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"1980s" Arnold grads (from top) Jerry Ahrens, Genevieve Collier and Bobbie Smith peek out from behind the stage curtains at the large crowd, before re-entering their youth and performing a choreographed impersonation of Michael Jackson, Saturday night during the AHS Alumni Program at the high school.

AHS Grads Reunite on Saturday

By Darlene Rimpley

Every year, when I begin to write the report on the annual AHS Alumni Banquet and Program, I try to begin with a new, but enticing opening. Well, this year the only thing I can think of is GREAT! FUN! WONDERFUL! and HURRY UP, 2012, AND GET HERE!

There's no doubt about it, our grads and their spouses love the Alumni banquets every year! This year they came from as far away as Guatemala City, Guatemala, and Wasilla, Alaska, and all points in between (a list of out-of-state guests will be printed in next week's newspaper).

Class get-togethers preceding the banquet, and quite often after the banquet and the next day, are highlights for the honored classes.

There were 400-plus persons who ate the delicious meal, prepared by the second vice

president, April Mills Tickle, and her committee, which was mostly family. Italian lasagna and a dessert bar were the highlights of the meal. Assistance was ably offered by members of the upcoming senior and junior classes.

Those attending had ample time (no, there's never "ample time" at an alumni reunion) to mill around and greet people. What fun to catch up on friend's lives, and some who weren't friends before, are now.

President Jessica Eastburn welcomed the guests to the 2011 Alumni Program and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Darlene Rimpley led a brief moment of memorial by asking the group to pause to remember departed alumni, and read the names of alumni who have passed away since April 1, 2010. Natalie Cool gave a report for the Arnold School

Foundation.

Jessica then introduced the master of ceremonies, Glenn Pelster, Class of 2006, who is now a law student at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He informed everyone that he was bribed into being emcee by Jessica. Extolling the virtues of attending school at AHS, Glenn attributed much of his success to the school and the teachers.

The introduction of the honored classes is always a fun time, as we look at those who walk across in front of us, and you hear, "Gosh, I sure didn't know him!" or "Wow, she is just as good looking as ever!"

There are two members out of the 32 graduates of the Class of '31 still living: Bonnie McClure Walker, who is in a rest home, and Everett Sprague. Neither one was able to attend.

The Class of '41 had six out of

24 still living and five were present: Floy Auble Summers, who came from Maryland to be with her class; Helen Jacobson Koch of Shickley, Nebraska; and the remaining three from Arnold: Betty Pinkston McDowell, Sarah Simms Peterson and Bobbie Smith.

The Class of '51 had five of their remaining 13 (22 graduates in the class) present. The Class of '61 had 33 in their graduating class, 29 are still living, and there were 26 in attendance. There were 35 graduates in the Class of '71, 34 are still living, and there were 24 in attendance. Nine of the 27 members of the Class of '81 attended; nine of the 21 members of '91; and five of the 17 members of 2001 were present. The newest alumni members, the Class of 2011, had six of the 15 graduates there; however, one grad, an exchange student, came for the meal but then left for her home in Belgium. Percentage wise, the Class of '61 were the winners, but we certainly have to applaud '41, who were a very close second.

Out-of-state guests were recognized, with many states represented. Susan Romans Rhodes, who traveled from Guatemala, came the greatest

distance. Kerry Potter from Alaska also traveled quite a ways. Returning teachers Don Hardin and Ila Dailey, and current teacher, Berni Crow, were also recognized.

Then the awaited time - the Alumni Program - came. "Who's Lulu?" featured Casandra King as Lulu, who worked up to owning the Cardinal Inn and greeted returning alumni Terry Mills, Glen Weinman, John Phillips, Jim Long, Andrew Tickle, Bobbie Smith and Jerry Ahrens.

"Dancing to the 80's" brought down the house, as oldsters who could barely walk came onto the stage, pepped up, and did a Michael Jackson take-off and could hardly get back off the stage.

"Zip It" brought several surprises, as Debbie Bean Brosius, Glen Weinman and Maurice Andre surprised the crowd with several zipper scenes.

The program was planned by Rita Watson Workman, a Michael Jackson fan; Betty Halstead Yeagain, a zipper person; and Darlene Hagler Rimpley, who loves returning alumni.

Narrating for "Who's Lulu?"

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All-Terrain Vehicle Accident Takes Life of Arnold Man

BROKEN BOW - A rural Arnold man died Monday afternoon when the all-terrain vehicle he was driving rolled over on top of him.

Custer County Sheriff Tom Osmond said Terry Lovitt, 68, died at the scene of the accident in a pasture about five miles east of Arnold, just north of Highway 92.

Osmond said Lovitt, who was working in the pasture a quarter-mile west of Upper Powell Canyon Road, was alone at the time of the accident. Arnold Fire and Rescue were called to the scene about 3:00 p.m. Monday.

He said there have been two ATV accidents in as many days in Custer County. The other

was about 5:30 p.m. Sunday about six miles south of Sargent. It was not fatal, but no other details are available.

"We always seem to have a major ATV accident every year," Osmond said.

Osmond said that just off the top of his head he knows of at least four ATV fatalities in the past four years, which he attributes in part to not wearing a helmet. He said Lovitt was not wearing a helmet.

"I understand when you are out working on the ranch, you don't think of wearing a helmet, but it is important," he said, adding that it's not just kids who need to wear them. "It's not always kids (who have the accidents)."

Marvin Weber Named Father of the Year

LINCOLN, Neb., May 23, 2011 - Marvin G. Weber of Arnold has been named 2011 Nebraska Father of the Year. He will be honored at the fifth annual "Celebration of Fatherhood" luncheon, to be held on June 16 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites in Lincoln.

Weber was nominated by his daughter, Devra McElroy of Cairo, Nebraska, who wrote of his selfless love for people, which stems from his deeply-held faith. A retired rural mail carrier, Weber remains active in the Arnold community by volunteering with his church, delivering Meals on Wheels and assisting several who need help with transportation needs. His steadfastness has helped the family through challenges and tragedies through the years, including two recent deaths. Mrs. McElroy said of her father, "I wouldn't have made it without him."

Also to be inducted into the Nebraska Fathers Hall of Fame this year are finalists Matthew Bruns of Hastings; Trent Chrisman, Dan Schulte and Ron Zimmer of Lincoln; Steve Knapp of North Platte; Roger Peterson of Waterloo; Titus Staples of Bridgeport; Nate Tedrow, Sr., of Kennard; James Wagner of Riverton; and John Woitaszewski of St. Paul. They and their nominators will be guests of honor at the Celebration of Fatherhood luncheon.

Anyone interested in attending the June 16 luncheon may register online at www.FatheroftheYear.net or call toll-free 1-866-381-KIDS (5437) between now and June



Marvin Weber

10. Cost of the luncheon is \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children age 10 and under.

The Nebraska Father of the Year program was started by Christian Heritage in 2007 as a way to recognize outstanding Nebraska fathers, promote fatherhood and encourage the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children. This year, 146 nominations were submitted for outstanding fathers in 69 Nebraska communities.

Christian Heritage is a non-profit organization that has served more than 4,000 Nebraska children since 1980. The organization currently serves over 130 Nebraska children on a daily basis in communities across Nebraska and has offices in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney. For more information, visit www.chne.org.



KENDRA VEIRS PHOTO

Remembering the Fallen

The Color Guard stand at attention while "The National Anthem" plays during Memorial Day services, held Monday at the Arnold Cemetery. This year's guest speaker was retired Lt. Col. William Lohmiller, a Vietnam veteran.