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Past, Present, Future

On The Cover: (2005) Members of the Class of 2005 wait for the commencement ceremonies at Memorial Stadium in Columbus to begin. The Class of 2005 is celebrating its 20-year class reunion this year. To find more upcoming reunions, see Page 7 inside. **(2025)** Discover of Distinction inductee Jill Hoops Seidel, back row center, poses with her family, including her mother and former teacher Karen Hoops, left. Jill returned to Columbus in April for the induction ceremony. Find more on all inductees at www.cpsanchor.com.

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Help Equip the Future of the Discoverer Marching Band

After years of patching and repairing well-loved instruments, the Discoverer Marching Band's front ensemble (or "pit") is in urgent need of new equipment. These instruments are essential to the sound, performance, and educational experience of our band students—and now, we're asking for your help to bring them up to par.

The total cost for this much-needed upgrade is \$80,000, which includes vital percussion instruments such as:

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- Cymbal Vaults & Custom Hybrid Crashes
- And other critical frontline percussion gear



If you would like to learn more about this campaign please don't hesitate to reach out to the CPS Foundation office at 402-563-7000.

Thanks to generous support:

- ☑ The district is covering 50% of the total cost
- ☑ The CHS Band Boosters have committed to raising 25%
- ☑ And now, the CPS Foundation is offering a \$5,000 matching challenge to rally alumni and

friends of the band to help raise the final 25 percent—just \$15,000 more is needed by August 1, 2025.

- A donation of any size will receive a handwritten thank you from a member of the Discoverer Marching Band.
- A donation of \$500 or more will receive a handwritten thank you from a member of the Discoverer Marching Band as well as a video thank you from a member of the Frontline.
- A donation of \$1,000 or more will receive a handwritten thank you from a member of the Discoverer Marching Band, a video thank you from a member of the Frontline and a free ticket to the Columbus Marching Festival event on September 27, 2025.

Why Your Donation Matters

As a band alum, parent, or supporter, your contribution will have a direct and lasting impact on current and future Discoverer musicians. Every dollar raised will go toward purchasing frontline instruments that will enhance musical instruction, elevate performances, and empower students to succeed on and off the field.

Let's come together to give our band the tools they need to shine.

Make your gift today and be part of the rhythm that drives the Discoverer Marching Band forward.

Donate online today at <https://www.cpsanchor.com/get-involved/chs-discoverer-band-frontline-equipment-campaign.html> or mail your donation to the CPS Foundation Attn: Nicole Anderson, PO Box 947, Columbus, NE 68602.



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LOVE STORY

STORY BY
AMY BLASER
CLASS OF '88

TECHNICALLY, the story of Terry Michael and Beth Kline Michael began 55 years ago, when they met as adolescents at Columbus Junior High. But their love story didn't start until 2023, when they reconnected by chance and discovered that they were the perfect fit for each other.

“Never in a million years did I think I was going to stumble into Terry Michael and marry him,” says Beth.

THEIR START IN COLUMBUS

The two lovebirds laugh about their rocky relationship as children. “I was a merciless

bully,” says Beth. “And I was a nerd,” Terry chimes in. Terry relates how the Columbus Telegram published a rather unflattering picture of him winning second place in the Platte County Spelling Bee.

Beth and her friend taped the picture with a dress cut out of a catalogue attached to his body on a school bulletin board to mock him. Still, by the time they were students at Columbus High School, they had become good friends.

Terry ran cross country and track, and Beth was very involved in student council. In fact, she

convinced Terry to run for student council during his senior year, and he continued with student government in college.

Both of them were in the CHS Class of 1976. “We got fabulous educations at Columbus High School,” says Beth.

“We honestly never dated at that time because we were such good friends,” adds Terry.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Beth went on to attend Central Community College in Columbus for a year. She worked for Schweser's Stores in visual merchandising and returned to school at the University of Nebraska at Kearney at age 24.

She married her second husband, Mike Kline (CHS Class of 1975), in 1986, and they had four children together, who are now adults. Mike died in 2019 after battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Terry graduated from Doane University in Crete, Nebraska, and attended law school at University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

He got married and practiced law in Omaha, Nebraska, until he was appointed as a federal judge in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1997. He and his wife had two daughters and divorced in 2019.

Neither Beth nor Terry thought they would ever get married again.



“I thought I was meant to be a wrinkly, old, red-haired widow and grandma,” Beth says.

But fate had other plans for them.

A LOVE STORY

Over the years, Beth and Terry kept in contact with family visits and occasional social media posts, which was why Terry thought of Beth in summer 2023 when a friend was visiting Savannah, Georgia.

He knew that Beth lived in Georgia, so he reached out to her for recommendations on where his friend should visit. The two made an appointment to talk over the phone.

“I blocked out 30 minutes for the phone call, and we talked for four hours,” Beth says.

“I thought I was meant to be a wrinkly, old, red-haired widow. Every day I wake up, and I’m so grateful.”

BETH KLINE MICHAEL

They both found themselves in Omaha, Nebraska, for New Year’s Eve 2023, so they met for dinner — but each of them, at the time, insisted it was not a date. Yet they continued talking on the phone and meeting up in person, and on Oct. 4, 2024, they got married in front of 105 family members and friends in Omaha.

NEWLYWEDS

All six of their children, they say, have been incredibly supportive of their new relationship. “At the end of the day, your kids just want you to be happy,” says Terry, who adds that at times, he will catch Beth texting with his daughter when they’re watching TV together.

Currently, they’re living in Tulsa, but they plan to move to Beth’s house near Atlanta so they can travel more easily. And they love to travel together. “We’ve seen enough and lived enough that we feel, you should go and do things while you can,” says Terry.

And they’re loving their life as newlyweds, Beth said. “Every day I wake up, and I’m so grateful.”

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Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1960 - 65th Reunion

Class of 1960 Reunion on August 16, 2025 at the Friedhoff Building. Contact Gayleen Hingst at 402-563-2109 for questions or more information.

Class of 1965 - 60th Reunion

1965 - Save the date for 60th Class Reunion for June 6 and June 7, 2025. More details will be announced as the date nears. Class members are encouraged to join our Facebook group page

"Columbus Nebraska High School Class of 1965."

Updates will be posted there. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Carol Loshbaugh Syslo at carolsyslo@yahoo.com or Terry Miller at teztoad1146@gmail.com.

Class of 1970 - 55th Reunion

1970 - CHS Class of 1970 55th reunion will be held August 8th and 9th. On August 8th from 3-7 p.m. the group will meet at Maximus. The August 9th agenda is TBD. Contact Terri Drozd Hoesly at thoesly@hotmail.com. This event will be held during Columbus Days!

Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion

1975 - Save the Date! CHS Class of 1975 50th reunion will be held August 8th and 9th. Friday night the 8th will be held at the Friedhoff Building (former Schwesers Store) at 6 pm and Saturday night the 9th at the new Prime 10 Steakhouse and Venue (located across from the new Casino), at 7 pm. More details to follow but please save the date. Contact the following committee members for more information:

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1976 - 50th Reunion

August 1, 2026 meet at 7:00 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Eagles Club in Columbus. More details to come. Our Facebook page is 1976 CHS Class reunion. Please update changes of address there or contact Linda Krumland at fatcatz@neb.rr.com or 402-270-2060. There will be more information to come by mail.

Class of 1981 - 45th Reunion

45th Reunion Planning Committee is planning a reunion for 2025. More information to follow.

Class of 1985 - 40th Reunion

July 24-26. Join in where you can and celebrate 40 years! Watch for mailings with details and how to RSVP; join Columbus Senior High School Class of 1985 Facebook page; or email bohathyhome@gmail.com to update your address and for more information.

Thursday Evening; July 24 - Races at US 30 Speedway, hosted by Bobby Lincol; Friday Evening, July 25 - Meet up at Maximus or Glur's Tavern, location TBD; Saturday, July 26 - Play golf or pickleball in the AM, Tour of new CHS in the PM, Dinner, music and fun at Henry on 11th in the evening.

1995 - 30th Reunion

June 28th at 5 p.m. at the Barrel House.

Tours of CHS begin at 12:30 p.m. and the middle school at 2:15 p.m. Please contact Drew Munson with any questions 214-790-6113.

1958 - Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus. All classmates and spouses welcome.

1959 - Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1966 - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every other month (always on odd months) at Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m.

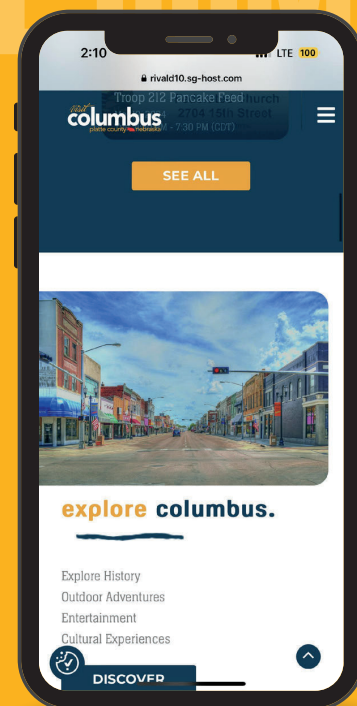
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