

Luverne is turning 150 years old

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

By Jane Wildung Lanphere

Luverne makes big strides from 1904 through 1919

(This article offers a glimpse of what was going on in Luverne just after the turn of the century and some of the exciting things that were happening as the city grew.

The next edition of Alumni News will feature stories surrounding WWI and the beginning of Prohibition.)

Big changes happened in Luverne's form of government in 1904, when it assumed the responsibilities of city government. On November 5th, 1900 in response to a petition of 347 voters (all male at this time), Judge P. E. Brown appointed a commission to prepare a charter under the provisions of the state constitution. Four years later, on September 6, 1904, Luverne held its first election. E. A. Brown was elected alderman and council members were George Leet, W. J. Kinne, C. N. Philbrick and J. L. Jarchow.

Luverne had a population of 2272 and was on the move, in residential and business development. By 1910, the population of Luverne had grown to 2540, making it fifth in size among cities of the Second Congressional District; the others being Mankato, New Ulm, Fairmont and Winnebago.

The village of Luverne inaugurated a permanent library in May 1887 and operated for its first years on the second floor of the city offices. Attorney E. H. Canfield led a building drive for a new facility including making a formal request for a donation for a public library building addressed



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to Andrew Carnegie in March, 1903. Shortly thereafter, a letter was received by the philanthropist with the agreement for the donation of \$10,000 with the provision of adequate maintenance funds. The city council agreed to authorize \$1,000 per year and would furnish a suitable site. On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, the new library building was dedicated at the northwest corner of Lincoln Street and Freeman Avenue.

In 1907, the first bridge was built across the Rock River at a site north of where our current Rock

River Bridge now stands. Traffic to Luverne for social and business purposes increased substantially with the convenient bridge access close to town. When parcel post service went into effect in 1913 the catalog shopping business began to increase. Families conveniently ordered and had the goods delivered by the U. S. Postal Service, right to their doors.

At the May 1913 meeting of the Luverne City Council, three interesting ordinances were

Honor Roll of Alumni News contributors

Compiled by Johnna Ahrendt

During this past quarter, June 30, 2016, through Sept. 30, 2016, the Alumni News received money in the form of memorials, and gifts totaling \$2,052. In the memorial section below, the individual being memorialized is printed in bold print, followed by the individual or individuals who made the gift. Contributions given by graduates and friends follow the list of memorials.

THANK YOU, READERS!

NOTE:

If you have recently made a contribution to the Alumni News and your name does not appear on this page, please let the staff know. The chances are your contribution was received after this page was compiled (Sept. 30, 2016). Please watch for the next issue, January 2017, for additional names of Alumni News contributors.

Memorials

Grace Loose '34

Peggy (Schmidt) Anderson '54
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Peggy (Schmidt) Anderson '54

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Tom '60 & Sharron (Jacobs) '60 Fay

William McCormick '47

James Hamann '56
John '45 & Imogene (Lemke) '47 Krogmann
Winifred Haggard '50

Joann (Kennedy) Fay '49

Tom '60 & Sharron (Jacobs) '60 Fay

Dorothy (Frank) Dorn '50

Winifred Haggard '50

Roger Beers '50

John '45 & Imogene (Lemke) '47 Krogmann
Ken '63 & Rebecca (Hamann) '65 Husen
Melvin Hamann '53

Shirley (Braa) McQuoid '53

Peggy (Schmidt) Anderson '54

Ellen (Groth) Long '56

Class of 1956

Donna (Oye) Stoterau '60

Michael '60 & Joyce (Achterhoff) '60 Hagemann

Janet (Priesz) Newell '60

Verlyn '60 & Susan (Carter) '62 VanBatavia

Robert Jensen '60

Michael '60 & Joyce (Achterhoff) '60 Hagemann
Vivien (Atkinson) Wissink '60

Evan VerSteeg '63

Anna (DeGroot) VanBatavia '60
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James '59 & Gloria (Aanenson) '63 Rolfs
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Michael '60 & Joyce (Achterhoff) '60 Hagemann
Twila (Drost) VerSteeg '64
Verlyn '60 & Susan (Carter) '62 VanBatavia
Virgil '60 & Carol (Ossenfort) '63 Oltmans

Fred (Manfred) Manfred Jr '72

Eva Lou Opsata '63

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Christie (Thorson) Heitman '75
Class of 1975
Craig Loger '75
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Joni Petersen '75
Joyce McClure '75
Kim (Spease) Eisenhuth '75
Krista (Fick) Kroon '75
Lori (Arends) Ptak '75
Richard Christianson '75
Terry Reisch '75
Val Monson '75
Valerie (Mohr) Klumper '75

Jim Thode '75

Charmaine (Herman) Baker '75
Christie (Thorson) Heitman '75
Class of 1975

Financial contributions/see page 8

Financial summary: Balance 6/30/16 \$980.49

Donations: 2,052.00
DFS Support: 1,700.00

Expenses:
Printing 919.07
Postage 1,807.34
Labels 507.43
Technical Support 765.00

Balance 9/30/16 \$733.65

What We've Heard ...

Compiled by Jane Wildung Lanphere

Harold and Carol Stroh of Luverne sent these photos that they found in Harold's mother's things. Harold's mother was **EFFIE STROH**. Effie died at the age of 98 in 2003. The photos were from the year she was a 1923 LHS Grad.

Faculty Photo: Mrs. Athan (normal teacher's training), Miss Aldrich (freshman math), Miss Armstrong (3rd + 4th English), Mr. Carr (chemistry 3), Miss Thomson, Mr. Teasdale, (no name by #7), Mr. Rolfing (industrial arts 4), Miss Hansen (English), Mr. Thompson, (no name by #11), Superintendent H. C. Bell, and Mrs. Rea (music) (insert photo)

Senior Class of 1923 and Class Advisor Mr. Carr: Mr. Carr is on the very right end. Effie Stroh is 5th from the right.

LHS graduate **VONDA VILAND** is the principal of Blackrock High School in Yucca Valley, CA. She sent this special announcement to Alumni News that we are honored to share: "The past few years have been quite the adventure, and I am excited to share with you the outcome.

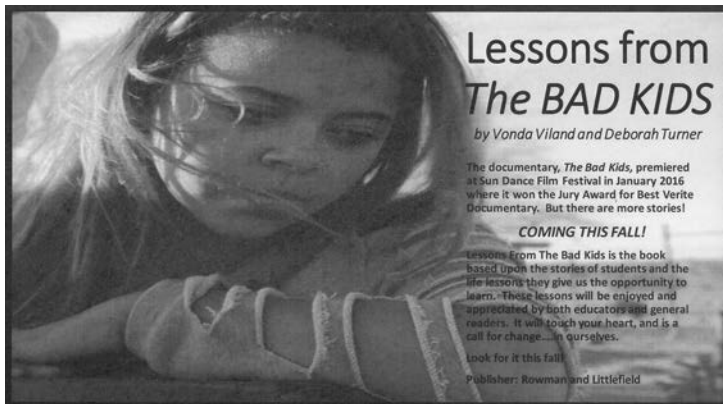
Lowkey Pictures made a documentary about the work I do with at-risk students at Black Rock High School in the Mojave Desert, entitled "The Bad Kids" (see www.thebadkidsmovie.com for the trailer and specific information). This documentary was selected for the



2016 Sundance Film Festival where it won best Verite' Film.

Since that time, the film has been playing at film festivals around the world (see screenings on the website) and will have its theatrical release in October in New York and Los Angeles. It will play in theaters across the country and will then show on PBS in March, 2017. After its showings on PBS, it will be available on Netflix.

As a result of the great interest in the film and the work we do at Black Rock High School, I have co-authored a book, entitled *Lessons from the Bad Kids*, that will also be released in October. The book is based upon the stories of the students and the lessons they give us the opportunity to learn. These lessons will be enjoyed and appreciated by both educators and general readers. It will touch your heart, and is a call for change...in ourselves.



Remembering our Classmates

Compiled by Carol Schumacher Serie
and Carol McDonald

1930 -1939

Helen Eleanor (Long) Sell '38 passed away May 26, 2016 in Minneapolis. Helen attended the College of St. Teresa, Winona, MN, and St. Mary's, Rochester, MN, earning an RN degree in 1942. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1942, and achieved the rank of 1st Lt. Helen served in England and France following the D-Day invasion. She returned to Minnesota in 1945 and enrolled at the University of Minnesota, completing a degree in education. She taught at the U of M School of Nursing and married Robert Sell in 1947. Helen was a volunteer and Life Member of the Minneapolis Swedish Institute, manager and board member of the Church Home of MN, porcelain artist, supporter of wildlife, birds and the environment. Helen felt a very strong attachment to Luverne, visiting often and keeping in touch with old friends. She started the Lloyd D. Long family Memorial Scholarship in 2013.

Helen was preceded in death by husband, Robert; sister Jean; sons David, Jonathan and Robert. She is survived by son Michael (Diana), daughter Meredith (John), seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1940 – 1949

Marilyn Weston Wiese '46 died July 24, 2016. She married Roger Wiese, her senior prom date, on September 12, 1950. They had three children, Steven, David, and Faye. Marilyn and Roger moved to Roseville, MN in 1962 and in 2002 they moved to their present home in White Bear Twsp. Marilyn was a woman who exemplified her faith in all she did.

Arlyn "Arlie" McClure '46 died September 26, 2016 in Luverne. Arlyn worked for various farmers in the area after graduation. On September 4, 1949 he married **Ruth Gonnerman '47**. The couple

lived in Luverne and Arlie worked for M.J. McKee roofing. In 1961, he started to work at MID Pack which later became Iowa Beef, retiring in July of 1993. He also worked part time for Busse Plumbing and Heating for a few years. Arlie was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church where he served as an elder, a Greeter, Head Usher and also helped with Little Lambs Preschool. He enjoyed farming, gardening, golf, playing cards, fishing and family get-togethers. He is survived by his wife **Ruth McClure '47**; three children, **Jeff '70 McClure, Arla '73** (Buzz) Cousins, and **Sandra '76** (Greg) Johnson, eight grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren, two brothers Douglas (**Darlene '52**) McClure, and **Steven '64** (Cheryl) McClure and a sister, **LaVonne '50** (Thomas) Willems.

William "Bill" Fay '47 passed away on June 20, 2016 in Plymouth, MN. Bill received his Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1953 from the University of Minnesota. He enlisted in the US Army, joined the Finance Corps and was stationed in Frankfurt Germany. Upon his return to the US, Bill began his architectural career in Minneapolis with Thorshov & Cerny (1955-60), followed by Thorsen & Thorshov (1960-87) and finally with Hammel, Green & Abrahamson (1987-98) where Bill was a lead onsite Architect for the Mall of America. A registered Architect for 45 years and member of the American Institute of Architecture, Bill retired in 1998. Bill was a lifelong member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Bill married **JoAnn Kennedy '49** on December 29, 1956 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Luverne. The couple lived in Minnetonka and finally, in Plymouth. Bill had a passion for fishing and many vacations involved camping and fishing in Minnesota and Canada.

He and JoAnn loved to golf and travel.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years JoAnn; brother-in-law Robert Kenney; and nephew Michael Fay. He is survived by his brother **Tom '60 (Sharron '60) Fay** of Lake Mills, WI, sister-in-law Marlee (Kennedy) Kenney, Redwood Falls, MN; his children, Terri (Tom) Cohn, Maple Grove, MN, Steve (Cathy) Fay, Roselle, IL, Mary Fay, Rochester, MN, John (Ruth) Fay, Maple Plain, MN; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

William C. McCormick '47 died August 20, 2016 in Luverne. Prior to graduation from high school, Bill was drafted into the US Air Force where he proudly served our country in World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned home to graduate with the class of 1947. Bill began his career as a highway engineer with the Rock County Highway Department in 1950. He was united in marriage to Patricia Jones on July 24, 1958 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church. The couple made their home in Luverne. Bill retired from his engineering career in 1986 but returned to work as a surveyor for the county until 1998. Bill was a faithful member of St. Catherine's church and was a member of the Military Order of the Cootie, a subsidiary of the VFW. He was an avid reader and Civil War historian. For 24 years, Bill and Pat enjoyed annual trips to the wine country of Northern California.

Bill is survived by his wife, Pat of Luverne; his sons, **Thomas '78** of Sioux Falls, SD, **Peter '80** (Kara) of Sioux Falls, SD, and **Matthew '82** (Chris) of Rapid City, SD; four grandchildren, Meghan, Courtney, Connor and Shannon. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas.

John Karl Koll '49 passed away on June 1, 2016 in Colorado Springs, CO. After John graduated from the University of Minnesota, he served at Camp Carson in the US Army Finance Corp. He remained in Colorado Springs and worked as a CPA. In 1957 he married Barbara "Bobbie" Lundell. The couple had two children, Karla Ann and Gary John. John's work for Speidel Newspapers and later Gannett took the family to Reno, NV and Sioux Falls, SD. He retired early to move back to Colorado Springs in 1979. Bobbie died in 1993. John married Wilma Jean "Jeannie" Adams in 1995 and their family expanded to include daughters Debra Thiem and Donna Burkhead, son David Adams, and grandchildren Sabra and Garrette Adams; Danny, Ryan, and Kyle Fahrenkrug; Adam McAllister and Kaitlyn Thiem. John's passion was his antique car collection and he was a member of various car clubs. John was also a member of Kiwanis, a volunteer driver for Silver Key and was the director and treasurer for the Woodmen Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

1950 – 1959

Dorothy Frank Dorn '50 died in Hospice care in Sioux Falls, SD, on August 23, 2016. Dorothy earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Cum Laude from Hamline University in 1954. On June 12, 1954 she married Robert Dorn. After several years of living in the Twin Cities they returned to Luverne, where they lived in her childhood home for the remainder of their 60 years of marriage. As a volunteer, she administered the Rock County Food Shelf for over 30 years. Dorothy is survived by her older sister, **Kathleen '41** Gibbsand, brother-in-law Allen Gibbs, her son **Mike '77** Dorn (Marianne Hageman), granddaughter Eleanor M.H., daughter **Marilee '79** Dorn with grandsons Mitchel and Milyn, and daughter **Marcia '82** Dorn.

Roger Beers '50 died September 5, 2016 in Sioux Falls, SD. He served his country in the United States Army. Roger married Gayle Frakes on August 31, 1952. After Roger returned from the service, the couple farmed southwest of Luverne. Roger enjoyed attending cattle shows, county fairs and raising and showing Australian cattle dogs. He is survived by his wife, **Gayle Beers '51**, a son **Brad '75** (Jane) Beers, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marlys F. Babcock '52 passed away July 15, 2016 in Mansfield, OH. On April 28, 1957 Marlys married George A. Babcock and they enjoyed 47 years together. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Galion, OH and worked at the former PECO II where she was an assembler. Marlys had previously worked at the Caleb V. Smith Co., in Galion and also Deca Manufacturing Co. in Lexington and the National Rifle Association as a senior accounting clerk. Marlys enjoyed reading, watching football, was

a Red Cross phone volunteer and a volunteer phone caller for Eyes and Ears for Christ at her church.

Marlys was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and **Roger '60** Jauert and sister Dolores Schaffer. She is survived by daughter Shawna (Jim Bechtel) of Oak Harbor, OH; her son, Kevin (Brenda) Babcock of Galion, OH; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, **Eida '45** Trisko, Luverne, MN, **Ardoth '48** (Vernon) Kratsch, Windom, MN, and **Marilyn '53** (Ron) Wright, Tulsa, OK.

Gail (Stuckenbroker) Smeins '53 died June 29, 2016 in Edgerton, MN. Gail married Lowell Smeins on February 9, 1956 in Luverne. Except for four years in Rapid City, SD, the couple lived in Luverne. Gail worked at Orey's Café in Luverne before her retirement and volunteered at the Carnegie Cultural Center and other places in the area after retiring. She enjoyed playing cards, bingo and doing puzzles.

Gail is survived by three sons, Bryce Smeins, Luverne, Kevin Smeins, Mankato, and Timothy Smeins, Mankato; several nieces and nephews, including **Tanya '70** (Leicher) Light, Luverne. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lowell; an infant son, Allen; a son, Scott; and three sisters, Myrtle Leicher, Dorothy Krogmann and Lois Hanson.

Eunice (Oldre) Lale-Woolley '53 passed away on March 18, 2016 in Fullerton, CA. Eunice attended Mankato State University and then moved to Minneapolis where she was employed by the Prudential Insurance Company. She moved to California in 1955 and worked for Texaco Inc. in Los Angeles until 1959. In 1960 she began her banking career in Orange County, CA which she continued until retiring in 1996. Eunice loved animals, gardening, reading, music, traveling and going to lunch and shopping with her friends.

Eunice is survived by her loving friend and companion, David Stewart; her sister Phyllis (Ron) Kreun and three nephews, David Kreun, Tim (Cathy) Kreun and Tom (Debra) Kreun; four grandnieces and three grandnephews.

Ellen L. (Groth) Long '56 passed away on March 15, 2015 in Sioux Falls, SD. After leaving Luverne, Ellen began her career working at Shrivens in Sioux Falls. She was united in marriage to Dale Long on November 8, 1959 in Luverne. The couple made their home in Sioux Falls. Ellen was a 20+ year employee of the K-Mart on East 10th Street, retiring as a front end supervisor. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids, baking, gardening, camping, needlework, spending time on her computer, reading, and sewing quilts.

Ellen is survived by her husband, Dale; children, Denise (Arlyn) Langerock, Brian (Yvette) Long, Chad (Kristy) Long, and Amy (Travis) Zimmerman; brothers, **Gary '64** (JoAnn) Groth, **Jim '66** (Jill) Groth, and Bud Larson; nine grandchildren; and numerous relatives and friends.

Glenn L. Vos '57 passed away on July 8, 2015 in Montevideo, MN. Glenn drove milk truck for a number of years following high school. He then went to work for Sioux Valley Milk Producers in Sioux Falls, SD, as a boiler technician. Glenn later attended Granite Falls Technical School where he received a degree in the Tool and Die program. He became a machinist at Warner Manufacturing in Sacred Heart, MN, eventually becoming their head machinist. Upon his retirement from the company, Glenn went to work part-time driving milk truck for Viessman's Trucking. Glenn had a strong love for animals, the Colorado Mountains, mechanical things of all sorts and driving trucks. He was very well read and loved spending time with family and friends.

Glenn is survived by two siblings, **Kenneth '48** (Francie) Vos and **Linda '61** Vos; two sisters-in-law, Fran Vos and Betty Vos; eight nephews and nieces; and other family and friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Homer Vos and Nelson Vos.

1960 -1969

Ruth Ann (McClure) Stirling '68 died in Sioux Falls, SD on August 9, 2016. After graduating from Luverne High School, Ruth Ann continued her education at Stewart School in Sioux Falls, SD for hairstyling. Her career as a beautician continued for the next 30 years until she purchased The Beer Garden in Menno, South Dakota. She was well known for being a great cook and collector of Coca Cola memorabilia. Above all else, Ruth cherished her family.

Ruth was artistic and joyful with a wonderful spirit.

She is survived by her husband, Kent "Ed" Stirling of Tripp, SD; children, Jesse and Shane Freeborn, Montana Stirling, and Tami Love; sister, **Sara '76 (Randy '75)** Van Nieuwenhuizen of Luverne; brother, **Cleon '71** (Sue) McClure of Douglas, Massachusetts; and other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Laura '73** Hauff.

Gale V. Oldre '69 died July 30, 2016 in Luverne. He attended Jackson Vocational Technical School, graduating in 1971 with an associate degree in Auto Mechanics. He owned and operated G & G Auto Mechanics in Jackson, MN. Gale married Laura Landhuis on June 16, 1972, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. The couple lived in Luverne, where Gale worked at Schoon Motors. He worked part time at Sturdevants Auto Supply while attending Southeast Tech School, receiving a degree in drafting before moving to Watertown, SD in 1983. Gale worked at Entercept in Watertown, SD as a draftsman and later drafting and design manager until present. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards, family outings, sprint car racing and especially driving his 1951 Chevy.

Gale is survived by his wife, Laura Oldre, Watertown, SD; son, Eric Oldre, Watertown, SD; siblings, **Barb '71** Oldre, Luverne, MN; Sharan (Gary) Honermann, Adrian, MN and **Bryce "Doc" '77 (Ellie '79)** Oldre, Luverne, MN; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Linda (Con) Brouwer, Edgerton, MN; Wayne (JoAnne) Landhuis, Edgerton; and Ardean Landhuis, West Palm Beach, FL.

1970-1979

Dennis Ossenfort '72 died September 7, 2016 in Sioux Falls. On June 15, 1974 he married Diane Determan. The couple lived in Worthington their

entire married life. Denny worked at TAC and later at the State Bank of Worthington. He owned and operated "Den's Lawn Care" in Worthington before returning to TAC. From his vehicles to his lawn care business, Denny took pride in everything he did. He enjoyed tinkering in his shed. He was proud that he and Diane's transportation began with a side by side bicycle to a motorized golf cart, to finally his van. Dennis is survived by his wife Diane and ten siblings; **Don '61** (Barb) Ossenfort, **Lois '62** (Norman) Nath, **Carol '63 (Virgil '60)** Oltmans, **Alice '65** Hansen, **Linda '67** (Gene) Molden, **Rodger '68 (Diane '68)** Ossenfort, **Judy '68** Reis, **Deb '70** Gehrke, **Brenda '73** (Keith) Staeffler, **Kathy '74** (Keith) Scholten, two sisters-in-law, **Marcia '63** Ossenfort and Linda Ossenfort.

Rory Clyde Burke '73 died Friday, September 23, 2016 in Brandon, SD. He attended Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, South Dakota State University, in Brookings and Southwest Minnesota State University, in Marshall. He lived in Brookings, SD before moving to his home in Sioux Falls, SD. Rory enjoyed reading, watching movies and listening to music.

Rory is survived by his brother, **Tim '79** (Pam) Frakes, St. Cloud; two sisters, **Keely '80** (Tommy) Frakes-Rau, Avon, and Karen Ylvisaker-Ancil, Marion, IN; many nieces, nephews, great nieces & nephews and cousins; and his good friend, Jim (Rachelle) Hoh, Sioux Falls, SD. He was preceded in death by his father, Clyde Burke; mother, Patricia (Burke) Frakes; stepfather, **Dallis Frakes '53**; and a brother, **Perry Frakes '76** in 1983.

Lori Essman Klein '75 died September 15, 2016 in Sioux Falls, SD. After high school she attended Pipestone Vocational and Technical School in Pipestone for one year before moving to Sioux Falls. Lori worked as a secretary at Dakota

Luverne Alum Leaves Generous Gift to Luverne Dollars for Scholars

Luverne Dollars for Scholars received a very generous gift from the late Robert “Bob” Craig Jensen. Bob Jensen graduated from Luverne High School in 1960.

He served in the Minnesota National Guard from 1964-1970. He worked at Thermo King Refrigeration before working with Elliot & Anderson Floor Covering for over twenty eight years. Bob passed away on April 23, 2016. Upon his death, Luverne Dollars for Scholars was notified that it had been named as a partial beneficiary to his estate.

The initial gift received was \$270,000. Dollars for Scholars will receive its final distribution when the estate is closed in early 2017. Bob’s gift was used to create the Robert Jensen Memorial Scholarship fund which will generate a scholarship every year, forever, to a fresh qualifying LHS graduate.

It is the generous gifts like these that have helped Luverne DFS build an endowment of over \$8.6 million and continue to help graduating seniors from Luverne High School attend and help pay for their post-secondary education.



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Welding which later became A-OX Welding Supply, for more than 25 years. She later worked as a clerk for various businesses. On June 35, 2016, Lori married Terry Klein in Sioux Falls. She enjoyed bowling, vegetable and flower gardening, and capturing photos at family events.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Klein; four children, Jessica Klein, Matthew (Amanda) Klein, Brian Klein, and Debra (Mike) Staples, her mother Doris Essman, two siblings, David (Claudia) Essman, Deanna (Robert) Wieme, and other friends and relatives.

James E. Thode '75 died on August 15, 2016 in Sioux Falls, SD. After high school, James attended Minnesota West Technical College in Pipestone, MN. He began farming with his father and also worked at A.R. Woods Manufacturing in Luverne. On September 3, 1983, he married Gayl Willey in Pipestone and they lived in Jasper, MN. Jim worked at Tri-State Silo in Jasper and then Bayliner Marine in Pipestone. In 1993 he became a dedicated full-time farmer with Bacon Valley Farms. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Pipestone. Jim was a Farm Bureau member and a member of the Texas Longhorn Association. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, collecting farm toys and cylinder John Deere tractors and was dedicated to taking care of his land, his livestock and his garden.

Jim is survived by his wife Gayl; his children, Michael (Jennifer) Thode, Laura Thode, and Krista (friend, Tylan) Thode, all of Pipestone, and Josh Hellwinckel; his grandson, Connor; his mother, Evelyn of Luverne; his siblings **Gerald '69** (Mary) Thode, Sioux Falls, SD, **Pam '70** Schmidt, Tea, SD, **Joyce '77** (Larry Mulvihill) Thode, Luverne, and **Brian '83** (Rita) Thode, Jasper, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, parents-in-law, two brothers-in-law and his nephew, Mathew Thode.

Katherine (Haper) McBride '77 passed away on July 22, 2016 in Sioux Falls, SD. In 1980, Kathy moved to Granite Falls, MN where she obtained her clerical degree. She married Tom Austin and had two sons. Kathy later married Dave McBride and had one daughter. She devoted 25 years to selling home, auto and life insurance, retiring in 2016. Some of Kathy’s favorite activities included packing up the kids and heading to the lake on the weekends. You could always find her with dirty hands in the garden, shooting birdies on the golf course, water skiing, or building a bonfire.

Katherine is survived by her children, Benjamin and Charles (Stephanie) Austin, Molly (Keith Fox) McBride, all of Sioux Falls, SD; two grandchildren, Kyla and William; parents, Francis and Loretta Haper, Sioux Falls; brother, **Steven '76** (Glenda) Haper, Luverne; sisters, **Deb '79** Smith, Sioux Falls, **Diane '80** Haper, Adrian, MN; sister-in-law, Deb Haper, Fulda, MN; and many more family and friends. She was preceded in death by her brother, Gary Haper.

1980-1989

Susan Vos Anderson '81 of North Branch, MN, died unexpectedly on July 25, 2016. After graduation Susan attended Mankato State University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and teaching. She worked summers at Blue Mounds State Park. After receiving her degree she became employed at the Wild River State Park near Almelund MN. Susan married Tane Anderson on May 2, 1992 at the Wild River State Park. After the birth of her second daughter she was a stay-at-home mother until she recently became a tutor of Early Childhood Preschool in North Branch. She is survived by her husband, Tane, two daughters, Elinor and Elizabeth; her mother Betty Vos, three brothers, **Mike '76** (Janelle) Vos, **Phil '78** (Millie) Vos, **Loren '82** (Shirley) Vos, aunts **Linda '61** Vos and Fran Vos, an uncle Ken (Francis) Vos and nieces and cousins.

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 2016 awards season this past year. Sixty-nine qualifying Luverne High School students from the Class of 2016 were awarded \$354,750. These scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$9,250. If you would like to contribute to, or receive more information, please write:

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Luverne, MN 56156

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Call: 507-227-4030 (Johnna Ahrendt)
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Enjoy a summer filled with celebration in your hometown...

32nd BUFFALO DAYS CELEBRATION IN LUVERNE

- June 2 Cruise-in with live music by “The Starfires” on Main Street
- June 3 Arts in the Park from 9 am to 4 pm
Buffalo Days Parade on Main Street begins at 10 am
- June 4 6th Annual Tales from the Graves & Pie Social at Maplewood Cemetery

NORTHERN TALLGRASS PRAIRIE CELEBRATION

- June 17 The Story of Hugh Glass with Freya Manfred & Thomas Pope at the Blue Mound State Park Interpretive Center beginning at 6:30 pm
- June Other events being planned during the month

1st ROCK RIVER WATER TRAIL CANOE/KAYAK TRIP

- June 24 Join us for a ride down the river beginning at 11 am (bad weather—July 1)

2nd FOURTH OF JULY AT THE LAKE

Davis Lake Triathlon, Bean Bag Tournament, Sand Castle Contest, Log-rolling Competition, Bingo, Live Music (7 to 10), Fireworks at 10:30 pm

54th HOT DOG NITE ON THURSDAY, JULY 13

15,000 hot dogs given away, Wienerman Triathlon, Wiener Dog Beauty Pageant , Wiener Dog Races, Live Music, Beer Garden

150th LUVERNE CELEBRATION

- July 14 Historic re-enactors throughout Luverne
- July 15 150 TRIATHLON (am) and Luverne’s150th PARADE (10 am)
- July 15 PARTY AT THE PARK (beginning at 5:30 pm) with local foods & beverages
Live performances by Luverne grads & residents on 3 stages
150th FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR at 10:30 pm

1st USO SHOW LIVE AT THE PALACE

Join internationally acclaimed BOB HOPE impersonator BILL JOHNSON as he brings the theatre to life with our first locally produced USO Show! Event will feature music from the FULDA BIG BAND and an appearance by “The Andrews Sisters” and many more “local” celebrity re-enactors! Performances on August 26 at 7:30 pm & August 27 at 2 pm

** Bill performs the month of September at the WWII Museum in New Orleans! In 2017, he will kick-off his trip with an appearance in Luverne!*

NOTE: DETAILS & COMPLETE SCHEDULE WILL BE IN THE JANUARY 2017 ALUMNI NEWS!

adopted.

Saloon hours of operation: May 1st to November 1st from 7 am to 11 pm and from November 1st to May 1st from 7 am to 10 pm

Billiard and pool hall hours of operation: The hours of operation for saloons was also adopted for billiard and pool halls

Ordinance makes it unlawful for “any minor, habitual drunkard, or person, under guardianship” to “buy, obtain, procure, or drink, or offer to seek in any manner to buy obtain, procure or drink, any intoxicating liquor, in any place, room, or building in the city of Luverne where license to sell intoxicating liquor is given,” within one year after written notice has been given by parent, husband, wife, child, guardian, master, or employer, of such minority, habitual drunkenness or guardianship. The penalty provided was fine of jail sentence.

In May 1913, Chairman S. B. Nelson gave a report of a mass meeting held to promote a “white way” and other improvements on Main Street. The proposition was for the city to install electric cluster lights and gutters while the Main Street businessmen would pay for widening the sidewalks and installing the concrete curbs. Once constructed and installed, the city would maintain the lights.

In early September 1913, the old city jail was condemned by the State Board and the newspaper reported that “the drunks are happy.” An agreement was made with Sheriff Black to house the prisoners in the county jail until they could be arraigned with the agreement that the City would pay for housing. The majority of city arrests were for intoxication. After a couple of weeks, Sheriff Black informed the city police that he would no longer accept their prisoners due to the fact “that in the state of intoxication that prisoners are brought in, they create many instances of disturbance and make the days



Crowd Watching Rising Waters at Bridge, 6-13-14.

In 1907, the first bridge was built across the Rock River at a site north of where the current Rock River Bridge now stands.

or nights hideous because of their revolting state of uncleanness, due to vomiting and urination.” By the end of September, the City Council approved plans to build a new structure.

Also in September 1913, the meat dealers signed an agreement that they will “revert to the early pioneer days in their service to their customers” by discontinuing meat delivery. Customers wanting to purchase meat will have to go to the meat markets and purchase their meat and carry it home “just as they did when Luverne was a little village” or go without. The reason for this action was the rising cost of meat.

... On July 10, 1914 the Rock County Herald announced that the tax levy for Luverne for 1915 would be \$23,175. Of that amount: \$15,475 for city revenue; \$3,000 for bonds and interest; \$3,500 for roads and bridges; \$1,000 for the public library; and \$200 for the fire department. The levy represented a \$10,000 increase from the 1914 levy.

In late July 1914, the City was authorized to sell bonds for 4% (purchased by the State of Minnesota) for \$20,000 to move the power plant (from its location on the hill southeast of

the Rock River Bridge to an uptown location because of the flooding at the present location and growth of Luverne. (see photo)

The July 10 edition also announced that the property owners north of Main on Cedar on the west side of the block hired P. N. Gilham to install curb and gutter.

In August 1914, the managers of Luverne’s motion picture theatres first applied for permission to conduct their amusement places on Sunday afternoons and evenings. The council was hesitant in giving permission, but granted tentative permission on a trial basis. The Rock County Herald reported in the August 7, 1914 edition: “An idea of the popularity of this innovation is indicated by the fact that there were 1,000 paid admissions to the Princess and Grand Theatres last Sunday.” A few weeks later, the Minnesota Supreme Court decided that the operation of motion picture shows on Sunday was not a violation of the law.

In the August 1914 edition of the Rock County Herald it was announced that R. B. Hinkly was erecting a new structure on East Main Street at the site of the present Revere House, which

As part of the impact campaign for this film, we are currently working with schools, mental health centers and political activists to bring awareness to the plight of the poverty-stricken kids in our school systems who have endured great trauma in their lives. This film is available for screenings to organizations, and my partner and I present informational presentations and staff development programs to assist school districts, universities, and community organizations in their efforts to make a positive difference for the youth of their communities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 369-6310."

THOMAS FAY (LHS 1960) and SHARON JACOBS FAY (LHS 1960) send greetings to Alumni News readers. They write: "Along with many of the Luverne High School alumni, we look forward to receiving and reading the newsletter. Congratulations to the Alumni News staff who create and distribute an exceptional sample of information. By your timely and significant articles, the Alumni News keeps us aware of the movement of our former classmates."

Greetings come to readers from **DAVID GARCIA (LHS 1957)** from his home in Metamora, IL: "Warmest regards to all the graduates of Luverne High; and I am looking forward to the 1957 Class Reunion next year."

JEANNETTE (Jeannie) MCQUOID SMITH (LHS 1956) sends an update to Alumni News from her home in Clermont, FL. She writes: "I have fond memories of high school and my friends from my 3 short years at LHS, having just moved to Luverne before my sophomore year. Music and piano continue to be a primary role in my life as my husband of 55 years, Verne (J. LaVerne) Smith and I still own and operate Smith School of Music, Inc. in Clermont. (www.smithschoolofmusic.com). Our 2 children and 2 grandsons live in Clermont also. Verne and I are pianist and organist at the First United Methodist Church in Clermont for the two traditional services. God is so good and we are thankful. Hello to all!"

Staff from Alumni News had the opportunity to share some wonderful stories with **LHS 1952 alum, ROBERT ANDERSON**. Robert fondly remembered how his mother, Esther, worked at many of the downtown restaurants during his life. His father worked for Botsford Lumber Yard and then for the City of Luverne. People in Luverne fondly called his aunts, "the Anderson girls" who were all teachers in the area.

Robert also remembered during WWII (when he was 10 years old or so) that he sat on the steps of the Manitou Hotel and polished shoes with his homemade shoe shine kit. Sitting at the door outside "The Rathskellar", Robert reported that the soldiers who finally came out after being there for a time were

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

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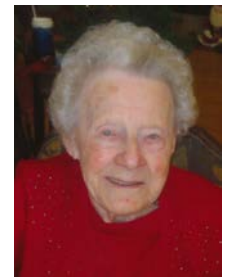
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always big tippers. He also remembered setting pins at the bowling alley, working at Warren Shelby's Conoco station and folding papers for Lester Tollefson's Announcer. Robert worked for Northwestern Bell in southwestern Minnesota before retiring in 1989 and settling in Sun City, AZ. His wife passed away four years ago. He remembers fondly his life growing up in Luverne and doesn't think he could have grown up in a better place.

He sends his greetings to all Luverne alums and urges his classmates to make plans to return to Luverne next year as the city celebrates its 150th Anniversary and the Class of 1952's 65th reunion!

MILDRED TATGE WEARING (LHS 1932) sends greetings from her home in Oconomowoc, WI. She writes: "I want you to know how much I enjoy the Alumni News. It brings back so many fond memories of Luverne. My eye sight is failing, however, one of my daughters is always happy to read it to me. I celebrated my 102nd birthday on May 12, 2016."

"After leaving Luverne so long ago, I graduated nurses' school in Milwaukee, got married, had three girls, and spent my life here in Wisconsin. I've had many years and good memories, all starting in Luverne, MN. Blessings to all Luverne alumni."



was condemned last Friday. The new building will be 66' by 120' in dimensions and will be constructed of clay building blocks, with a facing of concrete. The walls would be 14" in thickness to permit the addition of a second story at any time desired. The plans of the building call for two rooms, one at the east side 42' by 120', which were to be occupied by Stanton Hinkly, who has the agency for the Saxo-cars, and the room at the west, which will be approximately 22' by 120' which would be for rent. (This original structure stands today as part of the Rock County Historical Society's History Center)

By October 1914, an agreement had been reached with the Rock Island Railway to purchase a site on the north side of Main Street at a depth of 300 feet and frontage of 125 feet for a price of \$200. Architect W. E. E. Greene designed the building and the contract was awarded in late October. The combined cost of the building and the stack was \$9,091 and was to be constructed out of Luverne sand-lime brick and concrete. The contract was awarded to Greene and Jenson of Luverne with the contract for the smoke stack being awarded to General Concrete Company of Minneapolis.

In December 1914, Street Commissioner Connell announced that no further notice will be given in regard to cleaning the snow off the sidewalks, and that all who fail to observe the ordinance will be prosecuted. The ordinance required that all snow must be removed by noon of each day.

Northwestern Telephone Company installed a new, up-to-date plant in Luverne in 1914, after investing over \$25,000. The new system had a full metallic battery system, and supplanted the old local battery system. The work to open the new plant took about one year, placing underground wires in the business district and new poles in the residential district. Under the terms of the new franchise, the company was permitted to raise

rates from 25 to 50 %, according to the class of service desired.

The Luverne downtown business district became "the White Way" for the Christmas holidays as Christmas trees lined both side of Main Street. Nearly 150 pine trees, each about 6 feet high, lined the four blocks of Main Street. The idea for the trees came from local druggist, J. E. Treat and nearly every business man in the city signed on to the idea. Four trees of uniform height were placed between each cluster light post and on the corner of each intersecting street. The trees were planted in concrete drainage tile filled with sand and donated by the Luverne Concrete Company. Sam Foigt and Arm Carter donated their services for the installation.

In 1915, Luverne citizens looked to the skies in amazement after Aviator Otto E. Timm of Windom was contracted to make weekly flights during three summer months from June through August. Business and professional men in Luverne raise \$375 to pay Timm the contract amount. Timm agreed to make at least one to three flights per week and at least two of the flights per month would have to be made on Saturday. The aerial show astounded the citizens and raised speculation as to the use of aero flight in the future.

In April 1915, Luverne residents voted on a measure giving the city authority to issue saloon licenses, which had been revoked the year prior. Under the new ordinance the number of licenses that can be issued is four. If four licenses are issued the fee would be \$2,000; three licenses would mean the fee would be \$2,666.67; two licenses for a fee of \$4,000; and one license for a fee of \$8,000. The fees collected would be put in the general revenue of the city and would offset the other taxes collected.

A new artesian well started flowing for the city in June 1915. This well produced at a rate of 78,682.8

gallons per 24 hour period and supplied the majority of the city's 99,144 gallon per day requirement.

By August 1915, it was reported that "many new homes now being erected" in Luverne. The 18 homes being constructed were: Mrs. D. Noonan, Henry Hemme, Carl Omodt, A. Ross, Gus Joul, S. A. Carter, Johansen Brothers, E. W. Colby, Vern Ganfield, G. Canfield, H. Schnoor, Gilbert Remme, Jas. Wiggins, E. L. Ecker, M. E. Paulsen, A. L. Canfield, and Anton Ringen. Two more homes will begin construction this fall – Jerome Cowan and C. H. Boisen. The average cost of the homes exceeded \$4,000. Coupled with the \$50,000 improvements of the New Palace Theatre, the tax base of Luverne will drastically increase.

Also in August, the City accepted a bid for the construction of a new concrete reservoir for the new well to be built north of the power plant that would be sixty feet in diameter and fourteen feet high. It would hold 330,000 gallons of water. The bid accepted by Circular Concrete of Minneapolis was for \$4,426 in September.

In August 1915, eight barbers in Luverne were caught by State Inspectors and fined for not taking the examination and securing the required State License. The fine was \$5 plus court costs of \$3.75.

The City Park was topic of the City Council's agenda in late October 1915. The Council accepted the responsibility of improving the area by trimming of tree, cutting down of brush, establishing driveways, filling in & leveling of holes, providing drinking fountains and placement of ample picnic tables and seating. The work is to be done in the spare hours by the public employees. This decision was made by the Council after consideration following the construction of the Rock River bridge which raised and ballasted the roadbed as to eliminate much of the constant flooding that had

Hardwick's 125th Celebration & All School Reunion

June 23-24-25, 2017

We are once again getting ready for our big celebration in the town we all love HARDWICK!
We are all proud of being HGS graduates and the All School Reunion will be a great way to reconnect with classmates, teachers and friends. Look for the registration form to be mailed to you in January.

We are trying to gather some interesting things for a memory book. It has been 25 years since a Hardwick Book has been done. It takes a lot of time and we need your help!!!! Please share your family's history and stories about yourself, siblings and parents while growing up in Hardwick (even stories of your children's visits coming back to Hardwick.) If you have pictures or memorabilia you'd like to share, it's appreciated.

Also, if you're interested in helping financially, and would you like to purchase an ad of your families "old business" and/or in memory of, or in honor of parents, siblings, classmates, or teachers you can. Your ad can be anything you want! You would design your own ad, or use one from years ago. It's up to you.

The ads will be ¼, ½ and full page. Please mail your stories, pictures, ads or donations to:

Joni Petersen, 715 W. Main, Pipestone, MN 56164 or email: jonipete@iw.net.

Please get your memory book items to us by February 1, 2017.

Also look for us on Hardwick Minnesota Facebook page.

Luverne is turning 150 years old/continued from page 12

happened in the park.

Mayor Hawkinson announced that there will be more strict compliance required to the enforcement of the automobile laws by Chief of Police Connell beginning on November 5, 1915. Drivers will be required to drive a reasonable rate of speed, keep to the right side of the road and turn corners "square". Within a few days, steel sentinels were to be erected on the four principal squares of Main Street to offer observation decks for law enforcement.

It was announced on November 26, 1915 that there would be formed a Civic Improvement and Recreation Association whose purpose would be to encourage outdoor sport. Superintendent H. C. Bell was elected president. The association's first goals were to construct an ice skating rink (on the P. Al. Christianson lots north of the Omaha station and that portion of the Eureka dairy pasture lying between the new power house and the river. This location allowed skaters to warm in the power house. The second goal was to provide a "coasting place".

In April 1916, at a joint meeting of the Council and the Board of Health, that as of May 1st, "all garbage within the city of Luverne must be kept in water-tight metallic

receptacles with closed tops; said receptacles to be of such size as to permit their being emptied by one man into a collecting receptacle." Under this arrangement, the residents of Luverne had to pay 10 cents for each time their garbage can was emptied and an 75 cents were be charged by dray men for individuals trips outside the established route pick-up.

In July 1916, the local assessor provided an abstract of property and values in Luverne. There were 222 automobiles in Luverne. There was a property value of \$2,035,200, of which \$1,366,480 was for structures and improvements with the value of personal property being \$810,380.

The Luverne City Council ordered that 25 blocks of new sewer be constructed in various parts of the city. Sewer No. 1 is to start at the main outlet sewer at the intersection of Oakley and Fletcher streets and run north to Dodge. From Dodge, it would run west to Spring and then north to Barck and then to the center of Cedar street. Sewer No. 2 would begin at McKenzie and Dodge and run north on McKenzie to a point 300 feet north of the center line on Adams. Sewer No. 3 would begin at the intersection of Lincoln and East Park and run west on

Lincoln to a point 660 feet west of the beginning. Sewer No. 4 would begin at McKenzie and Lincoln and run east on Lincoln. Sewer No. 5 would begin at Kniss and Dodge and run south on Kniss to a point 275 feet south of Dodge street. A total of 6,500 feet of sewer would be laid under the order.

A contract was awarded for the construction of a central heating plant that would be fed by the exhaust steam from the city's power plant in April 1917. The contract price for the project was \$37,000 with the construction being awarded to Bain & Robb of Minneapolis. Twenty-six stockholders (of which all but one investor were local property owners) contributed \$20,500 to carry the costs for the installation of the plant with the remainder to be paid by the issuance of bonds. All subscribers of stock in the company have contracted a basis of 60 centers per thousand pounds of condensed steam. Stockholders estimated that the plant would pay for itself in 10 to 12 years.

In June 1917, the City Council hired Ed Giedemann to be engaged to look after the grounds and fill the dual role of keeper of the public park and police officer. His hours would be from 1 pm until 11 pm, daily during the operation of the park.



Luverne High School Class of 1966

The Luverne High School Class of 1966 celebrated their 50th class reunion Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24. In the first row (from left) are Loren Hemme, Barbara Braa Hasert, Sandy Birkeland Walters, Shirley Rowe VandenHoek, Mary Bode Pick, Bernice Anderson, Carolyn Goembel Wilkens, Martha Mohr, Tim Getman, Ellen Umland Bennett, Nicky Howard Darlow, Robyn Ripley Nowka, Gary Gabrielson, Del Jessen, Gordon Hemme, (second row) Leslie Kuiken, Scott Dahlberg, Mike Mulligan, Linda VandeVegte Hubbling, Bill Frakes, Judy Sandbulte VanMeeteren, Dave Shelton, Diane Wandersee Olson, Diane VandeHoef Thompson, Buzz Anderson, Barb Walters Bothe, Nancy Stearns Blomgren, Steve Pelstring, (third row) Steve McIntyre, Phil Wegner, Steve Thompson, Jerry Reu, Linda Goehle, Eileen Hansen Hemme, Mary Mohr DeJarlais, (fourth row) Jim Groth, Bill Petty, Allen Boeve, Rod Ford, Jim Hatting, Randy Walgrave, Richard Dale, Chuck Rodman, Carol Aanenson Hatting, (fifth row) John Beyer, Mike Wagley, Steph Connell Heyer, Pam Holsen, Marsha Haakenson Gabrielson and Jen Holsen. Missing from the photo are Jan Untiedt Christensen, Marlyee Madison Micklos and Iris Medill Parrott.



Luverne High School Class of 1951

The Luverne High School Class of 1951 gathered for a 65th reunion Saturday at Sterling's for dinner. Of the 65 original class members there are 32 left, and 16 attended the reunion. They are (front, from left) Darlene Burmeister Johnson, Lillian Deiterman Willers, Barb Newton Ball, Daisy Busse Bergjord, Arlene Burmeister Mann, Delores Bullis Korgel, (back) Herman Hank, Jim Herman, Don Spease, Emery Braa, Roger Erickson and Ben Cousyn.

Reunions in the Making

CLASS OF 1959 SAVE THE DATE

Saturday—July 15, 2017—1 to 5 pm
Party Room - Pizza Ranch

Come Renew Friendships! Other classes feel welcome to join us as we reminisce!

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Class of 1967 50th Class Reunion July 14-15, 2017

Class Members/partners and teachers/staff welcome!

Contact: ronalddippi@gmail.com

Facebook "LHS Class of 67" group for updates!

Class of 1969 Get—Together July 14th, 2017

Friday— 5 pm at The Lake (the old Creamery Pond)
to make plans for our 50th Class Reunion in 2019. (BYOB)

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

Friday—Reunion Dinner
Saturday— At Party at the Park
Facebook: *Luverne High School Class of 1977*

Class of 1972 25th Class Reunion

Happy Hour
Bird Dog Reunion
Class of '72 Luverne Cardinals
Class of '72 & '73 Magnolia Bulldogs
Saturday, July 15, 2017
3:30 pm til ?

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

Food, chairs & good music provided. BYOB, memories & fun!
Don't forget to wear your school colors!

For more info: '72—Vicky Smook 507-920-9141 (Cardinals)
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Hardwick's 125th June 23-24-25, 2017

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