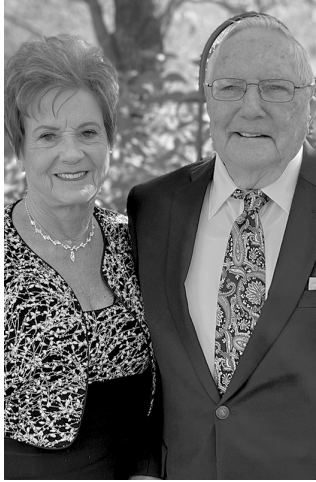


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Reimans celebrate 60th

Wayne and Mary Lou Reiman will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022.

A family celebration is being planned for a later date.

Their seven children are Kevin (Beth) Reiman of Naperville, Ill., Denise (Phil) Pape of Hiawatha, Iowa, Rhonda (Greg) DeRoche of West Des Moines, Iowa, K'Lynn (Mike) Ludwig of Carroll, Iowa, Julie Reiman of Centennial, Colo., Barb (Burt) Yearous of Independence, Iowa and Lisa (Brian) Schmitz of Ankeny, Iowa. They have 15 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Cards can be sent to Wayne and Mary Lou Reiman at 1832 Crestview Drive, Carroll, IA 51401.

McKENZIE

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I felt that one of my strengths was giving them permission to take risks, and consequently out of that came some of the most successful classes and programs at CHS."

McKenzie notes that principals are evaluated on standards just as teachers are.

"The intent is to make sure that you are addressing all of the facets of school leadership from student achievement, ensuring a welcoming culture, a safe school environment, celebrating differences and collaborating with families to make sure you are doing the best for their student, partnering with the community, and being available, present and responsive, additionally creating support for the teachers so that they can bring their best selves to the classroom every day."

Hiring new teachers and support staff was a critical part of her job, McKenzie says, and she strived to land candidates who would be great fits. However, hiring has become more challenging the last few years, she adds, reflecting nationwide difficulties.

"I am proud of the staff that we have hired over the years and how they have become a part of the staff and community," she says. "Longevity in our staff speaks to their dedication and how they are made to feel being a part of our district."

Thus, she showed her own appreciation by going the extra step of unlocking classroom doors and turning on lights for teachers.

Her days were filled with meetings, classroom visits, phone calls and collaborating with colleagues and community members.

"There are also marks throughout the school year that schools are held accountable to by the Department of Education such as state assessments, data reporting and the annual completion of the Perkins Grant, which supports our career and technical education department (business, agriculture, family and consumer sciences, industrial technology) to mention a few," she says. "Then of course there are times when you cover classes when teachers need to be at meetings or you cannot fill the position with a substitute or

arrange for coverage in other ways."

Principals, just like teachers, she says, are required to earn continuing-education credit to renew their license.

She began school days at 6:45 a.m. or earlier, and many days didn't end until attending events, showing her support for the music, speech and other departments. She also served on various committees — building leadership teams, building assistance teams, board policy review, school improvement, and building and grounds — and attended Des Moines Area Community College consortium meetings, conference principal meetings and more.

During McKenzie's years as principal, CHS had enrollment of 500 to 550 students, plus about 60 students from Ar-We-Va High School attended in partial grade sharing. The school had about 40 teachers (some shared with Carroll Middle School), 12 teacher assistants, two administrative assistants, a full-time nurse, an activity director, two counselors, principal and student support services, three custodians, five food-service employees, and multiple coaches and activity sponsors. Larry Lesle served as McKenzie's assistant principal.

A successful school starts in the classroom with the teacher, she says, and one of her favorite parts of the day was to visit classrooms and observe the teachers.

"What hits you the most is how incredibly gifted and hard-working our teachers are," she says. "Engaging content and positive relationships make students want to come to school, and because of that, CHS always had a very high attendance rate."

She says she's proud of the school's high graduation rate, strong academic success, highly qualified staff, safe environment, strong student leadership, successful activity programs in all areas, supportive parents and community partnerships, excellent facilities, strong Carroll Tiger Booster Club and Carroll High School Foundation, and partnership in courses with Des Moines Area Community College.

During McKenzie's tenure CHS received a number of education-excellence awards, and the school initiated a variety of different projects and programs. And she believes one of



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Tammie McKenzie, who recently retired as Carroll High School principal, rides as grand marshal in the homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 7.

the most successful is the Tiger Vision media-production and design program, which spotlights happenings in Carroll Community School District.

"An important component of secondary schooling is career and technical education," she says. "The intention of CTE is to have high-quality programming that aligns with industry standards all while preparing our students to be future-ready for college coursework and/or a career. Tiger Vision falls into the category of CTE in the business, marketing, management and technology service areas. The evolution of Tiger Vision at CHS has resulted not only in providing excellent opportunities for our students but also has helped to tell our story to the community. Additionally, students have graduated from CHS with a highly refined skill set clearly distinguishing them from their peers."

"The impact that Tiger Vision has had on preparing students for careers, all while telling the story of Carroll High School and the district, is far-reaching. Now in its 10th year at CHS, it is difficult to imagine our district without the Tiger Vision presence. Run like a business, students acquire business, marketing, finance and technology skills through various opportunities to experience project, problem and work-based learning tasks."

"Since students know their work is being viewed by a global audience, there is a high degree of accountability for accuracy, innovation and industry standard professionalism. In my 20 plus years as an educa-

tor and administrator at CHS, there has been nothing that compares to the impact that Tiger Vision has had on the climate and culture of especially our high school but our district and community as well. This is far-reaching as now family members and alumni are also connected in ways that they were not in past years. Whether it be live-streaming of graduation, music concerts, athletics or being able to purchase Tiger gear through the student-run store, Tiger Vision has something for everyone."

McKenzie says there's strong participation in extracurricular programs throughout the school, and comments, "Kids are so incredibly gifted and having a variety of opportunities for them to share those gifts is so important. We have a very high participation rate in our activities with many students involved all year long. That cannot happen, though, without dedicated adults, volunteers leading. In my career we were always so fortunate to have that support, which truly affects the high level of quality in our co-curricular programs. The coaches, sponsors, volunteers put in long hours and continue their education in support of our students and programs."

McKenzie was succeeded as CHS principal by Kourtney Abbotts, who most recently was assistant principal at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

McKenzie and her husband, Dan, who received a business/economics degree from Cornell College, worked as an abstrac-

tor assistant in Iowa City and then had a 22-year career with Pella Corp. in Carroll before his retirement, have been married 40 years. Their children are:

— Barbara, a 2008 CHS and 2012 Buena Vista University graduate with an English language arts degree, who lives in Carroll and works at Carroll Public Library and Fareway grocery store.

— Nora, a 2012 CHS graduate, who spent the second semester of her senior year as a page at the State Capitol in Des Moines. She was a 2016 Cornell College graduate in political science and president of the student body. Nora was part of Cornell's nationally recognized mock trial team and after graduation moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked two years at a corporate law firm and for a firm that advocated for bills supporting health care policies. In 2020, Nora moved back to Iowa and is pursuing a master's degree in education at Drake University. She expects to graduate in December and will be licensed to teach secondary social studies.

— Robb, a 2017 CHS graduate and 2019 graduate from DMACC in Ankeny with a degree in information technology. He works in the IT department at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in a team headed by CHS alum Chad Lawson.

In her retirement, McKenzie says, she's enjoying time with family and a bit of travel. Her interests include reading, cooking and baking, art, and spending time outside.

She says of her career, "I can honestly say that there was never one day when I said, 'I am going to work.' I just continued to 'go to school.' Every day was a new day full of decision-making, learning and growing. I am so incredibly grateful for my time with the Carroll Community School District from student to principal. There are not too many who can say that — not just one chapter in my life, but entire books. I have so many to thank for this wonderful opportunity that I was given. I so miss the students, teachers and the staff that I was blessed to work with for so many years. I learned so much from each and every one of them. I know our district will continue to grow and strive and continue to produce strong citizens who will make a difference in our community and our world. I am forever grateful."

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