and read by the student. A young student sang a great song and would go on to win an award for his singing, so we felt honored to hear him. Refreshments were served and the bond between the volunteers and the staff was evident and strong. Here are the poems:

A WISH

Poem by Merci Morse, a NE Junior

A star in the night, with glimmers of light, it shines so bright, crashing but it's alright.

A star is a wish, a wish of something better, something new, a wish is a change, a change in people's lives, a change that rattles their minds, and brings comfort to their eyes.

A wish is a dream, and you need to dream to make a change, a dream is the first step towards the future.

So I thank all that help our dreams become our reality, our life, and our world.

We thank you for being our hope, our heart, our dream, and our wish...

DON'T LOSE ALL YOUR PETALS DANDELION

By Michael Walton (Dad)

Read by Tevy Walton, NE Freshman

Your beauty isn't common to man
From the moment you were born, I knew
I had trouble on my hands, I held you like a flower
I could stare at you for hours amazed at the craftsmanship
Of our creator, I am not just your father,
If the earth opened up, and you fell in, I would be your
Savior

My life is a sacrifice for yours- what is more important
Is that you find a love that is yours

A love no one can give you a treasure that's not
Found in earthen vessels you can travel far and wide

But true love comes from inside, no robber
Can steal it from your mouth and decay

Won't ruin it, be careful how you give it away
Because once a dandelion loses its petals

It is just another flower

HONOR TO OUR VIKINGS

Harlene Mabel Holferty Huckett

September 8, 1926 April 12, 2024



This is a final tribute to one of our great members of the Northeast High School Alumni Association. A long-time Board member and pillar of our organization. She was the editor, writer, typist, and reporter. She did it all!

Every time you read our Purple & White newsletter, say a thank you to her. Her vision and hard work made the newsletter possible.

A big Viking Thanks to a great ViQueen. Kudos to you, Harlene.

Charles Henry Harris, Sr.

February 4, 1951-May 7, 2024

Coach



From the early age of 22, Charles Harris, Sr. spent his career as an educator, head football coach, and mentor, impacting the lives of countless students at the Kansas City MO Public School District, where he worked for 41 years. Charles

Harris had a passion for coaching football. He was the first African American head football coach in the history of Northeast High School.

Dolores (James) Faherty

July 9, 1928 - May 26, 2024

Class of 1946



Delores was a long-time member of the NEHSAA Board of Directors.

She opened her own dance studio in 1946 and continued to teach for 35

years. During her dance career she had some pupils move on to famous careers. Ron Lewis, who graduated from Northeast High School, started out with Starlight Theater, then moved on to the top spot at the "Latin Quarter" in New York City, which was owned by Barbra Walter's father. He sent Ron to Las Vegas to the "Follies Besgere." Ron then became the choreographer for the "Dean Martin Show". He proceeded to become choreographer for Liza Minelli and received a Tony on Broadway and is now her manager. She was a cheerleader at NE and she served as a judge for the Miss America Pageant circuit for Miss Missouri.

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS

We requested our Veterans to send us their service information so they could be honored and they stepped up and sent it.

We have received so many that we cannot possibly list them all in the Purple & White.

There will be a special notebook with all the names, rank, etc. in the Alumni Room as well as a list on display in the room also.

Our thanks to those of you who took the time to send an article, a picture and your information, and we are so proud to be able to keep this information in a room of Northeast moments and memories.

A **thank you for your service** does not seem adequate for the fact that you put your life on hold to stand up for freedom and in some cases, fight for your country.

The Alumni Association is pleased to list and honor our service men and women and will proudly display them in the Alumni Room.

The display has not been decided upon, so we will let you know when it is ready. In the meantime, if you have not sent your information, you have time.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A Northeast Success Story

Submitted by: George Wilson (Class of 1975)

I was browsing the Internet one day and stumbled on a March 4, 2019 story by David Garfeld in “David Garfeld’s Hoop Heaven.” The story caught my interest on several levels. It was about 1977 Northeast graduate John Crawford, who was an outstanding basketball player for Northeast and went on to play for the Kansas Jayhawks. These things caught my interest:

- (1) The hardships and isolation of growing up in Kansas City’s urban core.
- (2) The power a mentor can bring to change a young person’s life.
- (3) The resolve of John to pay it back to the urban community.

Our volunteers with the NE Alumni Association see students each day who are struggling with life at home and school. Mentors like John Crawford set a great example for our youth today. Here are some excerpts from the story, which include direct quotes from John Crawford.

But more than his basketball accomplishments, John learned invaluable life lessons from his KU experience from great mentors like KU assistant coach Lafayette Norwood. John, who grew up in the inner city, spoke of how Norwood helped expose him to a new way of thinking about life.

“It got me to the point where I was able to see that everybody did not live in urban housing,” Crawford said. “He (Norwood) made you think as a young man. A lot of things he told me when I was a young 19, 20-year-old rebellious kid have stuck with me today as being a 40-year-old man, especially a black man growing up in the city.” I reveled in hearing John talking about Norwood and his experiences of expanding his horizons and how he was helping young people now as a social worker for Full Employment Council, the largest non-profit agency in Kansas City that helps place inner city youth with jobs and career employment. John was now teaching kids what Norwood taught him about exploring a whole new world outside the inner city these kids had known all their lives.

“I first started playing basketball, I think really being interested in it, about 8 years old. I remember just playing on the playground. That’s all I did, was play on the playground. I’ll never forget as a kid, we would all get together, just play outside till about 11-12 at night. Those stories of Mom used to call us in, ‘Ok, in a minute.’ She had to actually just threaten to get us inside the house sometimes. We’d play. I remember, at one time, I was thin as a rail. But the thing about it, is, we would play, and I’ll never forget, the only thing I had at that time, I could shoot pretty good, but I had a hook shot I used to throw from everywhere. When I got in trouble, I threw this hook shot. Didn’t know where it came from, I just threw it. Half hook, quarter hook, three quarters, it didn’t matter. I just threw that hook shot, and that’s the best shot I ever had.

“Growing up in K.C., was one of those things where I just played for fun. I never thought I was going to go to college. My plan was to do something in high school. I didn’t know what. I was going to go into the Army or what have you. I played basketball in high school, scored a lot of points, purely just for fun. I never thought of anything. I very seldom watched basketball on TV. I would watch the big games, but I was so busy outside playing. I had role models. I think Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was my biggest role model when I came up, because even though he was 7-foot, he was skinny and slim, and I used to try to exemplify that hook shot. I never could quite get it like that. I figured, if he could do it, I could do it. I was 6’ 7” and he was 7’ 1”. But anyway, in terms of Kansas City, I’ll never forget, all my friends played basketball. All of them. We played on the playground. Like I said, I never thought I was going to go to college. Didn’t have any idea of what college was about. I came out of high school with the attitude that you know, basketball players were given everything. That’s the only concept I had of college basketball. When you went to college, you played basketball. You did nothing but play basketball.”

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(John Crawford article continued from page 6)

“Oh my goodness, I was recruited by over 200 schools. I can’t name them all. One of the things I had to do was narrow things down. Like for instance, my coach told me. He was very, very good. He eliminated junior colleges. He said, ‘John, you are not going to go to junior college. Get your grade point average up so we don’t have to deal with that.’ So that’s what I did. I didn’t like the whole idea of being far from home because growing up, my mother was a custodial parent. My mom, she raised me. I just couldn’t see myself leaving home. I was scared to leave home. So I thought Lawrence was far away, because I had never been outside the metropolitan area.

“Most kids during my time growing up, and a lot of kids today, that's one thing they don’t experience. They do not experience outside their urban areas. They’re not exposed to that, so that’s their world, and to go outside their world, it’s scary. It’s real scary. I lived on Independence Avenue. I didn’t come to the Plaza until I played for KU, when we played in the Christmas tournament. That was my world as a kid, living in an urban core, but I never visited the Plaza. It’s ironic. You find a lot of kids today that still have not come down to the Plaza. Most of it’s because that’s their world there. They don’t have the transportation to get around like I had later. My world was going to the community center and playing basketball every day, and going to school. That was it. It’s just interesting. It’s interesting to think back on where I’ve been.”

Crawford is now using his background and teachings to make a difference and impact the lives of today’s youth. After graduating from KU in 1981, and playing basketball in Finland for one season, Crawford has devoted his life to social services and working with at-risk children.

He was employed as a parole officer for the state of Kansas in the early 1990’s when he yearned to do “something more” and create greater change in society. Thus, Crawford enrolled in the School of Social Welfare at KU. Crawford, who received his master’s degree in 1992, said he has finally found his niche after a “long stepping career.” He is currently the executive manager of youth programs for the Full Employment Council (largest non-profit agency in Kansas City), where he helps place inner city youth with jobs and career employment. “Hopefully, they can see the value of going to work and not staying out here on the streets,” Crawford said.

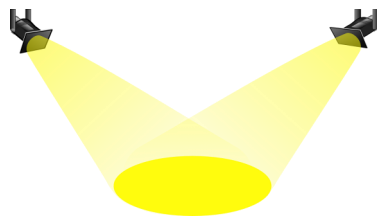
Crawford approaches his professional career with the same amount of zest as he did playing at KU. “I was given a gift,” he said. “In every aspect of my life, I use basketball, It’s just like chess, you have options. When times get intense, I intensify. I know when to play defense. Without that background as related to sports, I’d be lost.”

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Karole Null Zinger '62

It is our intention to feature ‘success’ in future issues of the newsletter to be called ‘In The Spotlight.’ The subject can be an alumni, a student, an athlete, faculty, staff, neighborhood business, on a subject you think is of interest and deserving of a little notoriety. We are in a time where good deeds need to be noted and successful people and actions should be celebrated.

Northeast has had many successful graduates. Some we know about and some we would like for you to tell us about, so please let us know of someone who went or goes above and beyond in your opinion. Current or in the past, we want to know about them. We look forward to putting someone in The Spotlight in the next issue.



WE ARE THE VIKINGS!

Up, Up, and Away



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as our guest for a tour of the

TWA Museum

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REMEMBER WHEN...

By Joe Klein '54



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BRISTOL TEEN TOWN – A Series

Teen Town was started in the fall of 1946 by a few parents who wanted to give their teenage children an alternative to traveling (by bus, mostly) over to Independence Avenue and Benton Boulevard about 8 miles away for weekly dances. These dances were held in a hall on the second floor above the Benton movie theater. The parents felt that was too far for late-at-night travel even though the students traveled to that area of town to attend high school.

The mothers who attended the first organizational meeting were Mrs. Fern Parks, Mrs. Lucille Morris, Mrs. Flossie Irwin, Mrs. Ina Austin, and Mrs. Josie Rouse. They met with Mr. Paul Fracasia, the director of the Englewood area YWCA, who helped with the negotiations with the Kansas City Board of Education for the rental of the Bristol Elementary School gymnasium. About 10 years later the dances were moved to the then-new Van Horn High School about a mile away.

The dances were held each Saturday night during the school year (except holidays) and the basic criteria to be a member of InterCity Teen Town (as it was originally called) was to be between the ages of 13 and 19, inclusively, and live in the InterCity District. The InterCity District was a name commonly used to describe an area of unincorporated Jackson County lying between Independence and Kansas City, the approximate boundaries of which were the Blue River on the west (K.C. city limits), the Missouri River on the north, Norton Avenue on the east (Independence city limits), and 23rd street and 35th street on the south.

High schools represented in InterCity were Northeast and East of the Kansas City School district, and William Chrisman and St. Mary's of Independence. InterCity had no junior high or high school and many students had a choice of attending Northeast or East, and in some cases Central, but not the Independence schools. (There was an attempt made in the 1930's to become part of the Independence system, but that district did not want to take in InterCity). For the first few dances a Juke Box was rented for music, and a snack bar was created for refreshments. Candy bars and Cokes were a nickel. Not long afterward, the parent sponsors authorized (and the school allowed) the installation of a P.A. sound system with a record player. Mr. Lawrence Parks installed that system and became the "disc jockey" for the dances and held that position for the entire 16 years. There were, of course, some upgrades as time went by. Two or 3 45 RPM records were purchased from Crenshaw's Music Store (located just north of the square) each week for 89 cents a piece.

The first system was a series of small speakers mounted on the walls around the gym, but later a large bell-shaped speaker was added and attached to the ceiling and was lowered, by rope and pulley, near the dance floor and raised again at the end of the dance. All equipment (in addition to music equipment there were folding tables and chairs, and coat racks) had to be retrieved and stored after each dance so it would not be in the way of students come Monday morning. Also, that part of the building, the gym and its balcony, the main front door area, and the lower hall had to be swept and cleaned. It was done under the supervision of the school custodian, Mr. Preston, who would open the school to begin the evening then retired to his home on the school grounds (the K.C. district furnished many of their head custodians with on-site housing); then he would return at closing time and lock the building. Mr. Preston hardly, if ever, missed a night of assisting Teen Town.

The dances were held from 7pm to 11pm. Admission was 25 cents and a season pass was soon available at a cost of \$2.00. The passes were punched upon each visit. Each member was entitled to bring three guests at a cost of 25 cents each. It was not unusual to have 400 to 500 students attend the special events, but the average was usually in the 200 to 300 range. (To Be Continued in next newsletter...)

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL

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 Loyal Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School:

Larry E. Williams `65

**By Judith L. Bradley
Friend**

Karen (McKee) Irwin `60

**By Arthur A. Allen `60
Friend**

William (Billy) Rodriguez `76

**By Joan (Rodriguez) James `66
Sister**

David A. Gibson `60

**By Deena (Caton) Gibson `62
Wife of 56 years**

Ralph Rennison `54

**By Judith (Rennison) Harms `56
Sister**

Ted Wayne Ward `54

**By Carol S. (Ward) Romero `56
Sister**

Mr. Harry Bianco - Music Director By Al `64 & Paula (Bryan) McCormick `66



The Memorial/Recognition Wall will be on permanent display in the Alumni Room for all students, faculty, and alumni visitors to view. The original Memorial/Recognition Wall plaque was four feet wide and thirty-two inches tall. We have since added to it twice. The plaque is made of colorful acrylic. Names of individuals honored are permanently inscribed on metal plates and 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 to 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 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

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Notes: _____

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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 6,000 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 the information to any Board member listed in this newsletter. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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MUSIC TO OUR EARS!

By Helen Kuhr Shores 1960

The Northeast High School Alumni Association is proud to report that vocal and instrumental music are back in the curriculum at Thou Dear Northeast. With our gifted vocal choral instructor and our leader of the band director, music classes are again being offered as part of the students' elective classes from which a student may choose!

With much enthusiasm from the NEHS community, students chose to take band or choir as an elective and the two classrooms filled with interested students who wanted to learn more about making music a part of their high school experience. Access to new and used instruments from near and far appeared for those students interested in the band. Some of the instruments were donated to the band, others were gifted by donors from music stores, and some were brand new instruments while others were already within the students' homes. A couple of music stores repaired instruments at no charge; they were simply gifted to the NEHS Band! The band director, Ricky Maltbia, is developing a fine band to be proud of as he teaches his students the experience and knowledge of a variety of different instruments.

Mr. Scott Kinworthy, a vocal music teacher who moved to Kansas City from St. Louis, created a newsworthy choir with mixed voices of girls and boys singing in harmony. Mr. Kinworthy encouraged his students to attend the Missouri District Music Contest which happens each spring. Many students want to compete with other schools in Missouri. Kahiel Palmer, a student in the NEHS Choir, came home with honors. He placed #1 in the Missouri District vocal solo category. What an honor for Kahiel and Mr. Kinworthy's Mixed Choir. Kahiel also competed in another contest in Oak Grove, Missouri. This contest took place at the University of Missouri Columbia School of Music.

The Alumni Association welcomes "THE ART OF MAKING MUSIC" into the NEHS curriculum. We celebrate all of the arts being offered in the KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

KSHB-41 'GIFT OF SOLE' GALA

By Roberta Holt-Kipper 1969

In late April, the entire Sophomore class at Northeast received their shoes provided by KSHB-41 with funds from the 'Gift of Sole' Gala. Feet were measured and their shoes were ordered in the fall. You may remember that your Alumni Board of Directors took part in the event and sponsored a table.

The gala was designed and dedicated to raising funds for shoes for sophomores at three area high schools: Northeast, Wyandotte, and Rangers School. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the joy on the faces of our young people, many receiving much needed sneakers that actually fit.

The event spurred Northeast to work on developing a similar gala. We were asked to participate and to help orchestrate this event. As you see from our cover story, Northeast has had a recent change in administration. Because of this change we are no longer planning a similar event as we had indicated in our last newsletter.

We are thankful that KSHB-41 selected our Sophomore students as recipients of their generosity.

(Not the actual shoes)



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

1930`s

- 1937 Phillip Forte
- 1939 B. J. Hinkle

1940`s

- 1942 Ruth K. James
- 1943 Harlene (Holferty) Hockett
- 1943 Joseph F. Kusick
- 1945 Mary (Luck) Greenwood
- 1945 Shirley J. Poore
- 1946 Dolores (James) Faherty
- 1947 Calvin Kenneth Doll
- 1947 Donna Joanne (Green) Smith
- 1948 James Irvin Hoverder
- 1948 Courtney (Yeater) Sloan
- 1948 Phillip Tryon
- 1949 Emmett E. Stinson

1950`s

- 1950 Anthony Joseph Bonavia
- 1951 Carol Ann (McNeill) Harris
- 1951 Richard Jacques
- 1952 Bernice (Lanza) Raymer
- 1954 Joseph A. Macaluso
- 1954 Victor Ronald DeMayo
- 1955 Robert Earl Deatherage
- 1955 Marilyn Yvonne (Richards) Walsh
- 1956 Rodney Adrain
- 1956 Jerry Lynn Bledsoe
- 1956 Dean Collins
- 1956 Eddie Forbes
- 1956 Harold H. Howie
- 1956 John Everett Hustad
- 1956 Robert Eugene Liggett
- 1956 Betty Lou (Barton) Manselle
- 1956 Virginia E. (Tricarico) Perrotta
- 1956 Randall Dean Pugh
- 1956 Albert Thomas Pugh, Jr.
- 1956 Fayan (Johnson) Rochowiak
- 1956 Inez Marie (Hazlett) Sartain
- 1956 Robert David Speake
- 1956 Carl Edward Warmington
- 1956 Harold Seymour Watson
- 1956 David Arthur Worden
- 1957 Wanda Sue (Bond) Decker
- 1957 Bonnie Ree (Stokes) McKague

1950`s continued

- 1958 Harry C. Capper
- 1958 J. Carper
- 1958 Gilbert Blain Fisher
- 1958 Nancy (Thompson) Gustafson
- 1958 Mary Grace (Urnise) Machael
- 1958 Millicent Ann (Miller) Penny
- 1958 Judith (Provance) Scott
- 1958 Betty Lou (Hurr) Smith
- 1959 Jack Link
- 1959 Dennis E. McCarty
- 1959 Joanne Hazel (Snider) Soraya

1960`s

- 1960 Ronald Clay Hurst
- 1960 Mary Lee (Thompson) Kachur
- 1961 George Wayne Clark
- 1961 William Enochs
- 1961 Carol Lee (Garfield) Harsin
- 1961 Juanita Rose (Butler) Thompson
- 1961 Terry Lee Roberts
- 1962 Kirk Kenton
- 1964 Ronald Edward Egleston
- 1964 Lewis M. Ellis, Jr.
- 1964 Marion Louis Rockford
- 1965 Nick Anthony Arello
- 1965 Marilyn (Brown) Matejcek
- 1965 Dennis Torrey
- 1967 John Patrick Abbott
- 1967 Beverly Albertson
- 1967 Lynn Ann (Brooks) Gleason
- 1967 Peter Vincent Inzerillo
- 1968 Leland Garner
- 1968 Connie (Swan) Niespodziany

1970`s

- 1970 Marsha (Herrman) Garner
- 1971 Timothy L. McGinnis
- 1972 Billy Wayne Brassfield
- 1972 Rose Marie (Branstuder) Hays
- 1973 Carolyn (Cumberland) Pointer
- 1974 Shelia Baker
- 1974 Carl DiStefano
- 1974 Chris Fonville
- 1974 Nicholas Georgelokis
- 1974 Jana (Clark) Kindall
- 1974 Robert Patrick Mercer
- 1974 Lon Morley
- 1974 Michelle (Reynolds) Osborne
- 1974 Chris Overman

1970`s continued

- 1974 Beth (Aulbaugh) Riley
- 1975 Karan (Dennis) Herriott
- 1978 Monica Annette Troncoso
- 1984 Samuel Matteo LoGrasso
- 1984 Pamela Suzanne (Beam) Sportsman



Editor's note: FYI: As classes research their class lists for reunions, they are reporting the deaths of their classmates to us as they are discovered. This does not mean that some of the death notices listed here are recent.

Please contact 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.

**SAD GOODBYE
AND THANK TO YOU TO
JANNE MARKEY WALKER '59**

We reported earlier this year or late last year that Coach Ephraim Markey's daughter, Janne Markey Walker, named the NEHS Alumni Association as one of four beneficiaries of her estate. It was to be distributed in two parts after the estate was settled.

We are happy to report that the money has been distributed to us and invested/ endowed for our scholarships and programs designed to further the education of Northeast High School students. The value of an education for herself and others was always her primary goal. Janne was a teacher after graduating from the University of Missouri.

Janne was a pretty, vivacious cheerleader at Northeast, in Delta Literary Society, and played lots of sports. She was very much admired by those of us who were privileged to know her. Sadly, she lost a long battle with Alzheimer's on February 2, 2022.

We thank her for her generosity, trust in the Alumni Association, and for caring about the students at Northeast High School.

Lykins Lunch Bunch—Meet the last Thursday of the month at Tiff and Jay’s in Lee’s Summit, MO noon.

Class of `56—Meet at Black Bear Diner in Independence, MO at 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Anyone from `56 or a close class is welcome to join us and bring a friend. Contact: Roy Beaty at 816-652-8741 or roysandybeaty@aol.com

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

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REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1959

Will meet September 18th, 2024 at Cascone’s North, 3737 No. Oak Trafficway, K.C. MO at noon to celebrate their 65th reunion. Please respond to Joy Case 816-678-1842

CLASS OF 1962

Contact: Karole Null Zinger 913-484-6400 Karole.zinger@yahoo.com
 September 20th - Paul & Jack’s 6 pm
 September 21st - Diana Byers Melching 6 pm
 September 22nd - Donna Hunt Skates 10 am

CLASS OF 1964

October 5th - 4pm till Closing @ Paul & Jack’s
 Contact: Don Edwards 816-590-7801

CLASS OF 1969

Saturday, August 10th
 4:30 pm @ Side Pockets 600 NE
 Englewood Road, NKC MO
 Reunion photo will be taken
 Contact: Gloria Vogt Roach or Martha Baird - Facebook

CLASS OF 1974 Your FIFTY year reunion is

Saturday, September 21, 2024 - Hilton Garden Inn
 19677 East Jackson Dr. Independence, MO
 \$45 per person includes
 Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar, Music, and Dancing
 (Special room block rate available for those who wish to stay)
 For payment or questions,
 Theresa Hieronymus, therehier@gmail.com or
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 Please submit payment by August 21, 2024

CLASS of 1994

Tour NEHS School Friday, Sept. 13, 2024 (Time TBD)
 Saturday, September 14th 6:30-9 pm
 Brass Rail 4940 NE 81st, KCMO 64119
 \$20 each and \$35 per couple
 Contact: Gina Malvagna 816-260-9357

-Important-

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2024

Golf TournamentSept. 21
 TWA Museum Tour.....Oct. 12
 Board MeetingOct. 8
 Annual MeetingOct. 15

The above dates are subject to change!

Don't miss the Annual Meeting to vote on Board members

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

Website— northeastvikings.org

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 NEHSAA**

Want to help?

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

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

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ANY SHIRT Choose 1-6

ANY LOGO Choose A-F

COLORS

Any shirt available in these colors

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6.  \$30 each
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A. 

B. 

C. 

D. 

E. 

F. 

- Black - B
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- White - W

Sizes: Small-XL
2X add \$3.00
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NOTICE

We are available to sell our logo items at your reunions. Call Tiffany Bush.

I would like to purchase Shirt # _____ Size _____ with Design _____ in the Color of _____ for \$ _____
Please include postage. * \$8.00
TOTAL \$ _____

Include your name, address, email address, & phone number.

Make checks payable to: Northeast Alumni Association
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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

Generations of Northeast youngsters have gathered to splash, stay cool and hang out with friends at the Budd Park pool (5600 Budd Park Esplanade). According to Kate Warfield, historian for Kansas City Parks and Recreation, the first wading pool was constructed in 1917. Located in the southeast corner of Budd Park, its construction cost totaled \$1849.08. Based on information sent to us by an anonymous reader, the original round pool — which was its deepest in the center — was still in use in 1949. In the days prior to air-conditioned homes, this pool was visited daily by hundreds of children as a respite from the summer heat. In 1954, this pool was replaced by a complex containing a junior pool, wading pool, toilets and bath house, surrounded by a chain link fence. The parks board approved a bid from Sharp Brothers Construction for \$35,985.00. The current pool in Budd Park was constructed in 2000 — a single oval pool with increasing depths to 5 feet and spray features. Its large pool house contains all the filtration equipment, toilets, showers and snack bar. The pool is open daily from noon to 7 p.m.
Article taken from July 24th NE News.

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