

THE LUVERNE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

Celebrating Thursday, July 16 through Sunday, July 19 2009

Plans are in place for a fantastic Luverne High School All School Reunion. This edition of your Alumni News includes all the latest details, plus information about how you can still register for events and individual reunions. The Luverne Area Chamber, Luverne Schools, Historical Society, Rock County Fine Arts, the City of Luverne and numerous other organizations and individuals have been involved in what will no doubt be the event of the year in Luverne. Following are details:

THURSDAY, JULY 16

The 47th Annual Luverne HOT DOG NITE with Luverne Area Chamber members serving hot dogs beginning 6 pm until they are gone

- Watch those “beauties on the runway” when the Chamber hosts the 2nd Annual Wiener Dog Beauty Pageant at 7 pm
- Following the pageant, the 6th Annual Wiener Dog Races get underway; watch these “athletes” in top condition vie for “TOP DOG”
- Throughout the night, enjoy a great time downtown with Spotlight Dancers performing, Tae Kwon Do demonstrations, hot dog eating contests and other local entertainment

FRIDAY, JULY 17

ALUMNI WRITER-READER

Series at the Coffey Haus 2:00 pm

- Luverne alumni are invited to read from their written work at a coffee and dessert reception at the Coffey Haus
- Reading event is free and open to the public

MUSIC, MEALS and MEANDER

at the City Park! 5:30 pm

- Plans are in the making for a great night of fun and entertainment for people of the tri-state region (Alumni are honored guests!)
- Food and beverage vendors begin serving at 5:30 pm so you can choose your favorite meal
- Three stages are set-up to host great musical performances for you to enjoy; local and regional musicians will be performing throughout the night
- 45-minute performance sets are scheduled on three stages beginning on the hours of 7 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, and 10 pm
- Free admission (contributions may be made to performers)

THE ALUMNI REUNION FUN RUN 7:00 pm

- Beginning at the Luverne Pool and Fitness Center
- Join LHS Alumni Dave Duffy for a 5K Fun Run



The DVD is a compilation of shared alumni images. It was produced by LHS graphic arts students and will be sold for \$20. Proceeds go to Luverne School Foundation.

A reunion DVD will take alumni down memory lane during the Saturday night meal at school. At left is the 1926 LHS basketball team. Below is a 1977 science class.



CLASSIC MOVIE AT THE PALACE 7:30 pm

- Blue Mound Area Theatre invites you to join them at the Historic Palace to enjoy a classic 1940s movie, Casablanca!

INDIVIDUAL CLASS REUNIONS are scheduled at different locations throughout the evening

SATURDAY, JULY 18

ALUMNI FAMILY BIKE RIDE

7:00 am

- LHS Alum Dave Duffy invites alumni and families to join him on 10, 20 or 30 mile bike courses through Rock County
- Beginning at the Luverne Pool and Fitness Center

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Honor Roll of *Alumni News* Contributors

Compiled by Rhonna Jarchow

During this past quarter, March 21, 2009, through June 10, 2009, the *Alumni News* received money in the form of memorials, gifts, and interest totaling **\$4,310.00**.

In the memorial section below, the individual being memorialized is printed in bold print, followed by the individual or individuals who made the gift. Contributions given by graduates and friends follow the list of memorials.

THANK YOU, READERS!

Memorials

Emma Olson Palmer, '26

Odin E. Olson, '42

Milton Perry Olson, '28

Odin E. Olson, '42

Marie Wiegel, '29

Judy Anderson Johnson, '53

Gladys Rupp Kindt, '32

Judy Anderson Johnson, '53

Oscar Paul Olson, '34

Odin E. Olson, '42

Vivian Stamann Peterson, '34

Grace Loose, '34

Helen Ormseth Heiden, '34

Eva Lou Opsata, '63

Norman Main, '35

Harriet Main

Russell Fodness, '37

Vivien Atkinson Wissink, '60

Lucille Krogman Akkerman, '38

Mary Lou Dunn Meinberg, '38

Helen Wiese Davis, '38

Mary Lou Dunn Meinberg, '38

Helen Barrett DeHaan, '38

Mary Lou Dunn Meinberg, '38

John R. Gabrielson, '38

Audrey Luethje Gabrielson, '43

Darwin Nelson, '38

Mary Lou Dunn Meinberg, '38

Jeanne Edmonds Juhl, '39

Kathy Juhl Heeren, '61

William Juhl, '42

Kathy Juhl Heeren, '61

Carmen Tatge Miller, '42

Helen Tatge Iverson, '34

Jud Petersen, '42

Darleen Petersen

Anna Birkeland Larson, '43

Audrey Luethje Gabrielson, '43

Samuel Bernard Pelstring, '44

Ivan "Jerry" Hansen, '54

Georgia Soutar Ferguson, '45

Imogene Lemke Krogmann, '47

John Krogmann, '45

Dale Ahrendt, '46

Ardith Holling Ahrendt, '49

Don Lien, '46

Howard Emery, '46

Mary McRobert Emery, '50

Howard Schmidt, '46

Howard Emery, '46

Mary McRobert Emery, '50

Melvin Vatland, '47

Dorothy Jean Skoland Foss, '42

Deanna Vatland O'Toole, '43

Shirley Skoland Ford, '45

Mary O'Toole Hemme, '72

Darrell Hemme, '73

Kathleen O'Toole Dahedl, '76

Gary Dahedl

Barbara O'Toole Brehm, '79

Paul Brehm, '79

Patrick O'Toole

Mark O'Toole

Jeff O'Toole

Carol M. Juhl, '50

Kathy Juhl Heeren, '61

Verna Shelby Hoiland, '50

Kathy Juhl Heeren, '61

Charles Vande Velde, '50

Judy Anderson Johnson, '53

Ann Torrison Whalen, '51

Ivan "Jerry" Hansen, '54

Larry Cook, '54

Swede Anderson, '54

Peggy Schmidt Anderson, '54

Corinne Groth Schneider, '55

Vivian Holst

Judy Anderson Johnson, '53

Dennis Bowman, '58

Class of '58

Lee Allen Claussen, '58

Class of '58

**Honor Roll . . .
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**Memorials and contributions
may be sent to:**

Alumni News
c/o Rhonna Jarchow
709 N. Kniss Avenue
Luverne, Minnesota 56156

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NOTE:

If you have recently made a contribution to the Alumni News and your name does not appear on this page, please let the staff know. The chances are your contribution was received after this page was compiled (June 11, 2009). Please watch for the next issue, October, 2009 (Volume 20, Issue 1), for additional names of Alumni News contributors.

What We've Heard . . .

By Carol McDonald

Norma Groth Lutz (48) enjoys reading the Alumni News. Norma's husband, Jim, passed away three years ago. Since then she has been spending spring & summer in Pennngrove, CA, and fall & winter in Yuma AZ. She is looking forward to making it back to Luverne for the All School Reunion in July.

Helen Tatge Iverson '34 writes, "After teaching in Worthington and getting married after World War II we moved to St. Louis Park, MN where we raised our three children and have 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. I have done lots of traveling in the U.S. and Alaska. My husband died in 2006. I'm living in an independent living place called Parkshores."

Connie Wieneke contacted the Alumni News so that she could remind everyone of the Northwestern Bell Employees Reunion that will be held at noon, July 18th, at the American Legion. She hopes to see ALL former employees including operators, linemen, management and etc.

Kenneth Nelson (45) of Aurora, CO, stopped by the Brandenburg Gallery in late May. Kenny and his daughters & grandson were in the area to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law... Gene Helland. Kenny decided to "step up to the plate" and plan a get together for the Class of 1945 and Friends at the back room of the Luverne Pizza Ranch on Saturday, July 18th, at noon. He hopes there will be a lot of classmates and friends who stop by to visit.

Arlyn Hemme (45) moved back to Luverne in August 2006, after living 54 years near Charleston, WV. Arland and his wife live in a one-level duplex across the street from Poplar Creek. Their "roof-mates" are Bill and Pat McCormick. He is looking forward to the reunion and visiting with "our shrinking group."

Let's Hear from YOU!

Let us know what you are doing and we'll pass it on to other alumni. Complete and then place this form in an envelope and mail to:

**Alumni News
709 N. Kniss Avenue
Luverne, Minnesota 56156**



Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail _____

Check here ☐ if you wish to have your e-mail address included in the directory.

Year of Graduation _____

Comments: _____

Lowell Thone (51) sent a note that he and his wife, Claudette, moved to Mission Viejo, CA, to be near their immediate family. They love the weather but still miss good old Rock County. They send their warmest greetings to friends and family.

Brad Hilger (95) sends greetings from Omaha. Brad lives in Omaha with his wife and three sons. They are looking forward to the birth of their fourth in October 2009. Brad is working to complete his residency in radiology in 2011.

Betty (Roemeling) Evanson (59) looks forward to every issue of the Alumni News. She loves to learn the latest of what is going on in her home town!

Susan Hilton Jacobson Jacobs Jones (65) sends greetings from Carrollton, VA. After 35 years in Albuquerque, NM, she is learning to enjoy her second year in the

South. She keeps busy with interior design and hearing from her friends from throughout the country. Susan thanks everyone who works on Alumni News for a job well done.

Helen Sell (42) sends greetings from Minneapolis where she lives on West River Parkway in Becketwood. It is such a small world she acclaims! Her next door neighbor is Luverne graduate Luella Keibach.

Vivian Atkinson Wissink (60) writes from Rochester, MN. She loves being a grandma ... and is looking forward to a wonderful 50th class reunion in 2010!

Ethel Wilcox Nelson (65) still loves her teaching career in Chanhassen. One of her programs, "Tea for Peace," received the 2009 Minnesota Student Service Award.



From the Star Herald archives ...

This old black-and-white print was recently discovered in the Star Herald archives. Pictured are (front, from left) Curt Laudon, Joe Malone, (back) Scott Creeger, Charlie Weinman, Pat Barclay, Al Wick, Merle Cook, Ray Suhr and Elmer Schmuck. The date on the trophy is 1963.

What We've Heard . . .

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Her program was designed as a service and learning project for students based on Minnesota's Greg Mortenson's, Three Cups of Tea.

Dave Odland (71) writes from his new home in Carlos, MN. He moved to Alex recently after being in family practice in Marshall, MN, since 1985. Today, Dave serves as an emergency physician at the Douglas County Hospital.

Don Stoerau (42) writes from his home in Mesa, AZ. Don and his wife Kay (of 29 years) enjoy retirement. Don only recently retired from all business ventures. They love living in Mesa but are looking forward to returning this summer for the All School Reunion.

Joyce Turner Sexton (53) sends a news flash about the picture on page 8 of the last Alumni

News. The little boy sitting in the chair in the front row is Dick Davis. Dick was born with cerebral palsy and spent most of his life in a wheelchair. Joyce writes that never stopped him. He lived very independently and studied art at the University of Minnesota. His works were exceptional! Dick passed away in 2000 at the age of 67.

Jim and Judy (Frederickson) Brandenburg (63) returned to Luverne a few weeks ago for their "springtime on the prairie" fix. They were able to spend a short but meaningful time in the community. Both were excited to see the finished space for the Brandenburg Gallery at the old county jail building. They look forward to the ribbon cutting and celebration at the Rock County Courthouse Square on July 18, 2009!

Ray Husen (52) sends greetings

from Sartell, MN. He loves reading about his friends and classmates in the Alumni News. The spring and summer finds him enjoying his time at home and his lake home at Lake Sybil near Perham.

If you are looking for him in the winter, check out the Roadhaven Resort in Apache Junction, AZ. Ray keeps busy teaching computer, MC-ing karaoke events and working audio/video boards in AZ. Stop by and visit...Ray always has a pot of coffee on!

Judy Anderson Johnson (53) loves to receive and read the Alumni News from her home in Eugene, OR. She sends her thanks and "hats off" to all of those who work on this paper from Luverne!

SATURDAY, JULY 18

(All School Reunion details/continued from Page 1)

ALUMNI BAND REHEARSAL 8:00 am

- It will be a laugh a minute when you join former band directors Dale Nelson and Tom Haugen as they form you into a top-notch performance band
- Join your former band friends for a great time rehearsing in the Band Room
- No need to march this year! The Band will perform at the Alumni Dinner.

ALUMNI TENNIS TOURNAMENT 8:00 am

- Join LHS Alums and enjoy these great new courts
- Tournament at the "new" Luverne Public School Courts

THE GRAND OPENING OF THE GALLERIES at the Rock County Courthouse Square!

Events begin at 9:30 am

That grand old gal, "The Rock County Sheriff's Residence," will open to begin her new life!

- Join friends, family, neighbors and alumni for a **RIBBON CUTTING** and official opening of this great new place in Rock County at **10:30 am**
- Now home to "The New Brandenburg Gallery," "The Herreid Gallery" (featuring military memorabilia), and "The Rock County Gallery" (featuring the exhibit: *Together We Stood: 1938-1948 in Rock County*).
- Special and honored guests will be in attendance.
- **Hall of Fame Reception** - Coffee, juice, and rolls will be served from **9:30 – 10:15 am**, free of charge
- **Rock County Hall of Fame Induction**
- Following the ribbon cutting, the Galleries will be open to the public.

NORTHWESTERN BELL EMPLOYEE REUNION 12:00 noon

Nothing is more fun than celebrating the memories of operators, linemen and management at this noon luncheon.

- Share in those memories of yesterday at 12 noon
- Visit and enjoy a wonderful meal at the American Legion
- Watch for invitation in the mail or call Connie Wieneke at 507 283-8470

ALUMNI CHOIR REHEARSAL 4:00 pm

- Join former Luverne High School Choir Director Dolly Talbert to prepare for the Alumni Banquet performance in the Choir Room
- Remember those great days rehearsing together

THE ALUMNI PROGRAM AND DINNER 5:30 pm

Enjoy a wonderful night with Luverne Alumni at the air-conditioned Commons and Cardinal Gym at the Luverne Elementary School.

- The program will consist of a few short words followed by wonderful musical performances by the Alumni Choir and the Alumni Band



This 1977 image of LHS teacher Jim Sanden is one of hundreds of LHS alumni photos on the DVD.

- A special treat during the dinner will be a **DVD** created by students of LHS featuring historic pictures, clips, sound bites, film footage and tours of the Luverne Public School (under the direction of Wade Hiller and Bill Thompson) *The DVD will be offered for sale at \$20. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Luverne School Foundation for use by Tech Ed Department.*
- A fantastic prairie meal will be served by John and Jeanne Bowron of Prairie Height Bison featuring pulled bison sandwiches, salads, beans and trimmings

CLASSIC MOVIE AT THE PALACE THEATRE 7:30 pm

- Blue Mound Area Theatre invites you to join them at the Historic Palace to enjoy a classic 1940 movie!

THE GALLERIES BIG BAND DANCE 8:00 pm

The sounds of the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's come alive under the stars!

Join friends and family **at the Rock County Courthouse Square** for a grand performance and dance by the **AUSTIN BIG BAND** under the direction of Tim Davis.

- This 17 piece band from Austin, Minnesota, will perform on the terrace of the Gallery Building.
- Performing classic big band music, you can enjoy listening and dancing to their sound from 8 pm until 11 pm.
- Admission to this event is free and open to the public!
- Beverages and snacks available!

SPECIAL FEATURES ALL WEEKEND:

- Enjoy historical sites throughout the community such as: The Rock County Museum, the Hinkly House, the Fitzer Barn, the Palace Theatre, the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and the One Room School House will be open for tours.
- The Carnegie Cultural Center will host the **LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI and ROCK COUNTY RESIDENT ART SHOW!**
- Special events with different businesses throughout the city!

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Local churches invite all Alumni and Friends to join them in worship.

Historical and cultural sites will be open for your enjoyment.

REGISTRATION

Luverne Public Schools Alumni Reunion
Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday JULY 16-19, 2009

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

LHS Class(es): _____

Registration fee: \$25 per person x (number attending) = \$_____

Make checks to: Luverne Alumni Reunion

Mail to: The Chamber At the Rock County Courthouse Square
213 East Luverne Street
Luverne, MN 56156

Credit card payment: _____

Expiration date: _____ month _____ year

Please check to indicate your interest to participate in the opportunities listed:
(additional information and details will be mailed to you)

- Alumni Band (performance/no marching) _____
- Alumni Choir _____
- Alumni Art Show _____
- 5K Fun Run _____
- Family Bike Ride _____
- Alumni Tennis Tournament _____
- Alumni Writers Series _____
- Music, Meals & Meander Performance _____

Contact the Chamber of Commerce 507 283-4061 888 283-4061 luvernechamber@iw.net

Band display at Rock County Museum calls to mind an era of evening summer community gatherings

The theme display at the Rock County Museum (former Masonic Lodge building on North Freeman) is band and music memorabilia.

With donated and loaned photographs, instruments and uniforms, historian Betty Mann said the display is ready to be viewed and enjoyed by the public.

Much of the east wall is dedicated to local school marching band history, along with the distinctive photos and uniforms from a long-gone era of community concert bands.

"Bands were really influential in our area communities," she said. "In

many of our communities' historical pictures, you can see these bands marching down the street."

It called to mind a forgotten time when neighbors all knew each other and the social event of the week was to gather in the shade and enjoy live music. "When I was in high school, we had a community band that performed concerts in the park, or on the courthouse lawn or in front of the school," Mann recalled. "Some of these things, I feel, we need to bring back."

Those community bands included members of all ages (high school students and senior citizens) who could play, and they took pride

in their roles. Black and white professional photographs show musicians in stately uniforms and straight backs.

Among them is a portrait of Mann's great-great grandfather, who played baritone in the Civil War. She has in her possession the actual instrument he played, and it's on display at the Rock County Museum.

The Rock County Museum is open from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Mann said she's also pleased to announce that the displays of individual community histories are also now completed at the museum and ready for viewing.

All School Reunion information/continued from page 5

WANTED: ALUMNI WILLING TO SHARE THEIR TALENTS AND SKILLS!

The success on any All-School Reunion is based on the participation by Alumni. We need you to make this a success!

- Writers willing to read at the Alumni Readers' Theater
- Singers to sing with the Alumni Choir
- Instrumentalists to play with the Alumni Band
- Runners for the Fun Run
- Bikers for the Family Bike Ride
- Tennis players for the Tennis Tournament
- ARTISTS WILLING TO DISPLAY THEIR CRAFT!



PUT TOGETHER THOSE GARAGE BANDS OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS AND SHARE YOUR REUNION WITH US!

Friday, July 17, 2009 at the Luverne City Park

The Chamber is also looking for individual musical performers and groups who would be willing to perform for a 45 minute set at the special event at the City Park on Friday, July 17th.

MUSIC, MEALS AND MEANDER

... is scheduled to be an open venue with publicized throughout the region.

It will take place between the hours of 7 pm – 11 pm.

Our focus will be to have three separate stages (one at the north ball diamonds and two at the city park).

We intend to have all three stages performing for 45 minute shows at 7, 8, 9 and 10 pm. Musicians are invited to perform and provide a place to free will contributions. Artists with tapes/CD's may offer for sale their music.

The All School Reunion Committee would be honored to have alumni perform at this event.

Please contact the Chamber of Commerce for additional information and details.

luvernechamber@iw.net

507 283-4061 888 283-4061

Ask for Jane or Lorna

ALUMNI & FACULTY ART SHOW

FINE ART * FINE CRAFT * FOLK ART * FIBER
ART * PHOTOGRAPHS

AT THE CARNEGIE CULTURAL CENTER

Jerry and Kathy Deuschle invite Luverne Alums and Luverne School Faculty to join together for a spectacular ART SHOW!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Contact Person and Questions:

Jerry Deuschle
1294 131st Street
Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8477

jkdeuschle@myclearwave.net

YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME PART OF THE HISTORY OF ROCK COUNTY!

The Rock County Historical Society has begun an exciting new project. In partnership with volunteers and Rock County, the Historical Society offers 1 hour video-taped interviews for \$25 per session.

Call and arrange an opportunity to share memories and thoughts of your life. Ask your parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, friends and relatives to talk about their life.

Volunteers video-tape and archive your stories. You will be presented with the tape and one tape will be archived in the collections of the Rock County Historical Society.

This exciting project has just begun and the reception in the community and with families has been wonderful.

Contact Betty Mann at 507 283-2913 or e-mail her at mannmade@iw.net.

Alumni News Obituaries

1930-1939-

Norman Main '35 of Mason City, Iowa.

Vivian Stamann '34 died May 10, 2009

1940-1949-

Jean Helland '41-died May 24, 2009 in Sioux Falls, SD.

He attended Augsburg College after graduation receiving a degree in accounting. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II .He married Jeannette Wiese in Luverne in 1946.

They lived in Luverne for 15 years before moving to Sioux Falls in 1966. He was vice president of finance at Augustana College from 1966-1981. He then served as the facility director at Citibank before retiring in 1986. He was actively involved in Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. While living in Luverne he served on the city council and was chairman of the hospital board.

He enjoyed reading, woodcarving , music and golf.

Survivors include his wife Jeannette, one daughter **Connie** (Rev. Olin) **Sletto**, three sons, the **Rev. Gregg**(Debbie) **Hellend**, **Bruce** (Julie) **Helland**, and **Scott** (Elsie) **Helland**, nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren; two brothers Dr. **Phillip** (Ruth)**Helland**, and the **Rev. Erling**(Dorothy) **Helland** and one sister **Florence**(Dennes) **Borman**.

Carmen Tatge Miller '42 passed away suddenly on April 2, 2009 of complications from gall bladder surgery. She and her husband Jack lived in Stillwater, MN and had three children, 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She had many artistic talents and used them to provide happiness to others. She will be missed by many.

She is survived by her husband Jack, her children, grand children and great grandchildren.

Anna Birkeland Larson '43 passed away May 16,2009 in Luverne. After graduation she worked at a secretary for a local attorney. She married Theodore Larson in 1947. Anna worked as a secretary in Chisholm, MN and

Mitchell SD. She continued to live in Chisholm after her husband died in 1976. In 2000 she moved back to Luverne to be closer to family. She enjoyed golf, skiing, sewing, playing cards and puzzles. She is survived by her six children, Randall (Katy) Larson, Larry (Janice) Larson, Steven (Ann Marie) Larson, Thomas (Janet) Larson Mark (Kimary) Larson, and Michelle (David) Leustek, seven grandchildren, two step great grandchildren, and her brother Thomas (Alice) Birkeland.

1950-1959-

Corinne Groth Schneider '55 of Bonduel ,WI died on February 9, 2009. After graduation she went on to receive her teaching degree from Concordia University in St. Paul. Her first teaching job was third grade in Bonduel. She taught there several years before marrying Curtis H. Schneider.

They farmed for many years. She also worked at the Bonduel State Bank until retiring. She enjoyed being involved in the community as well as supporting the many activities at St. Paul; Lutheran Church and Bonduel High School.

A recent highlight for Corinne was being a part of a mission trip with the St. Paul Church to Romania. She is survived by her husband, Curtis; three children, Janet (Charles) Yardley , Judith (Chris) Rank, Andrew (Debra) Schneider and two grandchildren, one brother Donald, and a sister-in-law Jackie Groth.

Jame Egan '58 died April 23, 2009 in Sioux Falls, Sd.Mr. Egan worked as an insurance agent for a number of years before beginning his career in the construction industry. He most recently drove trucks for Sweetman Construction before retiring. Mr. Egan was a member of the National Rifle Association and past member of the Jaycees ,the Eagles and American Legion. He enjoyed camping and fishing.

He is survived by his three children Jamie Egan, Melissa (Rob) Joachim and Denise Egan, 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one sister Carol Ann.

1960-1969

James Viland '61 died Wednesday May 20, 2009 from cancer. After graduation he attended Worthington Community College. He then worked at Tony's Grocery in Luverne and later at Hy-Vee in Worthington. He later had his own painting business in Luverne. He painted for many years until a back injury prevented him from painting. He then began doing woodworking and stained glass. He was instrumental in starting Arts in the Park in Luverne.

He is survived by two children **Vonda Kay Viland '84** (Victor Machinski) and **Jon** (Christina) **Viland**, three grandchildren, his parents Lawrence and Ruby Viland, and one sister **Jeanne** (Steve) **Ellsworth**.



Pictured in 1975 are Middle School Principal Jim Harner, Supt. Harvey Eitrem and High School Principal John Rath. This image is among dozens shared by alumni and included on a DVD that will be shown during Saturday's all school reunion dinner. It will be sold for \$20 with proceeds going to the Luverne School Foundation.

*Here is a quote
from
Betty Luethje*

...
*"Aging is in
fashion—
Everyone is
doing it."*

Honor Roll . . .
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Jim Egan, '58
Class of '58

Anita Maras Haggar, '58
Class of '58

Gerry Halsne, '58
Class of '58

Larry Hemme, '58
Class of '58

Joyce Steinfeldt Herr, '58
Class of '58

Lowell Jensen, '58
Class of '58

Elaine Honken Loveless, '58
Class of '58

Margorie
Van Engelenhoven Prigge, '58
Class of '58

Melvin Ruddy, '58
Class of 58

John Sandstede, '58
Class of '58

Virginia Reu Smedrud, '58
Class of '58

Clayton Winge, '58
Class of '58

Jim Viland, '61
Connie Rusche Wieneke, '58
Sonny Wieneke
Elmer Moeller, '52
Marcia Moeller
Lorna Forrest Hansen, '61
Dale Hansen, '60
Bev Bell Haraldson, '58
Imogene Lemke Krogmann, '47
John Krogmann, '45

Sheryl Van Engelenhoven
Schreck '67
Ron Lippi, '67

Curtis Loger, '68
Keith Loger, '69
Gary Korthals, '72
Diane Loger Korthals, '73
Denis Loger
Gary Loger, '76
Sheila Loger, '79

Louis Sargent
Howard Emery, '46
Mary McRoberts Emery, '50

Contributions _____

Class of 1935
Helen Norelius Brodin

Class of 1937
George Gabrielson

Class of 1940
Arna Helle Gabrielson

Class of 1942
Don Stoterau
Helen Long Sell

Class of 1943
Dorothy Jarchow DeSchepper
Conrad Tofteland

Class of 1944
Keith Mundahl

Class of 1945
Arlyn C. Hemme

Class of 1947
Carroll Winkler

Class of 1948
Norma Groth Lutz

Class of 1949
Clara Kooiker Roseboom

Class of 1950
Elaine Snook Roob

Class of 1951
Eugene Herschberger
Lowell Thone

Class of 1953
Joyce Turner Sexton

Class of 1955
Vance Kohl
Margi Henningsen
Kohl

Glorian Kargel Nau
Class of 1956
Orland Sievert
James Hamann

Class of 1957
Patricia Rupp Glade
David Garcia

Class of 1958
James Egan, Jr.

Class of 1959
Betty Roemeling Evanson

Class of 1960
Dale Hansen

Class of 1961
Kathy Juhl Heeren
Lorna Forrest Hansen

Class of 1963
Jim Brandenburg

Class of 1964
Judy Frederiksen Brandenburg

Class of 1965
Carlene Jessen Boll
Ethel Wilcox Nelson
Susan Hilton
Jacobson Jacobs Jones

Class of 1966
Darrell Heckt
Audre Padilla Heckt
Bill Frakes

Class of 1967
Ardis Ormseth Mickelson

Class of 1971
Dave Odland

Class of 1975
Linda Pike Schriock

Class of 1981
Nathan Rud

Friends _____
Former NW Bell Employees
Marisue Sievert

In Honor Of _____
Audrey Lorange Ahlness, '42
Waldo Remme, '42

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Reunions in the Making

Compiled by Gregg Gropel

All-School Reunion July 16, 17, & 18 Just Days Away

July 2009

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

When: July 16, 17, and 18, 2009

Location: Luverne Country Club

Contact:

Jane Wildung or
Lorna Siebenahler Bryan
213 East Luverne Street
Luverne, Minnesota 56156
Phone: (507) 283-4061
(888)-283-4061

E-mail: luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

NOTE: The Luverne Chamber is no longer located on Main Street, it has moved to 213 E. Luverne Street. It is now located in the former, but remodeled jailhouse.

Class of '45

When: July 18, 2009

Location: Luverne Pizza Ranch

Contact: Kenney Nelson

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Aurora, Colorado 80014
Phone: (303) 632-6910

E-mail: auroranel@aol.com

Class of '59

When: July 17, 18, 19, 2009

Location: To Be Determined

Contact: Bill Mulligan

404 W. Luverne Street
Luverne, Minnesota 56156
Phone: (507) 449-2653

Class of '69

When: August 7 and 8, 2009

Location:

August 7: Informal Gathering at Sharkees, 7:00 pm

August 8: Golf Scrambler, 1 - 5:00 p.m.

August 8: Social Hour, 5 - 6:00 pm, Country Club

August 8: Hors d'oeuvres, 6:00 pm, Country Club

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Class of '89

When: July 17, 18, 19, 2009

Location: To Be Determined

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Class of '99

When: August 21-23, 2009

Location: Sharkee's (Saturday night)

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The *Alumni News* Presents the Class of 2009

by Gregg Gropel

Eighty-five members from the Class of 2009 concluded their high school education on Sunday, June 6, when each member was handed their diploma. This distinguished group of students marks the 122nd class to graduate from LHS.

The Class of '09 chose as its colors scarlet and ivory. The class flower is the Calla Lily, and the motto, taken from Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Senior speakers giving the address on Sunday were Samuel Dooyema and Brittany Liebhard. Diana Hanson and Dakota Steensma communicated the final farewell.

Donna Judson, who completed her fourth year as the school's high school principal, presented the class of 2009. Those seniors, who will soon be the newest set of graduates listed in the *Alumni News* database, are as follows:



Jordan Adams
Phillip Altman
Nicole Baker
Carrie Bauer
Christine Bickford
Nicole Boelman
Christopher Bolt
Sydney Bosshart
Katelyn Brands
Matthew Christensen
Zackary Clark
Timothy Connell
Sammy Dara
Caitlyn Deutsch
Brent Dinger
Samuel Dooyema
Jessica Dorhout
Steven Ehlers
Abby Elbers
Erin Ernst
Matthew Fodness
Amanda Ganun
Madeline Halfmann
Justin Hamann
Ashley Hanson
Diana Hanson
Andrew Hemme
Skyler Hoiland
Shane Hubbling
Matthew Jacobsma
Cassandra Jaqua
Joseph Juhl
Matthew Knips
Kathryn Kreutch
Skyler Kruger
Jonathon Kurtz

Austin Lee
Brittany Liebhard
Sara McClure
Evan Meinerts
Andrew Miller
Andrea Moeller
Taylor Mongold
Katelyn Mouw
Rachel Nath
Devin Nelson
Amanda Niessink
April Norman
Jacob O'Donnell
Shane Oehlerts
Kenny Olson
Melissa Olson
Zachary Olson
Naho Otsu
Phillip Paquette
Kayla Raddle
Emilie Relling
Kelby Robinson
Andrea Rosin
Erika Rust
Maleeka Sandager
Joseph Schmidt
Ray Schmidt
Tanner Skattum
Cassandra Smook
Kaylee Smook
Elizabeth Solma
Sandy Soto Guerrero
Wyatt Sprecher
Dakota Steensma
Matthew Stensland-Bos
Codie Swanson

Andrew Swenson
Jonathan Swenson
Mark Van Aartsen
Matthew Van Grootheest
Derek Van Santen
Taylor Van Santen
Ashley Vande Hoef
Mark Van Holtum
Steven Walker
Alexander Wiese
Eric Woodley
CJ Xaisongkham
Chelsea Ykema

Luverne High School Administration

Gary Fisher, Superintendent of Schools
Donna Judson, High School Principal
Jan Olson, Curriculum coordinator
Todd Oye, '90, Activities Director

Board of Education

Colleen Obermoller Deutsch, '79, Chairperson
Vicki Baartman, Vice Chairperson
Carol Morgan, Clerk
David Riphagen, Treasurer
Peggy Cragoe Adams, '81, Director
Dan Kopp, Director
William "Bill" Stegemann, Director

Sixty-Six LHS Grads Receive Dollars for Scholars' Scholarships

by Gregg Gropel

The local non-profit community-based scholarship program, known as Luverne Dollars for Scholars, awarded \$111,250 in scholarships to 66 students in the graduating Class of '09. This marks the 26th consecutive year Dollars for Scholars has awarded scholarships to qualifying LHS graduates.

Cumulatively, over the past 26 years the Dollars for Scholars program has awarded scholarships to 1,219 Luverne graduates totaling more than \$1.6 million dollars.

Organized in late 1983, Dollars for Scholars trustees solicited funds from various individuals and organizations. With the financial gifts it received during the 1983-84 school year, the Dollars for Scholars program awarded its very first scholarships to two LHS Class of '84 graduates. Each recipient received a \$500 scholarship.

Since awarding that first set of scholarships, the program has grown each year. To date, the non-profit scholarship organization administers total of 169 scholarship endowments totaling \$2.9 million.

Much of the program growth has been attributed to the many generous gifts it has received from LHS graduates. Gregg Gropel, a charter member of the Dollars for Scholars program says, "LHS graduates have made this program the great success story that it has become."

The chart to the right shows the number of Dollars for Scholars' scholarship recipients from each graduating class, along with the total scholarship dollars awarded to each class. The grand totals for the 26-year period are listed at the bottom of the chart.

To establish a perpetual scholarship, which is also referred to as an endowment, \$2,000 is required.

For more information, contact Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 822, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

Calvin and Katie Hemme Scholarship Established

by Gregg Gropel

Former Luverne school faculty member Katie Croes Hemme recently established the Calvin and Katie Hemme Scholarship.

In 1973 Calvin Hemme and Katie Croes were married. Following their marriage, the couple made their home on the farm where Calvin had lived and worked nearly his entire life.

On February 4, 2009, Calvin Hemme passed away. To honor her late husband, Katie set up a perpetual scholarship in his memory with the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program.

Calvin graduated from Jasper High School in 1954. After high school, Calvin farmed with his father. Sometime in 1959 Calvin was drafted. After fulfilling his military duty, he returned to Jasper, working on the home farm until his death.

The first Calvin and Katie Hemme Scholarship was awarded this past spring.



26-Year Summary of Luverne Dollars for Scholars

Graduating Class	No of Recipients	Dollars Awarded
Class of '84	2	\$1,000
Class of '85	9	3,600
Class of '86	11	4,100
Class of '87	7	4,250
Class of '88	19	7,175
Class of '89	16	4,950
Class of '90	22	8,550
Class of '91	25	10,400
Class of '92	25	23,750
Class of '93	33	45,000
Class of '94	34	44,750
Class of '95	54	47,600
Class of '96	47	50,700
Class of '97	48	54,700
Class of '98	67	103,500
Class of '99	78	134,750
Class of '00	100	142,750
Class of '01	65	119,000
Class of '02	78	94,250
Class of '03	75	94,500
Class of '04	74	94,250
Class of '05	68	96,000
Class of '06	63	95,000
Class of '07	63	95,500
Class of '08	70	144,500*
Class of '09	66	111,250
TOTALS	1,219	\$1,635,775

*Note: Seventy one-time scholarships (\$35,000) are included in this figure. Each qualifying student received a \$500 Christopher Martin Ashby Memorial Scholarship.

2009 Community Scholarship Booklet Enclosed

by Gregg Gropel

Over the past several years it has become routine to include a copy of the most recent Luverne Dollars for Scholars scholarship awards booklet with the mailing of the July edition of the *Alumni News* newsletter. In keeping with this practice, readers whose names and addresses are in the newsletter's database register will find *The 2009 Community Scholarship Awards Booklet* publication enclosed.

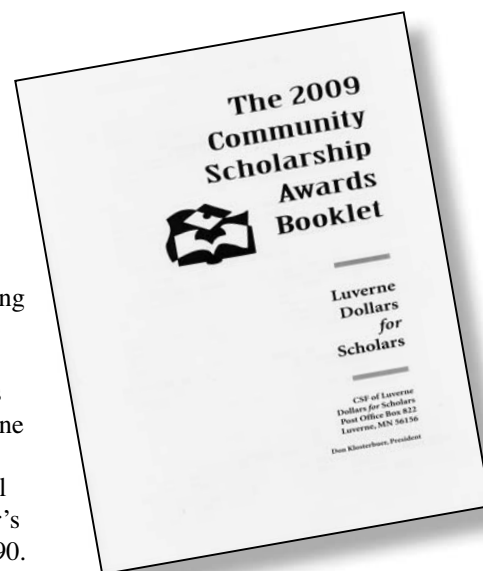
What was first published in 1990 as a one-page, 8.5 by 17 inch tri-fold scholarship leaflet has grown to a multi-page scholarship booklet. The 1990 booklet contained the current scholarship recipients (22) and the names of 14 perpetual scholarships. Today the scholarship booklet has become a 28-page scholarship booklet containing more than 160 perpetual scholarships.

The enclosed scholarship booklet, similar in content to the initial 1990 publication, contains the names of the Class of 2009 scholarship recipients, the dollar amount each student is slated to receive, the name of the recipient's scholarship benefactor, an alphabetized listing of each endowed scholarship along with a short synopsis of each specified scholarship, and a few other important details and facts.

In addition to mailing the scholarship booklet to as many LHS graduates as possible, the booklet was also distributed to those who attended the 2009 Luverne High School graduation ceremony, which was held on Sunday, June 6.

Like last year, 7,000 booklets were printed, and it is expected that nearly all 7,000 booklets will be distributed by the end of the 2010 school year. This year's printing is approximately 6,000 copies greater than what was first printed in 1990.

Should readers want an additional copy (or copies), please contact Luverne Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 822, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.



Cardinal Baseball Team Makes Its Eighth State Tournament Appearance

by Gregg Gropel

The Luverne Cardinal baseball team entered the Minnesota State Baseball Tournament on June 11 with a perfect 25 and 0 record. This is the eighth time a Cardinal team has participated at the state level, and it was the team's first trip back since 2003.

In the opening round of tournament play, the 18-4 Minneapolis DeLaSalle Islanders spoiled the Cardinals perfect record. In the bottom of the sixth, the Islanders scored two runs, defeating the Cardinals 2-0.

In the second game of opening day play, the Cardinals solidly defeated St. Cloud Cathedral, 8-2, and advanced to the consolation championship game bracket.

On Saturday, in the third and final game of the 2009 tournament, the Cardinals came out on the short end, losing their second game of the entire season



Cardinal hurler Zach Olson winds up for pitch during state tournament play.

to the Mora Mustangs by a score of 8 to 2.

The Cardinals finished the season with an amazing 26-2 record.

Besides the Cardinal team, the other seven Class AA state team entries were La Crescent (21-8), St. Cloud Cathedral (21-4), Glencoe-Silver Lake (23-2), Orono (18-7), Mora (21-4), Fergus Falls (14-11), and DeLaSalle (18-9). (Pre-tournament records are in parenthesis.)

Making up the highly talented Cardinal roster are Josh Boomgaarden, **Zack Clark, '09**, **Brent Dinger, '09**, Jon Ehlers, Jon Fodness, Landon Gacke, Erick Kor, Nick Meyer, **Jake O'Donnell, '09**, **Zach Olson, '09**, **Phil Paquette, '09**, Dylan Richters, Austin Richters, **Tanner Skattum, '09**, Zack Staefler, Trevor Stoffel, and **Taylor VanSanten, '09**.

The team is coached by Mike Wenninger (head coach), **Jon Schomacker, '98**, and Wade Hiller.

Please help create a database of veterans

Rock County is blessed to have a wonderful Veteran's Memorial commemorating the service of men and women with ties to our community. This year memorial volunteers are undertaking the second step in recognizing and archiving the service records of our citizens.

The second step is the creation of a military museum at the Rock County Courthouse Square. Standing next to the Rock County Veteran's Memorial, the old Rock County Jail has been renovated and reborn to include the creation of two floors of county museum space.

The Herreid Military Museum will open on July 18, 2009, to archive and display the rich military history of the citizens of Rock County.



Volunteers are asking for your help in developing this perpetual record! The enclosed questionnaire is being sent to those individuals that purchased PAVERS in the Rock County Veteran's Memorial. The hope is that with your assistance they will be able to develop a database of information that will be used to create an interactive display in the Herreid Military Museum. This database will allow individuals to search by particular fields, such as service branch, awards, battles and more.

The majority of questions can be answered if you have access to the service member discharge papers, referred to as the DD214. If discharge papers are not available, you would be able to get a copy from the Veterans Service Office in the county that the service member filed their discharge. Volunteers are also asking for unique stories regarding their service; an example might be a service location or battle, affiliations and/or associations held while in the service.

Volunteers appreciate your assistance with this very important project honoring and remembering our veterans!

To help with the project, please complete the forms on pages 15 and 16

Thanks so much for your generous contributions to the Alumni News

The team of Alumni News volunteers is working on a way to deliver the publication electronically, either by posting it on our Web site or by e-mailing it to alumni or both. Meanwhile, we'll consider to incur publishing costs and we need your support.

To contribute to the next issue of the Alumni News, please consider sending a check to:

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Alumni News Financial Summary

Previous Balance:

Mar. 21, 2009 \$4,935.67

Expenses for April, 2009, issue:

DAC	\$ 105.30
Labels	147.00
Printing	919.07
Postage	2,495.04

Total (\$3,666.41)

Income - Mar. 21, 2009, through

June 10, 2009 \$ 4,310.00

Current Balance \$ 5,579.26*

*The cost of the July, 2009, issue is not included—estimated cost is \$4,400.00.

Veterans Memorial Archive questionnaire continued ...

DATA BASE ARCHIVE (print or type)

1. Archive record: _____ Public _____ Military _____

2. Name: _____

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

3. Nickname(s): _____

4. Personal Information: _____

Born: _____ Where: (city, state,
country) _____

Died: _____ Where: (city, state,
country) _____

Location of internment: _____

Nationality: _____

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Spouse: (maiden name, wedding date, location) _____

Children: (names and birthdates) _____

5. Educational information: (graduation date (s), school(s), degree(s) (include military education if applicable)

6. Public occupation and/or sphere of activity: _____

To finish completing the information, please turn to Page 16

Veterans Memorial Archive questionnaire continued ...

Title and honors: _____

Location of service: _____

7. Military occupation: _____

Place entering duty: _____

Rank or grade: _____

Decorations, medals, badges and campaign ribbons: _____

Location of service: _____

8. Unique experiences in public or military career: (for example: famous people you worked with and local events: _____

9. Additional comments: _____

Please identify the contact information for the person(s) submitting the information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____

Questions, information and responses may be sent to:

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