

Cardinal Pride Weekend July 14-17

THURSDAY

OPEN HOUSE

Brandenburg Gallery 8 am - 5 pm
Herreid Military Museum 8 am - 5 pm
History Center 10 am - 4 pm
Hinkly House 2 pm - 4 pm

JAY RIDE
— LUVERNE TOURS
Reservations 507-283-4061
12:30 pm & 2:30 pm

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OPEN HOUSE
1:30 - 3:30 pm

LUVERNE'S 60TH ANNUAL HOT DOG NITE



Main Street & Highway 75
begins at 5:30 pm

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Herreid Military Museum 8 am - 5 pm
History Center 10 am - 4 pm
Hinkly House 10 am - 4 pm

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OPEN HOUSE
10 am - 4 pm

JAY RIDE
— LUVERNE TOURS
Reservations 507-283-4061
9 am, 11 am & 3 pm

LUVERNE INITIATIVES FOR TOMORROW
WELCOME HOME SOCIAL
1 - 5 pm
Trailhead Building - Main & Blue Mound
Cardinal Pride Cookies & Take 16 Root Beer



Cruis'n 50s & 60s

CRUIS'N & STOP
5 - 9 pm
History Center

Vinyl Night, Beer Garden, Food Trucks
Arrival of the "Gray Ghost" at 6 pm

WELCOME COFFEE
Luverne High School Commons
8 - 10 am

WAREHOUSE
306 E LINCOLN
10 am - 4 pm

LUVERNE TEACHERS
IN RETROSPECT
PALACE THEATRE Movie 4:30pm

TAKE 16
TAKE 16 BLOCK PARTY
5 - 11 pm
Food Trucks, Live Music

SATURDAY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Luverne Hockey Association Fundraiser
Luverne Fire Hall
7:30 - 9:30 am

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OPEN HOUSE
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Brandenburg Gallery 10 am - 5 pm
Herreid Military Museum 10 am - 5 pm
History Center 10 am - 4 pm

"GENERATIONS OF EXCELLENCE"
Performing Arts Center
Luverne School
Program - 2 pm

Cardinal Pride Parade
10 am - Main Street
featuring Alumni Band

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE
12 noon shot-gun start
Luverne Country Club
Sign up 507-283-4283

Luverne Area Community Foundation
PARTY AT CITY PARK
Food & beverages 5:30 pm
Performing Live: "Big Toe & The Jam"
18 piece party band
7 - 10 pm
FIREWORKS
to follow

SUNDAY

Rock County Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Historic Palace Theatre 1:30 p.m.
Reception to follow in the History Center from 2:30-4:30

Honor Roll of Alumni News contributors

Compiled by Johnna Ahrendt

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If so, please call Patti Pierson at 507-669-2371 or email her at piersonprp@alliancecom.net with the correct postal and email address of your children.

Thank you

Attention snowbirds:

If you are not going to be at the address that you got your July issue during the months of October, January, April issue if you could email me your alternative address I would appreciate it and will change it back and forth according to what month you will be gone so that we can save some money on the "temporary away" returns....thank you...

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ALUMNI MARCHING BAND

Stepping Off One Time Only

SATURDAY—JULY 16—10 AM



Greeting to all former LHS BAND MEMBERS!

I would like to invite you to join us and march in the all-school reunion **CARDINAL PRIDE PARADE** to be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

We will meet in the new band room (where the Little Theater was) at 8:30 am on Saturday to rehearse the school song and then head downtown for the 10:00 am parade. Let me know if you want a copy of the school song before hand and if you are in need of borrowing a school instrument. All percussion and large wind instruments will be provided courtesy of the school and our wonderful band director, Mr. James Jarvie.

We ask that you wear a red shirt (you can order a Cardinal Pride tee-shirt if you would like) for the parade. Dr. Kevin Kessler (Class of 1993 and current director of the SDSU "Pride of the Dakotas") will direct the band. Mrs. Mary Goheen (retired LHS Director) will organize the Flag Crops and some old geezer you might know has arranged for **FREE REFRESHMENTS** for you at **TAKE 16 BREWING CO.** at the end of the parade route.

On a personal note, I would love to see all of you again. If you are unable to march in the parade, please join us at TAKE 16 to renew old acquaintances and relive fond memories.

DALE NELSON

P.S. If I owe you money, I don't remember you.

Detailed info & updates will be emailed in July!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____ Graduation Year: _____
 Instrument: _____ Auxiliary: _____ Need Instrument : _____
 Need Music: _____ Other: _____

TO REGISTER: Email: louvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us or Call: 507-283-4061

ALUMNI....we need your help for CARDINAL PRIDE FIREWORKS!

Saturday—July 16th—10 pm

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 213 East Luverne Street
 Luverne MN 56156
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**Classes, alumni, friends and supporters of Luverne Public Schools
SHOW YOUR CARDINAL PRIDE...ENTER THE PARADE!
SATURDAY—JULY 16, 2022—10 AM—MAIN STREET**

NAME/GROUP: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____ **PHONE:** _____
EMAIL (please print): _____
TYPE OF ENTRY (check as many as apply)
 FLOAT **VEHICLE** **WALKERS**
 HORSES **BAND** **VEHICLE w/ TRAILER**
Approximate # of participants in entry: _____
Will your entry have music? (please circle) **YES** **NO**
Description of entry, names of participants and other information to be announced:



ALL TYPES OF ENTRIES WELCOME! NO REGISTRATION FEES!

For questions & additional information—contact:

Jane or Amber Luverne Area Chamber 507.283.4061

Parade line-up information will be emailed out on July 11th.

Entries after July 11th will be placed at the end of the parade and not announced.

TO REGISTER:

MAIL: Luverne Chamber—213 E. Luverne—Luverne MN 56156

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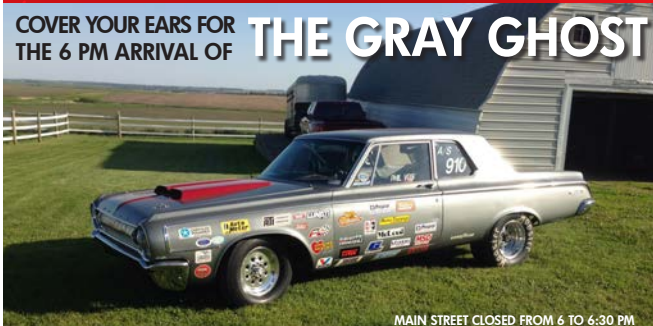
CRUIS'N PARK

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

5-9 PM • MAIN STREET • LUVERNE

PARK A WHILE THEN CRUISE A WHILE

COVER YOUR EARS FOR THE 6 PM ARRIVAL OF **THE GRAY GHOST**



MAIN STREET CLOSED FROM 6 TO 6:30 PM

**FOOD TRUCKS • BEER GARDEN
SPINNING THE PLATTERS FOR VINYL NIGHT
KEITH MAINE**



Cruis'n 50s & 60s

**STOP IN THE HISTORY CENTER AND
CHECK OUT THEIR NEWEST EXHIBIT
"CRUIS'N ROCK – 50'S & 60'S STYLE"**



CARDINAL PRIDE 4 PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE

**SAT 2022
JULY 16**

**LUVERNE COUNTRY CLUB
1520 111th Street
Luverne, MN 56156**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11:00 PM
SHOTGUN STARTS AT 12:00 PM**

**\$25
MEMBER**

**\$45
NON-MEMBER**



**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP:
JULY 13, 2022**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
CONTACT: LUVERNE COUNTRY CLUB
507-283-4383**

Remembering our classmates

Compiled by Carol Schumacher Serie

1940 – 1949

Rev. Erling M. Helland '43 died April 12, 2013. Rev. Helland served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII in the Pacific and North China (action at Iwo Jima), the Third Amphibious Corps, and the First Marine Division. He graduated from Augsburg College and from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. He studied Chinese language and culture at Cornell and Yale Universities. Pastor Helland served in Taiwan and Hong Kong from 1954 to 1964. He also served parishes in Pearl City HI, Dublin, CA, and Cleveland, OH, retiring in 1991.

Pastor Helland is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sons, John (Jennifer), Mentor, OH, Stephen, North Royalton, OH, and daughter, Kari Johnston, Valley City, OH; six grandchildren; sister, Florence (Dennes) Borman, Montevideo, MN; sister-in-law, Ruth Helland, Eagan, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

Eunice R. (Groth) Witry '45 died January 27, 2022. Eunice moved to Minneapolis after high school and worked as a bookkeeper at Robin Hood Flour. There she met Joe, a tax accountant and they were married May 14, 1955. The couple built a house in Brooklyn Center where they lived their entire lives. Eunice was a homemaker and very involved in her church. Eunice is survived by three brothers, her four children, ten grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Audrey (Nelson) DeSchepper '46 died on February 1, 2022, in Pipestone, MN. Audrey married Russell DeSchepper in Luverne on December 3, 1947. The couple lived in Luverne until 1961, when they moved to Pipestone. Audrey was a homemaker and sold Stanley Home Products for many years.

Audrey is survived by her children, Ronald (Kara) DeSchepper, Pipestone, Darla (Brian) Slack, Sioux Falls, SD, and Debra (Scott) Mundt, Brookings, SD; six grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell and infant daughter, Mary.

Marvin Kindt '46 died on March 27, 2020.

Marvin farmed with his dad near Hardwick. In 1951, he married Beverly Lauck. Marvin served in Korea as a medical equipment specialist. When he returned home, he took over the family farm until 1968 when he sold it and moved to Jasper where he also farmed. He retired in 1998.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Beverly, Jasper; two sons, Dennis (Rosie) Kindt, Sioux Falls and Garry Kindt, Maple Grove, and daughter Sandra (Roger) Wittrock, Savage, MN; sisters **Marlene '64 (Gary '63)** Mann, Luverne, and **Elaine '43** Hamann (deceased 11-3-21), Luverne; seven grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Merle Hamann, Luverne.

Florence (Hoiland) Helle '48 died in Luverne on January 29, 2022. Florence furthered her education in Mankato, MN, completing the teacher's program for elementary education, graduating in 1950. She taught elementary school in Magnolia and Worthington. On June 24, 1956, Florence was united in marriage to **Oscar '46** Helle in Luverne. Florence transitioned from teaching to being a homemaker and farm wife. Oscar died in 2005. In 2017, Florence moved to The Oaks senior living apartments in Luverne and in August of 2020, she became a resident of the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Florence is survived by her children, **Barbara '75** (Terry) Kohn of Wheaton, IL, **Sandra '79** (Steve) Klosterbuer of Ellsworth, and **David '80** (Vicki) Helle of Luverne; 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Oscar**; son, **Steven '77** Helle; and sister, **Norma '53** Gertz.

1950 – 1959

James C. Antisdal '50 died July 6, 2020, at his home in North Myrtle Beach, NC. James was a US Army Veteran and retired from the UPS (United Parcel Service).

James is survived by his wife, Viola Jonczak

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Gianni; two sons, James of Brush Praire, WA and Thomas of Washington, DC; one daughter, Mary Ann Zaruba of Annapolis, MD; two grandsons; one great-grandchild, and five stepchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary O'Toole Antisdell.

Rodney G. Lensch '52 died January 13, 2022, in Omaha, NE. Rodney attended Concordia College, St. Paul, MN, and then Concordia Seminary, Springfield, IL, where he graduated in 1959. He was pastor to Missouri Synod Lutheran churches in Columbus, OH, Camarrillo, CA, and Thousand Oaks, CA. He then ministered ecumenically throughout the U.S., Brazil, and Australia.

Rodney is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joyce (Finlayson) Lensch; five children, Jeanne (Walter) Fiedler, Jayne (John) Sachen, Robyn Lensch, Joel (Susan) Lensch, and Christina Hardin; six grandchildren and one great grandson.

Dale E. DePauw '53 died in August 2019. He was an IBEW electrician for 42 years. Dale spent summers at Hart Ranch in Rapid City, SD and winters in Quartzsite, AZ, for 32 years. He volunteered tirelessly and "could fix anything except the crack of dawn or a broken heart."

Dale was one of 13 children. His love of travel was inherited by two daughters, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

James "Jim" Sherman '53 died February 6, 2022. Jim graduated from the University of Colorado in 1957 where he met and married his wife, Merlene Thorson, in the same year. He also received his PhD in Labor Relations while they lived in Boulder, CO. In 1968 the family moved to Golden Valley, MN, where Jim took a position with the University of Minnesota School of Education. He later moved into the private sector as a consultant of Educational Management Services. In the mid-80's Jim formed Pathway Books, writing and publishing more than a dozen books. Jim's first book, "Procrastinating, Do It" was a New York Times bestseller. Marlene soon joined him as an author. Until the late 90s they ran a series of workshops around the country, delivering instruction and advice drawn from their books and

experiences. They retired in the early 2000s.

Jim is survived by his sons, Chris, and Eric; his brother **Roger '52**; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; four nieces; and special friend, Nancy Baker. He was preceded in death by his wife, Merlene, his son, Lincoln and his brother, **Charlie '49**.

Marlys (Depauw) Engel '55 died January 4, 2007, in Huron, SD. On February 16, 1957, Marlys married Don Engel in Sioux Falls. They moved to Huron. In 1968 the couple purchased Don's APCO where Marlys worked alongside her husband. They became owners of Fair City Lanes in 1985. Marlys coached youth bowling and received numerous bowling awards and certificates for her bowling ability over the years. In 1995, she was inducted into the South Dakota Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Marlys is survived by her husband, Don; one son, Bruce Engel, Huron; two daughters, ReVay (LeRon) DeVries, Corsica, SD, and Julie (Dave) Johnson, Huron; 7 grandchildren; one great granddaughter. Marlys was one of 13 siblings.

Iva Jean (Wessels) Elbers '56 died March 8, 2022, in Luverne. Iva married Edwin Elbers on September 9, 1960. They lived in Steen, Hills, and Luverne during their marriage. Iva battled rheumatoid arthritis and dementia for many years. Eventually, she moved to Tuff Home in Hills.

Iva is survived by her husband Edwin, three children: **Deb '79** (Jim) Garvin, **Jeff '81** (Linda), and **Joel '84** (Jill); five grandchildren; brothers Norman, Lowell, **Harold '63**, **Doug '65**, and **David '65**; sister **Enore '48** Boelman; sisters-in-law Gert Wessels, Theresa Wessels, Bev Wessels, Nelvina Kroese, Betty (Harold) Babbitt, Ruth Verbrugge; brothers-in-law Don Schouwenburg, and Vern Verbrugge.

She was preceded in death by brothers Stan, **Darrel '60**, and Dale; sisters Vernice Wessels and **Phyllis '52** Schouwenburg; sisters-in-law **Joyce '47** Wessels, Jolene Wessels, Sharon Wessels and **Ginny '68** Wessels; brothers-in-law **Edwin '42** Boelman, Chuck Kroese and Wilmer Elbers; nephews, **Mike '67** Wessels and **Brian '76** Boelman; niece **Tina '96** Martinez, great-nephew

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Andy '94 Wessels and great-great niece, Lucy Sailor.

Sharon (Herreid) Thorson '56 of Rapid City, SD, died January 14, 2022. Sharon married **Jim '54** Thorson, her high school sweetheart. She worked at their Rexall Drug Store in Jasper, MN, for years. She also worked at Lanstrom's Black Hills Gold Jewelry and at Prairie States Life Insurance. Sharon was an accomplished watercolor and oil artist, made fine jewelry and carved gourds.

Sharon is survived by her children, Jeff (Hugie) Thorson, Dave (Holly) Thorson, and Jill (Jim) Kullbom; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jim Herreid.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Jim Thorson**.

James A. Vink '57 died March 21, 2022, in Luverne. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1960. He married Janice Miersma in Valley Springs on September 8, 1961. Jim drove truck for Luverne Creamery, and later for J.R. Hakes for 38 years, which was later named Schrivner, Inc. After retirement, he drove the Heartland Bus. In retirement, Jim volunteered with the Foster Grandparent Program and for the Big Buddies of Rock County, earning 2008 Friend of Education and 2005 Big Buddy of the Year awards.

Jim is survived by his wife, Janice; four children, **Joel '82** (Teresa), Poway, CA, **Timothy '83** (Dana), Zeeland, MI, **Audra '91** (Joel) Diederichs, Muscatine, IA, and **Paul '94** (Laura), Indianapolis, IN; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, **Joanne '58** (Jack) Campbell, Moline, MI; brother, **Arnold '63** (Gloria), Luverne; and a sister-in-law, Dianne Vink, Iola, KS.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gary and **Dale '66**.

Shirley J. Honken '58 died on January 12, 2022, in Sioux Falls, SD. Shirley lived in Luverne where she worked at Pizza Ranch.

Shirley is survived by her brother, Fred Honken Jr., Muscatine, IA; two nephews; and five great-nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings.

Donald W. Lafrenz '58 died March 18, 2022, in Sioux Falls, SD. Don attended Reisch's School for Auctioneering in Mason City, IA, graduating in 1959. He returned home to spend his life farming and owning and operating Lafrenz Auction Service for 55 years. On February 14, 1960, Don married Patricia Letcher in Hardwick. They lived on a farm near Hardwick until they moved to Luverne in 1989. Later in life, Don worked part-time at Engbretson-Hartquist Funeral Home.

Don is survived by his wife, Pat; four sons, **Wayne '79** (Deb) of Parkersburg, IA, Doug of Hardwick, **Darin '90** of Larchwood, IA, **Waylon '95** of Moscow, TN; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; special friends, Mike and Jolene Cronin; special cousin, Wanda; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Judie and his brother, **Dwight '65**.

1960 – 1969

Frederick W. "Bill" Claussen '60 died February 15, 2022, in Staples, MN. Bill lived in or near Hardwick throughout his life. He owned his own excavating business for several years and also drove cement trucks for Pronk Ready Mix. He was united in marriage to Alice on March 7, 1992, in Hardwick. Bill served on the fire department and was a member of the American Legion Post #478 in Hardwick.

Bill is survived by his sister, **Marlee '66** (John) Melville, St. Cloud, MN; sister-in-law, Jackie Claussen, Pace, FL; stepdaughters, Julie (Tim Haugen) Pater, Wirock, MN, and Jayme (Dave) Palmer, Sioux Falls, SD; his special great nephew, Christopher Thomas; and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife Alice and his brother Lee.

Anna (DeGroot) VanBatavia '60 died March 10, 2022, in Sioux Falls, SD. Anna started working part-time for the Rock County Bank as a teller immediately after high school and remained there until retirement. She married **Virgil '60** VanBatavia on November 2, 1962, but the couple later divorced. Anna worked nearly every position at the bank including as a security loan office, a consumer loan officer, and eventually

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consumer mortgage lender vice president. After retirement in 2007, Anna worked part-time for Manitou Carpets and remained very active in the community.

Anna is survived by her daughters **Tammy '81 (Tom '80)** Johnson, Hardwick, and **Debbie Pantekoek**, Pipestone; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother **Lloyd DeGroot '65**.

Agnes (Maras) Thomson '61 died January 17, 2022, in Altoona, IA. As one of 13 children, Agnes learned early on to be a care giver. First, to her younger siblings, then to her children and many nieces and nephews. Agnes worked many years as a waitress, cleaning houses and businesses, and lastly at Prairie Meadows.

Agnes is survived by her daughters: Jackie (Jim) Barkmeier, Champaign IL, Jen (Tim) Morgan, Runnells, IA, Jeri Thomson, Altoona, IA, Julie (Johan) Sander, Altoona, IA; four grandchildren; and siblings **Theresa '56** Radke, Diane Klaahsen, **Mary '66** Moorshead, and **Dominic '68** Maras.

She was preceded in death by siblings: **Francis '57** Maras, Eugene Maras, **Anita '58** Hagggar, Bertha Hassebroek, Louis Maras, **Bernard '70** Maras, **Donald '73** Maras, and **Phillip '73** Maras.

Kenneth E. Husen '63 of Alexandria, MN, died January 6, 2022, at his home. Ken attended Nettleton College earning a business degree. He married **Becky '65** Hamann on November 27, 1965, in Luverne. Ken started his career as a bank teller but found his love for insurance while working at Tri-State Insurance, Lumber Mutual, and Beaver Creek Mutual. He was also a licensed real estate agent before fully retiring in 2006. Ken was involved with the Rock County Fair and the Sioux Empire Fair for many years. He also served on the Beaver Creek Mutual Board of Directors. Ken and Becky moved to Alexandria in 2009, where he was a member of the Elks Club and volunteered at the Douglas County fair. Ken and Becky also spent several winters in Apache Junction, AZ.

Ken is survived by his wife **Becky '65**; daughter, **Jennifer '93** (Scott) Sundby of Alexandria; two granddaughters; brothers,

Raymond '52 (Betty Benkowski) Husen of Sartell and **James '54** (Judy) Husen of Palm Desert, CA; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, **Donald '49** Husen.

Glenyce (Peterson) Lecher '64, of Anderson, SC, died January 23, 2022. Glenyce was a registered nurse who worked in many places throughout North Carolina during her career.

Glenyce is survived by her husband of 36 years, John Lecher; her daughter, Jennifer Sanders and grandson, Thomas Cole Young of Wake Forest, NC; stepchildren Johnny, Tammy and Tina of Niagara Falls, NY; brother **Elwayne '63** Peterson of Luverne; sister-in-law Gale (William) Beal of Hendersonville, NC; seven step-grandchildren and her nieces and nephews.

Anthony "Tony" D. Mohr '64 died in Le Sueur, MN, on February 17, 2022. Tony attended Mankato State University before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1966, serving during Vietnam until 1972. He returned to Mankato to complete his degree in Business. Later, Tony began a long career in Purchasing for various companies. On December 19, 1975, he married Victoria Peterson; the couple later divorced.

Tony is survived by his children, Dan Mohr and his partner Aarin Ledford, Bloomington, and Angie Mohr, Sartell; one grandson; and siblings **Karl '60** (Kim) Mohr, **William '62 (Susan '63)** Mohr, James Mohr, **Phyllis '53 (Don '52)** Abild, **Mary '66** (Jim) DeJarlais, **Martha '66** Mohr, **Christine '71** (John) Tortorella and Ann (Bruce) Simmons.

He was preceded in death by a son, Troy Mohr, and sisters, **Sally '59** Mohr and **Ange '54** Patton.

Judy (Mann) Gort '66 died on May 26, 2021, in Willmar, MN. Judy attended Worthington Community College and Winona State University. She married Dave Gort in Willmar in 1973. Judy taught elementary school in Clara City and later in Willmar. She also worked part-time at the Willmar Surgery Center.

Judy is survived by her husband, Dave Gort, Willmar; two daughters, Sara Gort, Eagan, and Molly Gort, Greenwich, CT; one grandson;

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Appreciation event May 1 for Betty Mann at History Center

An open house for Betty Mann will be May 1 in honor of her 27 years of service as the president of the Rock County Historical Society.



that she put in as she developed the historical society and spearheaded the capital expansion culminating in the present location of the History Center, we will be

The event, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the History Center.

Betty recently retired from the presidency but remains on the board and continues to help at the History Center on a daily basis. To celebrate Betty's leadership and all the work

accepting donations toward the creation of additional storage space for the historical society.

Currently the building is overflowing with exhibits and artifacts in storage waiting for their turn to go on display.

Luverne Education Legacy Fund 2184 Campaign Update

With the July 2022 Cardinal Pride Weekend/All School Reunion coming up quickly, the LELF 2184 Alumni Campaign has been busy fulfilling the promises made to 115 donors who have generously given gifts to bring Cardinal Pride to a whole new level.

Members of the Luverne Education Legacy Fund will be hosting a Alumni Welcome Coffee from 8-10am in the new Luverne High School Commons on Friday, July 15, with tours continuing through the day. What will you get to see? Here is a list of what we have done so far:

- Script "L" in the Terrazzo floor of the Commons
- Indoor back lit "L" on back wall of Commons
- Performance grand piano in the Performing Arts Center
- Interactive alumni touch screen in Commons
- 22' backlit script L on the north exterior of the Commons
- Future home of an Alumni Garden with outdoor classroom and Alumni Hall of Fame wall
- Establishment of an annual Alumni Hall of Fame with supporting endowment
- Rehearsal grand piano in choir room
- Red and white outdoor banners around the campus
- Cardinal weight and wellness room with equipment for athletes and PE classes
- 2184 Campaign Donor Wall thanking donors for elevating Cardinal Pride
- New digital billboard on front lawn – coming soon

There is still time to be part of these historic changes as a donor and join other LHS alumni and supporters with your gift. Gifts of \$2184 or more will receive a special one of a kind custom hand blown glass cardinal made by 1989 Alum Tom Maras of Marasglass and be featured on the 2184 Campaign donor board. Donor levels and how to give can be found on the LELF website www.luverneeducationlegacyfund.org Follow on Facebook - Luverne Education Legacy Fund for campus updates and alumni info.

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Luverne Thirty Dedication May 28



An original 1911 Luverne Thirty on display in the History Center, Luverne.

On Saturday, May 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. the Luverne Thirty will be dedicated.

After a few words about the automobile and its journey back to Luverne, the group will be able to mingle and admire the new treasure housed at the History Center just a block from where it was built.

Through the generosity of Ray Bernick, previous owner, and the great-grandchildren of F. A. Leicher, hope became a reality last November when the one-of-a-kind vehicle was brought into the showroom. Help us to celebrate this invaluable acquisition!

Attention LHS classes of 2015-2018:

Do you have a mailing
address other than your
parents' home?
Have you moved?

Your classmates may be trying to locate you. If you email your postal address to the Alumni News, it will be current for your classmates who may be trying to invite you to a future class reunion.

Email Patti Kirby Pierson,
Luverne Alumni News Database,
Manager, at piersonprp@alliancecom.net

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siblings **Gary '63 (Marlene '64)** Mann, Luverne, **Gail '65** Goembel, Edina, **Joyce '70** (Tom) Soderholm, Worthington, **Jerold '69** Mann, Luverne, **JoAnne '74** (Wayne) Landhuis, Leota, and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Greg Mann, and sister-in-law, Pat Mann.

Marya Manfred '67 died January 10, 2022, in Luverne. After high school, Marya moved to Colorado for one year to study singing, music composition, and piano performance. She finished her BA degree at the University of Minnesota majoring in art. Marya worked for the Consumer Survivor Network at Marshall before becoming a Certified Peer Specialist at Southwestern Mental Health Center in Worthington and Luverne, where she taught art therapy. One of Marya's first paintings, The Dance of Life, will be on display at the Rock County History Society in Luverne at selected times over the next years.

Marya is survived by her sister, **Freya '62** Manfred and her husband, Thomas Pope, of Stillwater; and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, **Frederick '72** Manfred Jr.

Donald (Mark) Odland, Jr. '68 of Carlos, MN, passed away on February 18, 2022. Mark attended Augustana College where he studied pre-med. After college, he enlisted in the National Guard. He graduated from medical school at Guadalajara and completed his internship and residency in Sioux Falls. Mark married Patricia Johnston in 1975. They moved to Alexandria, MN, where Mark practiced family medicine at the Alexandria Clinic and was an on-call physician at Douglas County Hospital. In 2000, he transitioned to full-time emergency medicine at the hospital where he served for 20 years, retiring in 2020. Mark loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and their home on Lake Carlos.

Mark is survived by his wife, Pat; three sons, Mark (Rachel), Matthew (Kristin), and Anthony (Ashley); ten grandchildren; siblings **David '71** (Sharon), **Paul '75**, **Steven '87**, and **Debra '74**; and his nieces and nephews.

1970 – 1979

Glenn A. Overgaard '72 died February 18, 2022, in Ellsworth, MN. Glenn attended Kansas State University for Ag Education. He married Dawn Hedges on November 15, 1975, in Scott City, KS; they later divorced. Glenn was employed at various places including Luverne Oil Company and IBP in Luverne. He worked road construction and lived and worked in Arizona for a time. In his early 40s, Glenn was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. He remained actively working until forced to retire. In June 2016, he became a resident of Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.

Glenn is survived by his two daughters, April Kempen, Morrison, CO, and her sister; three grandchildren; mother, **Mabel '45**, Luverne; four siblings, **Gary '70**, Magnolia, **Marcia '75** (Darrel) Johnsrud, Corcoran, **Mark '76 (Amy '86)** Overgaard, Luverne, **Loren '81** (Julie) Overgaard, Sioux Falls, and numerous relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gordon, and sister-in-law, Emily Overgaard.

Phillip E. Maras '73 died January 16, 2022. Phil worked most of his life in the construction industry and recently was employed at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Des Moines, IA. Phil needed to be busy and enjoyed cooking, sports and gardening.

Phil is survived by siblings **Theresa '56** Radke, Diane Klaahsen, **Dominic '68** Maras, and **Mary '66** Moorshead. He was preceded in death by siblings **Francis '56**, Gene, **Anita '58** Haggar, Bert Hassebroek, Jack, **Ben '70**, **Donny '73**, and **Agnes '61** Thomson.

Bradley J. Smook '76 died on December 4, 2021. Brad attended St. Cloud State University and married Brenda Barth in 1978. They lived in many towns in the upper Midwest. Brad worked in sales at Sexton, Iseman Homes and Edwards Auto Group after earning an accounting degree. He loved working with people and was a born salesman.

Brad is survived by his six sons: Ben, Josh (Jamie), Andy (Ashley), Nick, Matthew and David, all of Council Bluffs, IA, Omaha and Bellevue, NE; six grandchildren; and his sister Margaret 'Peg', Belleville, IL.

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Luverne Dollars for Scholars ... Did you know?

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 money raised by Luverne Dollars for Scholars remains in the community for the purpose of a permanent endowment fund to annually disperse income in the form of scholarships to Luverne High School graduates. Since its origin in 1983, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has awarded a total of \$5,550,975 to 2,004 LHS graduates.

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, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has been the benefactor of 285 perpetual scholarships with a total endowment of over \$9.3 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 and the principal amount is dispersed as a one-time scholarship with a name requested by the donor attached to it.

A gift of \$2,000 or more becomes a perpetual scholarship with only the earnings during a one-year period of time 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.

If you would like to contribute to, or receive more information, please write:

Luverne Dollars for Scholars
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Luverne, MN 56156

Email: luvernedfs@gmail.com
Call: 507-227-4030 (Johnna Ahrendt)
Or visit: www.luverne.dollarsforscholars.org

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Phillip N. Vos '78 died January 12, 2022, in Harlan, IA. Phil earned a degree in Non-Destructive X-Ray and had a passion for drag racing. He lived in Texas and Omaha, NE, where he married Ann Klein; they later divorced. Phil moved to Iowa but worked out of Alaska for six months of the year. He also purchased a Peterbilt and created Phil Vos Trucking. In 2015 he married Millie Potter.

Phil is survived by his wife, Millie of Persia; stepdaughters, Katie Pirruccello, Sarah Hansen, Debbie (Matt) Fleming, Amanda (Eric) Kasik and Chelsea (Scott) Steager; twelve grandchildren; mother, Betty Vos; brothers, **Mike '76** (Janelle) Vos and **Loren '82** (Shirelle) Vos; and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, **Nelson '50**; and sister **Susan '81** and her husband Tane Anderson.

Patricia K. Aning '78 of Detroit Lakes, MN, died March 18, 2022. Patricia graduated from Norwest Technical College in 1998 with a Business Management Degree. She worked for Tri-State Insurance for many years in Luverne and after moving to Detroit Lakes, MN, in the early 1990's. She also helped run a family-owned business until she retired.

Patricia is survived by her two daughters, Cassy (Adam) Bailey, Luverne and Callandra Aning-Sackmann, Detroit Lakes; four grandchildren; four siblings, **Jake '68** (Marilyn), Luverne, **Anna '68** (**Walter '68**) Ahrendt, Luverne, **Sievert '69 Jr.** (**Audrey '75**), Luverne, Kathy Aning, Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Let's Hear from YOU!

Let us know what you are doing and we'll pass it on to other alumni. Include your name, year of graduation, address, phone number and email (also let us know if you would like your email in our directory of alumni).

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Or email luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

REUNIONS IN THE MAKING

LHS CLASS OF 1954

July 16, 2022

GET-TOGETHER

Let's meet in front of the Palace
Theatre following the Parade!
Info: James Klassen

LHS CLASS OF 1957

65th Reunion

During TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL
Sept 23-25, 2022

Jim Lehmann: 612-910-3783 lehma007@umn.edu
Stan Thompson: 763-755-4878

LHS CLASS OF 1959

GATHERING— JULY 15, 2022

Pizza Ranch—3 pm to 5 pm

Info: Eleanor Van Guilder
651-429-3084

LHS CLASS OF 1961

60 (+1) Reunion

Friday—July 15, 2022

At Take 16—5 pm

Reserved Tables Inside

Lorna Schoeneman 507-227-2768

Bill Miller 507-676-0374

LHS CLASS OF 1962

60th Reunion

Friday—July 15, 2022

BRUNCH/LUNCH at TAKE 16

10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Contact: Darlene (Hitch) Woolsey
763-595-0314 763-443-5836 ©

DARGW@aol.com



LHS CLASS OF 1967

55th REUNION

July 15—Reunion Supper—7 pm

At Generations (Grand Prairie Events)

July 16—Float/Coffee/Rolls—8 am

At Redeemed Remnants (Kenny's Super Valu)

Info: Wendy Grill 507-283-4934

grillwendy@hotmail.com

LHS CLASS OF 1969

**Informal Gathering
Cardinal Pride Weekend
July 14-16, 2022**

Facebook:

Luverne High School Class of 1969

Any questions contact:

Darlene Heckt Gyberg

Janine Jordahl Papik,

Lorna Siebenahler Bryan

LHS CLASS OF 1970

50th (+2) Reunion

Friday—July 15

Gathering at Take 16

Saturday—July 16

Afternoon Picnic

Lona: lonaklosterbuer@gmail.com

Suanne: susuohome@hotmail.com

Carol: Cserie7@gmail.com

REUNIONS IN THE MAKING

LHS CLASS OF 1971

50th +1 Reunion

Friday—July 15– 6 pm
Gathering Trailhead Building
(Casey's on Main)

Saturday—July 16

10 am Parade on Main

5:30 pm Gather at Park

Questions: Jane 507-920-5197

LHS CLASS OF 1972

50th Reunion

July 15, 2022

Reunion Dinner—Friday

Luverne Country Club

Social Hour: 5 pm Dinner: 6 pm

Reservations Required: \$30/person

Info: Paula 612.998.1413

paulajoyce@ymail.com

LHS CLASS OF 1976

45th (+1) Reunion

July 14-17, 2022

Info: Deone dljhemmes4@gmail.com

Facebook: Luverne High School Class of 1976

LHS CLASS OF 1977

45th Reunion

July 14-17, 2022

We'll take in all the activities happening on this weekend. Plan to meet at the City Park on Saturday night! Look for the Class of 1977 Banner!

Meg: tmnelson_56156@yahoo.com

Sue: sue@brakke.us

Darrell: Darrell.vac@gmail.com

Check out our Facebook for updates:

Luverne High School Class of 1977

LHS CLASS OF 1982

40th REUNION

On Friday—July 15th

TAKE 16 BLOCK PARTY

On Saturday—July 16th

EAGLES STEAK FRY

Contact: Carrie Van Santen
or Sharon Knoll

LHS CLASS OF 1985

37th REUNION

Friday—July 15, 2022

4 pm at "The Lake"

Jon Lang BBQ on site

Scott Wessels—DJ

All Welcome

- BYOB -

Info: Jeff Hicks 610-513-2056

jdhicks5@gmail.com

Todd Flatequal:

taflatequal@gmail.com

LHS CLASS OF 1987

35th REUNION

July 14-17, 2022

Facebook:

Luverne High School Class of 87

Mark: mark@qualityprinting-luverne.com

Cris: cgoeltje@yahoo.com

LHS CLASS OF 1991

Get-Together

July 14-17, 2022

More information coming!

shawnmaras@yahoo.com

Or Missy Klosterbuer Fick

LHS CLASS OF 1992

30th Reunion

July 14-17, 2022

Info: Kari Lais—klais92@gmail.com

Nate Golla—nateg@luvernefarmstore.com

Facebook: Luverne High School Class of 1992

LHS CLASS OF 2012

10th REUNION

July 14-17, 2022

Facebook: Class of 2012

Take part in the All-School Reunion activities with areas for our specific class to gather!

Bonus: 11am Sat—Recreate our 2012 Class Photo at Blue Mounds State Park

Info: Ashley Benson—507-920-0367

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