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Alumni News

Dr. Paul A. Olson, '51, has written a book titled: *Beyond a Common Joy: An Introduction to Shakespearean Comedy*.

Connie (Countermarsh) Baer, '73, is a 2009 recipient of the Topeka Public Schools Distinguished Staff Award. Connie has been an employee of USD 501 since 1973. She currently teaches at McCarter Elementary. Connie is a member of KNEA and the Kansas Music Educator's Association. The Distinguished Staff Award is the highest honor the school district can bestow on a staff member. Award winners have distinguished themselves in their service to the children of Topeka.

Don Frenzen, '74, Ft. Lupton, Colo., recently completed his first year as Principal of Weld Central High School in Keenesburg, Colo. Weld Central is a school of approximately six hundred 9-12 grade students and is a member of the Patriot League in Northern Colorado.

Susan (Wilson) Concannon, '80, recently completed the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program, which is a two year program offering intense study, training, and travel for future leaders in agriculture and rural communities. The seminars and trips made throughout the program, focus on developing leadership skills and on issues and problems facing leaders on the local, state, national, and international levels.

Steve Stockham, '83, and his family were featured on the front page of the Salina Journal, Salina, Kan., on July 2nd with their G-Scale garden railroad. Steve, his wife Patsy, and children Karissa and Eric hold an annual Independence Day Open House of their garden for the public. They estimate 400 people came to see the trains.

Eric Williams, '94, will be moving to the Andover/Wichita area to work for Hawker Beechcraft as a Sr. Finance Manager-King Air Products.

Miranda (Woods) Fowler, '00, finished a Family Medicine Residency at C.R. Darnall Army Medical Center, in Fort Hood, Texas. She will head to Fort Benning, Ga., this summer to be an attending physician at Martin Army Community Hospital.

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Rachel (McIver) Morey, '02, was ordained in the United Methodist Church at the Minnesota Annual Conference in St. Cloud, Minn. She is currently serving Riverview United Methodist Church in Brooklyn Park, a northern suburb of Minneapolis.

Erin (Latterell) Burk, '02, recently created jewelry to help increase Melanoma Awareness and increase funds that will be used to increase awareness for the disease as well. She created the jewelry for a friend, whose father passed away from Ocular Melanoma, and who is working on raising funding for research with Dr. Peter Hovland, MD PhD.

Keir Swisher, '02, Salina, Kan., graduated from his residency in Emergency Medicine at the OSF St. Francis/University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria. He will now be practicing Emergency Medicine at the Salina Regional Health Center.

Mandy Cornett, '06, is now working at the Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped. She will be helping the mentally and physically handicapped. KETCH helps people with disabilities live and work in the community.



Jill Klaassen, '06, graduated in May from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Master of Theological Studies. Jill hopes to attain a college resident director position, and later pursue a Ph.D. in philosophy.

Shanda Kilian, '09, Russell, Kan., is the owner of Waudby's Sports Bar & Grill.

Cotton Smith, '62, has authored his fifteenth western novel, *Death Mask*. *Death Mask* has been introduced nationally in paperback by Dorchester Publishing (Leisure Books, New York). Smith is the immediate past president of Western Writers of America.

Sue (Johnson) Gonyou, '75, will be teaching 7th and 8th graders at Kendyl Depoali Middle School in Sparks, Nev. She will also serve as math chair of the school along with teaching.

Susan (Krieger) Hansen, '78, was appointed interim Dean of the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville for the 2009-2010 academic year. Susan has an earned doctorate in International Business Management, and is a professor with special interest in international management and cross-cultural education.

Amy Seth, '86, Kalamazoo, Mich., was elected President of the Administrative Professional Association at Western Michigan University. This position represents over 600 staff as they work with administration to build a stronger campus. Amy is in her 21st year as Director of University Recreation at Western Michigan University.



Lt. Col. Patrick J. Wempe, '87, is the new commander of the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion. He received the unit's guidon from Col. Robert J. Taylor Jr., commander of the 740th Military Intelligence Battalion during the battalion's change-of-command ceremony on July 8, 2009 at McGlachilin Parade Field, MD.

Michelle (Hansen) Daberkow, '91, Lincoln, Neb., has taught in the Lincoln Public Schools as an elementary art teacher since 1997. Michelle presented at the 2009 National NAEA Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., this past April.

Jonathan Stein, '95, Pea Ridge, Ark., has accepted a position as a Fisheries Biologist for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in Rogers, Ark.

Jayson Kaiser, '96, enters his first season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as assistant to the head coach. Prior to joining the Buccaneers, he spent seven seasons on the Kansas State football staff, and in 2008 was the director of recruiting operations for the Wildcats.

Jessica (Brannon) Warnock, '01, Dublin, Calif., is a first grade teacher at Captain Jason M. Dahl Elementary School in San Jose, Calif.

Molly (Lopatofsky) Brown, '02, Minnetonka, Minn., graduated with a Master of Divinity on May 26, 2009 from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. She was ordained as associate pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minn., on July 9, 2009.

Darren Burch, '05, now works for Signature Services: Hospice, Home Health, and Home Care as their Regional Director of Marketing in Portland, Ore.

Births



A son, Chase Douglas, was born May 28, 2009 to **Chad Burt '97, and Camille (Anderson) Burt '96**. Chase was 9lbs. and 6oz. Chase is welcomed by his big sisters, Ashlyn and Bethany.



A daughter, Kiley Noel, was born December 30, 2008 to **Michael Losik '02**, and Kimberly. Kiley was 8lbs. 8oz. and 21 ¼ in. long.



A daughter, Rowan Nicole, was born April 17, 2009 to **Ryan Swartz '00**, and **Amy (Scardina) Swartz '01**.



A son, Wesley Allen, was born June 4, 2009 to **Tara (Sigle) Tatro '01**, and Allen Tatro.

A son, Ryan Mark, was born June 10, 2009 to **Mike Dreier '97**, and **Amy (Darrow) Dreier '97**. Ryan weighed 8lbs 9oz and was 20 ½ inches long. Mike and Amy have also moved back to the Lindsborg, Kan., area. Mike is employed at Columbia Insurance Group in Salina, Kan., and Amy is working for Insight Schools of Kansas, a virtual school, and stays home part time with their children.



A daughter, Cole Rylee, was born May 21, 2009 to **Korey Torgerson, '94**, and Deana Torgerson. Cole weighed 7lbs 6oz and was 19 ½ inches long.

A son, Nathan Archer, was born February 17, 2009 to **Debbie (Krause) Oelke, '96**, and Phil Oelke.



A daughter, Leah Marie, was born April 15, 2009 to **Emily (Esping) Shrader, '04**, and Andrew Schrader.



A son, Jace Charles, was born June 18, 2009 to **Brittany Jones, '99**, and **Phillip Jones, '07**.



A daughter, Elianna Jo, was born May 22, 2009 to **Craig Hull, '07**, and Vanessa Hull.



A daughter, Camlann Amber Winters, was born July 11, 2009 to **Kris (Wilson) Winters, '96**, and Dave Winters. Camlann weighed 5lbs. and 2 oz.



A daughter, Eden Noel, was born June 15, 2009 to **Jacob Lambert, '05**, and **Brea (Goodier) Lambert, '05**. Eden weighed 5lbs. and 1oz.

A son, Jude Elijah, was born July 1, 2009, to **Colton LaMay, '09**, and Sarah LaMay. Jude weighed 10lbs. 5oz. and was 22 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long.



Fionn Robert Patrick Hayes was born September 17th 2009, to **Marissa Phillips, '06** and Noel Hayes.

Deaths

Mabel (Nelson) Lofgren, '38, died June 16, 2009 in Osage City, Kan.

J. Richard Lofgren, '44, died July 13, 2009 in Lindsborg, Kan.

Howard D. Price, '51, died June 12, 2009 in Lawrence, Kan.

Dr. John Adams, '42, died April 23, 2008 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Carl Wm. Peterson, '42, died June 1, 2009 in Lindsborg, Kan.

Marjorie (Coad) McCormick, '45, died July 21, 2009 in Portland, Ore.

Howard D. Price, '51, died June 12, 2009 in Lawrence, Kan.

Maragene (Henderson) Shore, '51, died June 25, 2009 in Springdale, Ark.

Glorianne (Schurr) Neher, '54, died July 4, 2009 in Lawton, Okla.

Harry Hart, '57, died May 6, 2009 in Emporia, Kan.

Suzanne (Logan) McDaniel, '72, died July 27, 2009 in Ellis, Kan.

Carl A. Greene, '73, died May 23, 2009.

Patricia (McArthur) Sandoval, '87, died July 26, 2009 in Burlington, Colo.

Ernest Bergeson, '42, died January 23, 2009.

Goldye Ade, '59, died October 4, 2009 in Lindsborg, Kan.

Rev. Melvin Ostlin, '39, died July 17, 2009 in Calhan, Colo.

David Anderson, '52, died October 9, 2009 in Lindsborg, Kan.

Marvin Johnson, '71, died August 20, 2009 in Edmond, Okla.

James Ostlind, '59, died October 23, 2009 in Spring, Texas.

Ida Mae (Anderson) Wall, '49, died October 26, 2009 in Joplin, Mo.

Marriages



Jim "Biff" Abercrombie, '72, married Debora Van Balen on June 6, 2009. The couple will reside in Round Hill, Va.



Greg Johnson, '81, married wife Cheri, in Salina, Kan., on April 11, 2009. They reside in Salina, Kan.



Tim Beikman, '95, and Darci Ziegler were married June 5, 2009 in Derby, Kan. The couple resides in Andover, Kan.



Neil Wray, '03, and Sarah Walker were married June 5, 2009 in Boulder Canyon, Colo. Neil is a territory manager with Invista Inc. in Denver.



David Hardman, '07, and Melissa Casper were married August 1, 2009 in Salina, Kan.



Crystal Mannebach, '09, and Shane Montgomery, were married June 13, 2009 in Leoville, Kan. They reside in Norton, Kan., where Crystal is a third grade teacher and assistant tennis coach. Shane is a computer consultant.

Jontae Middleton, '89, married wife Cathy, in Kansas City, Mo., on March 31, 2009.

Alan English, '07, and **Britney Walter, '09**, were married June 13, 2009 in Salina, Kan.

Capt. Kelly Friesen, '01, and Natalie Schick were married February 27, 2009 in Boulder Canyon, Colo. Kelly is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Mo.

Luke Stromquist, '01, Fort Collins, Colo., and Shannon Rohla were married March 8, 2009 in Fort Collins.

Matt Pfannenstiel, '06, and **Kelsey Cavit, '09**, were married August 1, 2009.

Ann Labes, '09, and Dan Metcalfe were married July 11, 2009 in Lindsborg, Kan.

Past Events

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Alumni Sports Weekend 2009 [photo album](#)

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009

Men's Basketball Alumni Game

Hahn Gym

7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009

Guest Organist – Kyle Johnson
Presser Hall
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009

Bethany College Concert Band
Special concert Honoring Presley Herndon
7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4 & Sat, Dec. 5, 2009

Alternative Gift Market
Levin Room, Pihlblad Memorial Union
11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009

Jultide at Bethany
Presser Hall
4 p.m.

Bethany News

Bethany College Receives \$50,000 Grant for New Chapel

Bethany College has received a \$50,000 planning grant from the Kresge Foundation's Green Building Initiative. The grant will be used to fund planning activities related to the new Pearson Chapel and Welcome Center.

Bethany was one of only seven organizations awarded funds among nearly 230 applicants. The Kresge Foundation evaluates grant requests on the basis of how closely an organization's mission, programs and community outcomes align with and advances their values criteria. [More>](#)

Bethany Sees Positive Trend in Overall Enrollment

Fall 2009 enrollment statistics released by Bethany College show a large, active freshman class.

Total student enrollment for the semester, representing the college's highest count since 2003, is 592 students. First-time freshmen enrollment of 182 students, up from last year's 178, is the college's largest class since 1997. The college also has the most new students this decade, 249. There are 59 transfer students. [More>](#)

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