



On July 3 only the steel bleacher frames remained. The new bleachers are scheduled to arrive later this month.

LHS grads share memories of high school bleachers

By Mavis Fodness

For 62 years students and residents in Luverne School District watched sporting events, musical programs and graduations from the wooden bleachers first used when the school opened in 1956.

For two days last week, six workmen with Construction Specialties of Alexandria manually loosened thousands of nuts and bolts, disconnecting the 3,125 linear feet of Douglas fir wood from the steel-framed bleachers.

All the bleacher materials were recycled. The new bleachers

will be installed later this summer.

"When they built these, they used no pneumatic tools. It was all wrench work," said Paul Fabian of Construction Specialties.

The "new" bleachers were highlighted in the Nov. 8, 1956, edition of the Rock County Star Herald.

The story commemorated the opening of the new junior high and high school facility. The new and updated features were highlighted, including the new bleachers.

"Some 2,200 persons can be seated in the folding bleachers,

which line both sides of the gym and on the stage. They are the permanent folding type, which means that they fold back against the wall when not in use," the article stated. "With the new gym, seating arrangements and other athletic facilities, the Cardinals will now be able to host the next district tourney on their floor."

Pictures of the recent dismantling that took place July 2-3 were shared on the Star Herald Facebook page and generated reader response.

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Compiled by Johnna Ahrendt

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What We've Heard ...

Compiled by Jane Wildung Lanphere

Allen Krahn (LHS 1962) of Bakersfield, CA sent an update about his surgery and recovery to Luverne alumni:

On May 1st I had surgery for the partial amputation of my right great toe. Went into surgery at 2 pm, out at 2:40 pm and discharged home at 3:30 pm. Obviously everything went well (Thank the Lord). No complications this time.

The "unveiling" happens on May 11th when I see my podiatrist/surgeon. He tells me things couldn't have turned out better. While I am heavily bandaged and wearing a special boot to keep pressure off the area, I am on minimal pain medication and walking well. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and thoughts! Sincerely yours, Allen.

Eunice Skyberg Wynn (LHS 1960) sent a message about the photo.

The lady in the light colored suit, in middle, front row is Julia Jensen Skyberg. She was the mother of Edith Skyberg Else and Eunice Skyberg Wynn along with the moth of 11 other siblings who graduated from Luverne.

Kris Fitzer (LHS 1967) wrote that Judge Helga Skyberg is the lady in the suit the second from the left. Selma Skyberg, 2nd row left, was Clerk of Court.

The mystery is being unraveled!



Nancy Stearns Blomgren (LHS 1966) sent two wonderful photos of days gone by. She writes:

"The first photo is a picture of the kids at a country school where my grandmother, Hazel Norton, taught in about 1915. The country school was around Luverne or Magnolia Township."

"The second photo is a picture of the women who worked in the Rock County Courthouse in about 1944 or 1945. My aunt, Joan Stearns, is the younger looking one in the white blouse on the left front row. Joan worked in the County Auditor's Office. I don't know any of the other people in the photo but maybe someone reading the Alumni News could identify them."

Ken Fitzer (LHS 1971) responded back to Alumni News about this photo that was in the April 2018 of the paper:

"I can identify two. Selma Skyberg (my great aunt) is in the back left in the black coat. Judge of Probate (also my great aunt) is middle front in the light colored suit. She was Judge of Probate from 1937 until 1980. At the time of her retirement, she was the only judge in Minnesota without a law degree."

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Mavis Fodness photo/0712 Bleacher Removal

Workers with Construction Specialties of Alexandria dismantle the wooden bleachers at Luverne High School gymnasium Monday afternoon, July 2.

"When they built these, there were no pneumatic tools. It was all wrench work," said owner Paul Fabian. Thousands of nuts and bolts were unfastened by hand as the Douglas fir boards were removed, stacked and later sold as reclaimed lumber. The steel frame will also be removed in pieces, loaded into dumpsters and delivered to a Sioux Falls company for recycling.

The mint green and tan striped walls were the original gymnasium colors when the school was constructed in 1956 and the wooden bleachers installed.

"Wow, lots of memories in that beautiful wood," wrote Nancy Erickson, a member of the LHS Class of 1967.

She said she spent a lot of time in those bleachers at games, assemblies and graduations.

"Always in skirts, as girls weren't allowed to wear pants in school back then," she explained.

Almost 20 years later, Jeff Holmgren, LHS Class of 1986, experienced the same excitement while sitting on the same seats.

"(I) remember that gym was always packed in the early '80s basketball games ... could hardly find a place to sit," Holmgren wrote.

Jody Holm, who graduated from LHS in 1975, became melancholy about the news of the bleachers' removal.

"It feels like a piece of our history is being peeled away," she wrote.

Some of the wood from the bleachers has been preserved in Luverne.

Several boards were kept to repair the 1956 foldout wood bleachers on the gymnasium stage. Other boards were available for sale to the public.

"I've got 10 to 15 calls for the reclaimed wood," Fabian said.

Inquiries can be made to Fabian at 320-808-9815.

Safety concerns prompted school officials to replace the wooden gymnasium bleachers as part of the district's long-range facility plan.

Modifications were made to the wooden bleachers to meet new safety standards through the years. However, even with the modifications, items could still fall between the walkway treads and hit the floor.

The new bleachers are constructed of plastic and steel with enclosed walkway treads to prevent items and/or children from falling through.

The new bleachers also have wider thread widths for more legroom and wider benches for spectator seating. Seating will be for 1,025 persons.

The new bleachers consist of four sections with each section featuring notches for spectators with wheelchairs to sit.

The sections allow space for the mechanized folding wall divider, which was also installed in 1956.

Luverne grads: How are your parents back in Luverne?

*If you ask them on the phone, they'll tell you they're fine, but are they?
Are they eating nutritious meals? There's one way to make sure*

I am George Bonnema and I have lived in Luverne since my wife and I purchased Luverne Flowers in 1974.

I now am retired but I remain active as a volunteer in several venues in Luverne. Last summer, I was invited to be a participant in The Blandin Foundation Leaders Partnering To End Poverty, a leadership initiative to address how poverty affects our community.

The Luverne participants chose the group name Luv 1 Luv All. We learned that poverty is systemic, affecting everyone in the community and that there are many different aspects of poverty, besides financial.

I have chosen senior nutrition as an issue that I am passionate about after the experience I had dealing with my widowed and aging mother.

Cooking a balanced meal for oneself or even a couple can be and often is a challenge, additionally, it is not fun to sit and eat a meal by yourself.

My Mom lived in a small community with no senior nutrition programs available but she had the blessing of having children living close enough to look after her and to ensure that she was eating properly. That is not true for many seniors in our community.

Children living at a distance communicate by telephone and ask Mom how she's doing and her reply is "I'm doing fine" and then the next week she ends up in the hospital because her meds are totally out of whack because she has been snacking on junk food and/or sweets and hasn't had a balanced meal for who knows how long.

That hospital stay is a major expense and the medical staff will attempt to get the patient back to reasonable self sufficiency. Children not visually seeing Mom and/or Dad don't get the facts until the facts become an issue.

The issue of a lack of social interaction is another

concern. My involvement with Luv 1 Luv All has made me aware of the need to communicate this information with "kids" who don't have the opportunity to visually check on their parent(s) frequently.

So that is why I am using the Alumni News to bring awareness to the people (you) who can make a difference.

Luverne has the advantage of a senior dining meal site that prepares real "home cooked" meals. If the senior citizen isn't mobile enough make it to the site, the meals on wheels volunteers will deliver meals to the residence five days a week.

The cost per meal is \$4.50. I'm suggesting meal tokens as a gift opportunity of value for any senior. I understand that sometimes there is resistance to the suggestion of a parent participating in the program because they feel they "don't need any help." I would encourage them to try it and see how it works because this not a commitment set in stone.

Each week's menu is printed in the local paper or announced on the local radio station so selecting a day with a desirable menu is always an option.

My wife and I have been guests at the meal site and we think the meals are good and certainly enjoyed the social aspect of a congregate dining experience.

Another suggestion is tokens to the Heartland Express – a transportation service for all of Rock County to get people where they need to go. The pleasant driver will get the passenger to their destination promptly. The affordable cost per stop varies by distance zones.

Gift certificates for the meals can be obtained by calling the senior meal site at 507 283 9346.

Tokens for the Heartland express can be ordered by calling 507 283 5058 or by going to their website Rock County Heartland Express.

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Remembering our Classmates

Compiled by Carol Schumacher Serie

1930 -1939

Katherine 'Kay'(Enger) Franklin '32 died June 8, 2018, in Luverne. After graduation she attended St. Olaf College, Northfield. Kay taught English and German in Elvorado and Elmore, and business education in New Ulm and Owatonna. Kay moved back to Rock County where she was active in various local community groups.

Kay is survived by her nieces and nephews, John (Candy) Enger, Hollywood, FL; Bill (Linda) Enger, Athens, TX; David (Ellen) Walle, Rochester; **Karoline '74** Enger, Millbrae, CA; **Laurilynn '76** Enger, Edina; **Margaret '78** Enger, Chicago, IL; and **Joycelyn '80** (John) Lindgren, Edina. Kay was preceded in death by two sisters, Grace and **Dorothy '27**; and two brothers, Kermit and **Walter '28**.

1940 -1949

Sister Mariella Hinkly '41 died June 7, 2018, in Rochester, MN. She entered the sisters of St. Francis in 1941 from St. Catherine Parish, Luverne, receiving her final vows in 1947. Sister Mariella attended the College of St. Teresa, Winona, and Winona State University.

She began her teaching career in 1944 and served in educational and administrative roles in St. Paul, Golden Valley, St. James, Austin, Delano, Winona, Sioux Falls, SD and Cresco, IA. From 1997 to 2007 Sister Mariella volunteered in genealogy and as a tour guide at the Historic Research for Rock County Society in Luverne and in religious education at St. Catherine's Parish, Luverne. She returned to Assisi Heights, Rochester, in 2007.

Sister Mariella is survived by her Franciscan Community with whom she shared life for seventy-seven years and her brother and sister-in-law, **Ray '56** and Lois Hinkly of Cedar Rapids, IA. She was preceded in death by two sisters, **Elizabeth '31** Kaiser and **Audrey '45** Tabor.

Arthur H. T. Groth '43 died March 7, 2018, in Wheat Ridge, CO. At age 18, Art joined the Army Air Force and served as a B-24 bomber gunner in the Pacific arena during WWII. After the war, Art became a plumber and worked in Spirit Lake, IA, and then the Denver, CO area, becoming a plumbing inspector for the city of Denver.

Art is survived by daughters Vicki (Joe) Westhoff, Sandy (Bob) Akmenkalns, Amy (Allen) Johnson, and son Eric; sister **Eunice '45** Witry, brothers **Alvin '50**, **Robert '56**, and **Merlyn '58**; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sisters **Norma '48** Lutz, **Lorraine '52** Nielsen, and **Lois '52** Pettingill.

June I. (Walgrave) Erlandson '43 died May 1, 2018, in Worthington, MN. Following graduation, June worked for Northern States Poultry, then later as a Judy Lee Jewelry consultant.

She married Eugene Erlandson on September 16, 1950, in Luverne. The couple lived on the family farm north of Rushmore, retired and moved to Worthington in 2009.

June is survived by five children, Gary (Kathy), Greenfield, IA, Diane (Angel) Otero, Worthington, Dale, Sargent Bluff, IA, Robert (Shirley), Worthington, and Donald (Robin), Adrian; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; two brothers, Ardean (Audrey) Walgrave, Luverne, and **Don '49** Walgrave, Sioux Falls, SD; two sisters, Dolores Strassburg, Luverne, and **Joyce '44** (Roger) Walser, Downers Grove, IL; four sisters-in-law, Eileen Kahovec, Katheryn (Al) Ell, Joanne Smith, and Pat Erlandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene; brothers Harold, Robert, Eli, Paul and Arnold Walgrave; and sisters Alice Kammerud and Ruth Cook.

Audrey (Corbett) Walgrave '43 died on May 10, 2018, in Hills. Audrey married Ardean "Bub" Walgrave; they made their home in Luverne. She worked as a bookkeeper at the Luverne Creamery and later at Luverne Coop Oil.

Audrey is survived by her husband, Bub Walgrave, Luverne; two children, Mary Pat (Pete) Willson, Barronett, WI; and **Dan '79** Walgrave, Minnetonka; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Pat Soyer; and two brothers, Stewart and Lloyd Corbett.

Leonard A. Hansen '45 passed away on April 16, 2018, in St. Peter. In 1945, Leonard enlisted in the US Navy and left for the Naval Academy in Annapolis. He married Irene Lopic on May 29, 1948, in Luverne. Leonard attended Worthington J.C. and Augustana College. He was a teacher, principal and coach in Magnolia and Tyler. The family moved to Luverne in 1956 and then moved to St. Peter where Leonard worked as a civil engineer.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Irene; children, Darcel (Jerry) Reker, Mantorville; Therese (Michael) Sweet, Mankato; Steven (Julie) Hansen, Rochester; in-law, Mark Baldwin of Ft. Myers, FL; ten grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, **LeRoy '43** and wife Betty, daughter Leah Baldwin, granddaughter April Baldwin, and great-granddaughter Grace Reker.



MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL ALL-SCHOOL REUNION!!!!

Friday, August 31st – Sunday, September 2nd

Friday, August 31st (Grand Prairie Events Center, 105 S. Estev Street, Luverne)

5:00 to 7:00 Registration and Happy Hour
7:00 to 8:00 Meal (catered by The Bluestem)
8:00 to 12:00 DJ (Scott Wessels)

Saturday, September 1st (Main Street, Magnolia)

(SATURDAY EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

6:00 to 11:00 Magnolia Café will be open for breakfast!!!
11:00 Parade (all entries to line up by 10:30 at the school)
All cars, tractor, etc. entries will be on display after parade!!!!
12:00 Pork feed (courtesy of the Magnolia Fire Department) (goodwill offering)
BEER GARDEN - INFLATABLES FOR KIDS (bring your lawn chairs!!!)
Afternoon Tours of Magnolia High School (every 30 minutes)
1:30 to 4:30 Street Dance (music by Class of '77 Tommy Binford's band "Smooche")

Sunday, September 2nd

10:00 Church Service - Magnolia Methodist Church (Lori VonHofstum officiating)
2:00 MHS All-School Reunion Golf Tournament (Luverne Country Club)
Check in: 1:30 pm in lobby to see team assignments. 18 holes
Fees: Green fees plus \$10 per person towards prizes
Register with Kathy (Meyer) McArthur (Class of 69) at
kathy_mcarthur@hotmail.com or text her at 907.244.0639

Shirts available for order the first 2 weeks of June and the first 2 weeks of August ONLY:

<http://www.luvprintexpress.com/bulldogs.com> Check it out!!!!

ALL REGISTRATION MONEY FOR FRIDAY EVENT IS NEEDED BY AUGUST 1ST

Please register online for meal/entertainment at <http://www.magnoliabulldog.reunionmanager.com>
or send in payment with form below to:

**Magnolia All School Reunion
Box 93
Magnolia, MN 56158**

YES, I CAN MAKE IT!!!

Names of All Attendees (including maiden name, if applicable, and year graduated):

Total Amount Enclosed (\$30.00 per person): \$ _____

(checks payable to Magnolia All School Reunion)

Contact Information for Questions (circle preferred):

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MAGNOLIA ALL SCHOOL REUNION

All Bulldogs, Former Bulldogs & Friends Invited to Attend!

FRIDAY - AUGUST 31

ALL SCHOOL REUNION DINNER AT GRAND PRAIRIE EVENTS

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 1

BREAKFAST GATHERING AT MAGNOLIA CAFÉ

PARADE AT 11 AM

LUNCH IN THE CITY PARK BY MAGNOLIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

BEER GARDEN SPECIAL TOURS & MORE

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 2

GOLF SCRAMBLE – 2 PM – LUVERNE COUNTRY CLUB

Information: Kathy Meyer McArthur – 907.244.0639 kathy_mcarthur@hotmail.com

Logo gear available on-line at: www.luvprintexpress.com/magnolia_bulldogs

Thanks to the hard work of some passionate Bulldogs, an All-School Reunion is being planned for August 31, and September 1 & 2, 2018. Alumni, former & current residents, friends, and neighbors look forward to the celebration. Knowing that this occasion is something to celebrate, we should all know a little more about this wonderful community in Rock County – MAGNOLIA, MN.

From I.M. Cady, editor of the Magnolia Advance, December 28, 1906:

The Naming of Magnolia

On the 21st day of September, 1872, a petition was addressed to Philo Hawes, L. B. McCollum and H. A. Gregory, then county commissioners and Ed McKenzie, county auditor, to create a separate voting precinct of the congressional township 102, range 44, and to order the election of township officers. They granted the petition and asked for and named the township Magnolia, the name being suggested by Capt. Hawes, one of the earliest settlers of the county as well as one of the commissioners.

The name being that of Mr. Hawes' old-home town in Rock county, Wis., and as he said was one of the most beautiful pieces of land he had seen in his travels west. Thus the honor of our town's naming belongs to Mr. Hawes, as he suggested it to the twenty petitioners who asked for the town's organization. But few of the original signers to the petition are now residents of the town, they being M. Pickett, Capt. P. Phinney, E. N. Darling, S. Norton, and M. J. Phinney.

The first election was held at the house of Q. Loveland, on December 18, 1872.



From Rose's History of Rock and Pipestone Counties:

Magnolia's First School

During the first two decades after Magnolia's founding, school was conducted in a small district school house, which was built at a time when there was little prospect of Magnolia ever attaining the proportions above that of a small railroad station. The original school district building was 16 feet by 24 feet in dimension. This building was used until a new two-story building was erected in 1893 & 1894 at the cost of several thousand dollars. The building was sold at the time the new school was built and was used as a business house.

From the Rock County Herald, August 17, 1894: Magnolia's Second School

The new school house soon to be built in Magnolia is described like this: "The house to be built is 28 feet in width and 40 feet in length, and 22 feet from sills to roof. The lower room is to be 12 feet from floor to ceiling and will have seats for 62 scholars without crowding.

The upper floor will be reached by a winding stair in the main entrance of the building and will have a seating capacity of somewhat larger than the room below. The front of the building has a modest tower rising to a height of 38 feet, in which a bell is to be hung. The A good

substantial foundation of Jasper rock will be built. A basement for fuel is provided for under the tower.

When completed, District Number 5 will have as commodious a school building as there is in Southwestern Minnesota and it will be a credit to all the patrons of the school. The plans for the building were drawn by A. A. Lambert, of Luverne, and are a creditable piece of work. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy October 15, at which time the coming school year will begin. It is expected that Frank Ferguson will teach the next year of school. (This building served as Magnolia's school until late fall 1919)



From the Rock County Herald, February 7, 1919:

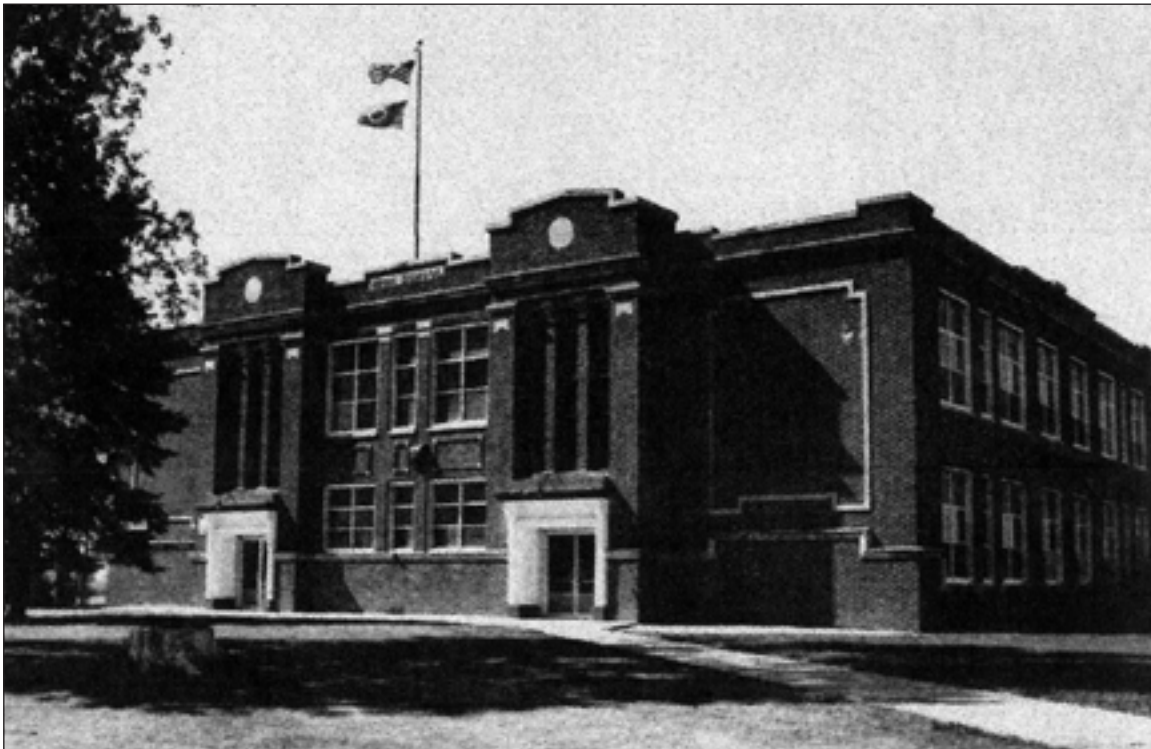
Magnolia Will Have Consolidated School

New District Will Greatly Extend Scope of Instruction, Including High School Course

Advanced steps towards the establishment of Rock county's first consolidated school will be taken on Thursday, February 20th, when the school officers of the newly formed Consolidated District No. 5 will award a contract for the erection of a modern, fireproof school building in Magnolia.

The consolidated district is composed of school district No. 5, which is Magnolia village, district No. 8, south of that place, and district No. 30, north of the village, in Vienna township. The three schools have a total attendance of about 120 pupils. The new district will expand classes from grade 9 to grade 12.

The plans and specifications for the building provide for a two-story brick structure, 77 X 93 feet in ground dimensions, which is to contain a high school and a recitation room, four grade rooms, laboratory and office, domestic science, manual training, library and auditorium rooms.



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From the Rock County Herald, March 7, 1919:

"George Pass & Son have completed plans and specifications for a new consolidated school house at Magnolia, Minn., to cost \$50,000", announces the Mankato Review. "The contract for the construction of the building was let to a Minneapolis concern, The Floyd Neighbor Construction Co. The building will be of brick construction. The building will be steam heated, electric lighted, and ventilated by the fan method."

From the Rock County Herald, November 14, 1919:

Magnolia's splendid new school building, which has been in course of construction since last March, is now completed, and if a representative of the firm that erected the building arrives there today or tomorrow it is expected the building will be formally accepted by the school board and that school will open in the new structure next Monday morning.

The facing is Menominee red rug-faced brick, trimmed with Kasota stone, and it would be a pronounced credit to any district many times the size of Magnolia.

It represents the expenditure in excess of \$45,000, exclusive of equipment and furnishings, and was made possible through the merging of school districts Nos. 5, 8 and 30.

The consolidated school has been in operation since last September, and the plan proving most satisfactory. Up to the present time the Magnolia village school building and the town hall have been used for school room purposes.

The total number of children enrolled in the school is one hundred four, and they are conveyed to and from their homes in two motor buses. Four acres of ground furnishes spacious school grounds.

From the Rock County Herald, September 2, 1921:

Magnolia Consolidated Schools Start Tuesday One Teacher Has Been Added to Faculty and Four Years of High School Work is Arranged For

With one more teacher than last year added to the faculty, the Magnolia consolidated school will open for the fall term next Tuesday morning, September 6th.

The curriculum provides for four years of high school work, the courses being English I, II, III and IV, elementary algebra, general science, manual training or home economics, first year



Class of 1973 gathers for reunion

The Luverne High School Class of 1973 gathered for a class reunion Saturday, June 2, at the Luverne Country Club. Attending were (front, from left) Debra (Meyer) Tilberg, Jolene (De Boer) Van Den Brink, Julie (Mann) Vogel, Barbara (Johnson) Stensland, Carol (Kjenslee) Hagen, Barb (Henrickson) Stanley, Dawn Maxwell, (second row) Robin (Bot) Fritsch, Deb (Visker) Iveland, Gloria (Schneekloth) Evans, Jeff Laackmann, Jim Clark, Jane (Goebel) Bockman, Betty (Hitch) Schnettler, Don Maras, Rita (Gacke) Clarkersen, Becky (Boelman) Sehr, Pam Hoiland, Jim Hoh, Donn Sandbulte, (third row) Alan Aanenson, Tom Brakke, Gregg Ormseth, Lyle Petersen, Darrel Hemme, Jim Bierkamp, Vern Van Peurse, Keith Petersen, Jeff Bowen, Gary Meinders and Jim Petersen. Julie (Arends) Burmeister attended the reunion but isn't pictured.

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French, bookkeeping, United States history, political economy, civil government and social problems.

The course in bookkeeping will be available to students beyond the first year, and the course in French will be open to those beyond the second year.

The state pays the tuition for non-resident high school pupils, and the consolidated district furnishes all text books. Non-resident pupils below high school will be charged the rate of \$2.00 per month as tuition, which will be payable each month, in advance.

Under the laws of Minnesota, the Magnolia consolidated school is entitled to state aid aggregating \$3,332 for the school year ending last June, and the taxpayers of the district will undoubtedly be glad to know that they appropriations for state aid made by the last legislature are sufficient to pay the amount due in full. The state aid allotted to the district is distributed as follows, according to announcement made this week by George M. Lindsley, principal of the school:

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| Graded school aid..... | \$600.00 |
| High school teachers..... | \$250.00 |
| Tuition from state funds for non-resident pupils..... | \$135.00 |
| Class A. consolidated school..... | \$300.00 |
| Transportation aid..... | <u>\$2047.00</u> |

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| Total..... | \$3332.00 |
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Kenneth Wendt '45 died May 15, 2018, in Chandler, AZ. Kenneth joined the Army Air Force serving from January, 1945 to September, 1946. He attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, and married Bonnie Jorde in 1950.

Kenneth worked in the veterinary pharmaceutical business in Fremont, NE, and machining business in in Scottsdale, AZ. Following the death of his wife, Bonnie, he married Elizabeth Schwinden in 2000.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; brother, Robert '47 (Jean) Wendt; four children, Kathy (Don) Siebe, Barbara Bergsten, Paul (Sandy) Wendt, and Cheryl Heinzman; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bonnie; a brother, **William '37**; two sisters, **Caroline '38** Binford and **Phyllis '42** Helgeson; and son-in-law Rodney Bergsten.

Carol J. (Thorson) Cooper '47 died May 4, 2018, in Albert Lea. After a short time in nursing school, Carol married Roy Cooper on June 25, 1949, in Mankato. She was bookkeeper for the family business, Cooper Plumbing and Heating. In 1970, Carol graduated from Mankato State University. She taught Business Education at New Richland for over 22 years.

Carol is survived by her children, Nancy (James) Cope, Albert Lea; Lori Cooper, Albert Lea; Mark Cooper, Albert Lea; two grandchildren; brother Steven (Mary Jane) Thorson, Ft. Collins, CO; and sister-in-law, **Sharon '56** Thorson, Rapid City, SD. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy, brother **James '54** Thorson and sister **Joyce '49** (Arnie) Gabrielson.

V. Jean (Souter) Hoffmeister '47 of North Oaks, MN, passed away on June 23, 2018. She is survived by children, David (Sue), Barbara (Stan) Woody, and Janice (Bart) Stone; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Betty A. Thomas '47 died September 7, 2011, in Belle Fourche, SD. She graduated from Sioux Valley Hospital in 1952 and enlisted in the US Navy in 1956. Betty was stationed in Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Memphis and California, retiring in Belle Fourche in 1980.

Betty is survived by her sister, **Wanda '45** Kling, Belle Fourche SD; two nieces; two nephews; and eleven great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, **Rachael '36** Kittredge and **Dorothy '45** Thomas; and an infant brother, Billy.

Angeline E. (Deitermann) Willers '48 died June 17, 2018, in Brandon, SD. Upon graduation, Angie worked for George Butler, DDS, in Luverne. She married Burdell Willers on September 7, 1949, in Luverne. The couple

spent the next 45 years living on the family farm near Beaver Creek. After retiring, they lived in Beaver Creek and Sioux Falls, SD.

Angie is survived by her husband, Burdell, Brandon, SD; nine children, James (Jill), Luverne; Steven (Nancy), Fairmont; David (Cheryl), Beaver Creek; Robert (Annetta), Brooklyn Park; Theresa (Dale) Hoogeveen, Carver; Bryan (Denise), Elkhorn, NE; Lisa (**Roger '79**) Hoff, Steen; Mary (Roger) Turner, Vermillion, SD; and Jeffrey (Lana), Waunakee, WI; twenty-seven grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Martha Steinhoff, Sioux Falls, SD; and **Lillian '51 (Allen '48)** Willers, Luverne.

Lois C. (Petersen) Kindt '49 passed away April 1, 2018, in Luverne. On June 24, 1953, she married Harold Kindt in Hardwick, MN. They lived in Hardwick and Lois worked at the Hardwick Bank until 1970. In 1986 she began work at Fey Industries in Edgerton, retiring in 1992.

Lois is survived by her husband, Harold; four children, **Dawn '76** Kindt, Kansas City, MO; **Daniel '78** (Joan) Kindt, Hardwick; **David '81** (Christie) Kindt, Volga, SD; and **Darin '89** (Diane) Kindt, Luverne; a brother, **Loren '55** (Karen) Petersen, Omaha, NE; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, **Bill '72** Mann; four brothers, Herbert, Carl, Lee, and Robert; and a sister, Bernice.

1950 – 1959

Walter Baustian '52 died April 27, 2018, in Luverne. Following graduation, Walter helped on the family farm and then served in the US Navy. He married Jean Siemonsma on August 12, 1958, in Humboldt, SD. The couple farmed northwest of Luverne for over 50 years before retiring. Walter worked at the Minnesota Travel Center after retirement.

Walter is survived by his wife, Jean, Luverne; six children, **Mike '77** (Cyndy), Jasper; **Diane '79** (Andy) Kunkel, East Wenatchee, WA; Lorie Edmundson, Harrison, MT; **Pat '81** (Katie), Luverne; **Kim '89** (Mike) Mohr, Mitchell, SD; and **Kris '89** (Tom) Denevan, Sioux Falls, SD; 24 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; son-in-law Jim Smart, LaHarpe, KS; siblings **Neva '45** Clausen, Luverne, **Lester '48** Baustian, Brandon, SD, **Joan '53** Baustian, Adrian, MI; and sister-in-law Mitzi Baustian, Jasper. He was preceded in death by infant twin sisters, three brothers, and a daughter, **Lisa '83** Smart.

Keith L. DePauw '56 of Sioux Falls, SD, died June 25, 2018. Keith entered the US Navy in 1956 and served on the USS Saratoga. He married Dorla Campbell on May 6, 1961, in Sioux Falls. They lived in Renner, SD, and then moved to Sioux Falls in 2007.

Keith worked in sales for various companies and was instrumental in establishing the Jaycee Camp for the Handicapped.

Keith is survived by son Kevin (fiancée Kathy), Sioux Falls, SD; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, sisters **Sheila '69** (Steven) Kluever, Worthington and **Carol '65** Henderson, Worthington; brothers **Dean '67**, Sun Prairie, WI, **Burdette '73 (Maxine '72)**, Gurnee, IL, **Albert '61** (Joyce), Sioux Falls, SD, **Dale '53** of California, and **Dennis '58**, Jacksonville, FL.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorla; brothers **Delbert '71** and Butch; and sisters Delores Kasemodel, Eileen Roemeling and **Marlys '55** Engel.

Stanley Rolph '58 died on April 17, 2018, in Pipestone. On April 28, 1961, Stanley married Rosemary Erickson in Pipestone. Stan worked for Pan-O-Gold Bakery, and then building modular structures.

Beginning in 1970 he worked for the Pipestone Vocational School, then for both Bayliner Marine Inc., and Harvey Riffle Transport. In 1976 he began working as a custodian for Pipestone Public Schools where he stayed until his retirement on June 30, 2002.

Stan is survived by his wife, Rosie, Pipestone; five children, David (Nita), Pipestone; Paula (Tom) Darveaux, Pipestone; Elizabeth (Kjell) Turner, Windom; Christopher (Amy), Brandon, SD; and Benjamin, Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, **Kathleen '47** Sehr, Luverne, and **Albertine '54** Appel, Ivanhoe; one brother, Paul (Myrna), Benson; and two sisters-in-law, Jeanetta and Marian Rolph.

He was preceded in death by sisters Margaret and June; and brothers Philip and **Jerome '52**.

1960 -1969

Stephen Jensen '65 died March 23, 2018. He attended Northwestern Electronics Institute and then joined the US Navy in 1967.

Stephen married Charlene Witt in January 1969. He served in Rota, Spain and then Charleston, SC, retiring in March 1977. They moved to Milwaukee, WI, where he worked as an electronics technician. In May 1986 he reenlisted in the US Navy as a reservist. Stephen retired in August 1997 after serving a total of 21 years in the Navy. In 2015 he and his wife moved to Crossville, TN.

He is survived by his wife Charlene; a son, Stephen (Kim) Jensen; a daughter, Stephanie (Max Welsing) Jensen; a brother, **Jeff '68 (Deanna '68)** Jensen; three granddaughters; six great-grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews.

Robert J. VandenHoek '66 passed away April 22, 2018, in Minnetonka. Bob attended the University of Minnesota, completing his degree in 1970. He married **Shirley '66** Rowe in Luverne on July 12, 1969. Bob's career was spent in the housing industry, working at the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for 33 years. He and Shirley moved from Edina to Walker upon his retirement, returning to Edina in 2014.

Bob is survived by his wife, **Shirley '66**; children Paul (Melissa), Mary (Robert) Taylor, Megan (Luke) Morrison, and Kelly (Christopher) Peterson; seven grandchildren; sisters **Kathleen '67 (Scott '66)** McClure and **Mary '71 (John '72)** Rodgers; and brothers **John '70 (Diane '68)**, and **Mark '77 (Patty '76)**. Bob was preceded in death by his sister, Julie.

Barbara (Bressler) Garson '68 passed away on May 1, 2018, in Glenview, IL. Barbara earned a teaching degree from the University of Minnesota and taught in St. Peter before moving to Illinois. There she earned a degree from the DePaul College of Law and was in private practice. She later returned to DePaul as a Professor of Law. Barb retired as an Associate Dean of Experiential Education with Emeritus status and founded the nation's first technology and intellectual property clinical program in the country in 2000. The program assists artists with legal services to protect their creative work.

Barbara is survived by her husband Jerry Garson, and her brothers **Steven '60** (Susan) and **Daniel '63** (Donna) Bressler; nieces and nephews Faye Lynn, Douglas, Eric, Emily and the late Howard.

1970 -1979

Diana (Matthiesen) O'Toole '71 passed away on June 7, 2018, in Madison, WI. She attended Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, and then married Jim O'Toole in 1974 in Sioux Falls, SD. The family lived in Milwaukee and then settled in Madison, WI. She earned her BA in computer science from Lakeland College.

Diana is survived by her husband, Jim; daughter Shaney (Victor) Iturbide; granddaughter Abby Harris; sisters **Cindy '75** (Dave) Hubbling, Alexandria, **Kathy '79** (Kevin) Van Westen, Sioux Falls, SD, **Linda '81 (Duane '81)** Hamann, Brandon, SD, **Brenda '86** (Todd) Teal, Luverne, and **Beth '92** (TJ) Travis, Lenexa, KS.

Calene (Birky) Williams '76 died June 9, 2018, in Roseville, CA. After high school, Calene attended Bemidji State University and then joined the US Army serving four years of active duty. She earned her BS degree from Bethel University. In 1990 she

Luverne Dollars for Scholars Did you know?

Applicants for a Luverne Dollars for Scholars award are evaluated on the following criteria: academic performance, scholastic aptitude, work experience, school activity and community involvement.

Students are also required to write an essay describing their future aspirations as well as seek a recommendation from someone, whether a teacher or an adult who has worked with the student. These applications are due each year around February 15th.

All applications are submitted through an online student profile application located on the Luverne Dollars for Scholars website.

Once all of the information is compiled, the selection process begins. Each application is assigned a number.

The Luverne High School counselor verifies each students' class rank, GPA and ACT scores. Only the application number, not the applicant name, is seen throughout

the rest of the scoring. Each essay is read and scored by a group of DFS board members. References, work experience, school activity and community involvement are cross checked against the computerized score assigned each applicant.

Not all applicants receive a scholarship. Applications who do not reach the minimum score do not qualify for a scholarship award. None of the scholarships are based on financial need.

The total amount of scholarships paid out each year varies. The DFS Board uses 4.5 percent of the five-year fair market value of its fund assets as a guide when determining the total to be awarded each year.

Students who receive a scholarship award of \$4,000 or less can use it all in one year, while scholarships greater than \$4,000 are divided out over multiple years, with \$4,000 being the max that can be paid out each year. Scholarship funds are not paid out until after

the first semester of college has been completed. In order to receive their scholarship funds, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. Scholarship checks are paid directly to the school.

Luverne Dollars for Scholars wrapped up its 2018 awards season this May. Sixty-one qualifying Luverne High School students from the Class of 2018 were awarded \$427,500. These scholarships ranged from \$2,000 to \$13,000.

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

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married J. David Williams in Golden, CO where she worked for the Defense Investigation Service. They also lived in Washington D.C. and eventually relocated to California where Calene worked in the Insurance business.

Calene is survived by husband, David; two sons, Brian and Jon, all of Roseville, CA; a brother, **Zane '72** (Barb) Birky, Eden Prairie; sisters **Zoe '73** (Alan) Harnack, Beaver Creek, Rachele (Roger) Taylor, Lakeville, and Memory (Mark) Hokanson, Sauk Centre; and a stepbrother, Gene (Sherry) Vorwerk, North Branch.

Douglas VanHeerde '79 died April 11, 2018, in Venice, FL. After graduating from high school, Douglas attended the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. He lived in Hager City, WI, for 20 years before moving to Venice in 2017. Douglas worked as a handyman and bartender, also doing woodworking and sculpting.

Douglas is survived by his sisters, **Debra '74** VanHeerde, Luverne, and **Darla '76** VanHeerde MD, Esko; three nieces and nephews; four great nephews; two step-granddaughters; and longtime friend Jaqueline Conniff. He was preceded in death by a nephew, Ben Snyder.

FORMER SCHOOL STAFF

Raymond 'Ray' Merry died March 19, 2018, in Plymouth. Ray is memorialized in Minnesota High school basketball history for coaching the Luverne Cardinals to the 1964 State High School Championship during the celebrated single class era.

Born January 6, 1930, in Larimore, ND, Ray attended the University of North Dakota on a basketball scholarship, then took a detour from school while he served in the Navy. He returned to UND, graduated with a BS degree in education and began two years active duty in the Army, including service in Korea.

Ray married Mary McGuckin in 1951. He coached in Magnolia, Goodhue and Luverne. After he coached the 1964 state championship team, Ray and the family moved to Robbinsdale, MN, to be closer to medical resources for his daughter, Jeanne.

He coached and acquired two Masters/a Specialist Degree and transitioned to administration as a principal until Robbinsdale High School closed in 1982. He retired as principal at Armstrong High School in 1987.

Ray is survived by Mary, his bride of 66 years; daughter Jennifer (Randy) Koski, Lakeland, FL; son Bruce (Anne LaFrance), Wayzata; son Robert, Plymouth; sister Ruby (Orville) Johnson; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Reunions in the Making

Class of 1963
55th Class Reunion
September 28-29, 2018
Tri-State Band Festival Weekend
FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 28TH

Gathering & social—location to be determined

SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 29TH

TSBF Parade & Afternoon Activities

Ladies & Men's Luncheon
not included in the registration fee

Sat Evening Dinner – Luverne Country Club

REGISTER NOW!

Class of 1963 Scholarship established

Any questions email Patti Kirby Pierson:
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SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

Class of 1958
60th Class Reunion

Friday—September 28, 2018

Meet your classmates at Take 16 Brewing Co.

Food will be available—4 to 10 pm

Saturday—September 29, 2018

9:30 am Tri-State Band Festival Parade

5 pm Social Hour\6 pm Dinner
Photo will be taken at 5:30 pm!

At The Bluestem

Registration mailing will be sent at later date.

Contact: Connie (Rusche) Wieneke

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Class of 1968
50th Class Reunion
July 20-21, 2018

Friday—at Take 16 Brewing Co.

Saturday—at Luverne Country Club

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CLASS OF 1969
50th Class Reunion
May 31– June 1, 2019



FRIDAY

Meet at the Buffalo Days Cruise-in from 6 to 9 pm with another "Social Hour" at Take 16 at 9 pm

SATURDAY

Trolley Tour at 1 pm 9 hole Golf Scrambler at 2:30 pm

Reunion Dinner 6 pm at Luverne Country Club

Enjoy all the activities going on with the Buffalo Days Weekend!

Check out our Facebook Page "LHS Class of '69"!

Packets with more info will be sent out in late January!

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