



# nc advance

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## Is It Worth It?



by Josh Cumpston,  
Administrator

I recently re-read the book "Worth It" by Brian Simmons. In it, He makes a case for Christian education. He believes that there is a real battle for the hearts and minds of children and that the home, the church, and the school need to work together to support children's growth and development. Below I have italicized several points that stuck out to me.

1. *Christian schools are committed to helping students achieve their full, God-given potential.*

I believe that if teachers don't start with the premise that children are knitted together in their mothers' wombs and are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-14), they won't be able to see them as God's children. They won't recognize that God has given different talents, bents, and purposes to be used for Him. There are some wonderful Christian teachers in public schools who do view children in this way, but they are still hampered by the restrictions placed on Christianity in public schools.

Christian schools are able to provide a Christ-centered education. The integration of Biblical principals throughout all disciplines allows students to know and realize God's design in science, his order in mathematics, and

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## Gracia Burnham Speaks at NC

by Madison Fuehrer, junior

On Thursday, September 12th, Gracia Burnham spoke in both the elementary and secondary chapels. Burnham was a missionary in the Philippines for 16 years. In 2002, she and her husband took a trip together. While on this trip, they were taken captive by a Muslim group that held them as prisoners for a year. Through many fights and fears, Burnham

**Top:** Gracia Burnham shows the elementary students some of the clothing she wore in captivity.

**Left:** Janelle (Bailey '10) Murphy with Gracia Burnham. Murphy used a cutting from Burnham's book "In the Presence of My Enemies" for competitive speech and took it to the state competition her senior year.

survived. Unfortunately, near the time of her release, Burnham's husband was tragically killed in a gun fight. As Burnham told her story to the students, she expressed her sadness and brokenness. Then she went on to tell the students about her journey after arriving back home. It was a journey of recovery, coping, and growth. Most of all, Burnham explained the process she faced in forgiving her captives. She explained the emotional battle and the love she felt as the forgiveness came. This message was a strong lesson on forgiveness and trust in God.

## E-Groups Promote Unity & Leadership by CJ Ruybalid, senior

Last spring, as the seniors reflected on their time at NC, they voiced two regrets: First, they felt rushed in going to class immediately after chapel without getting a chance to reflect on the message they heard. Second, they felt as though they were not given enough opportunities to mentor the younger students.

This year, a solution was created to solve these two problems: E-Groups. The idea behind E-Groups is that the students will break into groups with other students of the same gender, with varied ages from Junior High to Senior. The groups meet after chapel, and group members reflect upon what they just heard and discuss it further. There's also an opportunity for group members to open up to each other and pray for one another.

The E-Groups also give the seniors the chance to mentor the other students. During the senior retreat, the seniors practiced leadership specifically for the E-groups through various games and activities. The juniors were also taken out of class one day to practice leadership skills.

On Friday, August 29, afternoon classes were shortened to allow time for an "E-Groups preview." During the preview, everyone met with their group members, and they participated in several games and team-building activities.

On Wednesday, September 3rd,



Senior Emily Simmons helps her E-Group with a Bible word find during the E-Group kickoff event.

the students had their first E-Group session after Pastor Zeke Pipher's chapel. E-Groups will continue to meet following most chapels and on other special occasions.

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## Keeping Up with NC

by Madison Fuehrer, junior

Nebraska Christian hosts many exciting events throughout the school year such as sporting events, choir concerts, fundraisers, and so much more! These events are a great way to bring the staff, student body, and community together as a whole. Unfortunately, some events are not at a convenient time for everyone. This can be very frustrating for people who wish to attend, but are unable to due to distance or schedules. Over the last few years, Nebraska Christian has been working with today's technology programs to help people stay up to date with what's happening at NC.

Recently, students and staff have been working with a website by the name of Striv.tv. Striv ("Strive") is a program which allows schools to broadcast events, such as sports and concerts, live on the Internet. This is wonderful for those who are not able to attend. They can sim-

ply log onto Nebraska Christian's Striv page and view the video as it's happening, or they can play the footage after the event is over. Striv is a wonderful way for people who are unable to attend home events to keep up with the school.

Another way Nebraska Christian is getting the word out about "what's happening" at school is Facebook. NC's Facebook page is being updated on a regular basis with reports on what's happening in the student body, among the staff, and across campus. Facebook is also a wonderful way for us to share pictures and videos.

Our school calendar is available on our website, and it includes all sporting events and other activities. It's hosted by Google, which makes it very simple to sync our calendar to your personal calendar on your phone, tablet, or computer.

The school also has a YouTube channel for videos produced by

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## Dollars & Sense

by Tom Dockweiler ('79), Business Manager



This is the time of year when we specifically set aside time to give thanks. We are reminded to remember God and to give thanks to Him. We desperately need that reminder.

When Paul wrote out his indictment of all mankind in the first three chapters of Romans, he listed two charges for which we have no excuse:

*"They did not honor him as God or give thanks to him..." Romans 1:21*

Our honoring God as God and our giving of thanks to him are the appropriate responses to our knowing him. In I Chronicles 16, after bringing the Ark of the

Covenant to Jerusalem, David appointed men whose job it was "to invoke, to thank, and to praise the Lord, the God of Israel."

It may seem odd to try to think about giving thanks to God as your full-time job, but that is exactly what Asaph and his brothers were assigned to do. Actually, that is our full-time job as well. Paul explains it to us this way: "...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:18

Our tendency to let circumstances dictate our thankfulness is one of the main reasons why we fail to do our job. Look again at David's instructions for thanksgiving in I Chronicles 16. Thanksgiving

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

26 Thanksgiving Break Begins  
*school dismisses at 11:30*

### DECEMBER

19 Christmas Break Begins  
*school dismisses at 11:30*

### JANUARY

6 Second semester begins  
*classes resume at 8 a.m.*

For additional events visit  
[nebraskachristian.org/calendar](http://nebraskachristian.org/calendar)

our media class, as well as videos of special events like the alumni choir concert.

Additionally, the school has a Twitter page, where sports scores and other "in the moment" updates are posted, and an Instagram account to share select photos.

From Facebook to Striv TV, Nebraska Christian is keeping up with technology to make "keeping up" with the school's events more convenient.

Isn't about our circumstances. It is about God: his name, his deeds, his wondrous works, his strength, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered. The Lord reigns is a fact we are to proclaim. We are thankful that the Lord reigns "for he is good and his steadfast love endures forever." David ends his call to thanksgiving asking God to "Save us... gather and deliver us..." but why? It is "that we may give thanks to your holy name."

Enjoy this time of year, when we specifically set aside time to give thanks, but don't forget thanksgiving is not just for special occasions. Giving thanks is our full time job.

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

# Homecoming 2014: Return of the Choirs

by Stephani (Deichmann '03) Francl,  
Development Director



What would bring NC alumni from California, Minnesota, Alabama, Michigan, Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska back to campus? Homecoming 2014.

We celebrated Homecoming over the weekend of September 26-27. For those of you who came, thanks for coming! We were so glad to have you on campus to share in the fun and festivities. For those who weren't able to make it, here are some highlights.

**The Football Game** – Our Eagle football players took on the Cedar Bluffs Wildcats on a beautiful Friday evening. It was neck and neck for the first two quarters, and the players headed in for halftime with the score at Eagles 24 and Wildcats 26. In the 3rd quarter we got an interception, and the tide turned in our favor. By the time the final whistle blew, the Eagles beat the Wildcats 60 to 34. GO BIG BLUE!

**The Campus Tour** – Many things have changed dramatically on campus (the science labs and the industrial arts facilities come to mind), but other things remain largely unchanged (the bell tower, for example). I love taking alumni classes on tours, because each group has unique memories, and I learn new things about the history of our campus.

This year when I opened the bell tower door in the upstairs of the Ad Building, one alumna lit up with excitement; she had never made it into the bell tower as a student. I followed as classmates ducked under cobwebs, headed up the stairs, and began reading the walls (because if one ever makes it into the bell tower, one must sign



H. Kay Sawyer directs the alumni choir during the afternoon rehearsal prior to the concert.

the wall). "I never knew she made it up here." "Look at that name!" Signatures with graduation years dating back to NC's inception cover the walls. Pens materialized and names were added to the archive as some alumni "finally" made it to the bell tower.

**The Choir Practice** – On Saturday afternoon at 2:50 (ten minutes before the alumni choir practice was scheduled to begin) only about 10 alumni had trickled into the Music and Worship Center. Mr. Flynn wondered if the choir would only have 10 members. But 10 minutes later when practice began, 54 choir members filled the chairs, warming up their voices and looking forward to instruction from their directors.

**The Choir Supper** – After practice and before the concert, we fed the choir members. Cafeteria food often gets a bad rap, but NC's cooks are not your average cafeteria cooks. Saturday night's choir member supper was AMAZING. A huge thank you to Kathy Kirby, head cook, and all the kitchen staff who had a hand in preparing that

meal!

**The Choir Concert** – This event was THE highlight of the weekend. On Saturday evening at 7:00, the 54 choir members stepped onto the risers for a concert to remember. NC has only had three choir directors over the course of its 55 year history, and all three directors came back to be part of the concert. Each director picked his or her favorite song for the choir to sing to open the concert.

Perhaps you remember some of the directors' choice songs: *Redemption Draweth Nigh* (Mr. H. Kay Sawyer's choice), *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* (Mrs. Elaine Wischmeier's choice), and *Come to Jesus* (Mr. Mike Flynn's choice).

In the month leading up to Homecoming, choir members voted for their favorite songs, and the concert concluded with these: *The Awakening* (chosen by alumni from 2006-present and directed by Mr. Flynn), *And Can It Be?* (chosen by alumni from 1990-2005 and directed by Mrs. Wischmeier),

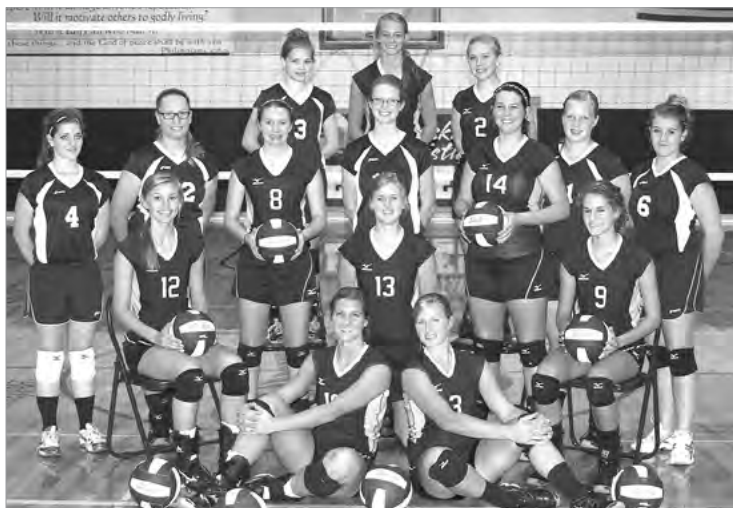
and *Ye Shall Be Witnesses* (chosen by alumni from 1960-1989 and directed by Mr. Sawyer).

With each song, the choir gained confidence and unity, and the final notes brought the crowd to their feet in a standing ovation. Many lingered, catching up with old friends and teachers, enjoying the fellowship.

The concert is on our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/NebraskaChristian](http://youtube.com/user/NebraskaChristian), so you can watch it whenever you'd like. The music begins at 12:30.

**The Husker Game** – The weekend concluded with a unique celebration in the Music and Worship Center as the UNL Cornhusker football team beat Illinois 45 to 14. Alumnus Dwight Williams ('67) brought his trumpet and, from his seat watching the game with fellow alumni, played the Husker fight song with the UNL pep band every time the Huskers scored.

Thanks to everyone who made it out for Homecoming. It was a great weekend because so many of you made the effort to come back!



**Fall 2014 Eagle Sports Teams**

**Girls' Volleyball** Row 1: Amber Mazankowski, Emily Simmons. Row 2: Cassidy Ostrand, Whitney Heuermann, Tara Murphy. Row 3: Desirée Lutes, Morgan Schulze, Alexis Hower, Anna Musgrave, Makenna Loy, Sarah Simmons, Wendy Bornmann. Row 4: Hailee Broman, Claire Ostrand, Reagan Williams. Not pictured: Head Coach Tonya Ostrand, Assistant Coach Tara Mundt.

**Boys' Football** Row 1: Zach Brock, Matthew Swanson, Carson Huenefeld, Keagan Jewell, Myles Wheeler, Nathan Griess. Row 2: Tommy Flynn, Trevor Swanson, Logan Faeh, Dillon Rose, Taylor Morris, Andrew Winsterman. Row 3: Ben Griess, Daniel Myers, Samuel Twogood, Luke Swanson, Tim Hofmann, Joel Kaczor. Row 4: Andrew Feely, Benny Stevens, Carson Falk, Joel Poppe, Richard Zhao. Row 5: Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Assistant Coach Andy Falk, Coach's Aide Levi Landrigan. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Dave Gee.

**Boys' Cross Country** Row 1: Chris Hilderbrand, Martin Nguyen, Jerron Tiemeyer, Jerod Prettyman, Matt Myers. Row 2: Adrian Epp, Brennan Nokolby, Cameron Langemeier, Warren Dexter, Nolan Kohmetscher. Not pictured: Head Coach Janet Landrigan.

**Girls' Cross Country** Row 1: Rachel Epp, Alyssa Prettyman. Row 2: Katie Entz, Katie Nyberg, Katie Cumpston. Not pictured: Head Coach Janet Landrigan.



**My Checkbook Register** by Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation Executive Director

Olive Garden	\$55.62
Utilities	\$325.88
American Red Cross	\$25.00
Best Buy	\$822.46
Bath & Body Works	\$31.16
Church	\$50.00
Hyvee	\$181.11
Starbucks	\$8.92
Chase Credit Card Services	\$742.33
Scheels	\$142.01

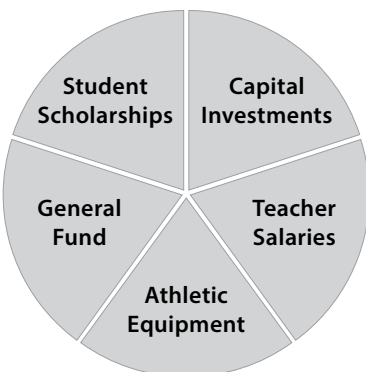
This isn't my check register—but it could be.

You've heard it said that you can clearly see the values and priorities of a person by looking at the entries in their checkbook (or scanning a credit card statement). I try to take a fresh look every once in a while and ask myself if my spending and stewardship of God's money is what He wants. Is it **safe**? Is it **self-**

**ish**? Is it **stretching** me?

Go ahead and take a few minutes to check where the money entrusted to you went over the past 60 days. Do you feel good about it? Is there a lot of Kingdom work or mostly just "stuff" and obligations?

I'd like to challenge you to consider the various areas available for you to invest in:



**A lasting legacy ... and long-term impact.**

I would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you might have about a one-time gift or an ongoing commitment to Nebraska Christian through the NC Foundation. My phone is 308-940-0249, and my email is [jheuermann@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:jheuermann@nebraskachristian.org).

May God bless you as you walk with Him.

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**Memorial Gifts**

- For: Robert Alcorn
- From: Don & Kayleen Riley
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- For: Jim Forbes, Jr.
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- For: June Jorgensen Hoegh
- From: Linda Peterson
- For: Iola Lantzer
- From: The Aaron Reisinger Family
- For: Eldora Nyberg Nelson
- From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
- For: Rosetta Halverson Piercy
- From: Don & Kayleen Riley
- For: Barbara Reeves
- From: Gil & Dorothy Glad
- Celebrating the marriage of:  
Les & Janice McHargue
- From: Harold & Dorothy Cook



## New Teachers for Fall 2014

### Rich Musgrave

by Levi Elge, senior

Mr. Rich Musgrave, the new freshman Bible teacher, is no stranger to Nebraska Christian. He and his wife, Sara, first came to NC as dorm parents in the 1970s. He also taught Bible, and eventually he became the administrator, a position he held from 1981 to 1995.

The Musgraves have five children and nine living grandchildren and one in Heaven. Four of their five children graduated from Nebraska Christian.

Mr. Musgrave graduated from Rockmont College (now called Colorado Christian University) with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible. He also went to Moody Bible Institute, receiving a diploma in Foreign Missions, and Kearney State College (now the University of Nebraska at Kearney) with a degree in Social Science, and a Masters Degree in School Administration.

Mr. Musgrave said, "I love to teach Bible, as I taught Bible from 1973 though 1995 at Nebraska Christian, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to teach God's Word. So when Mr. Cumpston asked if I would like to teach Bible, I was more than willing to return to the classroom."

When asked how he came to know about Nebraska Christian, he had this to say, "I had graduated from Moody Bible Institute, and

the summer after graduation the superintendent of Nebraska Christian asked my wife and me if we would come as boys dorm parents. We felt it would be good missionary training as we were planning to go to the mission field, so we said yes and ended up spending 22 years at Nebraska Christian."

### Sara Musgrave

by Hope Baldwin, senior

Mrs. Sara Musgrave has been affiliated with Nebraska Christian Schools for more than 25 years, and she has come back to teach the Spanish II class this year. She came to learn Spanish through five years in junior high, senior high, a semester in college, several classes and schools while in Mexico, where she and her family lived for 14½ years. She has been teaching on and off for around 20 years here at Nebraska Christian. Mrs. Musgrave said, "I'd like my students to continue to learn the basics of grammar, to learn how to learn a language, to learn proper pronunciation of Spanish, and to learn to understand and speak simple sentences. Listening and speaking are totally different from reading a language. To communicate, we need both tools, to listen and speak, as well as the vocabulary and the 'rules' of the language."

Mrs. Musgrave, her husband Rich, and their son Matthew lived in Mexico as missionaries for 14 ½



## Benefit Auction Scheduled for March 21, 2015

Mark your calendars and begin thinking of who you are going to invite! The upcoming 13th Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction will be held here at Nebraska Christian Schools on March 21, 2015. This highly anticipated gala event is the perfect time to raise a significant part of our annual budget, meet the tuition needs of many students through scholarships, and show our campus to those who don't often find themselves here.

Much work goes into making this a successful evening, and we are so thankful for all the help we have received from many generous supporters throughout the years. We have already begun preparations for the 13th annual event and would like to take this time to ask for your help to make this year's event another record breaking one. We need help in the following areas:

**\*Prayer.** The Lord is control of all, and we need His guidance as we prepare for this event.

**\*Acquisition Team.** We have an organized list of established givers who just need to be contacted and

a time to be arranged for the items to be collected. It is not a cold call, and if we have a large team, the numbers to approach will be few. It is a wonderful way to share NC with businesses everywhere and collect the items that will help support our teachers and students. A bonus is that you will get a sneak peek at what will be up for bid in March or even acquire an item that you want to bid on! The Acquisition Team will start December 1, 2014.

**\*Items for the Auction.** If you have an item you would like to donate or an idea for an item, please contact the Development Office. We would love to hear from you.

**\*Mailing Assistants.** Especially in January, February, and March.

Be looking for our initial mailing during the first few weeks of January, outlining the details of this year's wonderful event.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kristy Langemeier in the Development Office at 308-946-3836 or via email at [klangemeier@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:klangemeier@nebraskachristian.org).

years, serving God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. With her love for children and young people, she is still serving Christ as a teacher here at Nebraska Christian. "I'm first of all God's child because of Jesus dying for my sins and rising from the dead. So I'm trusting God to save me and to continue to help, teach, and discipline me because He is faithful. I

like to help people and learn from them. I really enjoy children and young people."

Mrs. Musgrave came to know about Nebraska Christian because "we came as boys dorm parents originally," and because her father (Glenn Davenport) became the superintendent in the summer of 1973. Welcome back Mrs. Musgrave!

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## Volleyball Team Wins Conference Tournament

On October 18, the 2014 Lady Eagles accomplished something no NC volleyball team had before: they won the Goldenrod Conference Volleyball Tournament. The Eagles defeated Burwell 25-18, 25-17, 25-17 in the championship

match to clinch the title. Earlier in the tournament, they defeated Palmer 25-15, 25-17, 26-28, 25-16 and Heartland Lutheran 25-19, 25-19, 25-17. To date, the Lady Eagles have a 22-4 record and will go into subdistrict play in early November.

### NC Flashback



Can you identify these early 90's high school students? If so, you could win a prize! Send your guesses to [advance@nebraskachristian.org](mailto:advance@nebraskachristian.org).



**From the last issue:** Congratulations to Dorothy Glad! Her name was drawn out of those who correctly identified the couple pictured at Jim & Eleanor Wright, so she wins our prize.

# #NCEagles

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### Worth It, *continued from pg. 1*

his sovereignty and plan through history. It also changes the way we approach music, art, sports, and other activities and classes.

2. *There is a distinctive, faith-based Christian dimension in Christian schools. "Christian schools, in partnership with the home and the church, are best equipped to prepare your children for living out their faith in our challenging and demanding world"* (pg XIII).

Christian schools can partner with parents and churches to help build the faith in students. There are many great disciples making churches and strong families that place teaching their children Biblical truths as a top priority, but not even the best public schools can strengthen the faith of their students or encourage their walk with Christ.

3. *Christian teachers in Christian schools are able to "mentor and disciple students, combine a concern for academics, for spiritual growth, and for involvement in all aspects of student life."*

I enjoyed my time as a teacher, coach, and principal in public school, but I was at times frustrated that I wasn't able to teach a child's "heart." I could improve behavior and study habits at school through rewards, consequences, and relationship, but I wasn't able to share Biblical truth that might impact the whole child. We couldn't share prayer requests in class or pray with a student in times of need or anxiety. We weren't able to use scripture as the inerrant word of God. This is a big advantage of Christian schools. We are able to teach spiritual, academic, and social lessons by using scripture and prayer.

4. *Christian schools are a "worthwhile investment that keeps on giving throughout your children's lives." It costs money for the privilege of sending kids to*

*private Christian schools. Parents are paying tuition, and they also pay taxes to support the public school.*

I think many people ask the question, "Is it worth it?" when it comes to the financial decisions that have to be made to send children to Christian school. Society and culture are not friendly to a Christian worldview, and the number of hours a student spends in school each year are staggering and formational. Kids often adopt the values and habits of their classmates and teachers. Having peers and role models that seek the Lord helps to encourage kids' own walks with Christ.

Many people invest financially and partner to provide Christian education. Parents invest financially by paying tuition to send their children to Nebraska Christian. The staff invests in the school by being paid lower salaries than their public school counterparts. Finally, a great many others sacrifice financially to try to ensure that the cost for students and families to attend NC doesn't increase significantly. Through these supporters' financial gifts, students are granted scholarships, staff is paid, and books and supplies are purchased.

5. *Christian schools are "our hope for the future."*

One of the pieces of our mission statement is that we want to teach our students a Biblical worldview. You don't have to watch the news on TV very long or read much of a newspaper to know that society and the world need Christ. Christians need to be willing and able to lead. I agree with Simmons: we need to be training up our young people to make a difference for Christ in their spheres of influence.

*Is it worth it? Are students worth it? Is influencing the world for Christ worth it? YES!*



**MaKenna Sue Weedin**  
daughter of Ryan ('06) & Melissa  
(Krieger '05) Weedin

Ryan & Melissa Weedin of Hampton are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, MaKenna Sue Weedin. She was born on June 11, 2014, at 9:44 AM in Aurora. She weighed 7 lbs 4 oz and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Lowell ('82) and Vicky (Masters '81) Krieger of O'Neill and Don & Kathy Weedin of Hampton. Great Grandparents are Norbert & Sylvia Krieger of O'Neill, Dwight & Alice Masters of Mapleton, Iowa, and Ruben & Lorene Friesen of Henderson.



**Stephany Krieger ('11)  
& Dustin Jackson**

Stephany Jae Krieger ('11), daughter of Lowell ('82) & Vicky (Masters '81) Krieger of O'Neill will be united in marriage to Dustin James Jackson, son of David & Cindy Jackson of O'Neill. They will be married March 7th, 2015, at 3 p.m. at Faith Community Church in O'Neill with a reception to follow.



**Colt & Amanda  
(Liegl '07) Crowther**

Amanda Liegl, daughter of Sharen Brunken of Columbus and Brian Liegl of Lincoln, and Thomas Colt Crowther, son of Shelley Crowther of Pierce City, Missouri, and Dale Crowther of Sanford, Colorado, were united in marriage on June 28, 2014, in Sanford, Colorado. The bride is a 2007 graduate of Nebraska Christian Schools, and the groom is a 2006 graduate of Sanford High School. Amanda is an in-school suspension supervisor at Walnut Middle School in Grand Island. Colt owns his own business, Crowther Floor Coverings. The couple resides in Grand Island.

Colt & Amanda would like to give a special thanks to Tim ('90) & Jo Moody of Central City for their help with the wedding.



**McGrew Birthday**

Former NC teacher Robert McGrew turned 80 on September 20th. If you'd like to send him a belated birthday greeting, you may do so at the following address:

604 E. Chestnut St.  
Mason City, IL 62664



**Greg & Valerie (Ritta  
'05) Baumgardner**

Valerie Ritta and Greg Baumgardner were joined in marriage on July 26, 2014, at Westminster Hall on the Grace College campus in Winona Lake, Indiana. Parents of the couple are Robert ('69) & Susan Ritta of Central City and Mark & Carrie Baumgardner of Winona Lake. The bride is a graduate of Nebraska Christian Schools and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Grace College. The groom received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Grace College and a Master's degree in biology from Purdue University. Following a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple is at home in Warsaw, Indiana, where both are employed by Zimmer, Inc.



**Jeff ('88) & Daurice  
(Pizzolato '87) Hower**

Jeff & Daurice Hower are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a card shower and open house.

Sunday, December 28, 2014  
2-4 p.m.

Heartland E Free, 1620 19th St.  
Central City, NE 68826



**Oakley John Swanson**

son of Mike ('08) & Shelby (Elge '08) Swanson

Mike & Shelby Swanson of Rogers, Arkansas, welcomed a son, Oakley John, on August 11, 2014, in Bentonville, Arkansas. Oakley weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long. He joins big sister Sloane, age 3, at home. Grandparents are Terry and Kelly (Bokelman '81) Elge of Aurora and John and Sarah Swanson of Dannebrog. Great Grandparents are Arden and Lynne Bokelman of Central City, Georgene Elge of Aurora, Ted and Helen Swanson of Dannebrog, and Herb Downing of Wisconsin.

## NC Almanac

### 10 years ago ('04)

- The elementary moves back to the Central City campus from Marquette
- Jason Weedin ('05) and Sarah Kauk ('05) are named Homecoming king and queen
- Gil & Dorothy Glad receive the Hall of Faith Award at the Harvest Festival

### 20 years ago ('94)

- Ben Merchant ('95) and Hannah Huenefeld ('95) are crowned Homecoming king and queen

### 30 years ago ('84)

- Rob Pearson becomes NC's chaplain

### 40 years ago ('74)

- The board decides to move the print shop out of Hord Hall and remove the building

### 50 years ago ('64)

- The school year begins with 135 students



## Girls' Dorm Construction

The construction of the new girls' dorm is underway! Keep checking our website and facebook page for updates as construction progresses.



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## GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2014



Grandparents of elementary students (and some community members who filled in for grandparents who couldn't attend) joined our elementary for a day full of fun, games, and delicious food!

Left to right:

Elementary students, directed by Mr. Mike Flynn, sing for their grandparents.



Kindergartner Beretta Webb and her stand-in grandma Karrie Simmons enjoy their snacks during classroom time.

Kindergartner Alexis Perry with her grandparents, Ed ('73) & Marilyn Ritta.

### New Teachers, *continued from pg. 5*

#### **Karmen Hamer**

*by Taylor Van Pelt, senior*

This year the high school students have a new teacher, Mrs. Karmen Hamer. She will be teaching English and Drama and coaching One-Act. Along with her busy work load, she has four children—Kordell, Bailey, Kourtney, and Brielle—all of

whom attend Central City Public.

Mrs. Hamer's husband Brandon has many connections to Nebraska Christian: Orvil Hamer, one of NC's founders, is his grandfather, and his parents Bill ('69) and Judy (Fast '69) Hamer are alumni. Mrs. Hamer herself has many cousins who attended NC. Although Mrs. Hamer is new

to the current students, she is not new to the school, as she coached speech and taught English in the late 90's and early 2000's. Also, Brandon coached football for many years.

Mrs. Hamer's desire and passion for seeing kids learn is what encouraged her to become a teacher. She loves to be creative, so

coaching One-Act will be one of her favorite activities. Outside of school, Mrs. Hamer uses her creativity for photography, scrap booking (when she has time), and playing many instruments. Mrs. Hamer is very excited to be here, and we are very excited to have her. Welcome back to the Eagle family, Mrs. Hamer!