Virginia (Benson) Hinshaw ’38 celebrated her 90th birthday Feb. 10, 2007, with her family and friends. Her family includes two daughters, Ruth (Port) Lanza ’38, also attended. They have been friends for over 84 years.

C. Hugh Snyder ’41 (decended) is au-thor of the book The Younger Brother, that received the Kansas Notable Book award in 2006. The book is about a young boy growing up on a Kansas wheat farm. It was published in 2004. Hugh passed away July 9, 2006.

Virginia (Brace) Huntington ’33 has been curator for the Elk County Histori-cal Society and director of the Elk County Historical Museum since the early 1970s. She reports it is great training for the future Friends of Elk Falls project, the restoration of a one-room country schoolhouse. Perching ("Prairie Gems") school was saved from a highway improvement project and moved to the Elk Falls school grounds. Enthus-iast is running high and many artifacts are being contributed, keeping her busy as the “Prairie Gem” renouned.

Larry and Jo Ann (Newman) Heisserman ’58 ’56 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 31, 2007.

Wayne and Shirley Kenyon ’58 ’58 have been part of the Grace Community Church since 2003. Wayne is the pastor of pastoral care and counseling.

Larry Schuster ’59 was recognized by the Winfield State Police as the "Volunteer of the Year." Larry traveled to Topeka May 23 to accept his award and to meet other state leaders. For a number of years Larry has been involved in the prison ministry and weekly Bible study. He is now permitted to take five inmates to church each Sunday. Schuster also helps families, assists with job placement, and participates in wine cellars.

Fred Craig ’60 is the chaplain at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka, after completing 85 years as a chaplain in a juvenile correctional facility (KCCJ) in Topeka, on Jan. 5, 2007.

Jan (Boyer) See ’61 has a new position as house director/Sooner house mom at a brand new sorority at the University of Oklahoma, where she has 20 more "daughters.") She would love hearing from former classmates.

Bruce DeLaven ’78 has been named special teams coach for the Seattle Seahawks, signing a three-year contract. DeLaven led the Buffaloes’ special teams during their Super Bowl run in 1987, and was responsible for the success of their kickoff coverage squad when they was the best in the league from 1987 to 1996. He has been the special teams coach for the last four years, covered special teams with the Dallas Cowboys. In Bruce’s words, "This was a very difficult decision for our family since we weren’t sure of our employment situ-a-tion with Coach Parcells’ retirement or not retirement. I got fortunate with a long time connection with Sue Sabanovic and Joe Sabanovic and a great guy (Mike Holmgren). We have never lived in the great Northwest so I am excited about that part of the move.”

George Rickey Robertson ’70 is now retired from the bench and practices law part-time and raises poultry on his acreage near Arlington.

Martha (Miller) Robertson ’70, direc-tor of learning outcomes and assessment at Hutchinson Community College, has received her doctoral degree in curricu-lum and instruction from Kansas State University.

Kimo Moore ’71 was recently recognized for his 20 years of leading the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, and his many years of dedication to the mission and work of the fund.

Jim Godby ’72, after 35 years of local church ministry with the Kansas West Conference, will begin a new ministry as coordinator of the Dodge City office of the Counseling and Mediation Center, Inc. Jim has a D.Min. in pastoral counsel- ing from Phillips Theological Seminary, an AACP certified pastoral counselor, and is a marriage and family therapist. The Counseling and Mediation Center is an accredited Sanitarium Center.

Denise (Dowell) Neighbors ’75 has completed her second year as principal at Pata Elementary in Hutchinson. She received her master’s and administration degree from Wichita State University in 2001. Denise started her principalship in 2004-05 in Saya, OK, and returned to Hutchinson for the 2005-06 school year. Grandson Daxon, 5, in Tulsa and three granddaughters—Logan, 9, Ali, 7, and Madilyn, 4—in New York keep her busy.

Tom McCarthy ’75 has retired as police chief of Pawtucket, R.I. Before becom-ing chief at Pawtucket, he spent 14 years with the Gaston county police depart-ment, serving as chief, and two years as chief of police for the City of Fl, Alabama. Although his retirement plans aren’t concrete, he will continue to take one night a week at UNC-Pembroke and will also do some counseling work.

Jeanne (Baker) Duxter ’81 received the first advising award presented to a Florida State University/Panama City faculty member. Recipients of this award were nominated by students who were benefi-ciers of their service.

Cheryl Lindly ’81 was recently rec-ognized as the 2007 Nebraska Physician Assistant of the Year. After graduating from SC she completed her MA and RN in Physician Assistant studies at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Cheryl has been at Aegon Health Care for the past 16 years. She is also part of the development team for Quick Care Clinics located in the Hy-Vee stores in Omaha. She also serves on the admissions committee/adjunct faculty for the UNMC PA program.

Joe Cobb ’83 became the new pastor of the Metropolitans Community Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., in March 2007.

Rev. Maria (Frey) Hoecker ’84, associ-at-ee rector of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, has been chosen as one of 30 participants in the 21st class of the Clergy Leadership Project in West Cornwall, Conn.

Jeff Jarrigan ’89 has accepted a new position as administrative assistant to the Arena Football League as the special teams coordinator/defensive line coach.

Barbie Henthorn-Thompson ’92 was invited to sing, as a guest soloist, at St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, Kansas City North, sharing their "rockin’ soulful" music minister service. She then served as a co-director and staged the children’s scene for the children.

J.D. Smith ’96 has accepted a position with the Elk County EMS as a full-time EMT.

Whitaker ’96 has been selected as a recipient of the Excellence Award from The Eyes of the West, a student organ-i- zation. Whitaker is completing his first year as the student affairs administrator at the University of Texas in Austin.

Eric Andreas ’97 reports that he has been hired as a producer-sales associate at the new Westfield Wal-Mart Supercenter. A new granddaughter, Aubrey- Noel, was born Dec. 30, 2006.

Carey Eskridge-Lybarger ’96 has been nominated for the Presidential Award in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She must submit a nomination package and go through the selection process, but could be awarded $10,000 in awards and would be honored at events to take place in Washington, D.C.

Chris Burley ’98 is part of the online team at Defenders of Wildlife that re-cently launched a way for folks to engage in their work to protect wildlife. “We decided that one of the best ways to ac-complish this would be to offer folks a fun way to get connected with wildlife (and maybe learn a little bit, too),” Chris wrote. The result is a new website called "Wild is out there.” “The thought was to create a fun site that folks would want to interact with and share with friends, family, etc., and in the process help raise awareness about the plight of wolves, polar bears, and other imperiled wildlife,” Chris says. “We love to hear your feedback. … I’d love to know to see a few of you turn into wolves, sharks, polar bears, bats, chimps, or my personal favorite…the African wild dog.”

Kirsta Lowe ’98 and Greg Kallwarf were married June 17, 2006, at the Garden of the Gods Club in Colorado Springs, Colo. They currently live in the foothills of Colorado. Kirsta is a Level III NICU RN and Greg oversees marketing for the Colorado Office of Director of Medical Services.

Timothy Myers ’00 makes his debut in July 2007 with the Jerusalem Symphony conducting a broadcast program featuring the music of Scandinavians compos- ers. Myers’ 2006-07 season has included significant engagements including the American Symphony Orchestra (NY), London BBC Symphony, and Palm Beach Symphony.

David Abarca ’91 is a master of fine art student at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and his plans for future ministry have an international flavor. This number of Costa Rica wants to work with Hispanic ministries in Methodist churches to reconnect with the focus and traditions originally established by John Wesley, the denomination’s founder. “I would like to help people realize the tradition and roots of the Methodist movement and go back to them,” he says. “We have left our Methodist traditions in a huge way, espe-cially in the Hispanic church. We don’t need a new breakthrough; the things Wes-ley did were successful.” Almora works part-time with Wesley’s admissions and recruiting staff. Additionally, he serves at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arlington, Va., where he is re-launching a contemporary worship service and estab-lishing a Hispanic ministry.

Joanna (Moss) Robinson ’01 is direc-tor of development for the University of Oklahoma’s College of Earth and Energy and College of Atmospheric and Geo- graphic Sciences.

Jacob Tittle ’01 is the director of physi-cal therapy at Memorial Hospital of Texas County in Guymon, Okla.

Bradley J. Newsell ’02 is one of nine University of Kansas doctor of pharmacy students selected for a three-week elective rotation in Peru. This rotation provides the opportunity for hands-on study in the rain forest of Peru. Students will live on a reserve and travel to meet with botanists, taxonomists, pharmacists, and farmers. Locations in Peru included in the experience are Lima, Cusco, and Iquitos. Bradley will complete his studies at KU-Pharmacy in May 2008.

Julie (Barke) ’02 and Thomas Udel were married April 8, 2005.

Sarah (Thomaa) ’03 and Jason Hallinan were married March 17, 2007. Sarah ac-sented in a position as director of student activities at Staker University. She recently finished her last year for her master’s degree in higher education administration and graduated from the University of Kansas.

Nick Gromesh ’04 received his master of arts in American history from Emporia State University in May 2006. He currently resides in Emporia with his wife of three years, Jessica (Ostrem) ’04.

Rosa and Amanda (Bennet) Baker ’05 ’05 are enrolled as full-time stu-dents at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and serve together as part-time deacons at Gibsonville United Methodist Church in Ingleside, Ill. (see page 5).

Lacy (Mohlker) Cleveland ’05 is the new registrar Min. Kansas United States 2007. She will be repre-senting Kansas in the Mrs. United States pageant in Las Vegas next July that she and Jacob Cleveland were married Oct. 9, 2006 in El Dorado.

Jacob Strange ’05 has been hired as the assistant branch manager of the Pawnee branch of Boeing/Wichita Credit Union.

Erick Byrd ’06 is currently working as an athletic director and assistant track coach for the Boys & Girls Club in Sapulpa, Okla.