

Luverne is 150 years old!

Over the past few months, the Luverne 150 Committee has shared a series of articles that offer highlights of what has happened ever since our founding in 1867. Articles have included stories of this area when it was still a territory, prior to settlement, and how we have arrived at where we are today in this place we call "home."

By Jane Wildung Lanphere

In 1967, Luverne celebrated its centennial with grand style

Luverne celebrated its 100th anniversary on Labor Day weekend in 1967. The town was "spiffed up" for the occasion and hundreds of former residents made their way home for the four-day event.

Estimates in the newspapers reported that during the four-day event 40,000 to 50,000 people participated in some way or another.

The Rock County Star Herald printed some interesting facts that were researched by Miss Ida Jones for the Centennial:

First surveyor - P. J. Kniss

First postmaster - Ed McKenzie

First mail carrier - Philo Hawes
(from Blue Earth to Yankton, S.D.)

First schoolteacher - Ella Weber

First doctor - Dr. Berry (Beaver Creek)

First white woman to settle in Rock County - Mrs. Deborah Estey

First white child born in Rock County - Effie Ferguson

First threshing of oats - 1868 (by flail)

First train - October 2, 1876 (on Chicago & North Western)

First log house - on the southwest corner of Warren Street and Kniss Avenue

First churches - Methodist and Baptist

First ballpark - on South Kniss Avenue

First school - a sod shanty northeast of Luverne

First Courthouse - where the cannon now stands on the Courthouse lawn

First Christmas dinner menu - roast badger and beaver, parched corn and dried wild grapes

Greased Pig Contest Was Fun Feature of Luverne's Big Day



THE SCRAMBLE IS ON
And the pig is in the lead.



THE WINNER, TOM SKATTUM
"Aren't you proud of me, Mother?"



GREASE JOB FOR A LIVELY PIG
Dr. James Juhl, "mechanic."
(Daily Globe photos by Jim Brandenburg)



EVERYONE GOT INTO THE ACT
Pig contest drew large crowd at Luverne Fairgrounds.

Friday night kicked off with an old time dance at the National Guard Armory which started at 9 p.m. The Luchtels were a band that played old-time music in the area for many years.

On Saturday morning the ladies and families from the community were attired in long dresses and

sunbonnets and other wearing apparel typical of pioneer days in a style show competition held at the Palace Theatre at 2 p.m.

At the gathering they also announced the Centennial Royalty.

Honor Roll of Alumni News contributors

Compiled by Johnna Ahrendt

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What We've Heard ...

Compiled by Jane Wildung Lanphere

REBECCA (SMOOK) NISTLER (LHS 2000) of Milton, GA penned the following letter that was inspired by the letter that Mrs. Kay (Doyle) Cox submitted in the last edition of Alumni News.

On the afternoon of Thursday Jan 26, I was sitting at my computer vigorously catching up on some work, from home, when my husband, Noel walked in and said "here's your mail Rebecca." He sat it next to me. After about 30 more minutes, I paused to stretch and look through my mail. I began to flip through the "Alumni News" and my eye caught a letter on page 3, written by Mrs. Kay (Doyle) Cox. I don't know this woman, however my eyes swelled with tears when I read this sentence, "Tom died in 1993 and I still miss him very much." I do not think it could get any more powerful than that. I jumped up from my computer, eyes filled with tears and rushed outside to find Noel and tell him I loved him, and appreciated him.

This day and age, several of us find it routine to invest all of our time in the things that mean the least to us, giving the least amount of time to the things that mean the most to us. Mrs. Cox may never know the impact she had on me that day, but I want to thank her, by paying it forward and I'm asking each of my classmates to help me do this.

I do not have any social networking accounts, this is why I enjoy the "Alumni News", because it connects me to my hometown and my roots. It depends on us, the readers and supporters, **so I am proposing a challenge to all graduates 2000 and beyond to make a donation to "Alumni News" and show our appreciation for all generations of readers in the next quarter's edition.** I look forward to seeing the impact we could have.

After my husband retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2013, we relocated to the rural community of Milton, Georgia, which is just north of Atlanta 45 minutes. He is a pilot for Delta Airlines, and I am a Captain in the Air Force, working full-time as the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Representative at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta, GA. We spend our free time traveling the world with our two daughters, Mackenzie

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(14) and Lanie (9). I don't think my dad is ever surprised anymore by responses to his question of "What are you guys up to today?" "Oh we are hiking in the Andes Mountains of Chile, we just landed in Frankfurt Germany, we are about to go scuba diving in the Bermuda Triangle" ...ha-ha!! It's always an adventure.

Please look me up if you are ever in the Atlanta area, I would love to catch up! I look forward to coming home for Luverne's 150th in July, where I will also be celebrating Nathan Rust's ('96 alumni) Retirement Ceremony from the Air Force after 21 years of dedicated service to our country. Take care, and see you then!

Rebecca (Smook) Nistler

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Remembering our Classmates

Compiled by Carol Schumacher Serie

1930-1939

Boyd H. Sodemann '36 died on January 16, 2017 in Ottumwa, IA. On November 15, 1936, Boyd married Margaret M. Nielsen in Parker, SD. He was a World War II Navy veteran and lived in Ottumwa since 1939. He owned and operated Boyd's Electric and then owned Boyd's Prudential Insurance Agency. Boyd worked for Ottumwa Water Works and retired from Ottumwa Public Schools after 20 years in 1981.

Boyd is survived by a son, Richard (Janet) Sodemann of Osage Beach, MO; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; son-in-law, Marlin (Fran) Woollums of Ottumwa and a niece, Laurie Cameron. Boyd was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, a daughter, Sharyl Woollums, and a brother, Lloyd Sodemann.

Ruby E. (Thompson) Viland '37 died on January 7, 2017 in Rock Rapids, IA. After graduating from high school, Ruby worked at the Luverne Community Hospital and then at J.C. Penney. On November 30, 1941, she was united in marriage to Lawrence Viland in Luverne and they lived in Pipestone, MN. In 1943 they returned to Luverne and Ruby went to work at Forrest Dairy. In 1955 she began working for Creeger's, which later became Cook's Clothing; she continued full-time until 1981. She remained at Cook's part-time until her retirement in 1994. In October 2009, Ruby and Larry became residents at the Rock Rapids Health Centre in Rock Rapids, IA.

Ruby is survived by her daughter, **Jeanne '65** and her husband **Steve '64** Ellsworth of Rock Rapids; four grandchildren, Peggy (John) Metzger, Jason (Amy)

Ellsworth, **Vonda '84** Viland (Vic) Machinski and Jon Viland; and six great-grandchildren; and a sister, **Harriet '40** Bryan of Billings, Montana. She was preceded in death by her husband Larry; two sons, **James '61** and **Rodney '68** Viland; six siblings, Clarence Thompson, **Virgil '45** Thompson, Helen Forrest, Gladyce Helgerson, Mildred Schlumbohm and **Gena '36** Thompson; and two infant siblings, Clifford and Evelyn Thompson.

1940-1949

Ralph E. Sunde '43 passed away on January 13, 2017, in Luverne, MN. After high school, he farmed with his father for five years and then enrolled in Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, IA, graduating in 1950. Ralph served in the US Army from 1950 to 1952, returning to farm near Kenneth. In 1961, Ralph moved to Harris, IA, where he was employed by Gramstad Lumber Company. In 1966, he became employed by Berkley Fishing Tackle in Spirit Lake, IA, retiring on April 29, 1992, and then returning to Luverne. During his retirement years, he worked as a school crossing guard and for 15 years helped children cross the busy U.S. Highway 75.

Ralph is survived by his brother, David Sunde of Preston, MN; 13 nieces and nephews; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; and other family members. He was preceded in death by his five siblings, Burnell Sunde, **Eileen '41** (Walter) Kopp, Merlin Sunde, Ruth (Harry) James, and Avis (James) Schroder; and a sister-in-law, Kay Sunde.

Tillie L. (Heronimus) Moerke '46 died Monday, February 13, 2017, in Maple Plain, MN. After earning her teaching certificate from Mankato Normal School in 1947, Tillie taught at two one-room

school houses; District 1 in Rock County and District 51 in Nobles County. On January 7, 1949, she was united in marriage to Lawrence Moerke. Together they raised their family and operated dairy farms in Boone County, IL, and Rushmore, MN. In 1981 they retired from farming and worked for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association in West Central Minnesota.

Tillie is survived by her children Glenn (Colleen) Moerke of Pelican Rapids, Brenda Moerke of Salem, SD, Penny Jaskulke of Brandon, FL and Jerri (Greg) Hiniker of Hanover; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren; siblings **Beverly '48** Aggen of Rushmore, **George '50** (Phyllis) Heronimus of Ellsworth, **John '54** (Sheryl) Heronimus of Steen and **Janice '59** (Dale) Eads of Worthington; and brother-in-law Dennis Moerke. She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Moerke and grandson Tyler Jaskulke.

1950-1959

Ellen M. (Pierson) Cinkle '50 died on January 24, 2017, in Prior Lake, MN. On October 11, 1950, Ellen was united in marriage to Frank James "Jim" Cinkle. As Jim worked in banking, Ellen worked as a homemaker. In 1960 Ellen and Jim moved their family to Alexandria, MN. They returned to Luverne in 1965 and remained there until September 2011, when they moved to Keystone Senior Living in Prior Lake, MN, to be closer to their children.

Ellen is survived by her two children, **David '71** and his wife, Kathy Cinkle of Eden Prairie, MN, and Dr. **Jeanne '73** and her husband, Michael Wittrock of Prior Lake, MN; two grandsons, Mike and his wife Delmy Wittrock and Steve Wittrock; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded

in death by her husband, Jim; and three brothers, **Paul '48 Pierson**, **Loren '51 Pierson** and Marlen Pierson.

Lois R. (Binford) Hatting '56 died at Sanford Hospice Cottage, Luverne, MN, on March 5, 2017. On August 28, 1971, Lois was united in marriage to **Robert '56 Hatting**. The couple made their home in Luverne. Throughout her life, Lois worked sales positions at Ben Franklin, True Value, Glen's Grocery and Loopy's. Lois continued working part-time until her health declined.

Lois is survived by her children, **Connie '76** (Brian) Berseth of Fridley, MN, **Darcy '82** Mulvihill (Bryan Sandwick) of Rogers, MN; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Mulvihill of Cheyenne, WY; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; son, **Gregg '78** Mulvihill; and four brothers, **Howard '46**, **Lowell '47**, Jerry and Keith Binford.

Judy M. (Stuckenbroker) Hawes '58 died January 3, 2017, in Luverne, MN. She married her childhood sweetheart, Dale Hawes, on July 16, 1958, in Jasper, MN. The couple made their home on the farm near Jasper. In 1962, they moved to acreage outside of Luverne where they worked together on the farm and raised their family. Following retirement in 2014, the couple moved into Luverne.

Judy is survived by her husband Dale, Luverne; her children, **Randy '78** (**Noreen '80**) Hawes of rural Trosky, MN, and **Ricky '81** Hawes of Sioux Falls, SD; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren: three siblings, Harry (Doris) Stuckenbroker of Pipestone, MN, Johnny (Helen) Stuckenbroker of Hardwick, MN and Gladys Buss of Lismore, MN. She was preceded in death by her daughter, **Pamela Ring '77**; three siblings, Alvin Stuckenbroker, Arlene Sievert and Viola Schmuck.

1960 – 1969

James Carstens '62 died at home in Colonial Heights, VA, on May 31, 2015. Jim was a two-time veteran of the Vietnam War and devoted 20 years of his life to the U.S. Army. A military chaplain officiated at his burial in Hawaii.

Jim is survived by his wife, Linda Carstens; two daughters, Cathy Dorton (Ken) of Fayetteville, GA, and Michele Ignacio of Adelaide, Australia; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, George Wade Carstens.

Carol J. (Toms) Mulder '62 died April 17, 2017 at her home in Canton, SD. In 1963, Carol married Ervis Mulder and the couple moved to Canton in 1964. She worked at Witter's Clothing Store for 7 years before beginning a 28 year career at the Lincoln County Treasurers Office and serving as Lincoln County

Treasurer from 1991 until her retirement in 2006. Carol worked part-time as an assistant at the Canton City Hall offices for several years until her retirement earlier this year.

Carol is survived by her special friend, Loney Gronskei, Canton; her children: Craig (Mary) Mulder, Boise, ID, Kent (Patty) Mulder, Marshall, MN, and Kari (Justin) Castilleja, Canton, SD; 9 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; a brother, **Bill '64** (Judy) Toms, Johnston, IA; a sister, **Sharon '59** (Dennis) Rypkema, West Point, GA; and many other family and friends. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Dennis and infant brother Toms; and her sister **Mary Ann '56** Bendt.

David J. Granneman '67 passed away on February 25, 2017, in St. Paul, MN. David joined the United States Air Force in 1968 and married Joanne (Joni) Cavers on August 25, 1973, in Antigo, WI. After his discharge from the service, the couple moved to Duluth and then suburban Minneapolis. David worked on computer systems throughout his career and retired from CenturyLink in 2014.

David is survived by his wife, Joni, Coon Rapids, MN; his daughter, Diana, Minneapolis; six siblings, **Steven '69** (Marge) Granneman, Lakeville, **Dale '73** (Debbie) Granneman, Faribault, **Joanne '76** (**Bruce '75**) Fodness, Hardwick, **Mark '77** (Cleo) Granneman, Northfield, **Brian '79** (Pam) Granneman, Jasper, and **Stewart '80** Granneman, Golden Valley; and many nieces and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents.

1970 – 1979

Melvin DeGroot '71 passed away on February 4, 2017, in the outdoors, where he loved to spend his time. Mel graduated from Morningside College in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and library science. He started his teaching career in the Anthon-Oto, IA, School District and continued it most recently at Graettinger-Terril Community School District where he taught math and science in the middle school for over 15 years. Hunting had always been one of Mel's greatest passions and he was buoyed in life by some of his most loyal companions, his hunting dogs.

Mel is survived by his children: Megan of Wichita, KS, Nicki of Minneapolis, MN, and Jud (Grace) of Wichita, KS; sister, **Vickie '72** (Mike) Sorn of Cambridge, MN; former wife, **Dorothy '71**; and dogs: Rocky and Gus. He was preceded in death by his older brothers: **George '59** ("Bud") and **Larry '62**.

Kristi Jo (Sammons) Baker '75, passed away on March 29, 2017 at her home in North Dakota. After graduating from high school, she lived in Fairmont, MN,

Appointed royalty for the event were Ida Jones and Floyd Norton. Floyd was a grandson of one of Rock County's first settlers. Prizes were given to the best-dressed family, mother and daughter, lady, man and child. First place prize was \$4 and second place prize was \$2. Mrs. Ted Schoon provided background organ music for the event.

Klein Amusement Company was featured at the Rock County Fairgrounds for September 2, 3, and 4. Also opening at the Fairgrounds were the Antiques and Hobby Show in the Floral Building and the Cooties Beer Garden in the Commercial Building, which was raising funds for the hospital.

4-H, Cooties and the Mary Circle of the American Reformed Church had food stands at the Fairgrounds. Saturday night people filled the parking lot at Kenny's Super Valu for a juniors dance starting at 8 p.m. and adult dance at 9 p.m.

Square dancing was scheduled at the Armory and a "teen hop" was held in the parking lot of the First National Bank with music by "The Source".

Sunday morning was filled with morning worship services throughout Luverne. At 1 p.m. there was a horse show at the Rock County Fairgrounds. There were 11 different entry classes. First place prizes were trophies, and five ribbons were awarded in each place. After the horse show the community hosted the ever-popular greased-pig contest.

At 6 p.m. the Rock County Historical Society hosted a potluck picnic honoring Luverne's pioneers. Sixty-seven people registered for the

Pioneer Picnic where they received certificates honoring their families, early pioneers. Rev. Martin Hauser made an eloquent speech about their sacrifice, and Frederick Manfred read a chapter from his forthcoming book, which deals with pioneer life. Many family members shared stories of their relatives.

At 8 p.m. throngs of people filled the grandstand at the Rock County Fairgrounds to watch the "Council Fire - 1967. This was an Indian dance led by Disneyland's "Red Dawn" dance troupe.

One of the highlights of the Centennial was the beard contest with Dave Smith as emcee. Men were required to grow beards, and if they didn't want one, they had to purchase a \$5 shaving permit button.

Funds collected from the shaving permits and the \$1 Centennial buttons were the funds used to put on the celebration. The beard contest was judged at the fairgrounds grandstand on Monday morning at 10 a.m.

Reddest Category: 1st place - Marv Gonnerman; 2nd place - Marv Laachmann

Blackest Category: 1st place - Linley Becker; 2nd place - Glenn Goembel

Whitest Category: 1st place - Curt McIntyre; 2nd place - Floyd Norton

Trimmed Beard: 1st place - Reid Cleland; 2nd place - Carl Nash

Biggest Beard: 1st place - George Hoffelman; 2nd place - Harold Van Wyhe

Best Moustache: 1st place - Eddie Deutsch; 2nd place - Max Cheshier

Best Moustache and Goatee: 1st place - Bob Dorn; 2nd place - Dale

Swenson

Best Efforts: 1st place - Joe Kafka; 2nd place - Jerry Deuschle

Grand Champion Centennial Beard - Harold Van Wyhe

The grand parade was held Monday, Labor Day, kicking off at 2 p.m. Highlights of the parade were antique autos, old machinery and other articles depicting the history of Luverne such as covered wagons and floats with Centennial and other themes.

It was estimated that 11,000 people attended the more than 100-unit parade.

One of the features of the parade was the 1910 Luverne car owned and refurbished by Gordon Sundgard of St. Paul. Horse-drawn units were also numerous with the largest being the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Posse. The parade also featured floats, wagons, surreys and a yoke of oxen.

Ending the grand celebration was a talent show held at the fairgrounds grandstand featuring Bill Skewes as master of ceremonies. Categories for the contest were pre-teen, teen, adult, seniors, and old-time fiddlers with first and second place prizes in each category.

Winners of the contest were:

Adult: 1st place - vocalist Gary Hocking; 2nd place - Mrs. Willie Eichmann (vocal) and Mrs. Walter Klosterbuer (accordian)

Youth: 1st place - organist Tony Scheidt; 2nd place - tumbler Susan Bailey.

When the weekend was over, residents reported that never before in the 100-year history of this city have so many people jammed themselves

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Drawing will be held on July 15, 2017 at PARTY AT THE PARK—NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Online Alumni News goes green, saves green

Have you checked out the Luverne Alumni News at www.alumninews.info lately?

A new update is here: You are able to read your Alumni News online.

Now that it is available, let us know you would like to discontinue the hard copy to go green (save postal expenses and a tree).

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... from page 6 ... Can 2017 top the 1967 party in Luverne?

into the streets.

The celebration was a whopping success! The headline of the Star Herald reported: "Crowds Throng Here To Make Centennial Whopping Success."

"Young and old alike came to celebrate - many in costume, many in whiskers, the rest in modern-day garb appropriate for the occasion. It was a fun event for three

days and nights, and now that the official Centennial observance is over, virtually everyone is agreed that it was a success in every way."

Now the question is, "Can our 150th celebration top the century celebration?" Come back to your hometown and make it happen!

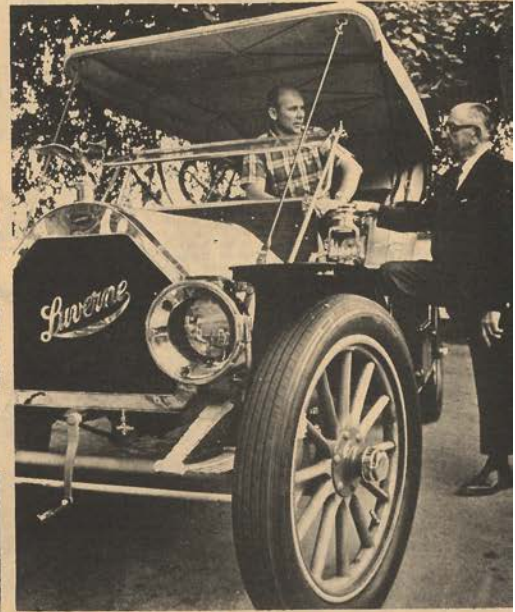
Luverne's 100th Birthday Party Was a Big Success



Vernon Peterson, Brian Laackman and Walter Duetche show centennial costumes at Pioneer dress show Saturday at Palace Theater.



CROWDS LINED STREET TO WATCH PARADE
Sioux Falls mounted sheriff's patrol.



HIT OF PARADE WAS RESTORED 1909 LUVERNE "30"
Owner Gordon Sundgard, St. Paul, and Larry Liecher.



His beard didn't place in contest—started too late.



AT PIONEER COSTUME SHOW AT PALACE THEATER
Debbie Duetche "hams it up."



Among visitors was man



YOKED OXEN PULLED COVERED WAGON
Way it all started 100 years ago.



CELEBRATION WAS BIG THRILL FOR HIM
Scott Hatting, son of Clem Hatting, Jr.

These photographs were taken by Luverne's Jim Brandenburg when he worked at the Worthington Daily Globe in the early years of his career. He went on to become world-class nature photographer.

What has Luverne High School and the community done for you? Ever considered giving back? Here's how.

As we make plans to return home for Luverne's 150th celebration this summer, now is a great time to consider supporting Dollars for Scholars, which supports Luverne High School graduates in fulfilling their dreams. Tuition costs can be barriers to success, and Dollars for Scholars has helped hundreds of local students clear those first financial hurdles.

And you can help continue Luverne's legacy. Would your class like to establish a perpetual scholarship? Is there an endowment you'd like to establish in honor of or in memory someone special?

The Luverne Dollars for Scholars Chapter is a non-profit organization involving local volunteers who are interested in providing local students with financial assistance to

pursue higher education. All of the funds raised by Luverne Dollars for Scholars remain in the community and are awarded to Luverne High School graduates. The purpose of the program is to raise money for a permanent endowment fund and to annually disperse its income in the form of scholarships to Luverne High School graduates. Since its origin in 1983 through 2016, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has awarded a total of \$3,355,225 to 1,665 LHS graduates. This school year, Luverne Dollars for Scholars is awarding \$387,750 in scholarships to 79 qualifying Luverne High School graduates from the Class of 2017.

It is not just the big donors who are the heart and soul of this organization. It's the countless individuals, including LHS Alumni,

who have given donations ranging from \$5 to \$50,000 who have filled the organizations coffers. Since its inception, the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program has been the benefactor of 236 perpetual scholarships with a total endowment of slightly over \$8.6 million. The uniqueness of an endowment gift is that it allows a scholarship to be given each year and every year, forever, to a fresh qualifying LHS graduate.

Gifts of \$249 or less are placed into the general fund. No designation is made on a scholarship. Gifts that are greater than \$249, but less than \$2,000, are also placed into the general fund. With this type of gift, the principle amount is dispersed as a one-time scholarship, and the name requested by the donor is attached to such a scholarship. A gift of \$2,000 or more becomes a perpetual scholarship. With a perpetual scholarship, only the earnings during a one-year period of time are awarded each and every year thereafter to a most recent LHS qualifying graduate. Incidentally, additional amounts may be added to a perpetual scholarship at any time. All donations made to Luverne Dollars for Scholars are tax deductible.

With the cost of college on the rise, students are struggling to find the funds to pay for a post-secondary education. Through Luverne Dollars for Scholars, the Luverne community has a way to encourage, support and ensure LHS graduates have the ability to manage these higher education costs and get an education. After all, they are our leaders of tomorrow. We hope you consider a gift, no matter the size, as a way to give back to the community where you grew up. To contribute **write:**

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JULY 4, 2017

- Davis Lake Mini-Triathlon—9 am start
- Davis Lake Triathlon—10 am start
- Water Open for Swimming—10 am to 8 pm
- Tons of Fun Inflatables—10 am to 10 pm
- Fantasy Face Painting—during the day
- Food Vendors—11 am until done
- Dock Dog Contest—11 am
- Beer Garden—noon to 11:30 pm
- 64 Team Bean Bag Tournament—noon until 4 pm
- Sand Castle Contest—2 pm to 3 pm
- Log-rolling Practice—3 pm to 4 pm
- Log-rolling Championship—4 pm
- Free Harmonicas & Lessons—4 pm
- Bingo Under the Tent—5:30 pm to 8 pm
- Live on Stage—EVERETT SMITHSON BAND—6:30 pm
- 4th of JULY FIREWORKS—10:30 PM

Info at www.luvernechamber.com

SUMMER 2017 PRAIRIE EVENTS

May 2017

May 6 - Bison Calf Romp – Blue Mounds State Park – 10 am - Meet at the picnic grounds and travel via car caravan to the closest access point and hike to the best vantage point; up to a three mile hike

May 27 – Vernal Pools & Herps at Touch the Sky Prairie – 10:30 am – Prairie Nature Walk with Fred Harris & Jeff LeClere of the MN DNR

May 27 - The Blue Mounds Bison Story – 8:30 pm – Join park manager Chris Ingebretsen in the park amphitheater to hear the story of the North American Plains Bison and how the herd at the Blue Mounds links directly to millions of bison that once roamed the North American continent

June 2017

June 9 – “Wagon’s West” – at Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center – Master Story Teller Jim Two Crows Wallen shares stories of our pioneer settlers – 7 pm

June 10 – “Tipi Days (Tepee Days)” – at Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center – Master Story Teller Jim Two Crows Wallen offers insight on the lives of Native Americans on the prairie- 10 am

June 10 – The Real Story of Hugh Glass – 6:30 pm – at Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center – Live Music with Ron & Jane Cote (6:30-7) – Program at 7 - Frederick Manfred’s Lord Grizzly or Revenant, Readings and Comments – With Freya Manfred & Thomas Pope and Rowan & Bly Pope

June 11 – Do You Know Your Prairie Plants? - Touch the Sky Prairie – 11 am – With Ethnobotanist Jeffrey Emmel

June 23 – LIVE Music at Touch the Sky Prairie – With Jim Groth – 7:30 pm

June 24 – Experience Yoga & Massage on the Prairie – Touch the Sky Prairie – 7:30 am

June 24 - Rock River Water Trail Canoe/Kayak Trip (July 1 weather date) – 10:30 am – Reservations Only - \$/person – Contact Luverne Area Chamber (507 283-4061) (luvermechamber@co.rock.mn.us)

July 2017

July 14 – A Morning Walk on the Prairie – Touch the Sky Prairie – 9 am – With US Fish & Wildlife Naturalist Howard Paul

July 16 – Prairie Plants Medicine Walk – Touch the Sky Prairie – 11 am – With Ethnobotanist Jeffrey Emmel – Short walks and discussions about uses of plants by indigenous and white settlers of the prairie

August 2017

August 19 – Pipestone Carving Class – Blue Mounds State Park Main Entrance – 2 classes (12 noon and 2 pm) - With Bud & Rona Johnston of the Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers - \$10/person – Reservations requested call 507 283-4061 – Class limited to 20 – Supplies provided

August 19 – Pow Wow, Dance & Drumming – Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center – 7 pm – Learn and participate in this special Native American Ceremony – With Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers

August 21 – The Not Quite Bonnie Tyler’s...Total Eclipse of the Sun Party - Touch the Sky Prairie – 11am to 2 pm – Bring brown bag lunch, beverages, sun/safety glasses – Sky interpretation with Ethnobotanist Jeffrey Emmel

Remembering our classmates/ continued from page 5

Sioux Falls, SD, and Yuma, AZ, working many different jobs. In 1992, she married Pete Baker, moving her family to North Dakota where they made their home. In 2007, they began raising their twin grandsons.

Kristi is survived by her husband, Pete Baker of Coleharbor, ND, son Damian Christenson (Shanna) of Underwood, ND, grandchildren, Parker and Preston Christenson of Coleharbor, ND, Gabe and Gavin (Brittany) Christenson of Bismarck, ND, mother LillyAnn Sammons of LuVerne, MN, brother, **Mike '73** (Ronda) Sammons of Round Lake, MN, sister, Michelle Schreier

of Currie, MN, and many nieces and nephews. Kristi was preceded in death by her daughter Melissa, father, Les Sammons, and brother, **David '79**.

Tammie (Jungers) Swenson '76 passed away on February 28, 2017, in Oakland, IA. She married Rick Behr on June 4, 1977, in Luverne; they later divorced. On October 26, 1993, Tammie married **Thomas '80** Swenson in Luverne. Tammie lived most of her adult life in Luverne, working various jobs until

Evan VerSteeg '63

LeRoy '61 & Dianne (Dreessen) '63
Thompson

Maynard LaFrenz '63

LeRoy '61 & Dianne
(Dreessen) '63 Thompson

Pat (Hagemann) Snitselaar '63

LeRoy '61 & Dianne
(Dreessen) '63 Thompson

Steven Heck '63

LeRoy '61 & Dianne
(Dreessen) '63 Thompson
Marilyn (Hatting) Holland '55

Wayne Kropuenske '63

LeRoy '61 & Dianne
(Dreessen) '63 Thompson

Kristi Jo (Sammons) Baker '75

LHS Class of 1975

Tammie (Jungers) Swenson '76

Marlyn '63 & Karen Roberts

Susan (Vos) Anderson '81

Linda Vos '61

Merecie (Sterrett) Domagala '82

Larry Domagala '79
Paula (VanWhye) Jelken '82

Tim Christensen '83

Gary '69 & Janine
(Jordahl) '69 Papik
Hal '60 & Donna Paulson
Lorraine Olson - Friend
Mark '76 & Amy (Gonnerman) '86 Overgaard
Rhonna Jarchow - Teacher
Verlyn '60 & Susan
(Carter) '62 VanBatavia
Wesley '58 &
Patti (Kirby) '63 Pierson

Jo Rober - Teacher

Joyce (Turner) Sexton '53

Richard C. Johnson - Teacher

Evelyn (Beug) Steffel '58
Stanley Bagbey '58

Alma Rowe - Friend

Marlyn '63 & Karen Roberts
Wesley '58 & Patti (Kirby) '63
Pierson

**HARDWICK 125th CELEBRATION
& ALL SCHOOL REUNION -
JUNE 23rd - 24th - 25th, 2017!**



Hello Fellow Hardwickians:

I hope you will be attending the **Hardwick 125th Celebration** this summer! It's a perfect time to get together and celebrate our special little town! No matter if you've spent your life here or moved in; you're a part of a great community!

Have you sent in your registration for the All School Reunion on Saturday, June 24th? Please send to Patti Pierson at 1562 201st Street, Hardwick, MN 56134. If you misplaced your registration form email piersonprp@alliancecom.net or call 507-669-2371.

Have you sent your family history, pictures or memories in to Joni Petersen? Do you have any HGS or Hardwick stories to share about the best little town in Minnesota! PLEASE get them in ASAP! We'd like to include them in the **Hardwick Memory Book!** If you have something to share or are interested in ordering a Memory book please contact Joni Petersen at jonipete@iw.net or 715 W. Main, Pipestone, MN 56164.

Have you ordered your 125th Hardwick Gear? We have T-shirts (long and short sleeve), hoodies, sweatshirts and caps in white, gold or gray! You can stop in at the Luverne Chamber Office to get your Hardwick gear. If you need a form and would like the Hardwick gear mailed to you email: lornabryan@alliancecom.net

The Hardwick 125th Celebration Parade is Saturday, June 25th at 7 pm. We are looking for parade entries. Why don't you put something together with your family or classmates or maybe an old business or neighbor. Anything you can come up with. If you have any questions contact Lorna Bryan at lornabryan@alliancecom.net



Looking forward to seeing you!

GO WILDCATS!!

Hardwick All School Reunion Committee

Pictured from left to right: Colleen Obermoller Deutsch, Joni Petersen, Terri DeBates Siebenahler, Kristi Obermoller Weinkauff, Lorna Siebenahler Bryan, Jolene Obermoller Hanson, Dianne Lorenzen Ossenfort, Bill DeBates, Patti Kirby Pierson

Douglas McClure - Friend

John '45 & Imogene
(Lemke) '47 KrogmannVerlyn
'60 &
Susan (Carter) '62 VanBatavia

Dr. Albert Martin - Friend

Joyce (Turner) Sexton '53

George & Gladys "June" Mann

Gene Salzman '54

Judy Thies - Friend

John '45 & Imogene
(Lemke) '47 Krogmann

Joyce Funk - Friend

Pal Raggio

Contributions

Carol (Hengeveld) Fawley '61
LHS Class of 1958
Drue (Gilbertson) Denham '54
Jim Petersen '73
John Remme '56
Keith Brooks '62
Larry Richters '63
Rebecca (Smook) Nistler '00
Sally (Main) Adrian - Friend

she became disabled. Recently, Tammie had relocated to Oakland, IA, and became a resident of Oakland Manor Nursing Home.

Tammie is survived by her husband, Thomas Swenson of Luverne; two daughters, Trista Behr and **Jessica '04** Behr, both of Luverne; two grandchildren, Blake Swenson and Shaun Swenson Jr; father, James Jungers of Luverne; siblings, Terrie (John) Binford of Luverne and Timothy (Robyn Flick) Jungers of Sioux Falls; mother-in-law, Virgene Bullis of Luverne; brother-in-law, Rodney Swenson of Knoxville, Iowa; and other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Donna Jungers.

1980-1989

Merecie Jo (Sterrett)

Domagala '82 passed away on January 27, 2017, in Luverne, MN. Merecie and **Larry '79** Domagala were married on April 11, 1981. She worked in Luverne at the Rock County Community Pool and the Sioux Valley Luverne Medical Center. In 2005, Merecie became the local agent of the American Family Insurance Agency in Luverne. In September of 2000, Merecie was diagnosed with Ocular Melanoma. Her journey with this rare form of cancer was instrumental in its research and development for a possible cure for others. Merecie was selected as Honorary Spokesperson at Rock County Relay for Life and in 2016, she coordinated the event. She was also involved in the Luverne Hockey Association.

Merecie is survived by her husband, **Larry '79**; three children and six grandchildren: **Nicholas '00 (Amy '02)** of Luverne, and their children, Elliot, Maddux, Mallachi and Willow; **Nathan '04 (Alyssa '04)** of Annandale, MN, and their children, Archer and Berkley; and **Natalie '05 (Rachel Hatch)** of Sioux Falls, SD; mother, **Rita '61** Sterrett of Luverne; siblings, **Mary Beth '84 (Craig '81)** Eiter of Prior Lake, MN, **Thomas '91 (Melissa '88)**

Sterrett of Luverne, Tanner Sterrett and Blake Sterrett, both of Georgia; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Timothy Sterrett.

Tim D. Christensen '83

passed away Sunday, February 19, 2017, at his home in Luverne. Tim married **Pam '82** Eidahl on June 28, 1986, in Luverne. After their marriage, the couple lived in Waukon, IA, Albert Lea, MN, and Claremont, MN, before returning to Luverne in 1992. After receiving his teaching degree from Mankato State University, he began teaching fourth grade at the Luverne Elementary School, and coached baseball & basketball. In 2005, he was hired as the Principal at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Schools. Tim became the Principal and Athletic Director at the Adrian High School in 2007.

Tim was part of the Teacher Mentor program and an active member of the Luverne Baseball Association. He served on multiple school and district-wide committees as well as receiving awards for teaching and for his role as Athletic Director. Tim is survived by his wife, **Pam '82** Christensen, Luverne; three children, **Stephanie '06 (Tim '09 Connell)** Christensen, Luverne; **Matthew '09** Christensen, Chengxian, Gansu, China; and **Cody '12** Christensen, Eden Prairie; mother, **Becky '60**

Christensen, Luverne; brother, Todd (Mary) Christensen, Luverne; two sisters, Amy (Barry) Cowell, Luverne; and **Sue '86 (Chad '00)** VerSteege, Luverne; father-in-law, Konrad (Javonne) Eidahl, Emmons, MN; two brothers-in-law, **Kyle '80 (Carol)** Eidahl, Tallahassee, FL; and **David '84 (Lynn)** Eidahl, Delano; and many nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Dwayne; two infant brothers, Mike & Pat; mother-in-law, Barbara Eidahl, brother-in-law, **Mark '85** Eidahl; and cousin **Nathan '91** Skattum.

FORMER SCHOOL STAFF

Richard C. Johnson, passed away Feb. 2, 2017, in Minneapolis at age 92. He served as Radioman aboard the Navy flagship USS Argonne in WWII and graduated with a double major in history and music from Augustana College in Sioux Falls. There, he met Joyce Van Steenwyk who became his wife of 65 years. In the early years he taught and led bands in Rock Valley, IA; **Luverne, MN**, and South High School. Dick also loved choral directing and was a gifted baritone soloist. He and Joyce traveled all 50 states, Europe, and China. He was a voracious reader, history scholar, and loyal Vikings fan.

Richard is survived by wife Joyce; children Kristi Johnson (Gene Rebeck) and Heidi Stokes (Brad); grandson Christian Stokes, and many nieces and nephews.



**HISTORY
CENTER**

312 EAST MAIN STREET - LUVERNE - 56156 - 507.283.2122
RCMUSEUM@GMAIL.COM

The Rock County Historical Society operating out of their new headquarters at the History Center (the former Herman Motors Building) houses extensive printed and photo collections of Luverne and Rock County History.

We are asking for your help as we try to put together a complete and permanent collection of Luverne High School Yearbooks. We are currently looking for the following LHS Yearbook editions.

These are the Yearbooks we are looking for:

1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1950, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

JULY 13-14-15-16

Join the party as Luverne celebrates 150 years!

THURSDAY—July 13

55th Annual HOT DOG NITE

Over 15,000 FREE HOT DOGS & BEVERAGES—starting at 5:30 pm

HOT DOG FINE ART CONTEST *from 4:30 to 5:45 pm*

Cash awards at 6 pm—Sponsored by Schwartz Farms

TONS OF FUN INFLATABLES – On Main Street, downtown Luverne

7^h ANNUAL WIENERMAN TRIATHLON *starting at 6:30 pm*

*4-person relay races throughout town featuring eating, swimming, biking and running
Information and registration available at wierneranevents.com*

10th ANNUAL WIENER DOG BEAUTY CONTEST *at 7 pm*
Best looking male and female dachshund – Sponsored by Rock Veterinary Clinic

12th ANNUAL WIENER DOG RACES

Immediately following the Beauty Contest—Sponsored by Rock Veterinary Clinic

BEER GARDEN ON MAIN *from 6 pm to Close*

MUSIC ON MAIN *from 7 to 11:30 pm*

*Live music at Sterlings Cafe & Grille
Wienerman Triathlon Band at Main & McKenzie*



FRIDAY—JULY 14

WALK ON THE PRAIRIE—Touch the Sky Prairie— 9 am

Prairie plants and animals nature walk with US Fish & Wildlife's Howard Paul

LOVE LUVERNE "What's New" TROLLEY TOURS—Meet at Chamber

New things happening in Luverne—Tours at 9am, 11am, 1pm, & 3pm—\$5/person

LOVE THE HISTORY—10 am to 4 pm

History Center, Historic Palace Theatre and Hinkly House open for tours

LOVE THE STORIES—Live Historic Re-enactors

Performances from 11 am to 1 pm & 4 pm to 6 pm

Herman & Maude Jochims at the Palace; R. B. & Mrs. Hinkly at the Hinkly House

Jay Gerber at Rock River Relics; Al McIntosh at Star Herald

Inez Isabel Smith and F. A. & Ed Leicher at the History Center

Philo & Malvina Hawes at the Rock River ; Quentin Aanenson on Main Street

E. A. Canfield at the Carnegie Cultural Center; Michael McCarthy at Take 16 Brewing

TAKE 16'S 150TH BIRTHDAY BASH—5 to 10 pm

Luverne School Foundation Fundraiser Meal—live music and great beer

STERLING'S CAFÉ & GRILLE 150TH NITE OUT

Live music, food & beverages

DANCE AT THE ARMORY WITH SURFIN' SAFARI

Hosted by Class of 67; food & beverages by The Bluestem

JULY 13-14-15-16

Join the party as Luverne celebrates 150 years!



SATURDAY—JULY 15

150TH GRAND PARADE

Main Street—10 am—cash prizes

All Welcome—info & registration at [Www. luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com)



TAKE 16'S PARADE FEED, TOURS & ENTERTAINMENT

Food & beverage begin 11 am—Fundraiser for LHS Foundation

150TH PARTY AT THE PARK

Food & beverage service begins at 5 pm

Food provided by: Pizza Ranch, Sterling's Café & Grille, Teal's Catering,
The Bluestem Catering Co. & Others

Beer & Wine Garden—Opening at 5 pm

Entertainment from 5:30 to midnight

3 stages with live performances by:

Carnegie Minstrels, Colby Anderson, TequilaSunrise, Not Exactly,
Jim Groth, Neo Johnson, John Paquette



150TH FIREWORKS

At Luverne City Park—11 pm



SUNDAY—JULY 16

WORSHIP SERVICE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—9:30 am

Preaching—LHS Alum & Rock County Hall of Fame's Tom Getman

MEDICINE WALK AT TOUCH THE SKY PRAIRIE—11 am

Learn about the medicinal properties of prairie plants used
by Native Americans & pioneers—With ethnobotanist Jeffrey Emmel

150th COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE—3 pm

Join the Rock County Ministerial Association in a service of thanksgiving
for Luverne's 150th birthday—at American Reformed Church

PHOTO CONTEST

In celebration of the 150TH Anniversary of Luverne
the **LUVERNE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**
invites you to participate in our 2017 PHOTO CONTEST!

CONTEST DATES: Months of June, July & August

Two Prizes of \$50 Will Be Awarded Each Month/Category

All photos must be taken in Rock County, Minnesota.

Photos must be digital images of 300 PPI or higher.

ORIGINAL WORKS ONLY—NO PHOTOSHOP

THE THREE CATEGORIES ARE:

PEOPLE—Portraits and photos of groups or individuals. (For a person who is recognizable, you must secure a model release from the subject, if the subject is a minor, the parent or guardian must sign the release; release available at Chamber)

THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE—Events, objects or activities connecting people to their history and cultural heritage that tell us what it means to be an American and provide a sense of what it is like to live in this country.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES—Buildings and structures must be of a permanent or semi-permanent basis.

ALL PHOTOS NOT SELECTED SHALL BE RETAINED IN THE POOL OF PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S JUDGING.

Please email photos to: luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

Include your name, address, phone, email and the title of your photo.

Maximum entries: 5 per person/month/category

By entering the contest and winning, you grant the Luverne Area Chamber & City of Luverne a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entry.



150th Weekend Reunions July 14-15-16, 2017

Class of 1977 40th Class Reunion July 14 & 15, 2017

Friday: Reunion Dinner Saturday: Party at the park

Contact sue@brakke.us or see
Facebook Luverne High School Class of 1977

30th Class Reunion

Class of 1987
July 13-14-15, 2017

Thursday Night—Gathering Downtown
(Hot Dog Night)

Friday Night—Pre-Party at Bob Frakes
(at Manitou) and on to Take 16 Brewing Co.

Saturday—Golf at Luverne Country Club
Meal at City Park for 150th Celebration

Cris Oeltjenbruns 507-920-6166
lhs87reunion@outlook.com



Happy Hour Bird Dog Reunion



Class of '72 Luverne Cardinals
Class of '72 & '73 Magnolia Bulldogs

Saturday, July 15, 2017
3:30 p.m. til ?

Randy & Vicky
(Birkeland) Smook's
1707 181st St., Luverne

Food, chairs & good music provided
BYOB, memories & FUN!

*Don't forget to wear
your school colors!*

for more info

'72 - Vicky Smook 507-920-9141 (Cardinal)
'72 - Roger Tollefson 507-920-7582 (Cardinal)
'73 - Randy Smook 507-920-9509 (Bulldog)
'72 - Marilyn Bergman 507-220-1115 (Bulldog)

Class of 1992

25th Class Reunion

July 13-14-15, 2017

Facebook: Luverne High School Class of 1992

Contact: allisonthreeboys@gmail.com

More specific info coming later in a letter



150th Weekend Reunions July 14-15-16, 2017

Class of 1957 60th Class Reunion

July 14-15, 2017

Friday—5:30 pm Dinner at The Bluestem

Saturday—5:30 pm Reserved Spot
at Party at the Park



55th Class Reunion July 14, 2017

Dinner—Luverne Country Club
More info will be sent later

Contact: Darlene (Hitch) Woolsey dargw@aol.com

CLASS OF 1959

Let's Shake the...Tree!



GET-TOGETHER

Saturday—July 15, 2017—1 to 5 pm

Eleanor Rober Van Guilder ervang@comcast.net
or Curt Dooyema dooye@sbcglobal.net

50TH REUNION

Class of 1967

DANCE AT THE ARMORY

Friday—All Welcome

Featuring 'SURFIN SAFARI'



SATURDAY

8:00 AM—Breakfast at Armory
& Float Decorating

10:00 AM—Parade

4:00 PM—50th Banquet at
Luverne County Club

Later to Party at the Park

Info: Wendy Grill - 507 283-4943 or Facebook at LHS Class of "67"



CLASS OF 1963

"Not Quite 55th Reunion"

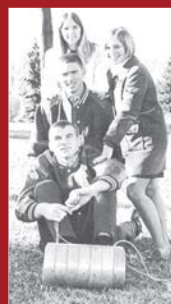
SATURDAY - JULY 15, 2017

At the Party at the Park

Bring a lawn chair or take a seat at one of
the picnic tables we have reserved!
Food & beverages will be available!
Beginning at 5 pm & ending with fireworks!

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE!

Questions? piersonprp@alliancecom.net



Class of 1969

Get—Together

July 14th, 2017

Friday—5 pm at The Lake
(the old Creamery Pond)

to make plans for our 50th Class Reunion in 2019
(BYOB)

Class of 1982 35th Class Reunion

July 28-29, 2017

Friday—Take 16 Brewery

Saturday—Eagles Club

Contact: Sharon Hoff Knoll knoll@alliancecom.net

Class of 1958 60th Class Reunion

September 29, 2018

Tri-State Band Festival Day

6 pm Happy Hour\7 pm Dinner

Blue Stem (Former Magnolia Steakhouse)

Contact Connie (Rusche) Wieneke for more info

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