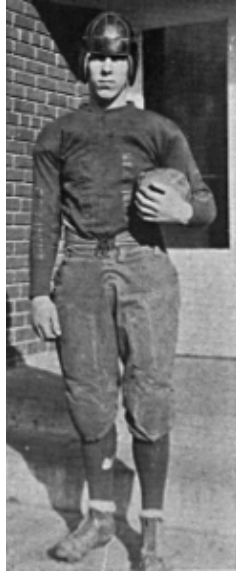


# Bison Hall of Fame

## Olan "Bus" Wilson (Class of 1926)



Olan was a four-year letter winner in both football and basketball during his high school years. In 1925, he was selected all-state quarterback in football and captained the football and basketball teams. "Bus" attended college first at the University of Nebraska, and then at Nebraska Central College where he was an outstanding athlete, earning all-state and all-conference honors in football. He spent two years teaching and coaching at Clay Center before returning to Central City High School and serving as coach from 1935 through 1941. While in Central City he was head coach in four varsity sports: football, basketball, track, and golf. One of his Bison track teams won a conference championship, and, in 1939, he led the Bison to their first undefeated season in football (8-0-1). He left Central City in the fall of 1941 to be head football coach at McCook Junior College. That fall, McCook was undefeated in football. After Pearl Harbor ended his coaching days in McCook, Olan moved to Maine Township High School District in Park Ridge, Illinois, where he coached football, basketball, and baseball. He retired as athletic director of Maine South High School in 1972. The football field at Maine South was named in his honor.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Jim McConnell (Class of 1944)



Jim was a three-year letter winner in football playing fullback on offense, and linebacker on defense. In 1943, he led the team in scoring, was named to the all-conference team, and was selected honorable mention all-state. In track he won 16 medals in the conference including 10 golds, leading the Bison to back-to-back conference championships in 1943 and 1944. At state track meets, McConnell won nine medals, including four first place medals. Two of the four first place medals were also all class gold medals (shot and discus). Jim's throw in the shot put still remains one of the best at Central City after 50 years. After high school he went to the University of Nebraska and became the "Kansas Relays" decathlon champion twice (1949 and 1950) and scored in the Big Seven track meet many times. After graduating from college, Jim was a track coach both on the high school and college level.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Richard Wagner (Class of 1945)



Richard was a CCHS letter winner in both football and basketball. He was honored as an all-conference center two years in football. While in high school he was a "stringer" sports writer for the Omaha World-Herald, and during his senior year he was the basketball coach at Hordville because of the shortage of coaches during WWII. After high school Dick became active in sports management. In 1947, at the age of 19, he became the youngest General Manager ever in minor league baseball at Thomasville of the Georgia-Florida League. He was named Minor League Executive of the Year in 1958 while with the Lincoln Chiefs of the Western League. Wagner moved to the big leagues in 1965 with the St. Louis Cardinals as their marketing director. In 1967, he joined the Cincinnati Reds' front office, and helped assemble a dynasty successful both on the field and on the bottom line. During his 17 years with the Big Red Machine, in positions ranging from GM to President and CEO, he was a part of six division titles, four National League pennants, and two World Championships. In 1985, he joined the Houston Astros as President and General Manager; the Astros were division champions in 1986. In 1988, Richard was named Special Assistant to Baseball where he served both the commissioner and the American League President. In February of 1993 he was appointed Assistant to the Chairman of the Major League Baseball Executive Council, the group running baseball in the absence of a commissioner.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Bob Henk (Class of 1947)



Bob was a three-year letterman in football and was selected all-conference (two years) and honorable mention all-state at quarterback. In basketball, he was a three-year letterman and an all-conference selection at guard. Henk played on the Bison teams that won district championships and participated in the state basketball tournaments in 1946 and 1947. In track, he was a four-year letterman with five medals won at the state meet, including state titles in the long jump (two years) and the 100-yard dash. Henk was a big part of the 1946 CCHS track team that won the Class B state championship; the team finished third at state in 1947.

*Induction class of 1994*



# Harold Scholl

(Class of 1953)



Scholl was a three-year all-conference end in football. He was a three-year starter in basketball, and was voted to the all-conference roundball team three times, also. In track he qualified for the state meet four years, winning eight medals over these four years. He was both the high and low hurdle state champion two consecutive years. He helped Central City to the state track championship in 1951. In 1953, Harold was honored as the "mythical" state pentathlon champion, and was recognized as one of the ten best athletes in the state of Nebraska.

*Induction class of 1994*

# Larry "Tank" Munn

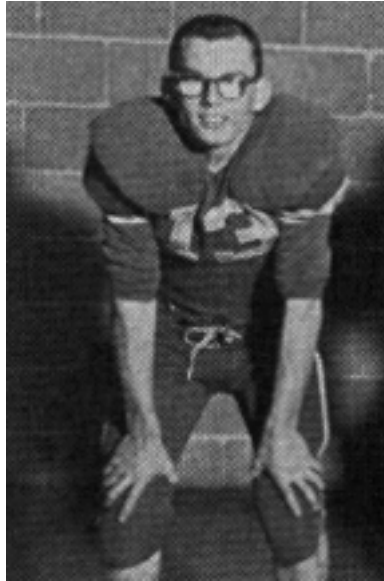
(Class of 1960)



"Tank" was an all-conference football player for the Bison, was named honorable mention all-state his senior year, and was selected to play in the 1960 Shrine Bowl. His .469 batting average led the Central City Midget baseball team to the 1957 state championship; in 1960, Munn was a leader on the CCHS baseball squad that went undefeated and won the state Class B state championship. Munn went on to become a three-time all-conference performer for the Midland College football team, and was named NAIA All-American in football in 1963. In 1964, "Tank" received the Petrow Award as the Outstanding Athlete at Midland. Munn then coached for 28 years, 24 at Falls City High, stringing together 22 consecutive winning dual seasons as a head wrestling coach and amassing a record of 135-51-5. He was the NCA's Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1988, and was named to the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1991.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Joe Geren (Class of 1961)



Joe was a Bison letterman in football, basketball, baseball, and a state qualifier in track. He was the first Class B football player to rush for over 4,000 yards in a career, and his 4,604 yards was the career best (all classes) in the state of Nebraska until 1978. His career rushing mark remains the best all-time in the Central Conference, and in Class B. Geren also holds the CCHS football marks for game rushing, season rushing, career scoring, and season scoring. He was selected to play in the 1961 Shrine Bowl; his son, Craig, played in the Shrine game as well (1987), making them one of the few father-son duos to be named to Shrine teams. Geren also helped lead the Bison to Legion Midget state baseball titles in 1957 and 1958, and to the Class A state baseball championship in 1960. Joe also played on the 1960 CCHS basketball team that won the conference title. Geren held the conference long jump record for many years.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Paul "Spike" Wilson (Coach 1965-78)



Wilson graduated from Bradshaw High, where he still holds the records in the 100yd and 200yd dashes. Spike was head football coach at CCHS from 1967 through 1978, compiling a record of 73 wins and 40 losses. His 1974 team went 9-1 and was ranked second in the state. His 1978 Bison squad went 10-1, qualifying for the state playoffs, and finishing the season ranked third. At various times during his years at CCHS, "Spike" also served as head golf coach, assistant basketball coach, assistant track coach, and assistant wrestling coach. He ended his stay at Central City as its second athletic director.

"Spike" passed the 100-win plateau in high school football coaching. Those who worked with and for "Spike" remember him most as a great motivator.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Mitch Johnson (Class of 1972)



Mitch was a two-year starter in football, was selected to the all-conference team his senior season, and played in the 1972 Shrine Bowl. He was a two-year starter in basketball and again all-conference. In track he qualified for the state meet in the triple jump. Mitch was a standout in football and baseball for Kearney State College from 1973 to 1977. He was named to the Kodak All-American football team, and earned honorable mention all-American honors in baseball his senior year at KSC after batting .429. Following his final collegiate season, Johnson was selected State College Athlete of the Year by the Lincoln Journal-Star. Mitch was elected to the KSC Hall of Fame.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Dave Liegl (Class of 1976)



Dave was a three-year starter in football and a three-year all conference performer. He lettered one year in basketball, and was a legion baseball standout. In 1975-76, Dave was an undefeated state wrestling champion with a record of 31-0. In track, he won four medals at the state meet, including golds in the long jump two consecutive years. He still holds the CCHS records in the long jump and triple jump. After high school he was a three-year letterman at the University of Nebraska in football, earning Academic All-Big Eight honors for the Huskers in 1979 and 1980.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Janice Zoucha (Class of 1976)



Janice was the first of the outstanding female athletes at Central City after the introduction of athletics for young women in 1972. She lettered in track, basketball, and volleyball from '73 through '76, and strongly contributed to the interest in girls' athletics through her success. She qualified for the state track meet in several events and won four medals, including a gold as a part of the Class B champion 880yd relay team. After more than 15 years, Janice still holds the record at Central City in the long jump and has two of the top four times in the 100 meters all-time at the high school.

*Induction class of 1994*

## Kathy Waggoner (Class of 1985)



Kathy was all-conference in volleyball and a varsity performer in basketball while at CCHS. In track, she won four medals at the state track meet. Kathy still has one of the six fastest times in every running event from the 100M to the 3200M at CCHS. Waggoner ran both indoor and outdoor track at Doane College, becoming an NAIA All-American in both the 600 and 800 meters. She was a cross country all-American, as well. Kathy earned Academic All-American status in both '87 and '88. She was the Doane College Female Athlete of the Year for 1987-88. Kathy was the Governor's Cup 10K Champion in 1990.

*Induction class of 1994*



## Stan Bice (Class of 1929)



Stan was a four-year letterman and star in both football and track. In football, he was honorable mention all-state his senior year at halfback, and was a key member of the team that battled Omaha South to a 0-0 tie on Thanksgiving day, 1929. In track Stan was a multiple metal winner in most meets in the 100 yard dash, 120 yard high hurdles, 220 yard low hurdles, and the broad jump. As a high school athlete, Bice was awarded the prestigious dark blue numerals given by the University of Nebraska for outstanding track performance. He was a two time medal winner at the state track meet in the hurdles, making him Central City's first state track medal winner for the Bison.

*Induction class of 1995*

## George Miller (Coach 1945-1951)



George Miller coached the three varsity boys' sports at CCHS from 1945 through 1951. In football he was 33-17-1 with three top ten finishes, 27 all-conference, and four all-state players. In basketball, his teams earned two trips to the state tournament, had two top-ten finishes, and those teams had eight all-conference players. In track, his teams won four Central Eight Conference track championships, and he coached two teams to state championships. Miller attended Havelock High, where he won the state track gold medal in the 100 yard dash. He was also a standout track and football athlete at Nebraska Wesleyan, and was tabbed "one of the shiftiest backs in the conference and perhaps the outstanding individual of the 1930 eleven" by the Wesleyan yearbook writers. He led Wesleyan to the N.C.A.C. football championship in 1931. Miller has held the javelin record at both the high school and college level.

*Induction class of 1995*

## Jeff Scholl (Class of 1976)



Jeff was a three-year starter in football for the Bison; he was all-conference and all-state twice. He was a key member of the football team that went 9-1, and was ranked #2 in the state in 1974. In basketball, he was a starter for three years, and again a two time all-conference and all-state performer. He still holds CCHS basketball records for single game scoring and rebounding, and career rebounding. He was selected to play in both the Shrine football game and the coaches' all-star basketball game after his senior year. He pitched a perfect game, and several no-hitters for Central City's American Legion baseball team and helped the 1976 team finish third at state. At Hastings College, he played both football and basketball. He earned all-conference and all-district honors as a tight end on the gridiron for the Broncos.

*Induction class of 1995*

## Glenn Funk (Class of 1929)



Glenn was an outstanding track athlete at Central City High School; he held the school record in the 880-yd run at the time of his graduation. After leaving CCHS, he attended the University of Nebraska where, during his senior year, he finished 3rd in the Big Six mile, and was captain of the cross-country team and co-captain of the track team. After college he was certified for the 1936 Olympic try-outs, placing 4th in the Olympic Trials in the mile. Glenn was a Marine Corps officer, fighting in both World War II, and the Korean Conflict. While with the Marines, Funk set a number of service and multi-national track records, and was the all-service 440-yard dash champion. Later he became a Marine Corps Distinguished Marksman, and served as the captain of the Marine Corps Rifle Team that won the 1940 championship. Funk eventually rose to the rank of Colonel in the Marines.

*Induction class of 1996*

## Don Glantz (Class of 1951)



Don was a two-year all-conference football player both at linebacker and fullback for CCHS. He was the all-class champion in the discus at the state track meet in 1951, leading the Bison to the Class B State Track Championship that year. Glantz went on to play football for four years at the University of Nebraska. He was an all-conference selection for the Huskers in 1954, and started at tackle in both the 1955 Orange Bowl, and the 1955 Senior Bowl. Don was drafted by the Washington Redskins of the NFL, but played instead for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. He started at guard for the 1955 Eskimo team that won the Canadian Grey Cup. Glantz also played football while serving with the US Army in Germany in 1956-57.

*Induction class of 1996*

# Kathy Holbrook

(Class of 1978)



Kathy was an outstanding all-around athlete at Central City High, participating in all three sports for four years. She was all-conference both in volleyball and basketball for two years. Holbrook was the CCHS "Outstanding Female Athlete" in 1978; she was the school record holder in the mile when she left school and her time is still on the all-time list. At Doane College, Kathy was an NAIA District 11 and NIAC all-star in both volleyball and basketball; she was the first collegiate woman athlete in Nebraska to receive both all-conference and all-district honors in both basketball and volleyball. Holbrook was voted Doane's "Outstanding Woman Athlete" twice. Kathy set Doane College basketball records for career scoring, single-season and career field goal percentage, single-season and career free throw percentage, career rebounds and blocked shots.

*Induction class of 1996*

## Raymond "Ram" Crites (Class of 1921)



In football he was a three-year starter at end, and captain of the 1921 squad that finished 7-1. The 1921 CCHS annual called him "a man that was known and feared by all opponents...he was rated by many football fans as one of the best ends in the state." He still holds the school record for points in a football game with 48 and field goals in a game with three. In basketball he was a Class B all-state guard in 1921, and led the Central City team to the finals of the state tournament, where the team lost 16-15 to Nebraska City. Raymond was a starter on the high school baseball team during the spring. Crites later served on the local board of education, and the Merrick County Board of Supervisors, and was elected mayor of Central City in 1968.

*Induction class of 1997*

## Matt Wibbels (Class of 1990)



Matt was all-conference three years, All-Heartland three years (defensive captain of this team his senior year), and all-state twice in football at CCHS. Matt also played in the 1990 Shrine Bowl and was the Defensive Player of the Game. He played on four conference championship teams and played in the state football playoffs all four years of high school, as well. Wibbels still holds the CCHS record for interceptions in a season with 11. In baseball, Matt won the junior legion batting title three of his four years, and successfully stole 63 bases in 64 attempts his last year of legion baseball. He played on the state runner-up legion baseball team of 1991. In track, Matt was a state qualifier twice, and still shares the school record in the 200M dash. Matt was a four-year letterman in basketball. At the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Matt was a four-year starter on the football team, and was a captain his senior year. His last three years he was named to the NCAA Division II Nebraska all-state team. He was 8th in the nation in punt returning his junior year. After graduating from UNK, Matt went on to coach football and track in Colorado.

*Induction class of 1997*



## Rochelle Wiese (Class of 1988)



Rochelle was a four-year performer in three sports at CCHS. She was all-conference in volleyball her senior season, and all-conference in basketball each of her last three years; she was named all-state after her senior basketball season. Wiese holds game, season, and career scoring and rebounding records for the CCHS basketball program. In track, Rochelle was a four-year state qualifier; she won three medals, including the 1988 Class B gold in the shot put. She still holds school records in the high jump and discus. After high school she played four years of basketball at Hastings College, ranking as one of the school's all-time leading scorers. She was named to all-district teams three times for the Bronco basketball program.

*Induction class of 1997*

## Christy Rice (Class of 1993)

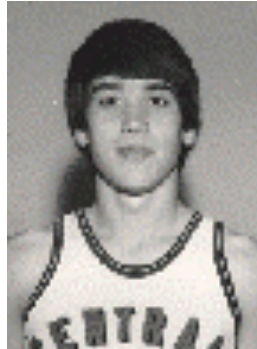


Christy stands as one of the most decorated athletes in the school's history. She was a letter winner in basketball, but really left her mark in cross country and track. She medaled in three straight cross country championships, and in track she gathered an incredible 13 medals at state meets, including five golds. She won a gold, a bronze and a silver at the '91 state meet, leading the Bison girls track team to the Class B state championship. Her junior year and senior seasons the girls track team finished as state runner-up--Christy grabbed three golds at the state meet in 1993, winning the 400m and 800m, and anchoring the winning 4X400m relay team. She currently holds school records in the 400m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, and 4X400m relay, and Central Conference records in the 400m and 800m. Christy was named a Mars/Milky Way Athlete of the Year. After graduating from CCHS, Christy was a 4-year letter-winner and standout in both track and cross country at Marquette University. She garnered many honors while competing for Marquette, including being named the track team's MVP (94-95), being selected to two GTE All-Academic teams (95-96 and 96-97), winning the university's student-athlete award in 1997 and being selected to receive the prestigious Robert L. McCahill Award, which is given to a Marquette graduate who has demonstrated outstanding performance in the areas of academics, athletics and leadership. Christy also set numerous school track records while at Marquette.

*Induction class of 1998*

# Larry Abel

(Class of 1972)



Larry was an all-conference performer in both football and basketball at CCHS; he was a key member of the 1970-71 basketball team that finished with a 19-2 record and won the conference championship. He was also selected to the state Junior Legion all-tournament baseball team in 1972 (Central City finished as state runner-up that year); Abel once recorded 24 strikeouts in a 9-inning game. At Nebraska Wesleyan, Larry was a three-year letterman in basketball, and was named all-conference in baseball three times. While leading the Plainsmen to three straight NIAC baseball titles, Abel set pitching records for most wins in a season and a career, and for most strikeouts in a season and a career. He finished his years at Wesleyan with a remarkable 2.41 career ERA. In 1983, Abel was named Nebraska Semi-pro Baseball Player of the Year. He also served as a high school basketball official for over 15 years, and was selected to work several state tournaments. Larry Abel was elected to the Nebraska Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

*Induction class of 1999*

# Larry Ribble

(Class of 1961)

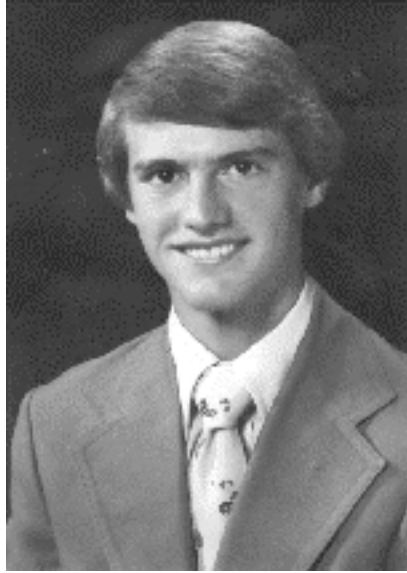


Larry was a four-sport letterman at CCHS. He held the school record in the mile, and placed sixth at state in the event his senior year. He hit .392 for the legion baseball team in 1961. He lettered four years at Nebraska Wesleyan in cross country and track; he was the NIAC two-mile champion, placed fifth in the NCAA three-mile run, and was the school record holder in the two-mile while running for the Plainsmen. Ribble has coached for over 30 years in Nebraska, and has coached seven teams to state championships in boys basketball: Pawnee City ('70 and '71) and Millard South ('83, '84, '88, '89, and '91). His 1989 team at Millard South has been the only undefeated Class A team in the last 40 years. Larry has been named Coach of the Year by several groups and publications: Metro Conference ('82, '89, '91, '95); Nebraska Coaches Association ('84, '88, '89); the Omaha World-Herald ('88); and the Lincoln Journal-Star ('89).

*Induction class of 1999*

# **Rick Johnson**

(Class of 1977)



Rick participated in four sports at CCHS, and was an all-conference and second-team all-state selection in basketball. His senior year, he led the Bison hoops team to the conference championship. At Kearney State College, Johnson was a four-year letterman, and a member of the team that finished as runner-up in the 1978 NAIA national basketball tournament. After college, Rick coached in high school and later became head men's basketball coach for the Creighton University Bluejays.

*Induction class of 2000*

# **Brent Kennedy**

(Class of 1979)



Brent was a four-sport athlete while in high school, and an all-conference and all-state tackle for the Bison football team. Brent was selected to play in the 1979 Shrine Bowl after completing a season in which he led the Bison gridgers to a #3 state ranking. In wrestling, he was a Class B state champion in the heavyweight class his senior year. In track, Kennedy set a school record in the shot put, and was the first CCHS athlete to exceed 50 feet. He was a first baseman for four teams that qualified for the state legion baseball tournament; he was a member of the midget team that won the state championship in 1976. Kennedy started for the UNK football team his freshman year, but a series of knee injuries ended his football playing career. After college, however, Brent was a European all-service champion in free-style wrestling.

*Induction class of 2000*

# Nicole Nielsen

(Class of 1994)



Nicole was a multi-sport star for the Bison, and female athlete of the year at CCHS in 1994. She was an all-conference and all-Heartland volleyball player her senior year and led the Bison to a conference volleyball championship. On the track, Nikki set two school records, and won ten medals at the state track meet, including four gold medals (300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles in '93 and '94; 100 Meter High Hurdles in '94; 4x400 Meter Relay in '93) and one all class gold (100 Meter High Hurdles in '94). Nielsen was a key contributor to the Bison state track championship in 1991 and state runner-up finishes in '92 and '93. She was a four-year letter-winner in track at UNK and is now a high school coach.

*Induction class of 2000*

## **Dean Gissler** (Class of 1971)



Dean "Tree" Gissler (Class of 1971) Dean was all-conference twice in football, and twice in basketball for the Bison, and was a state qualifier (high jump) in track. Gissler tops the charts in both career and single season scoring for Central City basketball, and was selected to play in the 1971 Nebraska high school all-star game. He led the Bison to a conference basketball championship and 19-2 record his senior year. Dean gained an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, and played freshman football for the Falcons. Gissler then transferred to the University of Nebraska where he lettered three straight years for the Cornhuskers, and played for both Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne. Dean was drafted in the 11th round of the NFL draft by the Washington Redskins in 1976, and played for the New York Giants in 1977.

*Induction class of 2001*



# Jeff Pullen

(Class of 1973)



In football, Jeff was an all-conference, and an all-class all-state performer, and was selected to play in the 1973 Shrine Bowl. He is one of the few athletes in Central City High School history to letter in four sports (football, basketball, wrestling, and track). Jeff was a state qualifier in his only season of wrestling. After high school he attended the University of Nebraska and was a three-year letterman in football, and was also Academic All Big Eight for the Huskers. Pullen was a two-year starter for Nebraska at nose guard, and led the team in sacks (12) as a junior.

*Induction class of 2001*

# Erin Wibbels

(Class of 1996)



Erin Wibbels (Class of 1996) Erin was a four-time district champion in the shot put, and was the conference, district, and state champion in the shot her senior year at CCHS; she is the school record holder in the shot with a throw of 44'4.25". She was all-conference in basketball, and was a second-team all-conference performer on the volleyball team that qualified for state and finished the season 21-6 and ranked #2 in Class C-1. Erin then lettered four years for the University of Nebraska track team, and was Academic All Big Twelve four times for the Huskers. She won eleven Big Twelve medals in the throws and was twice named Husker Power Women's Track and Field Lifter of the Year. Erin was an NCAA national qualifier in the hammer four times, a USA Track and Field Championship qualifier twice, and a qualifier for the 2000 Olympic trials in the hammer throw. She was named a USA Track and Field Jr All-American, and the Russ White Spirit Award Winner for NU. Erin was selected as a track captain her senior year, and as a UNL Homecoming queen finalist. She left UNL ranked third on the women's hammer throw all-time list. She now coaches track at the University of Mississippi.

*Induction class of 2001*

## Raymond Huggett (Class of 2002)



Ray Huggett served the Central City Public Schools for a total of thirty-nine years. He began his career in Central City in 1957 as an assistant coach. From 1960-66 Ray served as the head football coach with an outstanding 40-19-4 record. During this time period his teams had three "Top Ten" finishes, one Central Conference championship, 29 All-Conference and one All-State player. He was honored by his peers by being selected as an assistant coach for the '66 Shrine Bowl game. Ray also served as the head basketball coach from 1960-65 with a record of 48-41. During this time his teams won one West Division championship and had 12 All-Conference players. From 1961-67 Ray was the head track coach with 20 state qualifiers and two state medal winners. Ray coached the high school baseball team from 1961-63; they were the Class A state runner-up in '62. He also dedicated his summers to the Legion baseball program with a state championship midget team in '58 and a runner-up midget team in '59. Ray served as the school's first Athletic/Activities Director from 1967-72 and oversaw the building of Bison Field's track and stadium. Ray completed his career at Central City as the high school principal for twenty-four years, 1972-96.

*Induction class of 2002*

## **Ron Gillham** (Class of 1957)



Ron was an outstanding player on two high school state championship teams -- he was both a pitcher and a third baseman. Ron was the winning pitcher for the Bison in both state championship games in 1956 and 1957. Ron was all-conference in football his senior year, and was a four-year letter winner in basketball at CCHS. At Nebraska Wesleyan, Gillham lettered three times in basketball, and was honorable mention all-conference his senior year. His teams advanced to the National NAIA Tournament in Kansas City in both 1959 and 1960. In baseball, he lettered four times for the Plainsmen, and was the national NAIA batting champion in 1958 with a .466 average. He was a Blue Key Sportsmanship Award winner at NWU and was inducted into the Nebraska Wesleyan Hall of Fame in 1971. After graduating from Wesleyan, Ron taught and coached basketball from 1962-1966 and then became an administrator at Wheeler Central High School in Bartlett, Nebraska.

*Induction class of 2003*

# James Roark

(Class of 1961)

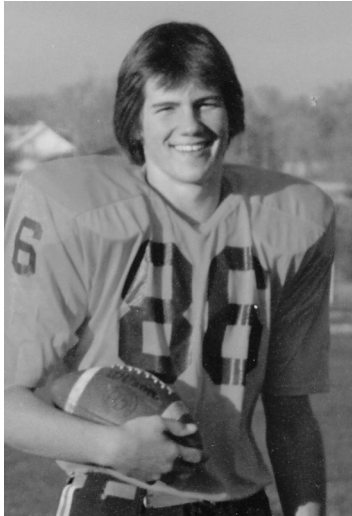


Jim played football, basketball, track and baseball at Central City High School; winning a total of 12 letters. In football he was a starter at quarterback before breaking his arm his junior year. In basketball he was a two year all-conference performer and held the single game scoring record of 35 points and averaged 20.6 points per game. Jim was a starting infielder on the 1960 state champion baseball team and also on the 1961 district finals team. At Nebraska Wesleyan University, Jim received three letters in basketball and was a two year starter. In baseball he was a three year starter in the outfield and as a pitcher during his senior year. His 1962-63 team was inducted into the Wesleyan Hall of Fame.

*Induction class of 2004*

# Gregg Stephens

(Class of 1979)

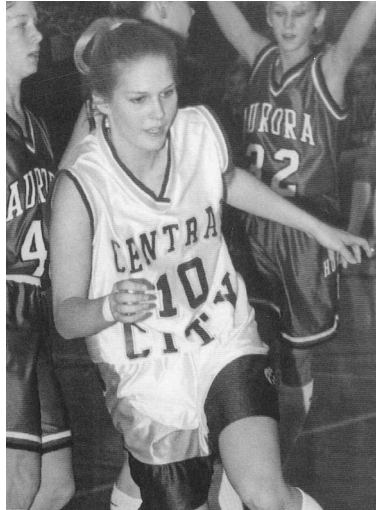


Gregg was All-Conference and All-State as an end in football his senior year of 1978. He was All-Conference in basketball and still is Central City's second leading rebounder. After graduation, Gregg first attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he played football. He then transferred to Chadron State College where he played basketball and baseball. At Chadron, Gregg scored 1009 points in 75 games an average of 13.5 points and 6 rebounds per game. His highest scoring game was a 39 point output against Wayne State in 1981-82. Gregg was named to the NAC All-Conference. After college Gregg has continued his athletic career by participating in Ironman triathlons.

*Induction class of 2004*

# Amber Nielsen

(Class of 1999)

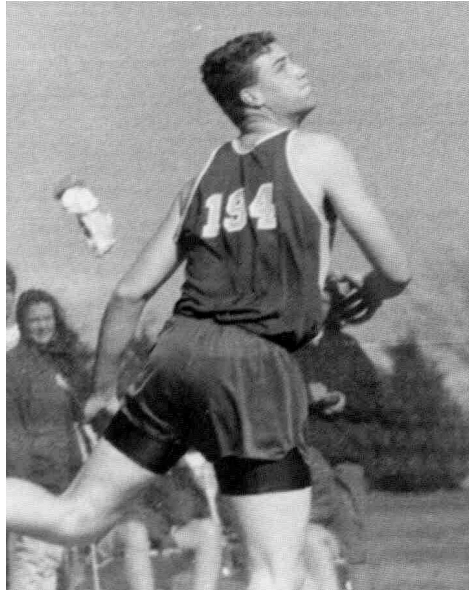


Amber was a four year letter winner in volleyball, basketball and track at Central City High School. In volleyball she attained first team All Conference her senior year while setting set assist records for match, single season and career. In basketball Amber again attained All Conference recognition her junior and Senior years. When she graduated Amber was second in career points and scoring average in school history. In track Amber was an outstanding hurdler and relay runner. Her senior year Amber was conference champion in the 100 meter high hurdles and 300 meter low hurdles. At the state meet she broke the school record running 45.59 in the 300 hurdles. She also anchored the 4 x 400 relay to a new school record. Amber was the 1999 Central City Female Athlete of the Year. Following graduation Amber competed for the University of Nebraska – Omaha track team in the hurdles and as a multi-event athlete. She continued her interest in athletics through coaching.

*Induction class of 2005*

# Adam Bolling

(Class of 1994)

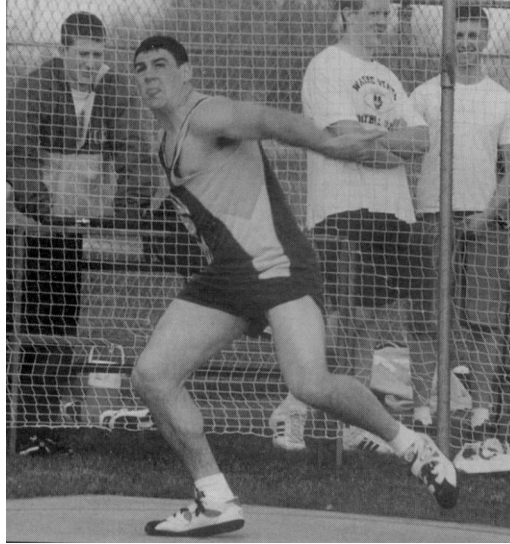


Adam participated in football, basketball and track all four years of high school. In football he was all conference his senior year; while in basketball he was a second team all conference performer. In track Adam qualified for the state meet his junior and senior years in the shotput and won the Class B discus championship in 1994. Adam was a four year starter in football for the University of Nebraska – Kearney where he attained All Conference recognition as a defensive end. Also as a Loper Adam made his mark on the track team as a three year thrower. After college he continued to play football for the Lincoln Lightning and the Tri City Diesel of the Indoor Football League. Adam has confirmed his athletic success as an elementary physical education teacher and coaching football and basketball.

*Induction class of 2005*



## **Bill Cox** (Class of 2000)



Bill was a four year starter and letterman in football for the Bison. He was a three year All Conference linebacker and his senior year was All State as both a linebacker and kicker. He finished his high school football career as captain and starting fullback in the Shrine Bowl. In basketball Bill was a three year starter and letterman, earning second team All Conference recognition his senior season. In track Bill was a four year letterman and a four year state track qualifier. His freshman and sophomore years Bill qualified in the pole vault while he qualified in the discus his junior and senior years. Bill won the Class B discus championships both years and the All Class championship in 2000. Bill was an outstanding Legion baseball player of Central City. After high school Bill entertained his athletic success at Doane College in football and track. He was designated All Conference in football for the 2002 and 2003 season and was a 2002 All American linebacker.

*Induction class of 2005*

# Scott Koethe

(Class of 1998)

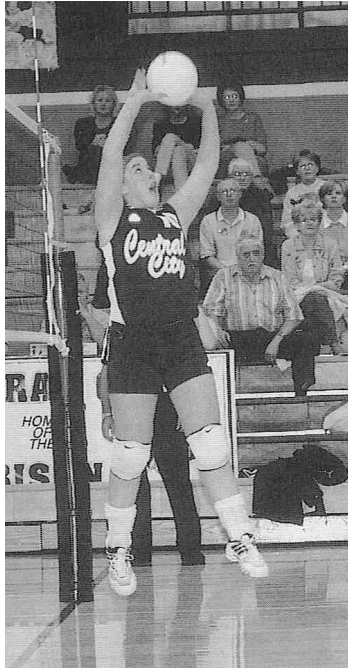


Scott was a three sport star at Central City High School. In football he was a three year letter winner and all conference his senior year. In basketball he was a three year letter winner and two year starter. In track and field he was a four year letter winner, conference champion in the shot put. Scott was a three year state qualifier in the shot put winning two medals (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>). After high school Scott attended the University of Nebraska - Lincoln lettering in football three years as an offensive tackle.

*Induction class of 2006*

# Shauna Birchard

(Class of 2002)



Shauna was an all around athlete at Central City High School. In volleyball she was a three-year starter and earned All-Conference one year. At the time of her graduation she was the state of Nebraska's all time leader in career assists for Class C-1. In basketball she was a three year varsity performer and two year starter. In track she was a two year state qualifier in the shot put and a one year qualifier in the discus, placing second in the shot put in 2002. At the University of Nebraska – Kearney she qualified for the NCAA Division II national indoor and outdoor track championships in the shot put, and was a five time All-American, with three runner-up finishes. Shauna was also named UNK RMAC Student-Athlete of the Year in 2005 and a member of the ESPN the Magazine, College Division, First Team Academic All-American Team.

*Induction class of 2007*

# Jacey (Kuck) Schwarz

(Class of 2002)

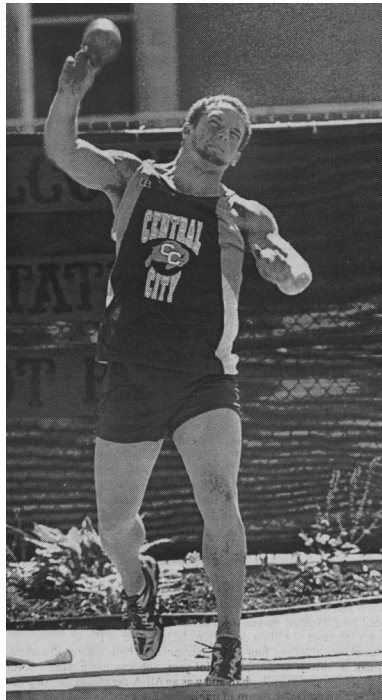


Jacey was an outstanding sports star at Central City High School. In volleyball she was a two time All-Conference and All-State player. At the time of her graduation Jacey was number one all time in blocking and ace blocking. In basketball she was a two year starter and one year All-Conference. At the time of her graduation Jacey was the leader in seasonal field goal percentage, third in seasonal scoring and career rebounding. In track Jacey was a four year state qualifier (four years in the triple jump, two years in the long jump, 1 year in the high jump, four years in the 4x400 and 4x800 relay) earning six state meet medals, including an All Class Gold in the triple jump and a gold in the 4x800 relay. In college Jacey played four years of varsity volleyball for Wayne State College being selected as All-Conference in 2004-2005. At the time of her graduation from Wayne State Jacey was ranked second in career kills, second in career attacks and third in career digs. She was also selected to first team All NSIC in 2004 and 2005 and Daktronics All-North Central Region second team in 2005.

*Induction class of 2007*

# Joe McMahon

(Class of 2002)

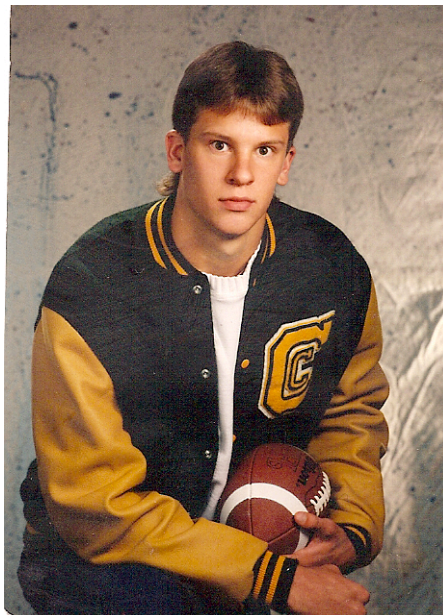


Joe was a three sport star at Central City. In football he was a three year letter winner, two year starter and one year All-District running back. At the time of his graduation he was one of only three CCHS athletes to gain 1000 yards rushing in a season. In basketball Joe was a four year varsity player and two year starter. In track he was a two time state qualifier in the shot and once each in the discus and the 100 meter dash, winning one medal. In college Joe played varsity baseball for Northeast Oklahoma A & M hitting .375 and .367 during his two years. After junior college Joe played semi-pro baseball in Lincoln and was once named Outstanding Offensive Player of the Year and led the team in hitting. Joe was selected as a member of the semi-pro league's All-Star team.

*Induction class of 2007*

# **Brett Zikmund**

(Class of 1990)



In football Brett was four-year letterman, two time all-conference honoree, two time Grand Island Independent all-area athlete, and one time all-state end for Central City while playing on a two time state qualifying team. In basketball he was a four-year letter winner, all conference athlete, two time Grand Island Independent all-area honoree, and honorable mention all state player. In track he was again a four-year letter winner and state qualifier in the high jump. Brett was voted Central City High School's outstanding athlete. Brett was lauded by his coaches for his work ethic and leadership.

*Induction class of 2008*



## Ashley Solt (Class of 2002)

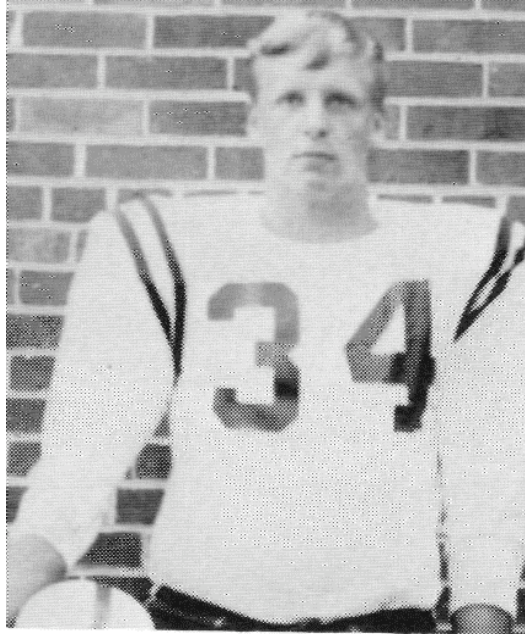


Ashley Solt was a standout athlete at CCHS from 1998 to 2002 in Volleyball, Basketball and Track. She was a three-year All-Conference, first team selection in Volleyball, two year All-Conference selection in Basketball and Central Conference Champion in the triple jump. As a member of the 2000 State Champion Volleyball and 2001 State Runner-Up, Ashley was OWH C-1 All Tourney and Journal Star C-1 All Tourney 2000-01; GI All Heartland First Team 2000, GI All Heartland First Team Captain 2001, 2001 OWH C-1 Captain, OWH All Nebraska 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, Journal Star All Nebraska 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; Journal Star C-1 All State Captain, and was selected to the 2002 Nebraska Coaches Association All Star Volleyball Game. Ashley holds the volleyball school record for career kills and career digs in a season; and in basketball is 2<sup>nd</sup> in career rebounds and field goal percentage. Ashley was a member of the State Champion Track Team in 2002 and was silver medalist in the triple jump. Ashley was a three-year starting outside hitter for the UN-K Volleyball team from 2002-2005. The Lopers were the Division II National Runner-Up in 2005. She was an RMAC All Conference selection, OWH All College Team honorable mention, is second in the school for most kills in a three game match and third in best hitting efficiency in a three game match.

Induction class of 2008

# Dale Zikmund

(Class of 1965)



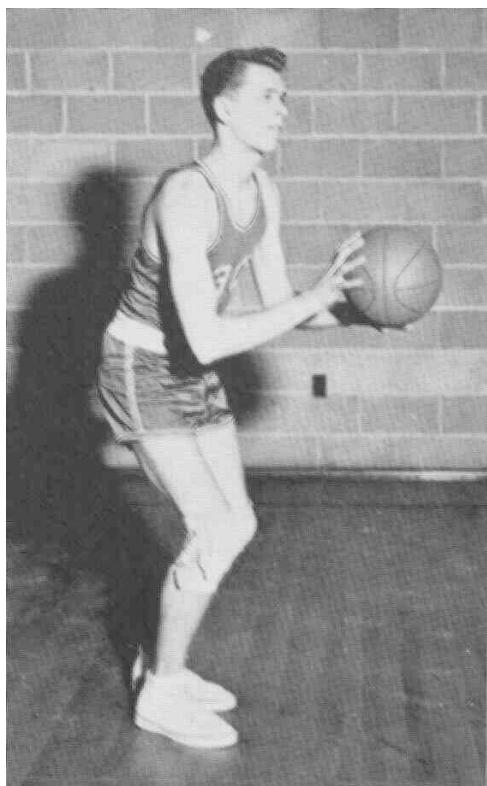
Dale was a four-year letter winner, three-year starter, and two-time all-conference selection in football. In basketball he was a four-year letter winner, two-year starter, and two-time all-conference athlete. Finally, he was a four-year letter winner and a three-time state track qualifier in the 880 yard relay and long jump. He was a state medalist and held the Central Conference long jump record with a jump of 21' 11". During his varsity years, Central City was 24-9-3 in football, attaining a ranking of seventh in class "B" his senior year, while in basketball the team was 30-25 with Dale as the leading scorer during his senior year. He also earned one letter in golf giving him 13 letters during his high school career. After his senior year, he played in the 1965 Shrine Football Game and was one of the defensive stars for the winning South team. Dale was able to accomplish this while overcoming a serious knee injury.

Induction class of 2009



# Orvis Larsen

(Class of 1957)



Orvis was an outstanding all around athlete for the Bison through graduation in 1957. He participated in football, basketball, track, and baseball during his high school career. Orvis was named to the all-conference teams three years in football and two years basketball. He was also recognized as an all-state player in football. After graduation Orvis continued his baseball pursuit at the University of Nebraska for two years. As a pitcher Orvis' athletic ability came to the top. During his high school career Central City won the 1956 and 1957 high school state championships and Class "A" Legion baseball state championship.

Induction class of 2009