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LHS Performing Arts Center coming together



Electricians and carpet layers descended on the new performing arts center at the Luverne Middle-High School July 12 to add lighting around the 779 newly installed seats and install carpet in the 9,400-square-foot facility. Three weeks ago construction workers placed the final pre-cast panel to fully enclose the facility. The performing arts center is part of a \$30 million project at Luverne Public Schools that added six classrooms to the original 1956 structure.

The middle and high school kitchen and lunchroom were moved from the basement to ground level and a new commons now joins with the new performing arts center. The entire structure now joins with the elementary school. The project is expected to be finished by August.

Honor Roll of Alumni News contributors

Compiled by Johnna Ahrendt

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CARDINAL PRIDE WEEKEND

July 14-17, 2022

THURSDAY – JULY 14 – 59th ANNUAL HOT DOG NITE

Farmers Market at Redbird Field from 4 to 7 pm
 Beer Gardens on Main at Sterling's Café & Grille and Take 16 begin at 5 pm
 Serving begins at 5:30 pm
 Free Inflatables from 5:30 to 8 pm
 FREE Freezie Pops on Main begins at 5:30 pm
 Tae Kwon Do Demonstration on Main begins at 6 pm
 Spotlight Dance Performance on Main begins at 6:30 pm
 Wiener Dog Triathlon begins from the History Center at 7 pm
 Wiener Dog Beauty Pageant begins at 7 pm at Main and Freeman
 Wiener Dog Races begins immediately following pageant at Main & Freeman
 Live Music on Main – begins at 8 pm at the History Center

FRIDAY – JULY 15

Tours at Luverne High School, scheduled throughout the day
 Luverne LOOP Golf Cart Tours, scheduled throughout the day
 Hinkly House open for tours – 10 am until 4 pm
 Palace Theatre open for tours – 10 am until 4 pm
 History Center open for tours – 10 am until 4 pm
 Brandenburg Gallery & Herreid Military Museum – 8 am until 5 pm
 Block Party on Main – Take 16 – 5 to 11 pm
 Individual class reunions and gatherings

SATURDAY – JULY 16

Cardinal Pride Parade – 10 am on Main Street
 School open for tours starting at 11:30 am through...
 Cardinal Pride Program – Performing Arts Center – 2 pm
 Party at the Park – *hosted by Luverne Area Community Foundation*
 5:30 until midnight
 Food & beverage garden
 Live music
 Fireworks at 10 pm
 Free admission

SUNDAY – JULY 17

Worship in Luverne City Park (?) – 10 am
 Community Picnic—11 am to 1 pm
 Rock County Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony—2 pm

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This weekend event planned for July 2022 will celebrate the past, present and future of Luverne Public Schools and provide the opportunity for ALUMNI to experience the \$30+ million remodeling/renovation/building project completed during the summer of 2021.

Luverne Dollars for Scholars ... Did you know?

Contributed by Johnna Ahrendt

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 15. 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 2021 awards season this May. Sixty one qualifying Luverne High School students from the Class of 2021 were awarded \$484,750. These scholarships ranged from \$3,000 to \$14,250.

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

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PO Box 822
Luverne, MN 56156

Email: luvernedfs@gmail.com
Call: 507-227-4030 (Johnna Ahrendt)
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Wayne Green '73

Dawn Maxwell '73
Elmer Menage, teacher

Leif Gilbertson '77

Class of 1977

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Laurie DeWispelaere '79

Konrad Eidahl, teacher

Laurie DeWispelaere '79

Mr. Dooyema retires from Luverne

After more than 40 years, he was on third generation of students

By Jason Berghorst

"Stand up if you ever had Mr. Dooyema as a teacher."

Luverne art teacher Chris Nowatzki made this request during the district's employee recognition program on the last day of school Friday, May 28.

In response, over 30 of the teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers, food service and other district staff gathered in the Cardinal gym stood up as the rest applauded.

"This just shows the legacy that Mr. Dooyema leaves after 41 years," Nowatzki told the group.

Doug Dooyema started in Luverne in the fall of 1980, spending his first 12 years teaching fourth grade in the old elementary school building on Luverne Street.

He then moved to teaching sixth-grade science at the middle school, a position he held for almost 30 years.

Dooyema grew up near Kenneth and graduated from Edgerton Public High School before earning degrees from Minnesota West in Worthington and Minnesota State University in Mankato.

He taught one year in Salem, South Dakota, before returning closer to home to teach in Luverne.

"I'm now just about on my third generation of students in the same family," Dooyema said.

"You make a lot of connections with the students and families when you teach in the same town for this many years, and I've really enjoyed that the most."

He said he thought about being a veterinarian after high school, but quickly realized he didn't want the hours required with that profession.

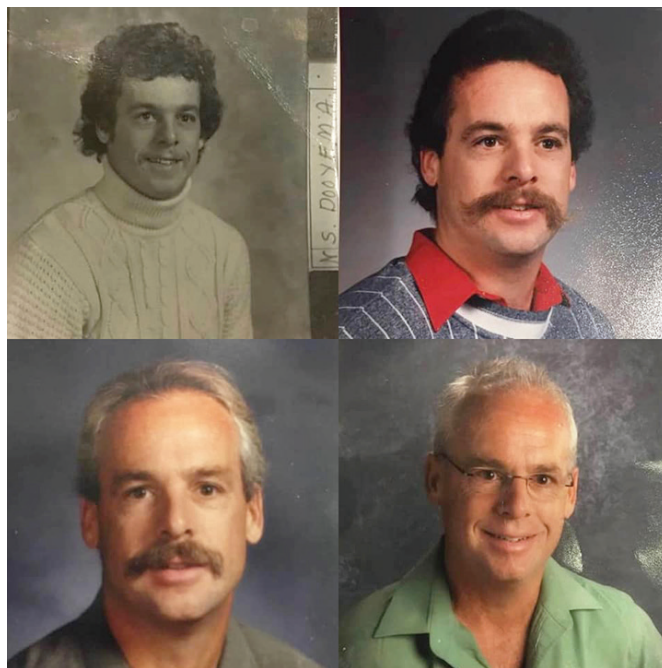
"I really kind of fell into teaching by default," Dooyema said. "I knew I'd be able to keep farming some back then if I was a teacher. It was a great choice."

It's a life lesson he shares with his students.

"I always try to impress on the kids that school will take you somewhere," Dooyema said. "No one can ever take your education away from you."

Early in his career, Dooyema also coached multiple sports, including varsity assistant for baseball and middle school football and basketball before his own children began participating in sports.

He's also been involved with the teachers' union since he started with district and has been a negotiator for the Luverne Education Association for 38 years.



Submitted photo

Luverne Middle School science teacher Doug Dooyema retired after 42 years of teaching, 41 of them in Luverne Public Schools, on May 28.

"I always try to impress on the kids that school will take you somewhere," Dooyema said. "No one can ever take your education away from you."

According to Dooyema, the end of his four decades career may not be immediately felt.

"It probably won't really hit me until this fall when I don't go back to school," he said, adding that he'll spend more time with his wife, Pam, their nine children and six grandchildren.

"That will keep me busy," he added.

Dooyema also plans to continue working with his backhoe construction business.

"I like that, because I can kind of set my hours. It's perfect."

This story originally appeared in the June 24 edition of the Rock County Star Herald.

Remembering our classmates

Compiled by Carol Schumacher Serie

1940 – 1949

James L. Wiggins '42 died January 1, 2021, in Denison, TX. Jim attended Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis, graduating in 1943. He worked for the Milwaukee Railroad for 40 years. On June 1, 1946, Jim married Lorraine Therien in Minneapolis.

Jim's job took him to Kansas City and eventually to Texas where they raised their family. In 1986, Jim and Lorraine moved to Denison, TX, where he began a second career at age 62 as a courtesy clerk at Albertsons, a career that would last thirty years.

Jim is survived by daughter Kathy (Jerry) Crim, Garland, TX; son, Jim (Jan) Wiggins, McKinney, TX; son Tom (Mary) Wiggins, Dripping Springs, TX; and daughter Maureen (partner Debbie Burke) Wiggins, Garland, TX; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, brothers **Joseph '40** and **Frederick '44**, and sisters **Mary '45** Thul and **Martha '47** Wiggins, all from Minnesota.

Helen (Stein) Fitzer '44 died May 27, 2021, in Luverne. Following high school, Helen worked as a bookkeeper for Creeger's Clothing Store. She married **Maurice '44** Fitzer on April 9, 1948, in Luverne. The couple made their home south of town on the Fitzer family farm. In 1983 the farm transitioned to their son, Geff, and they moved into town.

Helen is survived by her children, **Gregg '68** (Laurie) Fitzer, Surprise, AZ, **Geff '78** (Jackie) Fitzer, Sioux Falls, SD, and Sally Fitzer, Verona, WI; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and other family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, **Maurice**; son, **Gary '75**; and three brothers, Clarence Stein, Raymond Stein, and Leonard Stein.

Betty Jean (Wulf) Justin '46 died on May 29, 2021, in the Twin Cities. Betty taught school for many years in Columbia Heights MN.

Betty is survived by two sons, Jon and Dan (Sharon) and two granddaughters, Jennifer and Jessica.

1950 – 1959

Philip Refnes '51 died March 20, 2021, in Sacramento, CA, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Philip served in the U.S. Army in the 22nd Signal Corp in Korea. After his service, he settled in Sacramento where he worked over 50 years as a General Contractor and owner of Refnes Construction Company. He is a life member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

Philip is survived by his wife of 62 years, Vera, his three children and their spouses, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his thirteen siblings.

Richard Brown '53 died May 19, 2021, in Hudson, WI. In 1959, Dick graduated with degrees in mechanical engineering and business administration from the University of Minnesota, where he was an active member of the ROTC. He served in the U.S. Army, both active and reserve, until 1975, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. In 1961 he began his business career at Control Data Corp. He enjoyed traveling and eventually visited all the continents.

Dick is survived by his wife of 22 years, Dianne Evert; his children Marty Brown, Marcia (Greg) Leadholm, Monica (Joe) Norton and Paul (Nanci) Brown; their mother, Jan Brown; his brother **Steve '58** (Jane) Brown; his bonus children, Donna (Nick) Luciano, Denise (Mike) Bartz and David (Tati) Evert; eleven grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan, and his brother, **Charles '50**.

Tanya (Thompson) Lehmann '55 died April 7, 2021, in Oconomowoc, WI. After two years attending Augustana College, Tanya moved to Racine, WI, where she met her husband, Gary Lehmann. They were married on January 23, 1960. The couple moved to Oconomowoc in 1992.

Tanya is survived by her husband, Gary; sons, Steven (Lisa), Kenneth (Diane), and Paul

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(Dawn); seven grandchildren; brother, **Dr. Stanley '57** Thompson, Coon Rapids, MN; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a brother **Torleif '46 (Arlene '47)** Thompson.

John Remme '56 died April 30, 2021, in Worthington, MN. John attended Worthington Community College and was a 1961 graduate of Augustana College.

He married Lavonne Padilla. They had three children, and later divorced. John married Patricia Linder on July 3, 1992, in Luverne.

John began his employment in Austin, MN, but after two years, moved to Worthington, where he became a real estate loan officer at Worthington Federal Savings Bank.

In 1977, he was elected president and CEO and was also elected to the Board of Directors. He served in this position for 23 years, retiring in December 2000. John also served in many Worthington community organizations.

John is survived by his wife, Patricia; three children, Michael (Debra), Indian Land, SC, Kami (Steve), Stewartville, MN, and Jeffrey (Constance), Chatfield, MN; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Linda (Reed), Keowee Key, SC; brother, **Mark '78** (Nan), Seneca, SC; stepson, Jeffrey (Jen) Linder, Worthington; stepdaughter Julie (Craig) Runksmeier, Ledyard, IA; ten step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

Marcia (Stoterau) Binford '57 died April 7, 2021, in Moorhead, MN. Marcia married **Larry '56** Binford in Luverne on December 28, 1958. They relocated to Moorhead, MN, in February 1959.

Marcia is survived by her husband, **Larry**; daughter, Tammy (Doug) Underwood and Michelle (Dave) Wightman; son, Brad; brother, **Dale '56** Stoterau; sister, **Karol '63** (Jerry) Mohs; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gene Stoterau, and a granddaughter, Paige Wightman.

1960 – 1969

Jean (Stanley) Umland '61 died October 15, 2020. Jean married **Daryl '59** Umland in Luverne on December 28, 1962. Daryl worked as a teacher for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools, which took their family to Japan and then Germany. In Japan, Jean worked for the Education Department on Misawa Air Force Base. In Germany, Jean worked as a secretary to the Commander of Resource Management Department and then was promoted to secretary of Base Commander at Spangdahlem AFB, and Wing Commander's secretary at Bitburg AFB.

After Daryl's retirement, the couple moved to Las Vegas, NV, where Jean continued to work as a secretary to the US Attorney until she retired in 2012. Daryl preceded Jean in death in 2017.

Douglas D. Kuper '63 died May 1, 2021, in Sioux Falls, SD. Doug served in the U.S. Army National Guard and married **Barb '64** Nagel on April 3, 1965, in St. Paul. The couple lived in the Twin Cities area before moving to Beaver Creek in 2002. Doug owned and operated Kuper Excavating for thirty years.

Doug is survived by his wife, **Barb**, Beaver Creek; three children, Brent Kuper, Savage; Lisa Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD; and Tracy (Scott) Hummelgard, Lakeville; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson. He was preceded in death by a brother, **Dale '57** Kuper.

Roddey E. Ford '66 died June 22, 2021, in Rochester, MN. In 1970, Roddey graduated from the University of Minnesota with a chemistry major and math minor. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970 to 1974 working in the Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH. Roddey was employed at Mayo Foundation in Rochester from 1974 until retirement in 2009 as a chemist and was a published author in multiple scientific papers.

Roddey is survived by his wife Linda, children Lorian and Robert, brother **Gregory '68** (Fern) Ford and **John '72** (Maryann) Ford, and nieces.

David A. Huiskes '67 died on July 2, 2021, in Sioux Falls, SD. Dave was a lifelong resident of Luverne. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and

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served in the 551st Military Police Company in 1969 and served at Fort Polk, LA until 1971. He returned to Minnesota and worked with Deutz and Crow Concrete in Luverne from 1971 to 1973. On Oct. 6, 1973, Dave married Shirley Pommer in Ellsworth, MN. From 1973 to Sept. 6, 2019, when he retired, Dave worked for Sweetman Construction/Concrete Materials, later known as MDU. He was active in his church and lovingly involved with his family and friends.

Dave is survived by his wife, Shirley of Luverne; children, **Paul '92 (Rebecca '96)** of Luverne, **Amy '95** (Matthew) Lee of Sauk Rapids, MN, and **Mark '01** (Jacqueline) of Shakopee, MN; ten grandchildren; siblings, **Dianna '65** (Glen) Malmquist, Luverne, **Darla '69** (Keith) Schmuck, Luverne, **Donna '69 (Lon '65)** Remme, Luverne, **Marcia '72** (Don) Bork, Beaver Creek, **Jim '72** (Mary) Huiskes, Northfield, MN, **Dawn '79 (Dan '78)** DeWispelaere, Luverne, and **Kathy '81** (Jeff) Wilsey, Sioux Falls; sister-in-law, **Anna Mae '57** Huiskes, Luverne; extended family and friends.

His brother Darrel '64 preceded him in death.

Daniel Dougherty '68 died on April 25, 2021, in hospice care after battling cancer for most of 2020. He was the oldest of six siblings.

Dan is survived by his sons Dylan and Michael; brother **Shawn '74 (Tammie '76)**, Red Wing, MN, sister **Shelly** (Scott), Owatonna, MN, brother **Kelly** (Lisa), Sachse, TX, sister **Amy** (Jim), Mound, MN; nine nieces and nephews; and numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by sister, **Kim '72**.

1970 – 1979

James Bendt '70 died in April 2021. No details or obituary available.

John VandenHoek '70 died June 15, 2021, in Luverne. John is survived by his children, **Jessy '93** Hoven, Luverne, **Maggie '03** Vanderburg, Luverne, **Josh '97** VandenHoek, Luverne; thirteen grandchildren; mother, Mildred VandenHoek, Garvin, MN; sisters, **Kathy '67** McClure, Homosassa, FL; **Mary '71** Rodgers, Fairmont, MN; brother **Mark '77** VandenHoek, Magnolia, MN.

He was preceded in death by his brother, **Robert '66**, and sister, **Julie '74** Ohlsen.

Wayne Green '73 died May 23, 2021, in Luverne. Wayne lived his entire life in Luverne. He helped on the farm and was a truck driver. He also worked for the Magnolia Steakhouse, the Star Herald, Culligan Water, Hills Stainless Steel, New Central Press, mowed lawns, and did snow removal. He retired in 2019.

Wayne is survived by daughter Samantha (Jeremy) Diemert, Big Lake, MN; son Joshua (Brianna) Green, Big Lake; two grandchildren; siblings, **Verne '66** (Janet), Gregory, SD, **Roger '69** (Marti), Owatonna, **Elnora '70** Hemsath, Ossian, IA, **Jerald '76** (Evelyn), Adrian, **Bernard '78** (Beth), Bemidji, **Orvin '80**, Adrian, **Charlotte '81** Dammer, Rushmore, **Denise '83** Sprecher, Luverne, **Reva '84** Green, Luverne, **Roxanne '87** (Terry Reisdorfer) Green, Luverne; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter **Deanna '99** Green, sister **Darla '75** Green; niece Jennifer Green; nephew Tim Hansen; brothers-in-law, Doug Sprecher, Daryl Dammer, and Duane Erickson; and sister-in-law Claudette Green.

Former School Staff

Janet Shelver ED D. died June 6, 2021, in Sioux Falls, SD. Dr. Shelver who promoted education worldwide, was widely known for her dedication in improving teaching techniques and helping individuals develop to their full potential.

She began teaching at age 18 in a rural one-room schoolhouse. An amazing career followed, with her pioneering achievements spanning the founding of a kindergarten prior to its standard inclusion in the curriculum, an innovator of the national Head Start kindergarten program in Sioux Falls, Director of her Education Consulting business, advisor to government, and with an education doctor's degree specializing in Psychology, she spearheaded a new role in K-12 as a school psychologist, helping children develop to their full potential. Janet was united in marriage on June 11, 1947, in Enderlin, ND, with Raymond Shelver who predeceased her after 68 years together.

She is survived by her children, Stanley (Martha) Shelver, Virginia Soper, Dr. Nancy (Jeff) Graves; four granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren, and a host of close friends and relatives.



Mavis Fodness photo/0715 School Build NE Park Street

Street improvements begin at school

Duininck Inc. began reconstruction of North East Park Street on the east side of the Luverne Middle-High School last week. Work includes a new storm water system under the city street that runs in front of the school. The city of Luverne and Luverne School District are working together on the \$500,000 street and parking lot improvements that will be completed by September.



Above, Duininck Inc. workers place the last of the storm sewer piping into the ground Monday afternoon. Work will soon turn to reconstructing the street base and a new parking area on the east side of the school.

At left, the street along the east side of the school will be widened to accommodate slanted parking. An alumni garden and outdoor classroom area are also planned in the area of the east side school entrance.

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Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The Rock County Hall of Fame Committee is inviting the public to submit nominations to the Rock County Hall of Fame. Deadline for applications is February 28, 2022. The induction date is scheduled for July 17, 2022, should any nominations be accepted.

Please return this **completed** form, **along with additional support documentation**, to Rock County Hall of Fame Secretary; 213 East Luverne Street; Luverne MN 56156 or email: luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

Nominee's Name: _____

Address (if known) _____

Contact Phone Number (if known) _____ Email Address (if known) _____

List of nominee's most significant contributions (Why the nominee should be honored?)

Nominator

Name (last, first, middle initial) _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Your Relationship to Nominee _____

Email Address _____

Endorsement

Please list at least three people who endorse this nomination. Each person endorsing this nomination should include a brief statement of support.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS ROCK COUNTY



The Rock County Hall of Fame recognizes current and former residents and individuals who have a significant identity with Rock County who have made an exceptional contribution to society, achieved exceptional success, brought honor and prestige beyond the borders of Minnesota through their lived, and have exhibited such qualities of character and action as to be outstanding role models for our citizens. It is expected that the achievements of people selected for the Rock County Hall of Fame to be above and beyond the ordinary.

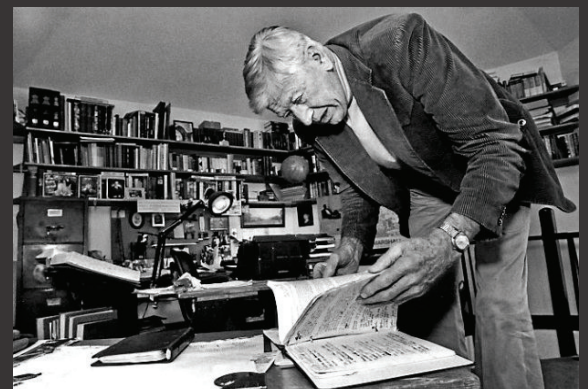
The Rock County Hall of Fame Committee of the Rock County Historical Society has designated July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 as the period to accept nominations.

Rock County Hall of Fame Nomination Forms are available at the History Center on Main Street in Luverne, MN; at the Luverne Area Chamber; and on-line at

www.rockcountyhistorical.com
And [Www.LuverneChamber.com](http://www.LuverneChamber.com)

The awards presentation will be held on Sunday, July 17, 2022 at the Rock County Courthouse Square during the celebration honoring the 150th Anniversary of Rock County.

For questions about nominations, contact the Hall of Fame Secretary: Jane Lanphere (507.283.4061) (507.920.5197)



Gimme an L!



Mavis Fodness photo/0415 School Build Commons Terrazzo

'L' appears on new school commons floor

Greg Dalbec, site superintendent with ICS, clicks a picture Monday of the school logo set in the new terrazzo flooring at the Luverne Middle-High School's commons area. Workers with Wisconsin Terrazzo spent the weekend bending the metal for the design before adding the red terrazzo mixture to cure. Once ready, workers will add the other flooring colors before sanding the floor to reveal the rock patterns.

In a remodeling update April 8, Luverne School Board members learned that the construction project at the middle-high school is scheduled to be finished in June, 27 months after the \$31 million project started. As of March 30, \$25 million has been spent on the project.

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A worker from Wisconsin Terrazzo sands the terrazzo kick walls Friday in the hallway leading to the new performing arts center at Luverne Public Schools.

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The Alumni News is published by volunteers as a free gift for Luverne High School alumni who enjoy the quarterly updates on classmates and their hometown. This publication is the envy of school districts everywhere, as it also maintains a priceless database of our alumni dating back to classes that graduated decades ago. There are expenses incurred with printing, mailing and database support, and these costs are paid for with generous contributions from our alumni and readers.

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Retired teachers and support staff of Luverne Public Schools tour construction on the school campus in June as part of the 2184 Campaign to raise funds for enhancements as the construction and remodel of the middle-high school wrap up this summer. They're pictured in the new commons for an up-close look at the new media center.

LHS 2184 Campaign raises \$250,000 to date

Luverne Public Schools have nearly completed an historic \$31 million reconstruction and expansion project that is transforming the Luverne Middle/High School campus.

Through the **LHS 2184 Campaign**, the Luverne Education Legacy Fund is partnering with LHS alumni, community members and supporters to provide funding for enhancements above and beyond projects funded by local taxpayers that will truly leave a legacy of Cardinal pride for generations to come!

Donors who give \$2,184 or more (Luverne's school district number) will be forever recognized on a donor board in the new commons at LHS. Donations may be given at one time, annually, or monthly (\$61) over three years.

As of July 1, the **LHS 2184**

Campaign already has commitments of over \$250,000 and **we know this is just the start, because there are many more proud Cardinal alumni and friends who will want to participate in this campaign.**

The number of projects funded by the LHS 2184 Campaign will depend on the funds raised and the wishes of those who donate.

If you would like to learn more or sign up to leave a legacy through the **LHS 2184 Campaign**, please visit luverneeducationlegacyfund.org/lhs-2184-campaign or contact Emily (Bowron) Crabtree at the Luverne Area Community Foundation at [507-227-6841](tel:507-227-6841) or emily@luvacf.org.

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The following individuals, families and businesses have each committed to donate \$2,184 or more to the LHS 2184 Campaign as of July 5, 2021. We sincerely thank them for their partnership and commitment to Luverne Public Schools! We look forward to adding many more alumni and friends to this list in the months ahead!

*Brad '84 & Angela (Earl '89) Ahrendt; Griffin '17, Greta '19, Gannon '23

Jeff '92 & Johnna (Bowron '95) Ahrendt; Hunter '22, Morgan '24

*Tom '62 & Dixie (Winge '63) Arends; Paul '87, Beth (Senf) '90

*Pat '81 & Katie (Connell '86) Baustian; Joe '14, Jack '16, Claire '20, Peter '21

*Jason Berghorst '97
Jamie & Jennifer Beyer Family
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Michael & Cheryl Cox

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In Memory of Marcus J. Emery '12
*Keith & Joan Erickson

*Esther Spease Frakes - in Memory of Roger Spease '51 and Dallis Frakes '53

*Phoebe (Johnson '87) Flom
*Greg '68 & Joanne Gabrielson - in Memory of our son Andy

*Gary '67 & Barb Golla
Nate '92 & Molly Golla; Jackson '19, Josephine '21

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Rich '64 & Cammy (Martin '64) Iverson
*Jerry & Delaine Jensen

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Keith & Velda (DeBoer) Maine; Trevor '04, Whitney '07, Davontae '10, Terrell

*Verlyn '48 & Betty (Soutar '48) Mann; Richard '71, Debra '74, Peggy '76, Ken '79, Andy '80

*Gary '63 & Marlene '64 Mann

*Todd & Shawn Mann

*Matt & Katie (Ebert '96) Mostad; Charlie '27, Ingrid '28

*Dale & Patti Nelson; Dave '07, Scott '13

*Larry & Janice Nelson; Jeff '87, Becky (Olson) '90

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REUNIONS IN THE MAKING

Submit your reunion plans for this listing by email or phone:
Email: luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us
Call: LUVERNE AREA CHAMBER

LHS CLASS OF 1975 *45th (+1)*

August 21, 2021

Saturday—3 pm

At the Kemerling Ranch



Join Facebook Group for updates:

Luverne High School Class of '75 MN

Info: Joni Peterson

jonipete@iw.net

LHS CLASS OF 1976

45th (+1) Reunion

July 14-17, 2022

Info: Deone Hemme

dljhemmes4@gmail.com

Facebook:

Luverne High School Class of 1976

LHS CLASS OF 1981

40th Reunion

August 6 & 7, 2021

Friday Night at Take 16

Saturday Night at The Eagles

Susan Schneekloth: 507.220.0591

Terri Taylor: 507.290.0196

Pat Baustian: 507.920.7406

Details & mailing coming!

LHS CLASS OF 1971

50th Reunion

July 14-17, 2022

During the All School Reunion

Info: Jane 507.920.5197

luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

LHS CLASS OF 1962

60th Reunion

Friday—July 15, 2022

BRUNCH/LUNCH

AT TAKE 16 EVENT CENTER

Additional info will come later!

FYI—other events happening during Cardinal Pride Weekend

Ideas? Questions?

Contact: Darlene (Hitch) Woolsey

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LHS CLASS OF 2011

10th Reunion

July 16-17, 2021

Make plans to join us!

Hannah Baartman

Paige Paquette

Joey Slieter



hannahbaartman1@gmail.com

ARE YOU PLANNING A CLASS REUNION? Email Patti Pierson at piersonprp@alliancecom.net and she will be able to provide you with a class listing and also labels.

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