

# RAILSPLITTER

## review

Spring 2009

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER: *Gloria Gray '66*



Lincoln High School was brand new when it opened its doors in 1923. Over the past eight decades it has served the community well, but Lincoln was in need of some critical improvements and renovations to allow us to keep pace with educational and technological advances. So, what happens when a community agrees that much help is needed? People get to work and make it happen! Please take a good look at what

has happened at Lincoln, and what more needs to be done to rebuild Lincoln High School.

The \$26.7 million penny sales tax allocation provided LHS with the basic necessities: a complete upgrade of infrastructure systems including air conditioning and up-to-date technology hook-ups, a new band room, a beautiful new west entrance and awesome new student commons, remodeled classrooms, three new science labs, and handicapped accessibility. All of these changes are terrific and have made such a difference for the students and faculty. The penny sales tax went a long way, but not quite far enough.

Lincoln still had needs, and that led to the creation of the **Vision Campaign**, to find new dollars to finish the job. Finishing projects are listed below as Phase 1 and 2.

#### Phase 1:

Restoring the Pride Campaign: This \$1 million campaign co-chaired by **Dick Felice** and **Tim Leach** resulted in critical repairs to Lincoln's stadium. These improvements, crucial to the continuation of successful sporting events, include a new plaza entrance, new concession area with up-to-date restrooms and a Spirit Store, a new press box

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Check out the **NEW** ALHS Web site!  
**[www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com)**

## President's Letter *(cont)*

and scoreboard, upgraded locker rooms, and new landscaping. These are all wonderful improvements which will be enjoyed for many years to come for students, athletes, staff, parents, and the community. Thank you, Dick and Tim!

### **Phase 2:**

The Community Center - yet to be completed - is where we need everyone's help! The Community Center will be a multi-purpose building where many different activities will take place. With seating for 600, community residents will be allowed full access to hold special events and programs, large and small, including visiting speakers, political forums, cultural festivities, sporting events, that are normally held off campus due to lack of space. The Community Center will provide that space. Another feature in this building will be a dedicated space for the LHS wrestling team to practice and lift weights, and as a permanent home for their wrestling mats that the team has been dragging around for many years! A Wellness Center will have a state-of-the-art fitness room for Lincoln athletes. More students will be able to use those facilities to maintain a fitness regime, and Des Moines residents will also have access to exercise equipment and multi-purpose space. With our help, the Community Center will truly be a south side hub of activity year round.

A record number of people attended Lincoln's Pancake Breakfast on January 31. It was wonderful to see the new huge Commons Area full of students and their families, alumni and friends, all enjoying breakfast and camaraderie! Many were there to see the new improvements for the first time and share in the excitement of more to come! Those additional improvements will happen, if we all pitch in! How can you help? Read on in this addition of the *Railsplitter Review* to find out!

Speaking of Rails who step up to help, **thank you** to those loyal Rails who believe in helping Lincoln students become the leaders of tomorrow. Gifts of scholarship dollars for deserving seniors, to help them go on to college, are investments in our community's future. That is the important work of the Alumni Association, and we invite you to join us!

One more **thank you** to **Nicole Graziano** and team for this wonderful new *Railsplitter Review* alumni newsletter format! ■

Go Rails!

*Gloria*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Senior Celebration After Prom Party:** April 25, 2009, Public Walk-Through 7 – 9 PM
- **Class Night (at the Bowen Roundhouse):** May 21, 2009 at 7 PM
- **Commencement (at Veterans Memorial Auditorium):** May 23, 2009 at 9 AM
- **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Vander Linden Golf Outing (at Blank Golf Course):** June 12, 2009
- **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ALHS Alumni Association:** June 13, 2009
- **Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (at the Bowen Roundhouse):** Time TBA. Watch our Website for more information

*The Alumni Association meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at the new Student Commons Area in Lincoln High School—Join Us!*

# PRINCIPALS' CORNER

**Albert H. Graziano '60**



Dear Lincoln Alumni,  
An exciting new academic direction for Lincoln High School is underway for the 2009-10 school year and beyond: Smaller Learning Communities (SLC), which is a competitive grant program of the U.S. Department of Education. The purpose of the grant program is to provide funding to create small, safe, and supportive learning communities in large public schools with 1000 or more students in grades nine through twelve. East, Hoover, Lincoln, North and Roosevelt High Schools are

in the second year of a 3-5 year grant helping to plan and implement Smaller Learning Communities. The Smaller Learning Communities that are well established in many large school districts have shown statistical increases in student attendance and credits earned toward graduation while showing decreases in failure and dropout rates. Lincoln South students have demonstrated similar gains in preparation for graduation.

The Smaller Learning Community Houses of 125-150 students at Lincoln South and the Career Interest Academies planned for Lincoln Main are organized and staffed by core teachers and classes of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. These core classes are required and enhanced by related electives, activities, and other School District Programs such as Central Campus course offerings. The focus of teaching and learning is on the career interest or theme such as Business, Technology, Health Services, or the Arts. Keeping students in school and on track to graduate is the focus of all our efforts aimed at providing all students with a more personalized learning process based on their choices and interest.

Research shows that if we attract and hold student interest, engage them in the learning process based on their individual interests and abilities, and promote a school culture of continuous improvement, then all students will have the opportunity to achieve at high levels and be lifelong learners. The ability to recognize career options and future planning are key parts of our educational program strategy. Our challenge at Lincoln is to prepare our students to compete in all sectors of the world economy. The challenge of globalization and the impact of computers and the Internet places our students in direct competition with young people throughout the world. We are striving at

Lincoln to meet the unique learning needs of our students and guide them as active participants in shaping their own futures.

This newsletter outlines the specifics of the Lincoln Vision Campaign. Many of you have already done a great deal for Lincoln and we do not take your support for granted. Indeed, we sincerely thank you for everything that you have done and continue to do for Lincoln High School. Throughout the eighty-five year history of our school, many individuals have stepped forward to initiate change and provide leadership for academic and facility improvements. I am now asking for your volunteer commitment to support the Lincoln Vision Campaign as a turning point in the history of Lincoln High School and our community. Your financial support will have a lasting impact for Lincoln High School into the 21st Century. This is a unique opportunity for all Lincoln Alumni working together to accomplish far more than otherwise possible. If I can be of any help as you consider our request for financial support at any level, please call on me for additional information. My telephone number at Lincoln is (515) 242-7500 or e-mail me at [albert.graziano@dmeps.k12.ia.us](mailto:albert.graziano@dmeps.k12.ia.us). Our address is 2600 SW 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50315.

Class Night will be Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the Bowen Roundhouse Arena. The program features the presentation of academic awards and honors earned by the Class of 2009. The Lincoln Class night traditions involving the Class Key, Plaque, Ribbon Cutting, and Presentation of Roses will all be continued by the class of 2009. Commencement will be held at Veterans Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, May 23, at 9:00 a.m. Graduation from Lincoln continues to be a very special, memorable event in the lives of our students. You, as alumni, are welcome to attend these events and share this once in a lifetime event that binds all the graduates of Lincoln High School.

Thank you for your support and continued interest in Abraham Lincoln High School. ■

Sincerely,

*Albert*



# BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER CLUB MESSAGE

President: **Jim Edwards**



The Build Lincoln Higher Booster Club (BLH) is a parent based, volunteer booster club dedicated to support Abraham Lincoln High School. Our sole purpose is to raise money to support school sponsored student activities. We accomplish this through the operation of the concession stands at athletic events, the sale of clothing in the Rail Shop, and by hosting the **Chicken Bowl** in the fall and the **Pancake Breakfast** in the winter.

All of our net earnings are returned to Lincoln students (an average of \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually). Approximately 60% of our earnings go to support non-athletic activities, such as purchasing uniforms and musical instruments for the band and orchestra, contributing to the Senior Celebration After Prom Party, paying expenses associated with vocal music and drama performances, and providing scholarships for deserving Lincoln students. The remaining 40% of our funds are used to replace varsity athletic uniforms every three years.

This year's Pancake Breakfast took place on Saturday, January 31, in the new Commons Area at Lincoln. My thanks to the many volunteers who helped serve, including **Superintendant Nancy Sebring**, and to the students who performed during the event. The following local businesses deserve special recognition for their generous donations: **General Mills, Anderson Erickson Dairy, Hy-Vee, Fareway** and **McDonalds**. Without their generosity this event would not be possible.

I would also like to thank **Jeff Fazio**, Concession Manager, and the **Executive Committee** for their hard work this school year. It's the dedication of our volunteers that make BLH successful.

For more information about BLH, visit our website at [www.blh4rails.org](http://www.blh4rails.org). ■

*Photos (from the top):*

**Whitfield Family:** Hilary, Class of 2009, Mark, Class of 1987, Hailey, Class of 2013, Charles, Tech High Class of 1950, Betty, St. Mary's High, Wichita, Kansas, Class of 1954, and Mary Wall Whitfield, BCLUW, Conrad, Iowa Class of 1988.

**Graziano Family members**, ranging from Class of 1960 to 2026, pause for a mini reunion picture: Alana Astor, Nicole Graziano, Pat Astor, Joe Graziano, Eva Astor, Principal Al, Ella Astor, Christy Moon Graziano and Connor Graziano. Whose turn is it for "Green Bucket" duty?

**Craig Wallace**, Class of 1963, **Mike Beauchamp**, Class of 1977, **Kristina Wallace Lusk**, Class of 1989, and **Jan Batchelor Wallace**, Class of 1962, enjoy Jazz Band – after pancakes.

**Pete Hale**, Class of 1966, Superintendent of Des Moines Public Schools, **Dr. Nancy Sebring**, Nesco High School, Zearing, Iowa, Class of 1972, and **Principal Al Graziano**, Class of 1960, flip perfect pancakes.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: *EVERETT CHANDLER, CLASS OF 1927*



The Lincoln High Alumni Association is proud to focus the Alumni Spotlight on Everett Chandler, Class of 1927. Mr. Chandler's life history is a storied one intertwined with Lincoln. He is:

- A student of Lincoln High's inaugural class in 1923,
- The high school sweetheart of Elizabeth Vencil Chandler (Class of 1928),
- A tireless Alumni Association and Alumni Foundation volunteer, and
- A scholarship, endowment, Vision Campaign, and education benefactor.

Officially, Mr. Chandler graduated from Grand River High School in 1927 after family financial difficulties forced him to finish his senior year in Leon while working as a farm hand. Returning to Des Moines, he married Elizabeth Vencil in 1933. Mr. Chandler proudly served our country in the Navy during World War II, and after his safe return the Chandler family moved to California and later to Arizona. Everett and Elizabeth returned to their Iowa roots in 1990 and he became actively involved with the Alumni Association as historian "because they couldn't find anyone older than me."

Since then, Mr. Chandler has made regular scholarship and endowment donations. In 2007, he established the Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship, which provides four (4) four-year scholarships for Lincoln students based on their GPA and financial need. The scholarships are awarded every four years. In February, Mr. Chandler generously donated \$10,000 to the Lincoln Vision Campaign.

In 1995, Mr. Chandler was presented with the Abraham Lincoln High School Certificate of Graduation in recognition for his support of Lincoln as a member of the Class of 1927. In February, Mr. Chandler celebrated his 99th birthday. The entire Lincoln High School community of students, faculty, and alumni wishes Mr. Chandler a happy birthday and offers its sincere appreciation and thanks for all that he's done on behalf of our school. ■

## ASSOCIATION & FOUNDATION NEWS

### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

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#### ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS

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#### FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

Bill Backstrom (1948), Bruce Bett, Everett Chandler (1927), Jack Copic (1965), Becky Dewey (1983), Al Graziano (1960), Anna (Ruperto) Williams (1963)

#### Commemorative Bricks and Driveway Emblems

In 1999 Abraham Lincoln High School celebrated its 75th anniversary and the ALHS Alumni Association began selling commemorative bricks to mark the occasion. We continue to offer these bricks for \$85. The bricks are installed in front of the school and are a wonderful way to remember a loved one, or honor a recent graduate or family of graduates.

Also available for \$20 is an “ALHS” emblem painted in maroon or gold on your driveway. This is a great way to show your Lincoln spirit! All proceeds go to the ALHS Alumni Association.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick or having the ALHS emblem painted on your driveway, order forms are available on our website: [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com). ■

#### ALHS Alumni Association Mission Statement:

The ALHS Alumni Association & Foundation exist to provide college scholarships for ALHS students, fund special projects for the benefit of students, and promote fellowship among our alumni.

### JOIN THE ALHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

Our annual membership dues are \$10. Lifetime membership dues are available to those alumni who are age 65 or older for \$75. As a member of the Alumni Association, you will receive both the Fall and Spring editions of the Railsplitter Review.

Join us online at [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com), or send us your name, class year, and a check, made payable to ALHS Alumni Association, to the following address:

ALHS Alumni Association  
c/o Lincoln High School  
2600 SW 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50315.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of January 31, 2009)

#### ALHS Alumni Association

Ready Cash Account	\$15,310.00
Operating Checking	10,450.00

**Total \$25,760.00**

*Your annual dues go to the Association.*

#### ALHS Alumni Foundation

Total Assets\* \$441,248.00

*\* Only the interest earned from the Foundation investments is used for scholarships. The endowment of the Foundation is not used.*

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of many ALHS alumni, the ALHS Alumni Foundation awards scholarships to deserving Lincoln seniors each year. A summary of available scholarships follows:

## ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship

The Alumni Association offers annual scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. The number of scholarships awarded varies yearly based on the interest earned on the Foundation Endowment. In 2009, we plan to award fourteen (14) \$1,000 scholarships.

The Foundation Endowment is funded by your donations.

Please consider making a donation to the Alumni Foundation. Your donations are tax deductible!

## Named Scholarships

### Ray Townsend Scholarship

Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2009, based on the applicants' GPA and financial need.

### Ruth Nichols Scholarship

Two \$2500 scholarships will be awarded in 2009, based on the applicants' GPA, community involvement and financial need.

### Neff Family Scholarship

Two (2) four-year scholarships (\$1250 per year) will be awarded to graduating seniors who intend to declare a major course of study in science or mathematics.

## Studebaker Elementary School

One scholarship of at least \$500 will be awarded to a student who attended Studebaker Elementary School for at least three (3) years. The financial need of the applicants will be considered.

## Veridian Credit Union Scholarship

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded in 2009 based on the applicants' financial need and community service.

## Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship

Four (4) four-year scholarships (\$1500 per year) will be awarded every four years beginning in 2007, based on the applicants' GPA and financial need. The next scholarships will be awarded in 2011.

## Jim and Ralph Wilson Scholarship

One \$1000 scholarship will be awarded each year beginning in 2009, based on the applicants' GPA and financial need. ■

*We will announce the 2009 scholarship recipients in the Fall 2009 issue of the Railsplitter Review.*

## Named Scholarships

The Foundation can help you establish a scholarship in your name or in memory of a family member or friend. For more information, please contact **Skip Timmons** at 515-287-6510.

## Alumni Association Annual Meeting & Open House

Date: June 13, 2009

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Place: The New Student Commons Area at LHS

Join us for refreshments and tours of the renovated school building!



## ASSOCIATION & FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

The **Boards of the ALHS Alumni Association** and **Foundation** thank the following individuals for your kind donations, received since our fall newsletter went to print:

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**Everett Chandler**, Class of 1927, \$1,000 to fund an Alumni Association Scholarship & \$10,000 for the **Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship**

**Marvin and Laurie Delmott**, Class of 1983, \$1,000

**Lewis DeMarco**, Class of 1940, \$1,000 to fund an Alumni Association Scholarship

**Rose Mary Neff Schwent**, Class of 1942, \$10,000 for the **Neff Family Scholarship** and \$10,000 for the Foundation Endowment ■



# 2009 SENIOR CELEBRATION

## AFTER PROM PARTY APRIL 25, 2009

**Senior Celebration After Prom Party**, in its 19th year, is an annual, school sponsored event that takes place immediately following the Senior Prom at Lincoln. It is an all-night, alcohol and drug-free party for all Lincoln High School seniors and their guests complete with food, entertainment and prizes.

Thanks to the hard work of parents, community volunteers and school staff, the school building is literally transformed into a magical venue, based on a special theme selected each year by the Senior Celebration Committee. Past themes include "Rhythm of the Night" (dancing), "Road Trip" (travel designations) "Let the Games Begin" (board games), "Let the Good Times Roll" (based on the musical "Grease") and "A Night of Entertainment" (Hollywood movies). Entertainment typically includes a hypnotist, mini-golf, inflatable rides and dancing. Prize drawings take place throughout the night, with approximately \$8,000 in prizes awarded to students and their guests.

The celebration takes a great deal of planning and

preparation, but it is an extremely rewarding volunteer experience for all who participate. Here are just a few ways you can help with the Senior Celebration: join the Senior Celebration Committee; fundraise for the event; donate decorations, construction materials or prizes; "Adopt-a-Room"; "Adopt-a-Senior"; or volunteer to help on the day of the event or during the party.

Please accept our invitation to take a tour of the Senior Celebration After Prom event at the school during the public walk-through on **April 25, 2009, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

If you'd like to help with this year's Senior Celebration or have questions, contact **Mary Lafferty** at (515) 480-0265, **Steve Lewellen** at (515) 953-4499, **James Hamm** at (515) 554-2121 or **Jill Corsbie** (515) 577-1424. The Senior Celebration Committee holds monthly meetings the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Lincoln High School. Please feel free to attend these meetings. ■

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## ALUMNI NOTES

**Coralie Cherry '47 & Anna Williams '63**



Coralie



Anna

**Drew Stanley**, Class of 2008, has changed his position on the Lincoln/Roosevelt Hockey team. Last year he was making goals for the team, and this season, is the assistant coach. Since hockey is not sanctioned by the Des Moines School District, you seldom hear about that sport.

**Sally Haydon** Van Wert, Class of 1957, called to say that the class of 1956 has three members inducted into the Lincoln Alumni Hall of Fame. Her brother, **John Haydon, Jr.**, **John Bellizzi**, and **Charles Stover**. She also said that her father, **John, Sr.**, Class of 1933, and brother, **John, Jr.**, are the only father and son in the Alumni Hall of Fame. She is very proud of that!

**Mary Ellen Orr's**, Class of 1947, mother had an antique store on East 14th and Oralabor Road. When she married her high school sweetheart, **Dale VanGinkle**, they went into the grocery store business. Now, after many years, she has opened an antique shop in Dubuque in the Fenlon Elevator area. Next time you're traveling, stop in and see her.

I always feel that I know the South side history really well. When I was asked about the church that used to be on the corner of S. W. 9th and Wolcott (where Jim's Coney Island is now) I could not tell them anything. **Joann Winegardner Sweet's**, Class of 1949, daughter said that the church was moved to the north side of S. E. 5th and McKinley and is now a Church of Christ Church. Someone else said it was moved to S. W. 13th and Watrous. If anyone remembers the church, please give me a call at (515) 285-3098.

Many have been asking about **Phil Hayman**, Class of 1972, former Iowa football player, and thanks to **George Bates**, Class of 1957, he's finally been located. George found him, and he lives in Pawtucket, RI. George worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years and after retiring,

he was a security guard at the Des Moines Airport for five years. In 2001, he became involved with Drake and is at every sports activity either selling programs, ushering or helping with track. George was on Lincoln's track team. He often sees **Tom Drake**, **Tom Cady** and **Lowell Reed** at events. Another true Drake fan is **Dick Masimore**, Class of 1944, who also works events. It's great to stay involved in something you enjoy.

**Jim Bird**, Class of 1953, is another alum who is like the Energizer Bunny. After high school he was a Des Moines fireman for 12 years. Then he worked in the Des Moines Schools in the maintenance department for 30 years. His last school was Wright Elementary. He now works at Touch and Go Car Wash at S.W. 7th and Army Post Road. Working agrees with Jim. Jim's wife, **Shirley**, was not a Lincoln student, but their three children, **Tara**, Class of 1975, **Mike**, Class of 1977, and **Pat**, Class of 1980, are. Tara's daughter, **Marissa**, is a senior at Lincoln.

**Fred Tucker**, Class of 1991, joined the U. S. Navy after graduation. He is now a Navy Command Career Counselor in Norfolk, Virginia. He plans to retire in 2011. He's taking classes at Saint Leo University working towards a degree in counseling. Fred and his wife, **Cori**, have a son, **Joshua**, and live in Chesapeake, Virginia.

When **Shauna Agan**, Class of 2007, was a senior at Lincoln she was chosen to be part of the Leadership National Security Committee to attend a conference in Washington, D.C. Shauna, an Alumni scholarship winner, now a student at Simpson College, was selected to take part in the University Presidential Inauguration because of her Leadership Committee role. Shauna said, "On January 20th, not only the Inauguration, but the University Presidential Inauguration Ball, was exciting. The speakers at the Ball were Colin Powell, Al Gore and Luke Russert. And Powell was my favorite." I wonder if politics is in Shauna's future.

I know how proud **Cecil Rhoads** is of his son, **Paul**. Cecil, retired teacher and football coach at Lincoln, got a call from his son saying he was coming to Iowa to accept the

position of Iowa State Football Coach. Paul graduated from Ankeny High School in 1989. After college, he was assistant coach at Iowa State, and now he's back as head coach.

**Karen "Goldie" Anderson**, Class of 1974, passed away last summer in Garmisch, Germany. She left Des Moines at age 19 to travel the world. She began her career at the Armed Forces Recreation Center in 1983; in 1993 she transferred to the Garrison's Youth Services program, and later moved to the Middle School Teen Center. She was an avid animal lover and volunteer, and was a favorite among youth and parents at CYS. The center has been renamed, The Goldie Anderson Youth Center, and they've planted a tree in her honor.

Several Lincoln grads recently appeared in the Des Moines Register. Two fathers, **Scott McClelland**, Class of 1981, and **Dan Goble**, Class of 1984, both football players, and now assistant football coaches at Lincoln, are helping to coach their sons, **Zach McClelland**, a junior lineman, and **Tyler Goble**, a sophomore running back. Another family tradition continues at Lincoln.

**Nicole Nicolino Nayima**, Class of 2000, is a business litigation associate with Faeyre & Benson LLP, in Des Moines. She received her BA in English, summa cum laude, from Creighton University, and her doctorate, with distinction, from the University of Iowa College of Law. She was recognized for publishing an article analyzing the constitutionality of English-only legislation as applied to public libraries, and receiving an award for outstanding scholastic achievement from her law school. She also gives back to the community by serving on the board of directors of the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa and volunteers for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Lincoln certainly had a presence at Drake during the final women's basketball pre-season game. **Linda Sayavongchanh**, Class of 2002, is a former Lincoln and Drake player, and is now assistant coach for Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs. **Kristin Turk**, Class of 2007, scored team high 15 points as Drake pulled away to a 75-41 exhibition win over Minnesota-Duluth. Kristin is Drake's top returning 3-point shooter.

**Phil Barber**, Class of 1968, and **Chuck Mettler**, Class of 1961, are at it again! Check out the South Des Moines

Sculpture Park at S. W. 7th and McKinley. (See photo.) You'll find a giant clothespin and a massive target with an arrow just off the bull's eye mark. Phil and Chuck purchased the vacant lot and enhanced the neighborhood. They got approval from the city for street banners and approached Lincoln art instructor, **Lori Phillips**, to have art students compete to design the banner. **Kelly Dyer**, senior, won the contest and will receive a year's membership to the Des Moines Art Center, paid for by Chuck and Phil. They are also donating a sculpture to be placed outside the south entrance to the Art Department at Lincoln. It's the letters "ART" in steel.



January 24th the South Des Moines Chamber of Commerce held its 2008 dinner and awards presentation at Echo Valley Golf and Country Club. **Patricia Tice**, a counselor at Lincoln, was honored as Educator of the Year, and our own Alumni Foundation Treasurer, **Skip Phillips**, Class of 1968, was honored as Citizen of the Year. Congrats!

**Gloria Gray**, Class of 1966, Executive Director of Children & Families of Iowa, in February accepted the Register's Aurora Award given to central Iowa institutions for their community contributions. Children & Families of Iowa works to ensure that children have safe, stable homes. The group provides family therapy, adoption and foster care services, childcare, residential treatment for troubled teens, substance abuse treatment and domestic violence services. They were also presented with a check for \$1,000. ■

**Report your Alumni notes to Coralie at 515-285-3098 or Anna at 515-287-1306, or email Anna at [annafl01@netzero.net](mailto:annafl01@netzero.net).**

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

On February 20th, seven former Lincoln athletes and coaches became the newest members of the Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame, bringing the total inducted to twenty-eight. The inductees were recognized at halftime of the boys' basketball game between Lincoln and Marshalltown, held at the Roundhouse. They received plaques at a private banquet before the game. The 2009 inductees are:

**Bill Banghart**, Class of 1940, who started on the basketball team, was starting quarterback on the football team and the No. 1 singles player on the tennis team. He won the city basketball scoring title his senior year. He tied for top of his class scholastically at graduation and earned both an academic and athletic scholarship to Drake. He left college to serve in the military and he died in a training accident in 1944.

**Tom Cady** spent twenty years coaching Lincoln's girls and boys swimming teams. He guided five state champion swimmers, two All-Americans and 33 state qualifiers. He was the 1973 Iowa swim coach of the year and was inducted into the Iowa Swim Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1990. The Tom Cady Achievement Award started in 2007 at Lincoln is given to one female and one male swimmer each year in recognition of their dedication to swimming and the school. He remains involved with the sport as an official and teaches swimming lessons.

**Bob Locker** served as baseball coach at Lincoln from 1970-1983 and guided the team to the first summer state tournament in 1976. He won 362 games in his 22-year career, which included eight years at Radcliffe High School before Lincoln. He had six straight winning seasons at Lincoln, 1974-1979. He is a member of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and two Iowa officiating halls of fame.

**Bill Nessen**, Class of 1957, was named one of 21 All-American high school divers by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association his senior year. He won the city and state diving championships that year, and was a two-time state diving champion for the Des Moines YMCA and a four-time district champion. He accepted a scholarship to Iowa State and served four years in the National Air Guard. He died in 2007.

**Roger Roland**, Class of 1969, coached softball for 17 years at Lincoln and won nine conference championships and state titles in 1999 and 2001. His overall record was 531-174 when he retired in 2004. He played baseball and football while in school and now coaches softball with his son, **Dustin**, at Bondurant-Farrar.

**Angela Timmons**, Class of 1997, averaged almost 21 points per basketball game her senior season, as well as five steals and five assists. She was named the CIML American Conference player of the year by the *Des Moines Register* and first-team all-state by the *Des Moines Sunday Register*. At Creighton University, she ranks among its top 10 in scoring, assists and steals. She was an assistant women's basketball coach for Creighton and Nebraska before taking the position of director of operations for Nebraska women's basketball.

**John Van Why** coached boys and girls tennis at Lincoln from 1963 to 1999. His teams combined for a 69-match winning streak that stretched several seasons. In 2004, the tennis courts at Lincoln were named in his honor. He also taught tennis at public parks and initiated the tennis program at Hyperion Field Club. He spent many years officiating football and basketball, including at the Division I level, and was commissioner of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He died in 2007. ■



# TRIBUTES

The following is list of deceased LHS Alumni by graduating class, reported to us after the Fall 2008 newsletter went to print. If you would like to report the death of a classmate or loved one to the Alumni Association, please contact **Amy Hutchens** at [hutch1963@msn.com](mailto:hutch1963@msn.com).

## Class Lincoln Alumni

1930	Marjorie Smiley	1960	Russell Gibbell, Kathy McCoy & Karen Schwab Willits
1933	Kathryn Anderson Sellers	1965	Charles Andreano, Barbara Larick Ardona, Floyd May & Patricia Thompson
1934	Sam Giannoble, Archie Highland & Thelma Moran Ogden	1968	Carl Coco
1936	Don Blackford & Betty Boyd Pearson	1970	Jan Comann Smith
1937	Orville Goens & Florence Willoughby Wharff	1971	David Flanagan & Paul Lines
1938	Audrey Delmege Bird & Wilber Warburton	1972	David Koons
1940	Geraldine Lloyd Benson & Winona Hansen Walker	1974	Susan McGriff Kaili
1941	Floyd Brazec & Carl Kent	1975	Terri Stout
1942	Jackie Lewie, Robert Lusk, Donald Payne, Dale Pilmer, & Louise Sarasio Roland	1976	Jan Enslow
1944	Irene Reyes Tonsi & Elaine Noe Vance	1977	Debe Kissel Moon
1945	Louise Bloomquist Hill	1978	Kim Bruce Ackelson
1946	Verna Anderson Berry, Betty Dennis Bowers, Lawrence Helton, Mildred Christian Mettler & Betty Lou Mitchell Taylor	1979	Sigurd Anderson III
1947	Harry York	1981	Michael Cromer & James Fransen
1948	Cherie Jones Binion & Margaret DeNato Shinn	1985	Mark Riggs
1949	Betty Travis Cunningham, Charlotte Carey Derby & Edith May Foster St. John	1990	Shawn Wilden
1950	Jill Kenworthy Hand	1992	Shayla Venteicher Gilbert
1951	Frank Gillaspay & Billie Johns Noah	1993	Tammy Lippincott & Jaime Ochoa
1953	Thomas Ballard & Kenneth Hunt		
1956	Robert Bradley & Frances McNaney		
1957	Jerry Brown		
1958	Jerry Scott, Judith Milligan Semple & Sharon Weaver Swanson		

## Class Year Unknown:

Virginia Johnson Crouch  
 Louis Ferin  
 David Flannagan  
 Lena Margaret Izzolena Summy

## OUR VISION: A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CAMPAIGN

LHS alumni are leading an unprecedented grassroots effort to fund a \$6.7 million Southside Community Center that will call Lincoln its home.

You are one of the 11,000 alumni that can make this happen. “Our goal with this grassroots campaign is to involve all alumni, regardless of income, to participate in this effort,” stated Mike Nixon ’75 who, along with Mike Caligiuri ’76, realize in these economic times people are prioritizing their giving.

The Vision Campaign is spearheaded by Lincoln alumni who believe our students and their families deserve a state of the art Community Center showcasing events for Lincoln’s High School community. Co-chairs for this \$6.7 million campaign are: **Mike Nixon**, Class of 1975, **Mike Caligiuri**, Class of 1976, **Kris Bird Cooper**, **Linda King**, and **Wendy Wilson** all from the Class of 1988.

“With all the uncertainty of today, people want to give to something that is a living legacy in their neighborhood and community.” said Caligiuri. “The grassroots campaign allows alums and friends to give a one-time gift or a monthly gift, starting at \$10 a month, over a three-year period to make this Vision a reality.” Credit card deductions, automatic withdrawals and checks are all accepted. Donations received by this campaign are tax deductible due to the non-profit status of the Lincoln Alumni Association.

The two-level Community Center will be connected to the west side of the Roundhouse and will house a permanent Wrestling Facility, a Wellness Center, and a Playing Floor

with seating for 600 for special events, programming, and sporting events that are normally held off campus.

“This gathering place will send a message to the Des Moines area and the state of Iowa that Lincoln High School alums support our students and their families.” said Nixon.

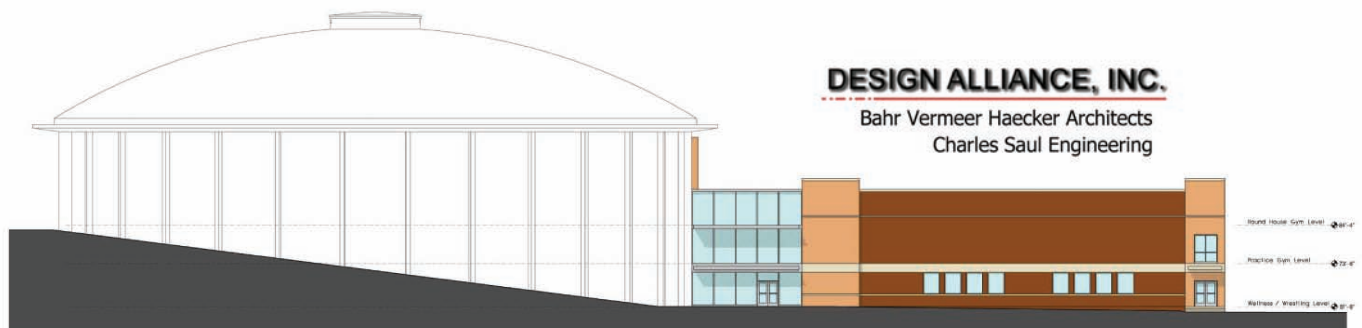
**Al Graziano**, Class of 1960 and Principal at Lincoln High School, said “This Vision will complement all the work done here at Lincoln to modernize our school through the Penny Sales Tax that gave Lincoln \$26.7 million for infrastructure updates and will bring our community even closer to meeting our goals.”

Think of the potential that our alumni hold to make this Vision a reality for the Southside community – allowing us to host events and programs, showcase our athletic and team spirit, and provide the Southside with our own venue to host our families, classmates and friends.

What will the next century hold for our students, alumni and community? Through this successful grassroots campaign, it will host our Community Center, making Lincoln High School a revitalized center of activity for learning and living beyond this century and into the 22nd Century with your support.

Please visit our “Vision Campaign” page on the Alumni website [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com) for updated details, giving opportunities and more information about this exciting campaign.

We honor those who have given to our campaign and welcome your participation.



## SPECIAL THANKS TO DES MOINES AREA GROUPS AND BUSINESSES HELPING WITH OUR EFFORTS

Ashwood Design Group, Todd Speck, Baratta's Restaurant, Denver Findley & Sons Excavating, Design Alliance, Des Moines Landscaping, Edwards Graphics, Flowers by Anthony, Forest and Associates, Dick Felice, Gilcrest

Jewett Lumber, Iowa Cubs, Keck Parking, Bill Keck, Nigro Engineering, John Nigro, Sr., Paesano's, Rowat Cut Stone, Sbrocco, Stover Photography, Charles Stover, Touch N' Go Car Wash, Tumea and Sons, Tursi's Latin King

## VISION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS

### Corporate Matching Gifts

Meredith Corporation/Foundation, TMC, Wells Fargo

### Corporate Matching Gifts to Come

ING – Chances for Children, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co., Wellmark

### President's Circle (\$10,000 +)

Build Lincoln Higher (BLH), Vernon, Teree, Baley '08 and Baxtyr '11, Caldwell-Johnson, Everett Chandler, Maxine and Dr. John '35 McCaw, Mike Nixon '75, Skip Phillips, Polk County Board of Supervisors, Community Development Grant, Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant, Rebuild Iowa

### Principal's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

The Bowen Family, memory of Mel Bowen, Mike and Glenda Dubes '63, Dick Felice '54, Mary Keck '49, Harold Koester '35, LHS Alumni Association, Rhonda '74 and Tim '74 Leach

### Visionary Leader (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Beth '83 and Mark Albright, Bobby Colosimo '81, Charlie Colosimo '80, Kate '79 & Tony '79 Colosimo, Wes (Bud) Jordan, '53, Randy & Jodi Mauro and family, Janice Mulcahy, '53, memory of, Bud Mulcahy, John and Roberta Nigro, Assistant Activities Director, Skipp Timmons

### Railsplitter (\$1,500 - \$2,499)

Marc Beltrame '93, Mike Caligiuri '76, Rose Cash '78, Cassandra Colosimo '94, Christina Grimes Colosimo '92, Nicole Colosimo '87, Gary Dickey, Jr. '95, Joel Drake '87, Sheryle '62 & Tom Drake, former principal/parent,

Albert Graziano, '60, Principal of Lincoln HS, In memory of Albert F. Graziano, Sr., Hy-Vee, Inc., Maria Jordan '83, Linda King '88, Caroline LeWarne '85, Joseph Mauro, Jerry '68 and Sandy '68 Weldon, Don Tripp & Mary Ellen White Tripp '73

### Maroon & Gold (\$1,000 - \$1,499)

Doug Aldridge '76, Penny and Jay '85 Bendixen, Phil Chia '88, Activities Director LHS, Kris (Bird) '88 and Job '86

Cooper, Jerry Crawford, Larry Crist '50, Marvin Delmott '73, Becky Dewey '83

Marian Riggs Gelb and Sam Gelb '73, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goldman, Arthur Greco '83, Margaret King in memory of Robert H. King '37, Bruce Koepl '75, Michele Lau '74 and Mark Vander Linden, Steve Lewellen, Russ & Marilyn Parks '53, Dave Tillinghast '75, Skip '53 and Marlene '55 Timmons, Ted Townsend, Wendy Wilson '88

### Century (\$750 - \$999)

Bill '48 and Mary '50 Backstrom, John Carle, former LHS basketball coach, Gary and Debra '73 Dickey, Mike Lantz '76, Mike and Kristin (Leavengood) Lee '89, Lance Nelson '87, Joe and Misty Rand '84

### Lincoln Pride (\$500 - \$749)

Amy L. Baker '81, Marte Cook, CEO Stetson Building Products, Brett Collins, memory of Mel Bowen, Melinda Collins, memory of Mel Bowen, Lewis DeMarco, Tony Klucking, PhD, Joseph Lakers, John Nevins

### Ambassador (\$100 - \$499)

Lawrence Cook, Juliet Cunningham, Team Services, Inc., Dave '85 and Amy '84 Dueling, Sharon Gatto, Doris Guess '50, Mark Hall, Delores Horton, Terry Jay, Sandra Johnson, Margaret Kottmeier, Nancy Lantz, Nick '93 and Lori '92 (Wilson) Lavorato, LHS Athletic Department, LHS Class of 1957, LHS Class of 1973, Robert and Deborah Lusk, Michael and Leigh McGivern, Nancy Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Peterson, Lisa '75, Harold Edward Phillips, Karen Smith, Matt Speck '88, Ruth Thomas, Ralph Tofanelli, '36, Jennifer Weldon '91, Chris West, R., Michael Williams, Roxy and Linda Wilson, Juanita and Philip Zeiler

### Friends of Lincoln (\$1 - \$99)

Class of 1941, Class of 1958, Anthony Defino, Tim Houge and, Elizabeth Caradamon Houge, '78, Frances Lowder, Hubert Mote, John Paletta, Bob Skinner, Sally Smith, C. Michael Spriggs ■

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## REUNION NEWS

- **Class of 1940** meets every other month at the Cubs Club. Next meeting is May 8, 11:00 a.m. For more information contact **Howard Porter** at (515) 285-8326.
- **Class of 1941** meets every other month at Old Country Buffet (SE 14th and Army Post Road). Next meeting is May 8. For more information call **Leo Bridal** at (515) 285-3332.
- **Class of 1946 (January)** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1:15 p.m. at Old Country Buffet (SE 14th and Army Post Road). Contact **Dick Dickey** at (515) 283-0080 for more information.
- **Class of 1946 (June)** will meet for lunch on the Friday prior to the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting. For more information contact **Denise St. John** at (515) 246-0711.
- **Class of 1949** is planning a 60th Class Reunion. If you are interested, contact **Dave Ostrem** at (515) 229-0117, **Chuck Celsi** at (515) 778-3550 or **Charlotte Herrmann** at (515) 225-8408.
- **Class of 1954**—55th Class Reunion, September 11-13, 2009. For more information contact **Reed Backstrom** at (515) 287-1000.
- **Class of 1959**—50th Class Reunion, June 26-27, 2009. For more information contact **Dee Holland** at (515) 285-3560.
- **Class of 1963**—Annual Breakfast, Golf Outing and Potluck, June 27, 2009 at MacRae Park. Classmates will receive sign-up letter in the mail.
- **Class of 1974**—35th Class Reunion, October 9-10, 2009 (Homecoming Weekend). For more information contact Tim or **Rhonda Leach** at (515) 280-8661.
- **Class of 1979**—30th Class Reunion, date TBD. For more information contact **John or Carla Barker** at (515) 287-1949.
- **Class of 1984**—25th Class Reunion. Tentative date is October 10, 2009. For more information contact **Teresa McConnell** at [Teresa.mcconnell@mchsi.com](mailto:Teresa.mcconnell@mchsi.com) or [LHS\\_Classof1984@yahoo.com](mailto:LHS_Classof1984@yahoo.com).
- **Class of 1989**—20th Class Reunion, August 14-15, 2009. Friday night event at Stockman's, Iowa State Fair. Saturday night event at Holiday Inn Airport. Plans include great food, a roaming photographer, and a Silent Auction to raise money for the Vision Campaign. Reservation form and information can be found on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).
- **Class of 1999**—10th Class Reunion, October 23-24. Friday night "family night" at MacRae Park, 5 PM. Saturday night reception at Jasper Winery, 6:30 PM. Go to <http://alhs99.blogspot.com> for details and registration form.
- **Class of 2004** is planning a 5th Class Reunion. If you are interested, contact **Tony Bellegante** at (515) 979-4999 or [tony.bellegante@gmail.com](mailto:tony.bellegante@gmail.com). Tony is looking for help with planning the event and locating classmates.

*Report your reunion news to Anna Williams at  
515-287-1306, or email Anna at [annafl01@netzero.net](mailto:annafl01@netzero.net).*

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