

# Sublette High School

## "Wall of Honor" Inductees

The Sublette High School's "wall of honor" was created in the spring of 2001. The alumni presented the proposal to the principal, superintendent, and Unified School District # 374 Board of Education. With approval of those mentioned above, the "wall of honor" became the highest honor that Sublette High School can bestow on a graduate.

Nominations are accepted during the Spring with the only requirement being a nominee must have graduated from Sublette High School at least 20 years earlier.

Nomination forms are available March 1st to May 1st from Sublette High School. A selection committee of faculty, and Sublette High School alumni will select the individuals to be inducted. The ceremonies will take place in conjunction with the Fall homecoming festivities. A nomination remains active for three years. Alumni dues of \$10 per year support the "wall of honor."

## The Scarlet and the Gray

Other schools have different colors  
And different emblems too  
But the sons of glorious Sublette  
To the Scarlet and Gray are true.

We love our blue eyed daisy  
And the rising sun today;  
The sons will e're be faithful  
To the Scarlet and the Gray.

Thru the four long years of study  
We went our busy way  
And we foster our ambitions  
Which we hope to reach some day;

But still we have our pleasure,  
And our games of skill display;  
And we'll fight for dear old Sublette  
For the Scarlet and the Gray.

When in future years we're thinking  
Of the happy days gone by  
And joys we had in singing  
In the halls of Sublette High,

Our memories will remind us Of our studies  
and our play, And the day we spent in Sublette  
'Neath the Scarlet and the Gray.

2001 Inductees	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cecil C. Baker</i> Class of 1924</p> <p>Cecil Baker is honored for inspiring greatness in others. He is honored for his legacy—the influence he had on his students, athletes, and family. Cecil dedicated 19 years to students at Sublette Grade School as teacher, principal, and coach. Many of his students credit him as the person whose wisdom and encouragement helped them to be and to do their best. Cecil is also honored for working to improve his community as Fire Chief and by establishing Rotary in Sublette.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Edward Hall</i> Class of 1937</p> <p>Edward Hall is honored for his contributions to the economic growth of Haskell County. His involvement with the cattle industry led to the organization of three feed yards and several cattle-related businesses. Ed is also honored as one of the few athletes to letter in three sports on the college level and for many years service to his community through Sublette City Council, Grade School Board, and Rotary.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eltrude Elliott Hall</i> Class of 1937</p> <p>Eltrude Hall is honored for her role in preserving history. Her leadership and expertise helped to establish the Haskell County Historical Society. She has served the Society as a Board member and has donated pieces of history to display in the museum. Eltrude is also honored for her philanthropic work in the community and for contributing to the education of youth by giving scholarships and donating her time.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Otto Schnellbacher</i> Class of 1941</p> <p>Otto Schnellbacher is honored for his achievements in both college and professional sports. In addition to being a college All-American, he was a three-time All-Pro defensive back. Otto was inducted into the University of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and was given the 2000 Distinguished Service Award. He has also received two Man of the Year awards.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sharryl Holloway Davis</i> Class of 1961</p> <p>Sharryl Davis is honored for her influence in the field of education. She has contributed her writing or management skills to the classroom by way of social studies textbooks for students and workshops for educators. Sharryl has also been involved in educational research that has adapted materials for visually impaired students and analyzed social studies teaching practices.</p>

2002 Inductees

*Jo Ellen Bale Androes*

**Class of 1948**

Jo Ellen Androes is honored for her work on behalf of Alzheimer's patients, particularly patients in Southwest Kansas. Jo wrote policies and procedures for established Alzheimer special care units that set the standard for nursing home procedures in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Jo has served several roles in organizations concerned with the welfare of Alzheimer's disease. Jo has also been active in Kansas politics and the Back Yard peace Corps.

*Jack Swartz*

**Class of 1951**

Jack Swartz is honored for his leadership in business. He is credited with building the largest business association in the state of Nebraska. As president of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry, he represented the Nebraska business community before state and federal governments as well as in foreign countries. Nebraska's strong business climate is a legacy to Jack and to his skills in leadership and management. He was inducted into Nebraska's Business Hall of Fame in 2000.

*Dennis Elliott*

**Class of 1958**

Dennis Elliott is honored for his world-wide work designing and implementing automated transit systems at airports and in urban applications. He co-founded and has served as president of Lea+Elliott, Inc., a company that specializes in automated transit systems. Lea+Elliott, Inc. has - ten offices in the U.S. and was selected as Arlington's Outstanding Small Business in 1995. In addition, Dennis owns interests in several agribusinesses in Southwest Kansas as well as barbecue restaurants in Colorado.

*Joe David Starke*

**Class of 1977**

Joe David Starke, M.D.. is honored for his work in surgical oncology. He not only fights cancer in the operating room, but he has also fought cancer in the research laboratory. Joe David has taught surgery skills to students from Oklahoma to West Africa. While in Africa, Joe David served the Manna Mission Hospital in Teshie-Nungua, Accra, Ghana, West Africa. He currently is the American College of Surgeons Cancer Liaison and the Vice-Chair for the Department of Surgery at Boone Hospital Center.

2003 Inductees

*Dorsey F. Elliott*

**Class of 1934**

Dorsey Elliott is honored for his role in the development of Sublette. Dorsey's work with the Sublette Agricultural Development (SAD) Corporation brought a John Deere dealership to Sublette, obtained land for Collingwood Grain, and established Sublette Feeders. Dorsey's service on both the school board and his church board resulted in new buildings for Sublette High School and the United Methodist Church. Dorsey drilled one of the first irrigation wells in Haskell County, pioneered flood irrigation techniques, and maintained an award-winning herd of Shorthorn cattle. Honors bestowed on Dorsey include induction into the Washburn University Athletic Hall of Fame and Southwestern College's Servant Leadership Award.

*Beulah Kells Lucas*

**Class of 1951**

Beulah Lucas is honored for her work with the Sublette American Legion Post 205. She led the way for the renovation of the Legion building, and she honored Haskell County veterans in a keepsake book that she wrote and compiled. She served as president of the Legion Auxiliary. Auxiliary honors include the 2001 Kansas Legion and Auxiliary Woman of the Year and the Department of Kansas's Unit Member of the Year. Beulah regularly writes a newspaper column and is involved in countless activities and organizations in Haskell County. She was the inspiration behind the gazebo in the city park and the new banners on main street.

*Kenneth Birney*

**Class of 1954**

Kenneth Birney is honored for his contribution to the research and development of atomic power. Kenneth had over 35 years experience in the nuclear industry in the areas of analysis, design, and testing. He worked extensively with the control rods of an atomic reactor to develop the best way to control the rate of fission and to safeguard the reactor from going critical. His work gained him recognition both nationally and internationally. Kenneth's work was also valuable to the U.S. government; he had Q clearance, the highest security level for top secret government work.

*Ronald L. Burr*

**Class of 1959**

Ronald Burr, Ph.D., is honored for his contribution to world peace. He has directed more than twenty international peace projects on six continents with the Religious Youth Service. He was awarded the Washington Times National Service Award for his international social service learning activities for peace. In addition, Ronald has written numerous scholarly publications, has edited the book Parallel Developments: A Comparative History of Ideas, has presented or organized many workshops, and has received more than a dozen grants. He serves as the Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Southern Mississippi.

2004 Inductees

*Robert Orth*  
Class of 1953

Robert Orth is honored for his life-saving work with Emergency Medical Services. His EMS work began in 1976 when he completed the second EMT class offered in Kansas. After that Robert helped to establish an ambulance service in Sublette that was staffed with trained personnel. He then served as the director of that service for 26 years. In addition, Robert has trained tens of thousands of EMTs all over Kansas. In Sublette alone, Bob has worked with 103 EMTs, thirty of which are still active today.

Robert's honors include the following: 1988 Kansas EMT Association Norman E. McSwain Award, 1995 Kansas EMT Association Lyle E. Eckhart Award, 1998 Kansas EMT Association Outstanding Instructor/Coordinator Award, 2002 Southwest Kansas EMS Council Irvin E. Powell Award, and 2004 Southwest Kansas EMS Council Lifetime Achievement Award of Appreciation.

*Richard Duncan*  
Class of 1954

Richard is honored for excellence in education and in teaching. During his 37 year teaching career, Richard taught mathematics, biological science, and computer science. In fact, he was the first teacher with a computer and the first computer teacher at SHS. Richard's excellence in teaching was recognized early in his career when he received the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Teacher Award

Richard's circle of influence includes teachers as well as students. He served as chief negotiator for the Sublette Teacher's Association. He was president of the local Teacher's Association. He served on the State Teacher's Association Salary Commission for 12 years and maintained membership in the State of Kansas Mathematics School Improvement Team.

*James William Bailey*  
Class of 1957

James Bailey's life is marked by his love for linguistics. Not only is he fluent in Spanish, but he has also studied Portuguese and French. As a highly successful instructor of Spanish, he enriched the lives of his students by influencing and teaching them to be bilingual. During his thirty-five years of teaching, he helped to prepare over five thousand junior and senior high school students for a world where speaking more than one language is an essential skill.

James's work with Spanish didn't stop with his study of the language; it expanded to serving Spanish speaking people as well. As a mission's liaison for his church, he devoted his time and energy to establishing and developing a mission for the Mayan people of Southern Mexico.

2005 Inductees

*Russell Winter*  
Class of 1939

Russell Winter influenced the banking industry on the local, state, and national levels. On the local level, he served with both The Haskell County State Bank and The State Bank of Satanta, where he was CEO for 38 years, and he was president of the Southwest Kansas Bankers Administration Institute. On the state level, he served as treasurer of the Kansas Bankers Association and was a member of the Kansas State Banking Board. On the national level, Russell served as the State Vice President for the American Bankers Association in Washington D.C.

Russell has worked in various roles in county government and on various community boards. He was instrumental in establishing Haskell County Grain and the Cimarron Valley Golf Course.

Russell is a 53-year member of the Masonic Lodge, currently a 32nd degree.

*Kenneth Winter*  
Class of 1965

Kenneth Winter is honored for his design contributions to aviation and to national defense. As Research and Development Manager for Aeromet Corporation, Ken provided data gathering and monitoring platforms for the U.S. military. Aeromet holds the patent on one of Ken's designs, a dropsonde delivery system that is necessary for the deployment of critical missile monitoring instrumentation.

Much of the data Ken helped gather was important to national defense. He worked with the U.S. Department of Defense in the final days of Operation Desert Shield in gathering data that was imperative in the strategic planning of Operation Desert Storm.

Ken's remarkable talent earned him the nickname "The Chuck Yeager of Light Aircraft." His homebuilt aircraft, the Vari Vigen, is one of only four that have been constructed and flown.

2006 Inductees

*Walter Birney*

**Class of 1952**

Walter Birney has been the coordinating force behind the National Missionary Convention for the past 40 years. Through this work he has helped to mobilize churches for world evangelism, to recruit new missionaries, and to encourage existing missionaries. Walter has helped motivate thousands of people to be involved in world evangelism.

His dedication to world evangelism began during his tenure at the Copeland Christian Church, where he served as pastor for 20 years. It was here that he vowed to do everything possible for one man to do for world evangelism.

In 1967 Walter agreed to coordinate the National Missionary Convention. He continued this part time work until 1985 when he became the full-time director. Under Walter's leadership, the convention has grown in attendance from approximately 1 000 to 8000 people. One hundred seventy decisions for missionary service were made during the 2003 convention.

*Jery Bailey*

**Class of 1961**

Jery Bailey's 40-year teaching career is distinguished by his commitment to help students make right decisions about their lives. Jery taught with the conviction that teaching must involve more than the telling of facts; it must also reach the hearts of the students in order to affect the students' decisions and actions. Among his greatest accomplishments are his former students and the successes they have had in life.

To celebrate Sublette High School's 60th anniversary, Jery and his 1980 College Prep English class recorded SHS history by publishing a two-volume set of booklets about SHS and her graduates.

During the 15 years that Jery served as USD #374's Curriculum Coordinator, he helped set standards for teaching strategies, techniques, and assessments. Jery received the Jaycee's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award and was recognized by Kansas University for 40 years of continuous teaching in Kansas.

2007 Inductees

*Marjorie Barton*

**Class of 1944**

Marjorie Barton has been instrumental in bringing music to the world around her. From her childhood days when she began singing in the church choir until today, she has brightened the lives of others with her musical skills. She has composed and published over twenty songs. Each song was written to honor someone special.

Marjorie has been a member of the Order of the Easter Star for 58 years. During this time she served in many positions of leadership including Worthy Matron, Grand Soloist, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Conductress. Then in 1974, she was elected Worthy Grand Matron over 411 chapters and 90,000 members.

During her term as Worthy Grand Matron, Marjorie chose Psalm 104:33 as her personal Scripture: "I will sing to the Lord all my life.; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."

Marjorie's passion for improving the lives of others has compelled her to work with numerous charitable endeavors. Thousands of copies of her published compositions have been sold, and the proceeds donated to various charities. When she saw the need for a new piano at the St. James United Methodist Church, she raised the money to purchase one. From 1976 to 1979 she raised over \$11,000 for the Shriner's Hospital.

*Karolyn Kells*

**Class of 1965**

Karolyn Kells, PH.D., RN., is honored for her influence on the nursing profession in both academic and clinical work. Her research on the ability of blind people to detect obstacles in unfamiliar environments was presented in the Journal of Nursing Scholarship, a magazine that publishes research by some of the world's leading nurses. Her research has also been published in Kansas Nurse. Karolyn has presented her research at nursing conferences both nationally and internationally.

As an Associate Professor in the Department of Nursing at Fort Hays State University, she coordinates the graduate nursing education track and baccalaureate outreach delivery. She has taught graduate and undergraduate nursing courses and has developed internet courses for both levels. She has clinical experience in medical, surgical, pediatrics, urology, coronary care, orthopedics, and psychiatric.

Karolyn's awards include: Excellence in Nursing Education from the Nu Zeta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau; Outstanding Online Teaching from the Colleague to Colleague Kansas Educational Organization; and Award of Excellence in Advising from Fort Hays State University.

Karolyn is a member of the Society of Rogerian Scholars, American Nursing Association, Sigma Theta Tau, Phi-Kappa-Phi and a past member of the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association.

# 2008 Inductees

## *Dr. Jean Hicks*

**Class of 1947**

Dr. Hicks credits her fight for life as a child as a lifelong driving force for achievement and success. After graduating Valedictorian of her class in 1947, Gene went on to marry a successful Civil Engineer and followed her husband throughout Kansas and much of the world. She continued her education in her forties and achieved several degrees, including a Ph.D. Gene worked as a postal clerk/carrier, a newspaper reporter and an educator, becoming the first female Superintendent in a Kansas public school. Dr. Hicks spent the last part of her career as a researcher and authored several studies on the transportation industry. Gene considers her friends from school and childhood to be her greatest treasures.

## *Nancy Weeks*

**Class of 1966**

Nancy Weeks, a 1966 graduate of Sublette High School, has spent much of her professional career serving the citizens of Haskell County. Since 1972, Nancy has worked in the Treasurer's Office and has served as County Treasurer since 1974. During that time, Nancy has served in offices at both the state and national levels. In fact, she won an Outstanding Treasurer's Award at the National Level. Nancy is recognized as a very active and influential person with the goal of helping Kansas taxpayers as well as a mentor to other County Treasurers. In her private life, Nancy is known as a dedicated Christian woman and a natural church leader. Among her church activities are church choir director, church musician, and the leader of a church ministry in jails, reaching out to people with shattered lives. She is an asset to her community.

## *Dr. Bill Hessman*

**Class of 1978**

Bill Hessman graduated from Sublette High School in 1978 and earned his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in 1985. After achieving success as a young vet, Bill became the owner and operator of Haskell County Animal Hospital in Sublette in 1986, independently mixing animal practice and specializing in feed yard consulting. Dr. Hessman was able to pioneer the economic benefits of testing and removing bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV) cattle from entering feedlots and developed a method for testing for BVDV. His company successfully tests cattle for the disease in Kansas, as well as in the nation. Dr. Hessman has authored many articles on bovine viral diarrhea virus, and he is considered a world expert on the subject. Bill is a prime example of the "local boy who has done well."

Sublette High School Alumni Association dues for 2008 are now being accepted. The dues for one year are \$10.00 per graduate or a life time membership for \$300.00. Presently there are 22 life members. They are:

Sharryl (Holloway) Davis	1961
Leona Ellseasser	1941
E. James Fitzgerald	1962
Dee Ann (Winter) Graham	1973
Eltrude (Elliott) Hall	1937
Sterling Hall	1971
Pat Hefner	1955
Gene (Hether) Hicks	1947
Bernice (Kelman) Holloway	1935
Jim Jury	1980
Nicki (Trimpa) McLain	1978
Robert Orth	1953
Les Powell	1975
Rick Redd	1972
James Schnellbacher	1966
Jack Swartz	1951
Gladys (Bales) Wellbrock	1957
Russell Winter	1939
Carol (Odgers) Zimmerman	1967
Vern Rutlegde	1942
Ruby (Snavely) Rutlegde	1946
Marie (Snavely) Kells	1943