

PERSPECTIVE 3 AERIAL, LOOKING NORTH/WEST

## Alumni garden design preserves iconic Luverne High School steel canopy

By Mavis Fodness, Star Herald

The alumni garden proposed by the Luverne Education Legacy Fund received a boost recently when the KAHR Foundation agreed to fund the project on the east side of the Luverne Middle-High School.

School Board members reviewed plans and the initial \$1.4 million budget at their Dec. 23 meeting.

“There should be a lot of amenities, so it is a pretty neat project,” said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

“We are hopeful that it (the garden) maybe done by the All-School Reunion (July 2022). I won’t guarantee that, but that is the push.”

Included in the design is stadium seating for

30-40 people complete with a podium and sound system. Waterlines will support vegetation along the garden pathways, and heated sidewalks under the existing canopy will aid in snow removal.

Retired landscape designer Chuck Klinefelter of Brooklyn Center is overseeing the project with Warren Herreid II of the KAHR Foundation, district leaders and LELF members.

They’re working with Steve “Junior” Selseth of Oh’Landscapes LLC, Mayer, Minnesota, who specializes in boulder retaining walls.

Work began in earnest this fall when a budget was set. Klinefelter cautioned that the preliminary

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Compiled by Johnna Ahrendt

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## What we've heard from classmates

Compiled by Jane Wildung Lanphere

### *Van Otterloo named 'Educator of Excellence'*

1982 LHS Grad HOWARD VAN OTTERLOO was honored by the Minnesota Rural Education Association as the 2021 EDUCATOR OF EXCELLENCE for his innovation, collaboration and unwavering commitment to get results for his students.

Following are excerpts from the award announcement.

Howard Van Otterloo teaches social studies at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton High School. He believes teaching

is an art, not a science. School is not just about getting a good grade. "Teaching," he said, "is about seeing a kid struggle in class and just sit down to talk to them for a while."

His students commented that he cares for them – genuinely cares. "There have been times I've fallen behind in my grades and he's reached out personally to make sure that everything is okay and that I'm doing okay mentally," said Lilli,

a student of Van Otterloo's.

Van Otterloo joked that a few years ago, one of his students told him he was like the 'school dad'. Howard said he is more than okay with being the school dad, because it is all about relationships.

"Students appreciate his genuineness and authentic approach. The content comes secondary to helping them fulfill

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# Luverne Dollars for Scholars ... Did you know?

Contributed by Johnna Ahrendt

A gift of \$2,000 or more, referred to as an “endowment,” given to the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program becomes a perpetual scholarship. Only the income earned from the endowments is given to a student in the form of a scholarship.

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**During this past calendar year, 18 new perpetual scholarships were established with the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program:**

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'63 Pierson

**Mike Clemmensen '69**  
Craig Clemmensen '65  
Mark Clemmensen '69

**Ron Arp '75**  
Class of 1975

**Vickie Vatland '75**  
Class of 1975

**Carol (Stearns) Seumalo '78**  
Nancy (Stearns) Blomgren  
'66

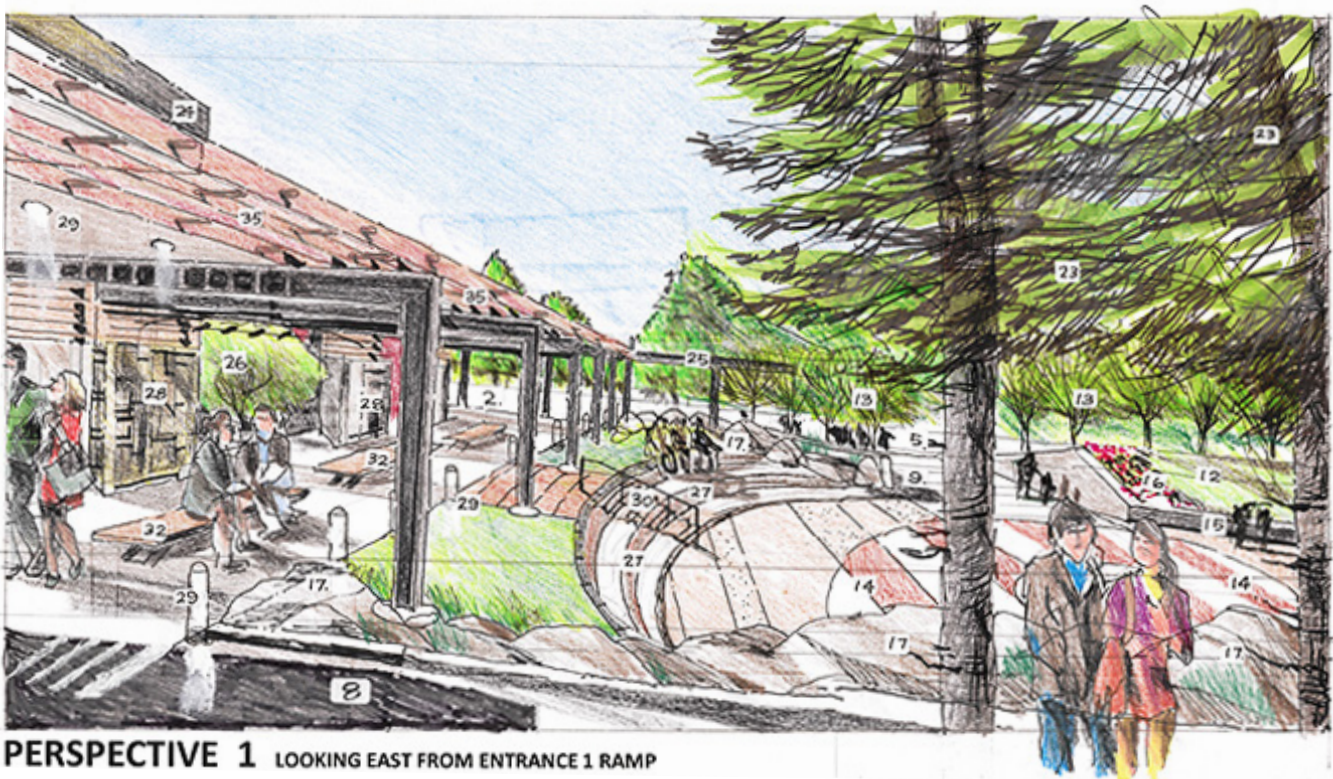
**Terry Connell '82**  
Dave '59 & Donna (Kallsen)  
'58 Connell  
Donald '71 & Cindy Arends  
Elmer Menage - Teacher  
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'82 Jelken  
James '59 & Gloria  
(Aanenson) '63 Rolfs  
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Steven & Margaret Leif  
Wesley '58 & Patti (Kirby)  
'63 Pierson

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Class of 1975

**Nancy Greve - Friend**  
Wesley Greve '60

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**PERSPECTIVE 1** LOOKING EAST FROM ENTRANCE 1 RAMP

**Alumni Garden planned for school east entrance/continued from page 1**

architectural drawings will change.

“We are now refining them within the budget,” he said Monday.

Klinefelter, who retired from full-time landscape design after 47 years, agreed to work on the alumni garden project due to its uniqueness.

“When I worked in the landscaping business, I liked to do projects that are challenging and out of the ordinary,” he said.

Next month, Klinefelter said Oh’Landscapes



**PERSPECTIVE 2** LOOKING WEST FROM UNDER ENTRANCE CANOPY

will move Sioux quartzite boulders to a staging area west of the school campus as design plans are finalized.

The existing steel canopy will be incorporated into the garden design,

which is expected to be finished this spring.

“We are looking to mid to late April for the official start,” Klinefelter said.

# Remembering our classmates

Compiled by Carol Schumacher Serie

## 1940 – 1949

**Frances (Ferdinand) Folsom '42** died on May 7, 2021. She attended St. Catherine's College, St. Paul, MN, and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA in Home Economics, completing her studies with a degree through the Katherine Gibb's Secretarial School of Chicago. She worked as the Secretary to the Executive Director of the Executive Club of Chicago and then at General Electric's Hotpoint Home Economics Institute. She became Director of the department and the sole female head.

She met her husband, Elwood Folsom, and they transferred to Buenos Aires, Argentina. After Elwood's retirement they made their home in Colorado Springs, CO.

After his death, Fran pursued a life devoted to the arts. She owned an art gallery and was Director of the Broadmoor Cooking School. Fran wrote food and wine columns and through her business, Food and Wine Experience, lead visits to wineries and cooking schools throughout the US and Europe. Her support of the arts included serving on many boards and in 2011, the Fran Folsom Culinary Arts Scholarship program was established at Pikes Peak Community College.

Fran is survived by five nieces and one nephew in addition to their children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwood, her brother **John '49** Michael and her sister **Helen '45** Stageberg.

**Elaine (Kindt) Hamann '43** died November 3, 2021, in Luverne. Elaine attended one year of teacher's training and then taught country school for five years north of Hardwick. She married Merle Hamann on March 30, 1948, in Luverne. Elaine worked as a cook at the Blue Mound Inn, at the Luverne Bakery for 23 years, and at the Luverne High School in food service. She retired in 2005.

Elaine is survived by daughter, Jolene Gronholz, Peoria, AZ; three sons, **Lee '75** (**Kathy '75**) Hamann, Luverne, **Dean '80** (Jean) Hamann, Adrian, and **Duane '81** (**Linda '81**) Hamann, Brandon, SD; son-in-law **Jerold '69**

Mann, Luverne; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, **Marlene '64** (**Gary '63**) Mann, Luverne; sister-in-law Beverly Kindt, Jasper; and many nieces and nephews.

**Rozelle (Wright) Hezlep '44** died on June 7, 2021.

**Laura May (Doyle) Bosch '46** died November 26, 2021, in Sioux Falls, SD. Laura May married Dries Bosch on January 9, 1948, in Luverne. After briefly living in Sioux Falls, the couple moved to Steen, where they lived for 55 years. Finally, they moved to Bethany Meadows in Brandon, SD. Laura May loved gardening and was a voracious reader as well as an active participant in her church.

Laura May is survived by five sons, Steve (Janet Kay), Minneapolis, Gregg (Anita), Cedar Rapids, IA, Paul (Diane), Brandon, and Tom (Amy), Sioux Falls; daughter-in-law Kelly, Walbridge, OH; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law LeRoy Rust, Luverne; sisters-in-law **Darlene '49** Bosch, Brandon, and **Gert '47** Hup, Hills, MN.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dries, son Jeffrey, and great-granddaughter Sarah.

**Marvin Kindt '46** died on March 27, 2020. Marvin married Beverly Lauck in 1951. He served in the Korean conflict in Yokohama, Japan. After returning home he took over the family farm, selling it in 1968 and moving to Jasper. He continued to farm near Jasper until his retirement in 1998.

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

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

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### 1950 – 1959

**Cynthia (Kooiker) Lundberg '50** died October 29, 2020, in Vermillion, SD. Cynthia was united in marriage to Rolland Lubben on April 5, 1955. She was later united in marriage to Lawrence Lundberg on July 9, 1977. During her working years, she was employed with First Christian Church, the Sioux Falls School District, JL Healey Construction, and Dougherty Properties, as a secretary and bookkeeper.

Cynthia is survived by her sons, Curt Lubben (special friend, Kari McKenzie), Sioux Falls, and Keith Lubben, Vermillion; Lawrence's children, Kathy (Greg) Sadowski, Wyoming, Michael (Candy) Lundberg, South Dakota, and Jerry Lundberg, South Dakota; three grandchildren; brother, John (Sherry) Kooiker, Hull, IA; sister, Louisa (Haye Zylstra) DeBoer, Leota, MN; and sisters-in-law, Gertrude Kooiker, Luverne, and Beverly Kooiker, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Lundberg; daughter, Lori Lubben; brothers, **Herman '52**, Jake, and Willis Kooiker; and sister, **Clara '49** Rozeboom.

**Lowell K. Thone '51** died November 9, 2021, in Mission Viego, CA. Lowell earned a degree from the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture in 1953. He married Claudett Selness on March 5, 1955, in St. Louis Park, MN. After full-time farming until age 30, Lowell attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis receiving a degree in design engineering. He held mechanical engineering jobs in Great Falls, MT, Golden Valley, MN, Mountain Lake, MN, and then worked 20 years as a building/heating inspector for the City of Eden Prairie, MN.

After retiring in 1995, he and Claudette moved back to the family farm where he worked part-time as a building inspector for the cities of Luverne and Pipestone. In 2008 the couple relocated to Mission Viego, CA.

Lowell is survived by his three daughters, Lynette (DeVon) Wiens, Trabuco Canyon, CA, Marcia (Dale) Hummel, Chanhassen, MN, and Sherri (Ron) Alden, San Juan Capistrano, CA; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Claudette.

**Eugene Stoterau '52** died December 23, 2020, in Sioux Falls, SD. Eugene worked at John Morrell for 43 years. He also worked part-time at Ronning Enterprises. After retirement, he enjoyed spending summers at their acreage near Alexandria/Miltona, MN.

Eugene is survived by his wife Marvelle, Sioux Falls; sons Lynn (Maggie), St. Cloud, MN, and Troy (Sandy), Sioux Falls; daughter Lynda, Sioux Falls; three grandsons; one granddaughter; siblings **Marcia '57 (Larry '56)** Binford, Moorhead, **Dale '56**, Brandon, SD, **Karol '63** (Jerry) Mohs, Alexandria, and brother-in-law Bob Moe, Hibbing.

**Milo Hamann '55** died November 16, 2021, in Luverne. Milo married **Beatrice "Betty" '54 McClure** in 1956 in Luverne. The couple has lived in the same house in Luverne for the past 58 years. Milo spent time custom baling and farming as well as working at Luverne IBP, Ketterling Services, and Luverne Bumper in Brandon, SD.

Milo is survived by his wife of 65 years, **Betty '54**; five children, **Douglas '78** (Carolyn) Hamann, Rolla, MO, Deb (Ken) Dixon, Luverne, **Tim '83** (Carol) Hamann, Becker, **Gerry '85** Hamann, Luverne, and **Terry '86** (Veronica) Hamann, Luverne; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Jimmy; daughter-in-law Connie Hamann; and son-in-law Greg Snyders.

**Sally A. Mohr '59** passed away on March 11, 2021. Sally attended Augsburg and art school. A longtime resident of Minneapolis, Sally also lived in Seattle and Rio Linda, CA.

Sally is survived by siblings **Phyllis '53 (Don '52)** Abild, Windom, **Karl '60** (Kim), Mexico, **Bill '62 (Susan '63)**, St. James, **Tony '64**, LeSueur, **Mary '66** (Jim) St. Paul, **Martha '66**, St. Peter, Jim (Karen), LeSueur, **Christine '71** (John), North Salem, NY, and Ann (Bruce) Simmons, Mankato.

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### 1960 – 1969

**Virginia “Ginny” (Heckt) Wessels ‘68** passed away December 19, 2021. After high school, Ginny went on to a career in banking for 41 years at Hardwick State Bank. In 1970, she married **Douglas ‘65** Wessels and they made their home in Hardwick, MN.

Ginny is survived by her husband **Doug ‘65**, Hardwick; her daughter, **Amy ‘89** (Gary) Ptak, Sioux Falls; three grandchildren; her sister, **Dianne ‘63 (Steve ‘58)** Carlson, Luverne; and her in-laws, Norman Wessels, **Enore ‘48** Boelman, Gertrude Wessels, Donald Schouwenberg, Lowell Wessels, **Iva ‘56** (Edwin) Elbers, **Harold ‘63** Wessels, Theresa Wessels, **David ‘65** (Beverly) Wessels, Vonnie Heckt; and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, **Kristina ‘96** Martinez; her brothers, Donald and **David ‘67**; her sister, **Mary ‘65** Maroon; brothers-in-law, David Maroon, Stanley Wessels, **Darrel ‘60** Wessels, **Edwin ‘42** Boelman; sisters-in-law, Sharon Wessels, Jolene Wessels, **Phyllis ‘52** Schouwenberg, and **Joyce ‘47** Wessels.

**Michael D. Clemmensen ‘69** passed away at home on December 5, 2021. Mike had a long career as a Pharmacist in the Twin Cities area and was a graduate of the University of MN College of Pharmacy. He wore his purple and gold with pride.

Mike is survived by his wife Patricia; brother **Craig ‘65** and twin brother **Mark ‘69**; children Megan (Koonts), Craig, and Cynthia (Howell); and five grandchildren.

### 1970 – 1979

**Randy “Rocky” Aanenson ‘70** died January 4, 2022, in Sioux Falls, SD. Rocky enlisted in the Army National Guard and returned to work at A.R. Woods in Luverne. On September 28, 1974, he married Donna Hove in Garretson, SD. In 1978 Randy began working for John Deere in Garretson, retiring in 2018. In November 1990, Rocky was called to serve in Operation Desert Storm, returning in May 1991. He retired from the Guard after 22 years in March of 1992. Rocky was also very active in the Garretson community,

serving on the city council, holding offices as an active member of the local American Legion, and joining the Garretson Fire Department, retiring after 30 years.

Randy is survived by his wife Donna; sons Scott (Danielle) and Shelby (Kacy) of Sioux Falls; daughter, Heidi (Tony) Roos, Hardwick; eight grandkid; siblings **Gloria ‘63 (Jim ‘59)** Rolfs, Luverne, **Joyce ‘65** (Sam) Hansen, Hardwick, **Carol ‘66 (Jim ‘66)** Hatting, Luverne, **Alan ‘73 (Dixie ‘79)**, Luverne and **Joan ‘75** (Myron) Berry, Sioux Falls; his mother-in-law, Nelda Hove, Sioux Falls; brothers-in-law Kevin Hove and Kory (Lisa) Hove; his Aunt Gloria Aanenson, Luverne; and many more relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by brother-in-law, Kent Hove.

**Carol J. Stearns ‘78** died on October 20, 2021, at her home. Carol graduated from SMSU in Marshall and then moved to California to work at General Dynamics. In 1989 she married Jeff Grant; they later divorced. Carol worked at Pomona College as a budget analyst for many years.

Carol married Ken Seumalo on November 11, 2011. They lived in Redlands, CA, and then moved to a small ranch near Mountain Center, CA.

Carol is survived by her husband, Ken; daughters Hannah and Sarah Grant; son-in-law Ryan Safty; stepsons David and Peter Seumalo; brothers **Edward ‘64** (Allene) Stearns, **David ‘65 (Diane ‘66)** Stearns, **Walter ‘69 (Kathe ‘72)** Stearns, sisters **Ruth ‘62** (Rolly) Johnson, **Nancy ‘66** (Dan) Blomgren, **Susan ‘72** (Bob) Egan, her mother-in-law Misako Seumalo; and her sister-in-law Ani Seumalo.

### 1980 - 1989

**Terry (“Butch”) Connell ‘82** died November 18, 2021, in Rock Valley, IA. Terry attended Dunwoody Technical College for automotive repair and his passion for cars never ceased. In 1989 Butch and **Chantel ‘85** Viessman were married in Las Vegas, NV. They lived in Luverne where Butch began working at the family

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An original 1911 Luverne Thirty is now at home in Luverne in the History Center, one block from where it was built.

## Luverne Automobile comes home

By **Lori Sorenson**

Local history buffs and vintage auto enthusiasts made a long-awaited acquisition in December when an original Luverne Automobile arrived at the Rock County History Center on East Main Street.

The 1911 Luverne Thirty is one of only two known Luverne automobiles in existence, and one now resides — appropriately — in Luverne.

“I haven’t been able to sleep,” said Luverne’s Tanya Light. “I’ve been on a high. We’ve heard about this car. I’ve been trying to keep track of it, because I wanted to get it back in the Leicher family.”

Light is the great-granddaughter of Al Leicher, who with his brother Ed Leicher owned and operated the Luverne Automobile Co. from 1904 to 1917.

“It’s family history, and most of my older cousins and I played in the Luverne Fire Appartus,” she said. “We heard about it and saw pictures of the cars, and we knew there were only two — that we know of.”

She and several other community members have been in touch with Roy Bernick, 92, since he purchased the car several years ago from a Twin Cities collector.

Light was with Historical Society President



Betty Mann when Bernick called Mann and said he would be willing to sell the car if Luverne wanted it. “I just about fell off my chair,” Mann said. “Words can’t describe how very, very excited we were.”

Light asked Mann to let the Leicher great-grandchildren have the honor of bringing the car

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# CARDINAL PRIDE 2022



## THURSDAY – JULY 14

Brandenburg Gallery & Herreid Military Museum Open House: 8 am to 5 pm  
History Center Open House: 10 am to 4 pm  
Joy Ride Golf Cart Tours: 12:30 pm & 2:30 pm—reservations required (507.283.4061)  
Luverne Public Schools Open House: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Hinkly Open House: 2 pm to 4 pm

### **59th Annual Hot Dog Nite Events**

FREE Hot Dogs—from area businesses starting at 5:30 pm  
Beer Gardens & Music on Main—Sterling's & Take 16  
Family Fun Events on Main—starting at 5:30 pm  
Wiener Dog Events on North Freeman—starting at 7 pm  
Casey Muessigmann at Big Top Tents & Events—starting at 8 pm

## FRIDAY – JULY 15

Joy Ride Golf Cart Tours: 9am, 11am, 3pm—reservations required (507.283.4061)  
Luverne Public Schools Open House: 10 am to 4 pm  
Brandenburg Gallery & Herreid Military Museum Open House: 8 am to 5 pm  
History Center Open House: 10 am to 4 pm  
Lincoln Street Warehouse Open House: 10 am to 4 pm  
Hinkly Open House: 10 am until 4 pm  
Block Party at Take 16: Food starting at 5 pm; live music from 6 to 11  
Individual class reunions and gatherings

## SATURDAY – JULY 16

Pancake Breakfast: Luverne Fire Hall—7:30 to 9:30 am  
**Cardinal Pride Parade:** 10 am on Main Street  
Luverne Public Schools Open House: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
**Cardinal Pride Generations of Excellence Program:** Performing Arts Center—2 pm  
**PARTY AT THE PARK:** *free admission*  
Food & beverage garden opens at 5:30 pm  
LIVE PARTY BAND: **"BIG TOE & THE JAM"** - 7 to 10 pm  
<http://www.bigtoeandthejam.com/>  
**Fireworks at the Park:** 10:15 pm  
*Event hosted & sponsored by Luverne Area Community Foundation*

## SUNDAY – JULY 17

Rock County 150th Ice Cream Social: Courthouse Square—12:30 to 1:45 pm  
**Rock County Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony:** Courthouse Square—2 pm

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# CARDINAL PRIDE PARADE

## Saturday July 16, 2022

### 10 am Main Street



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 **HORSES**       **BAND**       **VEHICLE WITH TRAILER**

**Approximate # of participants in entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions? 507.283.4061

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business, Connell Car Care. He purchased the business from his father in 2002. The couple moved their business to the Hwy. 75 location in 2010. Butch was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Luverne Eagles, and the Rock County Sno-masters. Terry was known for his many passions besides cars: family, friends, and genuine caring for his many customers.

Terry is survived by his wife, **Chantel '85**, Luverne; two sons, Jesse (**Ashley '09**), Luverne and **Josh '11** (Christine), Luverne; three grandchildren and one due in 2022; parents **Dave '59** and **Donna '58** Connell, Luverne; three brothers, **Al '79**, Morris, MN, **Todd '81** (Kim), Eagle Lake and **Chris '90**, Luverne; his parents-in-law, **Mel '58** and Bev Viessman, Luverne; a brother- and sister-in-law, **Scott '88** and Tricia Viessman, Luverne.

### 2000 – 2009

**Ashley Jo Barber '06** died November 13, 2021, at her home. Ashley graduated from Minnesota West-Pipestone for medial coding/transcriptionist in 2008. She worked for the Luverne Hospital and Sanford Women's Plaza-Sioux Falls. She switched careers to administrative assistant and was employed at Labor/People Ready and most recently the Department of Social Services with the state of South Dakota as Senior Secretary.

Ashley is survived by her fiancé, Sean Strack, Sioux Falls; parents, Richard and Holly Jo Barber, Luverne; brother, **Nicholas '12** (Briana) Barber, Beaver Creek; niece, Emberly Barber; and other friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and an aunt, Peggy Ellingson.

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home. She contacted her cousins who pooled their resources to purchase it.

"They were glad to have the opportunity," Light said, emphasizing that she and her cousins had the "easy" job.

"There were many, many people involved with this for a very long time. ... If the Leicher family hadn't done it, there were people who would have come forward. But we asked Betty to let the Leicher family do it. We have the connection to the car."

In talking to her relatives, they decided the car should belong to the community. They would gift their money to the History Center to buy it.

"We knew it should stay in the Leicher family because of our memories, but when we're gone, who will care?" Light said.

"Let's just say it stays in the family and ends up with my son. He cares. But on down the line, then what? It might get stuck in a shed and get sold for \$50. Who knows?"

She said the timing was right for getting the Luverne Automobile back in Luverne, since the History Center can now accommodate it, show it and keep it preserved.

"It belongs in Luverne," she said. "It belongs in the History Center, where everyone can enjoy it – including the cousins. This way they can go and

take their kids and grandchildren to see it."

As the community's historian, Mann said she's grateful to have the car back in Luverne, and she is working with the Leicher great-grandchildren to plan a dedication next year.

"It came home to rest a block from where it was built," Mann said.

Light and her cousins, Dan Anderson of Hills and Lynn Herrick of Worthington, were at the History Center when it arrived in Luverne Tuesday, Nov. 30, when Bernick and his mechanic delivered the Luverne Thirty.

"It's where it belongs. It needed to come home and home is Luverne," Light said. "Not just with the Leichers."

Besides the History Center car, at least one complete and original 1915 Big Brown Luverne remains.

The seven-passenger luxury touring car now belongs to a collector in Missouri. Light, with a gleam in her eye, hinted that it, too, could come home to Luverne.

"One could only dream for that," She said.

The History Center and Leicher great-grandchildren will make a public announcement when they schedule the dedication, at which point they will share the complete story of how the Luverne Automobile found its way home.



Dallas Bowron (right) is pictured with his son, John Bowron, in 2012.

## Rock County's oldest resident dies

By Mavis Fodness

Dallas Bowron left lasting impressions with people he met during his 107 years in Rock County, most of them positive.

Bowron, Rock County's oldest resident, died Saturday at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

"Dad was a positive guy who liked engaging with people," said son John Bowron of Luverne. "He was honest and fair."

The elder Bowron grew up in Magnolia and graduated from Magnolia High School in 1932 during the Great Depression.

"Lessons learned of that time taught Dad to be very conservative and self-reliant," John said.

"Dad always paid cash — if you couldn't pay for something, you didn't need it."

As a teenager, Dallas bought sheep for his livestock trader dad, often traveling to out-of-state sales. He purchased the champion Suffolk buck at the 1935 World's Fair in Chicago.

"One local Rock County banker got a telephone call to see if his check would be good," John said.

Business skills honed as a teenager served Dallas well when he started farming with his dad in 1939.

"He was always interested in improving what he was involved in," John said.

Dallas convinced his dad that combines harvested grain better than threshers did by showing him the grain lost on the ground after threshing.

In 1958 Dallas purchased the Charolais cattle — the first to be raised in Rock County — to improve calf weaning weights.

Farming was a part of Dallas' 42-year career. He and his late wife, Minerva, retired to Luverne in 1981.

To the Cedar Avenue neighborhood, Dallas was known as "Grandpa Bowron." He used to give out candy to the kids who would frequently stop by.

Homemade birthday cards with scribbles and stickmen given to Dallas for his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday from the neighborhood children were among his most cherished, he told the Star Herald in 2013.

Dallas became a popular resident when he moved to Poplar Creek when he was over the age of 100. He lived there until entering hospice eight weeks ago.

He is remembered by his four granddaughters — Emily Crabtree, Alison Chinn, Johnna Ahrendt and Jessica Oye — and the life lessons and memories he has given them including:

- The role model of doing the right things, being honorable and loving unconditionally.
- The memories of his grace and movement on the dance floor as he loved dancing and teaching them to let him lead.
- Instilled a strong work ethic in those who worked by his side, especially his ability to spot and pull a roadside or pasture thistle no matter where he was headed.
- And being gratefulness for good health, where he never let age define him or limit him. Dallas just kept on living and doing as much as he could whether he was 80 or 100.

Bowron is not an LHS grad, so his obituary is not listed in Remembering our Classmates.

whatever dreams or aspirations or goals they want to fulfill for themselves," said former Superintendent Kurt Stumpf.

Second only to his personal approach for teaching, Van Otterloo is known in his district and across the state for his history trips throughout the United States. As a matter of fact, parents join the waiting list for years ahead of time to chaperone the trips.

Van Otterloo pours his heart and time into these trips, organizing memorable learning experiences for students. He's separated the country into five areas, and has found a way to help high schoolers visit 48 states before they graduate if they go on all five of his trips.

Students say the trips help them get a different perspective on life. They see the way other people in other parts of the country live, and they come back with a better understand-

ing and new perspective for their own lives. "They come away with a much more well-rounded idea of America, and

that's really all you can do as a teacher is try to get people to see things in other people's eyes," Van Otterloo says.

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50th Reunion

**July 14-17, 2022**

Reunion Dinner—Friday Luverne  
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**During Cardinal Pride Weekend**

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30th Reunion

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60th Reunion

**Friday—July 15, 2022**

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**10:30 am to 2:00 pm**

Contact: Darlene (Hitch) Woolsey  
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**July 15, 2022**

**Pizza Ranch—3 pm to 5 pm**

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At Generations (Grand Prairie Events)

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