



ALUMNI NEWS



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Go HARDWICK WILDCATS!

JUNE 24, 25 & 26, 2011 are three days you won't want to miss! All Hardwick Grade School Classmates are converging on your hometown of Hardwick to celebrate and reminisce.

REUNION REGISTRATION:

It's almost been two decades since all of us have gathered together to share in a great weekend of fun at an All School Reunion. The last Reunion was in 1992...so don't miss this one!

The All School Reunion Committee has spent months searching for classmates throughout the globe...and on those three great days in June... everyone will join together to remember those "good ole' days." The cost for an entire weekend of fun is \$15 per person.



HOUSING:

A list of motels in Luverne is available on the Luverne Area Chamber website at www.luvernechamber.com or by phoning 888 283-4061.

The City of Hardwick is also developing a RV camping area by the Hardwick ball diamonds... just in time for the All School Reunion! Let us know if you plan on parking your camper and we will reserve a spot for you. There will be a free will donation for parking your camper.

CONTACT AND INFORMATION:

Registration and Wildcat gear order forms can be mailed to:

Hardwick All School Reunion
Patti Pierson
1562 201st St.
Hardwick, MN 56134

WILDCAT GEAR:

Attend the reunion "in style" when you wear Hardwick Wildcat tee shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and baseball caps. Wildcat Gear is in stock at Exchange State Bank in Hardwick. Place your order early and pick up your gear at registration. If needed, let us know and we can mail you your logo gear. It is a great look for any former "Wildcat!"

Registration forms and registration are also available on-line at www.luvernechamber.com.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 10, 2011!

Questions? Call Patti at 507 669-2371 or e-mail her at piersonprp@frontiernet.net.



THANKS FOR ALL THE ALUMNI NEWS TIPS ... KEEP THEM COMING

The Alumni News volunteers continue to receive priceless news tips and story ideas to share with Luverne High School graduates. They are wonderful. Keep them coming. This particular edition of the Alumni News contains pages seeking addresses for lost graduates, exciting news about new Dollars For Scholars funds, obituaries of our classmates and thoughtful tidbits from classmates who have shared information about themselves. More feature story submissions will appear in subsequent issues of the Alumni News.

Honor Roll of *Alumni News* Contributors

Compiled by Rhonna Jarchow

During this past quarter, December 29, 2010, through April 20, 2011, the *Alumni News* received money in the form of memorials and gifts totaling **\$5,611.00**.

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 for your support!

Memorials

Johnnie Johnson, '39

Twila Drost VerSteeg, '64
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Ardis Ormseth Mikelson, '67
Ida Olson Reverts, '46
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Jim Jacobson, '68

Lester Charles Ripley, '39

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Dorothy Stager Koehn, '39

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Robert Engen, '41

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Charles Hansen, '41

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Erling Tofteland, '41

Richard Burmeister, '43

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LaVaughn Peterson Lewis, '43

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Audrey Oakland Wildung, '45

Erling Tofteland, '41

In Memory of Class of '46

Deceased Classmates

Audrey Nelson DeSchepper, '46

Curt Maxwell, Sr., '47

Wayne Remme, '47

Deloris Hudson Dunn, '48

Ivy McClure Pierson, '48

Aagot Kvass Oldre, '48

Ivy McClure Pierson, '48

Anna Niessink Elbers, '49

Clara Kooiker Rozeboom, '49

Vyonna Anderson Maxwell, '50

Wayne Remme, '47

Roger Brandenburg, '55

Dwayne Johnson, '55

Dr. Kevin Winkler, '56

Carroll Winkler, '47

Richard DeKing, '57

David Garcia, '57

Bob Hatting, '56

David Garcia, '57

Larry Engel, '56

Sondra King Soli, '58

Philip Bonthius, '58

Class of 1958

Lloyd Madison, '63

Virgil Madison, '54

Marlene Harmon Madison, '58

Delores Madison Watlers, '58

Roger Madison, '60

Dean Madison, '63

Gloria Aanenson Rolfs, '63

Jim Rolfs, '59

Patti Kirby Pierson, '63

LeRoy Thompson, '61

Dianne Dreessen Thompson, '63

Linda Godfrey, '65

Ev Mueller

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Curtis B. Maxwell, Jr., '68

Barbara Bressler Garson, '68

Ivy McClure Pierson, '48

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LaDonna VandeHoef Behnke, '73

Roger Henderson, '67

Vicky Henderson

Sandra Davis Smith, '69

Greg Smith

Michael Olson, '68

Deborah Olson

Carol Aanenson Hatting, '66

James Hatting, '66

Betty Hansen Luethje, '50

Keith Luethje, '49

Sandy Haakenson Parpart, '68

Becky Frakes Sherwood, '68

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Larinda Van Iperen Braun, '68

Audrey Luethje Gabrielson, '43

Winifred Haggard, '50

Jim Jacobson, '68

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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 (December 30, 2010). Please watch for the next issue, April, 2011 (Volume 21, Issue 3), for additional names of *Alumni News* contributors.

What We've Heard . . .

By Jane Wildung Lanphere

Jim Jacobson (LHS 1968) sends greetings to all alumni from Aurora, CO.

From Coronado, CA come greetings from **Rev. Dr. Deborah (Luethje) Mariya (LHS 1971.)** Her daughter, Mercy, is now 7 years old and in the second grade. Next year they will begin the adventure of home schooling with a Christian program called "Classical Conversations."

Joan (Padilla) Ripley (LHS 1954) shares memories about her brother-in-law Les Ripley. Students at LHS probably knew Les as the "candy man" when he owned Ripley's Service across from the High School. More recently, Les served as a crossing guard helping hundreds of Luverne's children to cross the street safely. Joan also shares how wonderful the Veteran Memorial is. She saw it for the first time when she was in town for the funeral. Reading all of the names in the pavers brought a rush of memories to mind. Certainly all the men and women who stayed in Luverne and contributed to making Luverne a wonderful place to live and return to!

Greetings from Albert Lea are sent to Alumni from **Lloyd Johnson (LHS 1952)**. Lloyd fondly remembers attending grade school in Kenneth before coming to LHS. He retired from the telephone company about twelve years ago after working in the industry for 40 years. Lloyd looks forward to receiving Alumni News!

Sioux Falls is the home of **Marlys (Hagen) Shade (LHS 1956)**. Marlys lost her husband Dale in April 2010. She continues to work at Dacotah Bank two days per week and looks forward to spending part of each winter in Austin, TX. In her spare time, Marlys like to play Mah Jongg and enjoys the challenges of learning to knit.

Alumni News apologies for losing this acknowledgement:

Gloria Schlapkohl Siekmeier sends her thanks and deepest appreciation to Mavis Winge Amundson and her committee for the outstanding job they did in organizing the **LHS Class of 1950** Reunion in July 2010. Approximately one-third of the class gathered together to celebrate sixty years after leaving the hallowed halls of Luverne High School.

Gloria Aanenson Rolfs (LHS 1963) retired as the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer at the end of 2010. Gloria worked for Rock County for 26 years and shares the sentiment that Rock County is the BEST COUNTY in the State of Minnesota!

Greetings come from **Ivy (McClure) Pierson (LHS 1948)** in beautiful Rapid City, SD. Ivy looks forward to receiving the Alumni News and keeping up with former classmates as well as all the current projects in Luverne.

"Hi...from the desert oasis Borrego Springs, CA!" shouts **Ken Cragoe (LHS 1952)**. Located just 75 NE of San Diego, Borrego Springs is located in Borrego State Parks which is 80 miles long and 50 miles wide. This community has also been designated as the second city in the country as a "dark sky community." Ken urges Luverne Alumni to stop by this beautiful oasis. Call 1 800-BORREGO.

Maple Plain, MN is home to **Kirstin Weinman Jacques**. Kirstin and her husband find meaningful work in their backyard organic farm. In 2010 they added 13 hens to the family to help with the fertilizing, cultivating, and pest control. Eggs anyone? As a member of **LHS 1982**, Kirstin appreciates all the Alumni News does to keep everyone up to date on what is going on in our beloved hometown!

Ev and Marion Mueller send greetings to Luverne Alumni from Rochester, MN. He was saddened to read of the passing of Linda Godfrey. Linda served as his secretary at Luverne Elementary prior to leaving. He and Marion enjoy reading Alumni News. They can't complain about their health but they have had to cut back on their driving. They enjoy their family and the 18 grandchildren!

Mavis (Winge) Amundson (LHS 1950) sends accolades to the Alumni News staff. She urges the team to keep up the good work. The volunteer effort is what makes our hometown great! She looks forward to receiving every edition and reading it cover to cover!

Fond memories of friends and family come from **Sandy Haakenson Parpart** of Delano, MN. Sandy was saddened to lose cousin Tony Scheidt (LHS 1969) and classmate Curt Maxwell (**LHS 1968**.) Both men were stalwart Luverne supporters and were the type of people who made Luverne a great place to live. These two great friends were compassionate and giving...they will be missed by all.

From beautiful Tempe, AZ, **Marilyn (Hating) Holland** thanks the Alumni News staff and supporters for keeping all Alumni connected to a great home town.

D. J. Cross (LHS 1982) shouts "hello" from southwest Missouri. D. J. moved to this new location in November and lives close to Branson, MO. He urges Alumni to look him up next time you are in the area!

Shirley Honken (LHS 1958) of Hills, MN sends greetings to her friends, classmates and all Alumni. She enjoys receiving the Alumni News and keeping up with friends throughout the country.

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Enjoying their 17th winter as Arizona snowbirds, **Carroll Winkler** sends greetings to Luverne Alumni. Even though graduating in **1947**, Dr. Winkler enjoys hearing about all that is happening in his hometown. Great friends, great classmates and great memories continue!

Darlene (Burmeister) (LHS 1951) and husband Walt Johnson send news from Brooklyn Park, MN. Darlene writes that she looks forward to each issue of Alumni News. A special time each month is getting together with former classmates from Luverne for lunch. We meet once a month at or near the Mall of America. We call ourselves "The Golden Girls" because we started this about the time we had our 50th class reunion.

At first it was just the girls but now our spouses also get-together. This group includes Gerri (DeVries) and Ron Hamann, MaReese (Olson) and Don Cragoe, Alice (Hoiland) Larson, Iona (Wahlert) Hartog, Lonell (Heronimus) and Dennis Wills - all members of LHS 1951. Joining the group from time to time are Viola and John Fritz and Norm Torrison (LHS 1950.) Ernie and Shirley Parry also had met with the group. Ernie was one of our favorite teachers.

If anyone is in the Cities the third Tuesday of the month and would like to join us, please give me a call at 763-424-3677. We would love to see you!

Dwayne Johnson (LHS 1955) sends greetings from Baltimore, MD. He looks fondly back on my days living in Luverne and attending LHS. Although he moved from Luverne in 1960, Luverne is still "my home town."

In the recent Alumni News there was a request for ideas that may bring more people

Let's Hear from YOU!

Let us know what you are doing and we'll pass it on to other alumni. Complete and then place this form in an envelope and mail to:



Alumni News
709 N. Kniss Avenue
Luverne, Minnesota 56156

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail _____

Check here if you wish to have your e-mail address included in the directory.

Year of Graduation _____

Comments: _____

into Luverne and stimulate the business climate. In thinking about that, Dwayne shares one thought.

He retired as a high school principal in the Baltimore County Public School System. The high school which he served had a very active alumni association, much like Luverne. The group requested that he set aside a room in the school to be used as an Alumni Museum. It became a very popular exhibit for people to visit when they were in the area.

In the museum the Alumni Association had many exhibits including past yearbooks, athletic sweaters, letters, medals earned in competitions, graduation rings, pictures of past principals, class pictures, and numerous other items of interest.

The exhibit also had a jukebox. Graduation years were listed on the menu rather than musical numbers. So if a person

pushed the button from 1965, the most popular song of that year was played.

One of the great things about the project is that the museum was coordinated through a committee of Alumni and current students. The student-run committee was charged with the upkeep of the room and the various exhibits. Consequently, students had a vested interest in the history of their school.

It might be a great idea for a great community with a great school system like Luverne!

Erling Tofteland (LHS 1941) sends greetings to all Luverne graduates. Erling still enjoys living in Luverne.

Audrey (Nelson) DeSchepper (LHS 1946) is looking forward to this summer as their class will be celebrating their 65th class reunion!

Remembering our Classmates ... by Carol McDonald

1930-1939

Marion Berg Champion Spence '35 died September 2004 at age 92.

1940-1949

Delores Hudson Dunn '48 died January 10, 2011 in Plymouth, Texas. After high school she attended business school in Mankato. In 1957 she married Jack Dunn. They owned and operated the Logan County Airport in Lincoln, Ill.

Mr. Dunn died in 1972. She then moved to Texas where she worked as a bookkeeper for the state of Texas. She was a member of the church choir in Corpus Christi, Texas, and a member of Beta Sigma Phi for more than 50 years. She enjoyed music and singing, her border collie dogs, and anything to do with small airports. She is survived by her brother, Marlin (Diane) Hudson and six nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Joan Bofenkamp Donahoe '48 died November 18, 2010 in Sioux Falls, S.D. Joan was a graduate of the College of St. Teresa, St. Mary's School of Nursing and the University of Chicago. She was an instructor of obstetrics at McKennan Hospital where she met her husband Dr. Jack Donahoe. She was active in the Jr. League, St. Mary's Church Group, Meals on Wheels, McKennan Auxiliary and volunteered as a Pink Lady. She enjoyed tennis, golf and Mahjong. Her priorities were running the household and raising her eight children. She dedicated her life to helping others. She is survived by her sister Jean and seven children; Stephen (Terry) Donahoe, John (Nancy) Donahoe, David Donahoe, Joni Donahoe, Mark (Ann) Donahoe, Michael (Tina) Donahoe and, Patrick (Kuni) Donahoe

1950-1959-

Robert Hatting '56 died January 26, 2011, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne. Following graduation he went to work for Hatting Gravel Company. He married Lois Binford in 1971. In 1977 he took a job at Farmers Union Co-Op in Luverne where he worked until his retirement in 2009. He enjoyed woodworking, drawing, painting, collecting model cars, and watching the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car auction on TV. Mr. Hatting is survived by his wife, **Lois '56**, and two daughters, **Deb** (Steve) Hill, and **Shawn** (Rob) Flegel, three stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and six siblings, **Marilyn '55** Hoiland, **Patricia** (Jim) Phillips, **Clem '63** "Butch" (Vickie) Hatting Jr, **Sandy** (Steve) Heckt and **Jim '66** (Carol) Hatting.

Dr. Kerwin P. Winkler '56 died November 5, 2010 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Kerwin did his undergraduate study at South Dakota State University and earned his doctorate at Palmer Chiropractic College, Davenport, Iowa. He was married in 1971 to Gola McKee. They moved to Aberdeen, SD where their two children were born. Kerwin ran a successful chiropractic practice for 49 years with his son Dr. Barry Winkler joining him in 1991. Throughout his successful career he held many

positions within his field. He was the only Doctor of Chiropractic to receive the South Dakota Chiropractor of the Year Award twice. He was active in various community organizations and proudly served as Past Master of Sunrise Lodge 211 A.F. T.A.M. He was a loving and dedicated family man and was well known for his care of, and integrity with his patients. He is survived by his wife, Gola Winkler, son, Dr. Barry Winkler, daughter Paula (Michael) Accurso, six grandsons, one great-granddaughter, his brother Dr. Carroll (Verna) Winkler, three sister-in-laws, Paige Winkler, Peg McKee, and Mavis Wahlert.

Kathryn Hoime Robinson '57 died March 18th, 2011 at her home in Tulsa, OK. After graduation Kathryn attended Augustana College. She married Richard Robinson in 1961. She enjoyed volunteering, music, rides in the Black Hills and being out in the sunshine. She is survived by her husband, Richard, three children, Michelle (Mike) Easley, Mike Robinson, and Cindy (Greg) Andrew, five grandchildren, her twin brother Kenny Hoime, five sisters, Lorraine Olson, Marilyn Ode, Eunice Minick, Judy Erickson, and Marcia Odenbach.

1960-1969-

Lloyd Madison '62 died January 26, 2011. After high school he joined the Army National Guard and worked at various occupations. In 1971 he married Barbara Johnson. They farmed and raised pigs west of Colton, SD for 10 years. He then became an insurance salesman. He enjoyed visiting with people and meeting new friends. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son, Bradley (Heather) Madison, a daughter, Kayleen (Duncan) Langat, a brother **Charles '57** (Lena), a sister **Audrey '60** (Ken) Greene, and many other friends and relatives

Curt Maxwell '68 died January 4, 2011 as the result of an automobile accident. In 1994 Curt married Sandy Brower Lammert. He worked in construction as a stone mason and as a handy man. He was a member of the American Reformed Church and Luverne Eagles Club where he donated hundreds of hours as a fund-raiser grill master. Curt also helped coach his son Austin's hockey team for several seasons. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Maxwell, son, Austin, three step children; **Sherry '99** (Andy) Diller, **Erin '02** (Matthew) Brown, and **Eric '03** (Amanda Ebert) Lammert, a step granddaughter, Nora Diller; two sisters, **Linda '69** (Dominic) Maras, **Dawn '73** (Bob Christiansen) Maxwell; two brothers, **Dan '75** (Linda) Maxwell and **Randy '81** (Sue) Maxwell.

1970-1979-

James Hommen '70 of Charleston, West Virginia died March 13, 2011 at Hubbard Hospice in Charleston. James spent much of his childhood with his grandparents at the Rock County Sheriff's Office where his grandfather, Neil Roberts, was sheriff. His family moved into the sheriff's office when his father, Ole, became sheriff.

Seven Scholarships Recently Endowed

by Gregg Gropel

The local scholarship committee was kept plenty busy during the past three months, as a total of seven new perpetual scholarships were set up with the non-profit organization.

These new scholarships are titled: Class of 1965 Scholarship, Class of 2011 Scholarship, Everett and Jan Brandenburg Family Scholarship, George and Arna Gabrielson Family Scholarship, Jerry Benson Scholarship, John and Henrietta Top Memorial Scholarship, and the Tangeman Family Scholarship.

Printed below is a short synopsis regarding each of these endowments.

Class of 1965 Scholarship

Several years ago the Class of 1965 launched a campaign to establish a scholarship of its name. Class leaders sought gifts for and suggested memorials be directed to the Dollars for Scholars program.

Perseverance paid off. During the fall of 2010 the class not only reached its goal, but exceeded its goal of \$2,000.

The first Class of 1965 Scholarship will be awarded this May.

Class of 2011 Scholarship

The Class of 2011 scholarship follows a similar pattern that began with the Class of 2004.

It was Norm Torrison, '50, Long Lake, Minn., who challenged the Class of 2004 to match his gift of \$1,000 and establish a scholarship in that class' name.

The same challenge was issued by Norm Torrison to the Class of '05, '06, '07, and '08, and each challenge was accepted and met. Then Norm stopped making those challenges.

But, starting with the Class of '09, the challenge was reversed. The Class of '09 issued a challenge to Norm Torrison, challenging him to match a class gift of \$1,000 to Luverne Dollars for Scholars organization. Norm Torrison cheerfully accepted and honored its challenge.

The Class of '10, and now the Class of '11, also challenged Norm Torrison, making it possible for each class to establish a scholarship in its own name.

These eight individual class scholarships, starting with the Class of 2004 through the Class of 2011, have Norm Torrison's fingerprints on them.

The first Class of 2011 Scholarship will be presented to a member of that class in May.

Everett and Jan Brandenburg Family Scholarship

Neither Everett nor Jan Brandenburg graduated from Luverne High School, but their two children did.

Both Everett and Jan graduated from Magnolia High School—Everett in 1953 and Jan in 1954. And their children, Lori Brandenburg Bisek and Lynn Brandenburg Bisek, graduated in 1975 and 1976, respectively.

While Everett and Jan reside in Luverne, their two daughters live and work in New Prague, Minnesota. Lori works in the New Prague school system and Lynn works for a pharmacy.

The Brandenburg family recognizes the value of and the importance for a good education. And by establishing this scholarship, they are pleased to be able to help a young person better their life through the pursuit of an education.

Because of the respect the family has for education and the health care profession, whenever possible this scholarship will be awarded to an individual wishing to pursue an occupation in either the sciences or health care fields.

The first Brandenburg Family Scholarship will be awarded in May.

George and Arna Gabrielson Family Scholarship

The George and Arna Gabrielson Family Scholarship was established shortly after George's death, which occurred nearly a year ago, May 21, 2010.

George, born in 1917, was a lifelong resident of Rock County. On the other hand, Arna, his wife, was not. She was born in Norway and immigrated to the United States at the young age of two.

Although each would start their formal schooling in different years, they already had something in common at that young age. Both attended a one-room country school and neither knew a single word of English.

In 1937 George graduated from LHS. Three years later, in 1940, Arna crossed the stage to receive her LHS diploma.

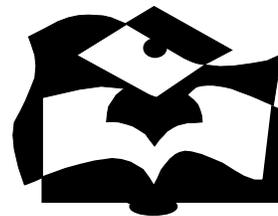
In the late '30's, George joined the Army National Guard. With America being drawn into World War II, George, with his local guard unit, went off to Kodiak, Alaska, serving there until the war's end.

In 1949, George married Arna Helle. The couple farmed throughout their married life. In addition to farming, George worked as an agent for Farmers Union Insurance.

During their life together, George and Arna loved to travel. They also enjoyed spending time with their family and, as one would expect, were very proud of their Norwegian heritage.

George and Arna are parents of two children: Linda Gabrielson Smith, '68, Greenfield, Massachusetts, and Lona Gabrielson Klosterbuer, '70, Luverne—both are Luverne graduates.

George was extremely pleased that each of his six grandchildren obtained college degrees. He was also fond of the Dollars for Scholars program, its phenomenal growth,



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and how it benefited so many young people.

In honor of George, both husband and father, the George and Arna Gabrielson Family Scholarship was established by his wife, Arna, and their two children: Linda, and Lona.

The first George and Arna Gabrielson Family Scholarship will be awarded this May.

Jerry Benson Scholarship

Jerry Benson, a current LHS faculty member, launched his teaching career in the fall of 1970 with Magnolia Public School. Several years later, in 1994, when the Magnolia School merged into the Luverne school, the merger brought Jerry into the Luverne school system.

During his 40-plus year teaching career, Jerry touched many young lives. His influence occurred in both the classroom and in the many extra curricular activities he supervised. In Magnolia, he was associated with the football, basketball, and baseball programs; and in Luverne he worked with speech, Knowledge Bowl, and Mock Trial.

Later in his career, Jerry became very ill. In 2010, Jerry's colleagues and former students, showing a great respect, held a benefit to help him pay for his accumulated medical bills. However, the special fund raiser was so successful, the residue of those benefit dollars were used to established a scholarship in his name.

It is the wish of Jerry Benson, who is currently working as social studies instructor, to award this scholarship to a student with aspirations of entering the field of education.

The first Jerry Benson Scholarship will be presented in May.

John and Henrietta Top Memorial Scholarship

With the passing of Henrietta Top, family members established this scholarship in memory of their parents and grandparents.

John Top was a lifelong resident of Rock County. On February 11, 1948, he married Henrietta Brouwer at her parents' home in Lyon County, Iowa. Together, the Tops farmed their entire married life within the Luverne school district.

At the young age of 60, a massive heart attack in 1980 claimed John's life. Thirty years later, on Christmas Day, 2010, Henrietta passed away.

At the time of Henrietta's death, she was a resident in the Mary Jane Brown Home, where in her later years she had been coping with Alzheimer's disease.

The Tops were parents of two children: Glenda Top Schomacker (husband LeRoy) and Steve Top (wife Shirley). Both Glenda and Steve are graduates of LHS, graduating in '69 and '76, respectively.

John and Henrietta's grandchildren— Shelly Schomacker Jepsen, '90, Valentine, Nebraska; Sara Schomacker Sprock, '94, George, Iowa.; Jon Schomacker, '98, Luverne; Stacy Top Schepel, Luverne, '00; and Amber

Top, '02, Brandon, South Dakota—are also LHS graduates.

Because of the special care Henrietta received in the later years of her life, whenever possible the family requests the scholarship recipient be an individual who worked for or who currently works at the Mary Jane Brown Home.

The first John and Henrietta Top Memorial Scholarship will be awarded this May.

Tangeman Family Scholarship

Arthur John Tangeman, Jr., '38, Landisburg, Pennsylvania, upon reading the last issue of the *Alumni News*, felt the urgency to establish a scholarship in his family's name.

Says Arthur, Jr., "I am 90 years old and my favorite lines these days are 'I would rather be seen than viewed' and 'My next toothpaste purchase will be a lifetime supply'."

He went on to say that, "I have . . . over the minimum I project for my will and think the Tangeman family imprint on Rock County should be remembered."

In early March, Arthur, Jr., endowed a scholarship in honor and memory of the Tangeman family. His endowment has been named The Tangeman Family Scholarship.

Arthur, Jr., says his grandparents, Andrew Jackson and Julia Bratsburg Tangeman were the first of the Tangemans to immigrate to Rock County.

Both grandparents were born in Iowa, grandfather Andrew in 1866 and grandmother Julia in 1869. Sometime after their marriage, these two individuals left Iowa, making their first Minnesota home in Waseca. Soon after they move to Rock County.

When they did arrive in Rock County, they first settled in Beaver Creek, where they opened a general merchandise store. In 1905 they moved their business into the village of Hardwick. In 1912, they had a two-story frame building erected, using the second story for apartments. Their business seemed to flourish, as they eventually purchased a half-section farm north of Hardwick and later, a half-section farm east of Luverne.

Andrew's brother, George, who was living in Michigan at the time, moved to southwest Minnesota and operated the Luverne farm site. George passed away on April 4, 1960.

According to Arthur, Jr., in 1937, Andrew retired. He closed his Hardwick store and moved to Adrian.

Second Tangeman Generation—

Andrew and Julia were the parents of two children: Verra and Arthur John. Arthur John would eventually become Arthur, Sr.

Verra, born in 1894, married late in life. Verra graduated from Carlton College and taught music in Minnesota and Michigan. It is believed that Verra passed away in October, 1974, in Mesa, Arizona.

Arthur, Sr., was born in 1896. He married Dorothy Whyte on March 12, 1919. Dorothy was the daughter of Hardwick physician Dr. Peter Duncan Whyte. Incidentally,

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Dr. Whyte's wife, Bertha Hodges Whyte, was the local pharmacist. Because of her position, and as one might expect, she provided support for her husband's practice.

There is some evidence that Arthur, Sr., for a period

of time, served as the proprietor of his parents' thriving Hardwick business.

Eventually, Arthur, Sr., and his wife, Dorothy, left Hardwick. Their move took them to St. Paul. In this city, Arthur, Sr., worked for the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company. He headed up the brewery's Sales and Marketing division. It is believed that this move to St. Paul occurred sometime after 1941.

Third Tangeman Generation—

Arthur, Sr., and Dorothy, were the parents of three children: Arthur John, Jr., Robert Gordon, and Andrew Francis. Their children were born in 1920, 1924, and 1930, respectively.

Arthur, Jr., graduated from LHS in 1938. Three years later, in 1941, Robert Gordon received his LHS diploma. It is believed that the youngest child, Andrew Francis, graduated from a Twin Cities' high school.

Arthur, Jr., as noted earlier, lives in Pennsylvania. Like so many young men around the time of World War II, Arthur, Jr., was a member of the local Army National Guard and eventually was sent with his unit to Kodiak, Alaska. Apparently, Arthur, Jr., spent his livelihood in the communications field, working for the State Department in Washington, D.C., until his retirement. Arthur, Jr.'s, reason for retirement: "I worked with antiquated computers from 1965 'til I retired in 1975, just to get away from the computer."

Robert Gordon, the second son, left the area for a period of time, but eventually moved back to Luverne where he and his wife, Janet, currently reside.

It is not clear as to where Andrew Francis, the third son, resides, but it is believed that he calls Palm Harbour, Florida, home.

This is just a short story about the Tangeman family, as there is more that could be written about this Rock County family. **(See page 14 for information Arthur shared)**

The Tangeman Family imprint on Rock County begins next month, when the first Tangeman Family Scholarship will be presented for the first time, and then continues each additional year thereafter, forever.

Let's just hope the next time Arthur John Tangeman, Jr., goes shopping for toothpaste, he brings a truck and purchases enough tubes to last him for at least ten years.

(NOTE: For many who recognize the Tangeman name but not necessarily the name of Arthur, Jr., then you may be more familiar with this benefactor by his nickname, "Tim" Tangeman.)

Record High Scholarship Dollars to be Awarded

by Gregg Gropel

This year Luverne Dollars for Scholars will be awarding a total of \$170,950 in scholarships to 54 qualifying LHS graduates in the Class of 2011. This is the largest dollar amount ever granted to a single class.

Over the past 28 years, Luverne Dollars for Scholars has awarded a total of more than \$1.9 million to nearly 1,337 LHS graduates.

The long-term goal of Luverne Dollars for Scholars is to grant \$4,000 and \$8,000 scholarships to LHS graduates, disseminating \$2,000 on a yearly basis to assist LHS graduates with their 2- or 4-year post secondary education expenses.

Since December 1983, the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program has been the benefactor of more than 185 perpetual scholarships and has been entrusted with a total endowment of slightly more than \$6 million.

The Class of 2011 is the 28th LHS graduating class to benefit from the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program.

Luverne Dollars for Scholars is a non-profit community-based scholarship program which was officially initiated on December 6, 1983. The sole purpose of the program is to raise money and to disperse this money in the form of scholarships to Luverne High School graduates.

The success of the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program is attributed to the many generous LHS graduates who have established perpetual scholarships with the local scholarship program.

2011 Scholarship Booklet to be Mailed With July Newsletter

The annual *2011 Community Scholarship Awards Booklet* is in the process of being printed. The 30-page booklet contains a short synopsis of all perpetual scholarships endowed with the Luverne Dollars for Scholars, names of each scholarship recipient and the scholarship the recipients will be receiving. Once again, plans are to include a copy of the *Scholarship Booklet* along with the July edition of the *Alumni News*.

Class of '79 challenge:

Class of 1979 is challenging all classmates and their families to donate a tax deductible gift to the Dollars for Scholars program to start a scholarship! Send all your donations to: Dollars for Scholars; P.O. Box 822; Luverne, MN 56156. Make your check out to Dollars for Scholars and in the memo line write in: Class of 1979 Scholarship. For more information contact Laurie DeWispelaere at laurie_dew@yahoo.com or call 360-547-2467.

This scholarship is in memory of our deceased classmates: Dave Sammons, Craig DeJongh, Steve Gits, Cathy LeBrun and Richard Briggs

UNKNOWN ADDRESS

Listed below you will find alumni that we do not have a current address for. They are not receiving the Alumni Newsletter. If you know of their whereabouts, I would like your help in updating our files by furnishing their information. That also includes name changes and/or deceased. Please contact me at pierersonprp@frontiernet.net or 507-669-2371 and leave a message. Thank you

Class 2010

María Jose Rodriguez
Jacob Thompson
Kelsey Vogt

Class of 2006

Abby DeWispelaere
Amy Henkensiefken
Heather Kruger
Meghan McClure
Tracy Schneekloth

Class of 2002

Ryan Anderson
Jacob Button
Kyle Crable
Rebecca Croft
Danielle Deragisch
Robert Ehrreich
Sarah Forester Yang
Kyle Kreun
Trent Light
Elisa Moerke
Audra Novotny
Morgan Rider
Willie Saravia

Class of 1999

Kristen Althoff
Mitchell Brinkman
Machelle Cook
Mandy Curl
Karson Demuth
Dawn Domeyer
Ramon Flores
Shawna Frey Majerus
Timothy Gruis
Elizabeth Hamann
Andrea Hart
Jens Larson
Jennifer Lynch
William McLaughlin
Ailson Moerke
Kimberly Pehrson
Lynden Reder
Tatiana Sandager Kucera
Erika Svingen
April Wessels
Christopher Wiebe
Crystal Wittler

Class of 1995

Summer Baker
Hope Cohrs
Patrick Goembel
Jill Halverson
Andrew Karstens
Brent Kiebach

Class of 2009

Madeline Halfman
Justin Hamann
Andrea Rosin
Kaylee Smook

Class of 2005

Christopher Anderson
Shane Breeman
Celina Chelkowska
Scott Goebel
Ashley Heitkamp

Class of 2001

Jamie Baker
Chad Hess
Mitchell Hup
Adam Kinsinger
Muzayan Kubsa
Peter Loehnert
Anthony Nath
Shane Peterson
Fernanda Ribeiro
Joshua Stoltenberg
Andrean Stonge
Joshua Volden
Bradly Walgrave

Class of 1998

Crystal Adams
Cali Corral
Beth Foster
Krista Fuerstenberg
Jamie Gilles
Ryan Halverson
Erik Hovland
Dustin Hubbling
Michelle Leggett
Nicole Markle
Igor Morais
Brittany O'Toole
Timothy Palank
Chris Rollag
Michael Vis
Andrea Waked

Class of 1994

Eric Berning
Travis Bird
Steven Knutson
Matthew Lupkes
Aaron Olson
Tracey Renken
Jeffrey Rollingner
Tonya Tweet

Class of 2008

Casey Borgen
Danielle Clark
Christopher Den Hoed
Sara Doherty
Lucas Frahm
Kamal Godi
Christopher Williams

Class of 2004

Christopher Duerr
Holli Klosterbuer
Andre Landtwing
Brianna Severtson
Wilbert Weis

Class of 2000

Angela Arias
Stacy Bauer
Jillian Clark
Nicole Halverson
Richard Hanson
Anna Klepel Stoltenberg
Brandyn Klosterbuer
Barry Kracht
Stacey Lindemann
Amber Lodes
Wesley Medill
Michael Morphew
Jennifer Nath
Jessica Radisewitz
Justin Rust
Justin Siebenahler
Jason Tofteland
Pertti Vitamaki

Class of 1996

Patricia Baker
Patrick Churchill
April Feucht
Mirjam Heller
Benjamin Herreid
Tim Kaiser
Brenden Kurrasch
Cory Medill
Anthony Mulder
Joshua Alan Nath
Angie VanKlei Mann

Class of 1993

Holly Aukes
Roslyn Binford
Troy Bullis
Thomas Dispanet
Anja Fliegel
April Hanson
Krista Heikes

Class of 2007

Randi Frey
Hannah Kooiker
Tanya Kroontje
Lexi Peterson

Class of 2003

Larissa Baatz
Danielle Cook
Amanda Frey
Andrew Hess
Karen Jarchow
Casandra Kleinjan
Caroline Moodie
Michael Nieuwboer
Ahmad Oshman
Juan Pascual
Amber Pinkal
Joshua Prichard
Jessica Rye
Dava Stickling
Rachel Tofteland
Ruby VandenHoek
David Wentzel
Krista Wynia

Class of 1997

Anny Burkett
James Carlson
Matthew Cohrs
Wendy DeJager Carlson
Brandee Diegmiller
Daniel Domeyer
Kimberly Erickson
Forrest Groff
Sayaka Hashimoto
Nathan Karstens
Lasami Keosay
Cristiane Kimizuka
Allison Lupkes
Michelle Manery
Bobbi Meagher
Jeremiah Nath
Jody Overgaard
Ryan Petersen
Troy Remme
Duane Schmidt
Jarkko Siren
Chanvilay Songkhamdet
Chadmarcus Swenson
Amanda Uithoven
Amber Weinkauff
Kate Winkels

Class of 1992

Michael Anderson
Lars Biersteker
Matthew Birdsey

Class of 1995 (cont.)

Robert Kroontje
Angela Nath
Jerod Nowka
Jacqueline Reiter
Cory Schoep
Traci Siebenahler
Cynthia Sorenson
Michelle Zwaan

Class of 1990

Kristine Carritt
Craig Gonnerman
Mischa Janisch
Jody Martius Randolph
Jeffrey Matson
Kristi Nath
Mark Raak
Paul Reif
Stephanie Rogness
Tammi Schmuck

Class of 1986

Janet Arnold
Bryce Brands
Patrick Bredesen
Rhonda Cree
Patrick DeYong
Patricia DeYong
Debra Duffy
James Emery
Pamela Cook Gilbert
Bradley Gruis
Terry Hastings
Mark Iveland
Timothy Menning
Kris Schei Phelps
Valarie Horn Schomacker
Thomas Roberts
Kimberly Reisch VanderPoel

Class of 1981

Mikael Andersson
Kelly Broer
Deb Deutsch
Lori Groth
Paul Juhl
Sherry Korthals
Linda Potter
Bryan Roemeling
Susana Villamizar
Mary Jo Welch Vail

Class of 1978

Perry Klosterbuer
Jack Kruger
John Kruger
Maria Ladstaetter
Dave Lange
Lori Lowe
Machelle Oltmans

Class of 1991

Peder Berg
Diane Bersier
Sonja Brady
Tom Burg
Stephen Carlson
Maria Giardelli
Heather Iverson
Craig Kemerling
Chad Mann
Malaika Niemetz
Lainie Olhausen
Eduardo Paz
Denise Zinnel

Class of 1989

Silke Zeller
Timothy Bollinger
David Cook
Kimberly Evans
Jill Flatequal Melski
Aaron Gruenewald
Susan Harms
Kyle Hoyme
Michael Martius
James Meester
James Meyer
Gregory Olson
Todd Swenson
Alexia Tesch
Rami Turtonen
Serge VanduijnHoven

Class of 1984

Gilles Bersier
Lois Jacobsma Brockey
Troy Anthony Buss
Gregory Carroll
Annette Christiansen
Casey Connell
Troy Fodness
Brian Hansen
Harvey Horn
Lance Hughes
Jill Swenson McKerber
Amy Spease Schuchard
Sharon Smook Smidstra
Richard Smythe
Ronald Wolfswinkel

Class of 1977

Brad Akkerman
Lisa Anderson Bass
Wade Brooks
Becky Frahm Bram
Eliose Schmidt Christianson
Darlene Koens Domeyer
Marty Klooster
Donald Lenz
Keiko Matsunaga
Scott Pedersen
Arlis Slagel
Dawn VantHof VanderBeek

Class of 1993 (cont.)

John Hermanson
Derrick Hilger
Hildegunn Hodne
Nikki Krotzer
Jeffrey Kruger
Bruce Laabs
Julie Martius Thomas
Matthew McClure
Donald Rolfes
Tiffany Tabbert Hilger
Dennis Wilken

Class of 1988

Kathy Broer
Don Buss
James Buss
Sandrine Combes
Jeffrey DeGroot
Brenda Halverson
Pamela Kessler
Scott Kruger
Jon Maras
Janeen Maar
Chad McClure
Lance Olhausen
Machelle Sandbulte Krull
Vincent Stickels
David Streeby
Peggy Stroh
Robyn Swenson
Bryan Thorson
Robyn Usher Vosejпка
Ann Zewiske
Mandel Zwann

Class of 1983

Michelle Niessink Drake
Kenneth Holzman
Sarah Johnson
Carolyn Kraetsch
Donna Cauwels Mulligan
Julie Loose Ober
Debbie Petersen
Torben Sorensen

Class of 1980

Suzane Almeida
Craig Anderson
Todd Baker
Ronald Briggs
Todd Cook
Ann Davis
Bruce Haraldson
Karen Lonneman
Kenneth Lonneman
Myron Lupkes
Michael Mitchell

Class of 1976

Barbara Briggs
Michael Buysee

Class of 1992 (cont.)

Terry DeRoo
Michael Gonnerman
Eric Gruis
Maria Harrison Kremin
Kirby Heck
Travis Johnson
Jonathan Kirchhofer
Brian Kremin
Deena Murphy
Wade Roberts
Federico Salazar
Colin Sweeney
LaDawn Swenson

Class of 1987

Robyn Bruhn Berghorst
Luis Cruz
Greggory Naras
Karla Reu Olson
Sara Rud Wells
Rob Telford

Class of 1985

Todd DeGroot
Kimberly Heck
Waune Johnson
James Klosterbuer
Ariadna Luce
Ronald Richters

Class of 1982

Stephen Briggs
Thomas Doherty
Laurie Rust Hamann
Michael Harms
Abigail Himmelein
Kazumi Ishizaki
James Ripley
David Sathre
Susan Lloyd Salter
Nancy Korthals Sturm
Keith Tentler
James Wilsey

Class of 1979

David Ault
Michael Bailey
Lyndon DeBoer
Anne Hartung
Diane Baustian Kunkel
Sheila Bittner Klaasen
Sharla DeVries Kommes
Catherine LeBrun
John Neutze
Penny Gross Tietz
Kimberly Horn Wells

Class of 1975

Terry Anderson
Jeff Benson

Honor Roll . . .
Continued from page 2

Tony Scheidt, '69
Sandy Haakenson Parpart, '68

James Hommen, '70
Lona Gabrielson Klosterbuer, '70
Don Klosterbuer
Jack Hommen, '72
Pam Thorson Hommen, '75
Naidine Wulf Aanenson, '48
Arla McClure Cousins, '73
Bonnie DeBooy Kochel, '70

Kathy Thorson, '77
Ida Olson Reverts, '46
Rosa Tofteland Johnson, '43
Jeffrey Thorson, '78
Pam Thorson Hommen, '75
Jack Hommen, '72

Clara Petersen Lundborg
Le Roy Thompson, '61
Dianne Dreessen Thompson, '63

Dale Shade
Marlys Hagen Shade, '56

Ernest Parry (former LHS teacher)
Darlene Burmeister Johnson, '51

George Mann
Gene Salzman, '54

Contributions _____

Class of 1943
Deanne Vatland O'Toole

Class of 1944
Robert Esterly

Class of 1945
Jarvis Boisen

Class of 1946
Lorna Erickson Lorenzen

Class of 1946
(In honor of all 1946 Classmates)
Audrey Nelson DeSchepper

Class of 1947
Martha Wiggins

Kenneth Class of 1948
Lloyd I. Johnson

Class of 1950
Mavis Winge Amundson
Don Esterly

Class of 1951
Gene Olson
Orla Aanenson Powell

Class of 1952
Lloyd I. Johnson

Class of 1955
Marilyn Hatting Holland

Class of 1956
John Remme

Class of 1958
Shirley Honken
F. Philip Bonthius

Class of 1959
Jim Rolfs

Class of 1963
Gloria Aanenson Rolfs

Class of 1966
Norman Gyberg

Class of 1969
Darlene Heckt Gyberg

Class of 1971
Rev. Dr. Deborah Luethje Mariya

Class of 1978
Bruce Tofteland

Class of 1982
Kirstin Weinman Jacques

Friends _____

Ev Mueller
Marion Mueller

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c/o Rhonna Jarchow
709 N. Kniss Avenue
Luverne, Minnesota 56156

**Alumni News
Financial Summary**

Previous Balance:
December 29, 2010 . . . **\$2,270.23**

Expenses for Jan., 2011, issue:
RCO (Labor) \$122.49
Postage 1,786.48
Labels 187.26
Printing 919.07
Bulk Mail Permit 185.00

Total Expense (\$3,200.30)

**Income - Oct. 6, 2010, through
Dec. 29, 2010 \$5,611.00**

Current Balance \$4,680.93

*The cost of the April, 2011, issue is unknown,
but the estimated cost is \$3,500.00.



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Patti Pierson at
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Class of 1974
 Todd Anderson
 Saralee Baker Meinders

Class of 1972
 Harley Blattner
 Jeannine Clark
 Kriste Cook Davis
 Jeri Crowder
 Dennis Davis
 Becky DeBates
 JoAnn Jensen Emery
 Lynn Walmsley Evans
 Colleen Habbenha Kelderman
 Roger Kelderman
 Steve Loger
 Dennis McNeil
 Vicki Nelson
 Dean Olson
 LaDawn Kienast Pipparda
 Mike Sullivan
 Virginia Swenson Sullivan

Class of 1967
 Loree Iveland Brown
 Patrick Creswell
 Dean DePauw
 Dennis Lemke
 Dominique Cheutin Otero
 Joanne Rafalski
 Mark Roberts
 Terry Springer
 Rochelle Thomas
 Stanford Wells

Class of 1962
 Linda Anderson
 Umiyati Pasariboe Santos
 Michael Smith

Class of 1958
 Dennis Dubbe

Class of 1954
 Joel Green
 Marilyn Meyer Munns
 Reinhold Schmuck

Class of 1948
 NONE

Class of 1944
 Marvin Hill
 Patricia Schriever

Class of 1940
 Helen Benecke Flaten
 Grace Dubbe Lemon

Class of 1977 (cont.)
 Katherine Viessman
 Brenda Weinzetl Vatland

Class of 1971
 Steven Lunginbill
 JoAnn Blount Neuhauser
 Chris Mohr Tortorilla
 Sandra Schutz

Class of 1970
 Rainer Adamek
 Susan Crowder
 Eufrasio Gouveia
 Elnora Green Hemesath
 Roger Holmgren
 John Holsen
 Barbara Kor
 Michael Larson
 Mari Hysom Tarar
 Vickie Andeson Throop
 Eugene Siebenahler

Class of 1966
 Allan Aust
 Linda Clausen
 Gary Frakes
 Mary Maras Moorshead
 Rodney McClure
 Bill Murphy
 Linda Wyatt

Class of 1961
 Richard Nergaard
 Darlene Mulder Prashar

Class of 1957
 Donna Tomlinson
 Judy Urry

Class of 1953
 Virginia Strassburg Russell
 Audrey Cornish Weller
 Donalynn Roberts Walker

Class of 1947
 Carol Thorson Cooper
 Lorene Mann Busby
 Betty Thomas

Class of 1943
 Donna Mae Cowan Couch
 Darlene Scott Agnitsch

Class of 1939
 Florence Carlson Connell
 Jack Roling

Class of 1976 (cont.)
 Christine Carlsen Debey
 Julie Emery
 Kevin Engen
 Julie Scheerhorn Fodness
 Kathryn Korthank Hering
 Gracia Shelton Ladd
 Jay Lindmeyer
 Antonio Malva
 Gloria Meyer
 Sharon Frahm Nieuwboer
 Shirley Plasterer Olson
 DeAnna Rawls
 William Ripley
 Cindy Adamson Smedsrud
 Dave Vatland
 Amaia Vicario

Class of 1969
 Jennifer Hendricks Breckenridge
 Nancy Winter Browne
 Barb Korthals Fletcher
 Jim Petty

Class of 1965
 Yoshinao Akima
 Morris Deitermann
 Jim Geving
 Gayle Petersen Henderson
 David Kruger
 Jean Johnson Riendeau
 Donald Schmuck Jr

Class of 1960
 Virginia Hora
 Neshia Henely Skarbic
 Jean Mitchell VanZanten

Class of 1956
 Douglas Petersen

Class of 1952
 Loren Hansen

Class of 1950
 Gary Breiland
 Clara Woltjer Honermann
 Donald Steffen
 Clarice Torgeson Smith

Class of 1946
 Jack Armstrong

Class of 1942
 Donald Kersbergen
 Audrey Hudson Klug
 Phyllis Wendt Helgeson
 Jeanette Wuertz Ritacco

Class of 1975 (cont.)
 Bev Rawls

Class of 1973
 Susan Denherder
 Larry Feuerhelm
 Grant Helling
 Doreeen Schumck McClintock
 Don Maras
 Phil Maras
 Gary Meinders
 Debra Meyer Tilbert
 Edyth Mulder Wuydts

Class of 1968
 Kay Davis Cox
 David Hunter
 Bradley Thuringer

Class of 1964
 Cheryl Larsen Hermann

Class of 1963
 Susan Iveland Blankartz
 Marcelo Erazo
 Jeff Hagen
 Allan Henely
 Bill Johnson
 Wayne Kropuenske

Class of 1959
 Joan Gabrielson
 Donna Moulton
 Daryl Umland
 Garnett Ahrendt Williamson

Class of 1955
 Margaret Larsen

Class of 1951
 Lee Petersen

Class of 1949
 Leslie McDowell

Class of 1945
 Wanda Thomas Kling
 Dorothy Thomas

Class of 1941
 Phyllis Steuven Brower
 Mildred Bucknam Coonradt
 Kathleen Frank Gibbs
 Delores Blum Rhinesmith
 Arlene Philips Stewart
 Marjorie Strouth

Class of 1938
Beverly Marr

Class of 1934
Myrna Earl Tatge
Leola Pack Lampy
Delphia Steine Haug

Class of 1932
James Hagedorn
Helen Linville Shaw

Class of 1937
Arthur Covey
Janice Edmonds
Evelyn Skyberg Erickson
Lawrence Marsden
Alvin Martin
Dorothy Creeger Rath
William Wendt

Class of 1931
Gertrude Williams Beneluck
Gertrud Bendrich
Juanita Buchan
Carolyn Quinn Jay
Vernon Osgood
Leone Richards
Frances Ryan

Class of 1936
Marilyn Peterson
Mary Ann Tomson Nix
Evelyn Top

Class of 1933
Esther Hoime Micheel
Bruce Vining

Class of 1930
Norma Helling Docken
Gladys Stretter Mennenga

Class of 1935
Maynard Davis
John Hawkinson
Elwood Hetland
Alice Larsen
Harvey Swenson
Margaret Vining

Remembering our classmates/continued from page 5

After graduation he attended Southwest Minnesota State University at Marshall for two years and a year at Mankato State College. He then moved to Minneapolis and worked for Wicks Furniture. He worked in Houston, Texas during the “oil industry” years and worked with a traveling carnival with his good friends **Tom Skattum '69** and **Rick Serie '70**. While in Houston he worked for Hertz Corporation. He was transferred to Los Angeles, California after a few years. He was sought after by Avis Rent A Car and moved to Denver, Co. He returned to Los Angeles as a regional sales manager. He was promoted to national accounts manager and after 15 years with Avis he, he was promoted in 1998 to director of group sales association market based in Washington D.C. After his career with Avis, he and his wife Terri moved to her hometown of Charleston. He enjoyed spending time with his dogs and following the West Virginia Mountaineers football team. Mr. Hommen is survived by his wife, Terri Hommen, a brother, **Jack '72** (Pamela) **Hommen**, many nieces and nephews.

Kathy Thorson '77 died March 6, 2011, in Luverne. Kathy attended Magnolia Public School through the 3rd grade then began in Luverne where she was active in basketball (receiving all-conference honors in 1976 and 1977) and fast-pitch softball. Upon graduation she attended Southwest State

University in Marshall, Minnesota and Worthington Community College in Worthington, Minnesota. Following her education Kathy moved to Tucson, Arizona and became employed by Burr-Brown Corporation where she tested semi-conductors for several years. She lived for some time in the Concordia, Kansas area before returning to Luverne. Kathy worked on and off part time at the Corner Gas Stop while searching for her “niche” in the community. Kathy enjoyed basketball and fast-pitch softball and continued to follow women’s basketball over the years. She also enjoyed following the Minnesota Vikings. Most important to Kathy was her love of animals, especially her cats, dogs and horses. Her mother, Olga Thorson, two siblings, **Pamela '75** and her husband Jack Hommen, and brother, **Jeff Thorson '78** and her nieces and nephews survive her.

1980-1989

Paul Kruger '82 died February 1, 2011 at his home in Renner S.D. Following high school he lived in Oklahoma and Florida. In 1997 he moved to Sioux Falls, S.D where he attained an associate’s degree in computer networking. He then attended Colorado Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, to complete his bachelor’s degree but was unable to finish due to his illness. On Aug 18, 2007 he married Barb Rothenbuehler. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing and playing with his “big

boy” toys. His wife, **Barb Kruger '73**, survives Mr. Kruger, a son, Levi Kruger; two daughters, Heather Lindsey, and Areana Pourier; three stepchildren; one granddaughter; four step grandchildren; his mother, Carol (Willie) Petit Poppenga; five siblings, Lewey (Barbara Ann) Kruger, **Dean '74** (Deb) Kruger, **Kathryn '76** (Charlie) Crow, **John '78** (Kitty) Kruger, and Bill (Donna) Kruger; two half siblings **Trudy '87** (Dave) Tollefson, and **Rob '89** (Gigi) Krell, Moore; seven step siblings and many other friends and relatives.

1990-1999-

Calixtra Corral Brock '98 died January 19, 2011 at her home in Sioux Falls. She served in the Army National Guard from 2001-2006 and acquired the rank of SPC E-4. She worked at Bayliner in Pipestone and later at Premier Card in Sioux Falls. Ms. Corral Brock is survived by two daughters, KyAnn Blu and Kira Rae Nieber of Sioux Falls; her father, Richard “Pete” Corral; her mother, Peggy Jo (Wayne) Harms; two sisters Caisie Shields, and Cristina Riechter; and her stepgrandparents, Larry and Lorna Harms

2000-2010-

Teacher Ernie Parry died at the age of 89 in Circle Pines. A graduate of Morningside College, he taught in Luverne before moving to the Twin Cities to pursue a career in the insurance business.

TANGEMAN FAMILY IN ROCK COUNTY

ARTHUR JOHN (TIM) TANGEMAN JR. ... *An LHS Alumnus shares his memories*

You are reading the words of a technophobe, I retired to get away from computers and today I use one for one half hour per day to play games. No ID theft, No Internet, No cell Phone, No laptop, No iPod and no e-mail. One compromise is an answering machine.

I am 90 years old and my favorite lines these days are "I would rather be seen than viewed" and "My next toothpaste purchase will be a lifetime supply".

EARLY MEMORIES OF HARDWICK: TEACHERS DOROTHY ENGER, GLADYS (HOFGAARD) PIERSON:

Riding a horse drawn dray to the Depot to pick up grocery inventory for the store. The groceries would have arrived on the "Boozer" a name for the train I never understood. Albert Koenig managed the lumber yard,. Henry "Slippery" Hoffman was a carpenter. Millie Willoughby ran the "Busy Bee Cafe". Iverson was the Post Master, Hannes Hagadorn "The Peanut Saloon", Soren Jensen the "Green Lantern", Risch Grocery, Emil Hecht General Merchandise, Hartley Hardware, Ralph Stoakes Meat Market, Jay Stoakes Farm, Irv Strasburg garage, Clarence and Alfred Johanson, Gem Theatre.

Darrell Stoakes had a Shetland Pony. Grandpa and Rob Staeffler, farmer, were best friends, Rob had thirteen children, obviously his best customer.

REMEMBERING LUVERNE

Kindergarten in basement of Presbyterian Church. Some elementary grades.
Moved to Texas and then to Minneapolis 1931-32
Moved back to Luverne and school from 7th through high school class of 1938.

Worked at Lloyd Long's Livestock Auction

Nelson Brothers and J. C. Penney

I remember the Palace and Apex Theatres

Being arrested by Evan Paulson for speeding. Up before Mort Skewes, lost license for a year and fined \$15.00, license suspended and court costs. Going 60 in a 25 mile zone. Mr. Engan of Hanson and Engan Law firm asked me later why I did not call him. I told him "Because I was guilty". Did I mention that I was driving my Grandfather's car?

Many friends, Jim Leicher, Warren Herreid, Keith Brooks, Jack Davis, Alice Marie Dunn, Virginia Craig, The Hauser family (all nine).

Working on Grandpa's farm east of Luverne.

I left Luverne with Battery E215th CA (AA) Transferred to 15th Signal Service Detachment in Kodiak, Alaska. Arrived in Alaska prior to World War II

- Amanda J. Hanson, taught typing and I was a real ^{ly} lousy typist. So what happened? In the military
- I was in communications at the State Department in Washington, D.C. *and*
 - > At the Pentagon, I typed on a elite, pica, mill typewriters, teletypewriters with at least two variable keyboards, Blind tape punchers, The British Code Machines, US Code Machines and then at the State Department on antique computers from 1965 un til I retired in 1975 to get away from the computer.

Reunions in the Making

Compiled by Gregg Gropel

Hardwick All-School Reunion

When: June 24-25-26, 2011

The committee is compiling a database of Hardwick Grade School students. They ask that students email or mail your email and mailing address to: Patti Kirby Pierson, 1562 201st St., Hardwick, MN 56134 or send it electronically to piersonprp@frontiernet.net (Patti Kirby Pierson) or lorna@frontiernet.net (Lorna Siebenahler Bryan).

For more info, go to Facebook, the group is called "Hardwick Memories."

Class of '46

When: August 13, 2011

Location: Blue Mound Banquet Center

Contact: Ida Reverts

1473 110th Avenue

Luverne, Minnesota 56156

Phone: (507) 283-8821

Class of '61

When: Sept. 23 & 24, 2011

Location: TBD

Contact: Lorna Forrest Hansen

Lorna says, "*Email addresses are needed!*"

Please send your email address to Lorna as soon as possible. Email her at

lornahansen@comcast.net

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Alex Frick

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CLASS OF 1971 Get-Together Weekend is July 14-16, 2011 for their 40th anniversary of their high school graduation.

Thursday, July 14, 6 p.m. Meet and greet on Main Street as members join in the celebration of Luverne's 49th Annual Hot Dog Nite. Features include the wiener dog races, wiener dog beauty pageant and the Wienerman Triathlon!

Friday, July 15, 6 pm Gather at the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building (and the Kahler Terrace) for a night of visiting and reminiscing! Reservations required!

Saturday, July 16, 4-11 pm Join the crowds at the Luverne City Park for the third annual Music, Meals and Meander. Tequila Sunrise, Not Exactly, Starfires and more provide live music during Habitat for Humanities' second annual Barbeque Rib Cook-off.

Reservation forms coming in the mail

Class of '66

When: July 15 & 16, 2011

A Facebook page has been developed for classmates titled Luverne High School Class of 1966. If classmates are on Facebook, they are encouraged to join this group which currently has 24 members.

The 2011 Class Reunion Committee is comprised of the following classmates: Steve and Diane (VandeHoef) Thompson, Gary and Marsha (Haakenson) Gabrielson, Jennifer Holsen, Pam Holsen, Chuck and Cindy Rodman, Jim and Carol (Aanenson) Hatting, and Mary (Arp) and Leon Pick. Jennifer Holsen is the Reunion Committee contact and may be reached at jenholsen@gmail.com.

The Luverne *Alumni News* has class name and address records which the Committee has obtained and is updating it for future reunion communications. Contact Holsen with updated address and e-mail addresses so you won't miss out on future notifications regarding the 2011 Reunion. Lloyd Stanley is compiling a photo portfolio of classmate childhood homes and old landmarks for a trip down memory lane. If you remember your childhood home address, please e-mail it to Holsen as well. Your Reunion Committee is working hard to make the 2011 Reunion fun and memorable.

Class of '86

When: July 8, 9, 10, 2011

Location: TBD

Contact: Jeff Sudenga

Email: jeffsudenga@yahoo.com

Other Info: Search Facebook Jeff Sudenga for details

2011 Reunion Calender

JUNE 2011							JULY 2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4						1	2
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30			24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

AUGUST 2011							SEPTEMBER 2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	

Fifty-four 2011 LHS Graduates to Receive a Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

by Gregg Gropel

According to high school counselor Craig Nelson, there will be 75 members from the Class of 2011 who will walk across the gym floor on May 22 to receive their high school diploma. Of these 75 classmates, 54 applied for a Dollars for Scholars scholarship, and each of these 54 students qualified for a local scholarship.

The actual dollars earmarked for each student will be distributed to the student's school as each recipient successfully completes their first post-secondary semester.

Awards greater than \$2,000 will be distributed to the student's college in increments of \$2,000 on a yearly basis.

The 54 future LHS graduates who were selected to receive a 2011 scholarship are listed below.

Peyton Arends
Zane Aubert
Hannah Baartman
Samantha Bakker

Brandon Bosch
Mason Capistran
Jordan DeGroot
Hilary Deragisch
Michael Diaz
Ashley Dohlmann
Austin Eeten
Matthew Engesser
Benjamin Fick
Connor Fitzer
Lyndsey Fodness
Alyssa Frakes
Carrie Goebel
Perla Gonzalez
Adam Gruis
Akua Halfmann
Cathryn Hartz
Mikell Hebig
Courtney Hemme
John Hemme
Ashlie Hess
Jennifer Joldersma
Staci Kalass
Andrew Kannas
Hannah Kanninen

Thomas Lingen
Kassandra Morrison
Benjamin Nath
Gretchen Nowatzki
Amanda Oeltjenbruns
Paige Pierce
Alexa Priebe
Collin Rofshus
Jessica Rome
Katlyn Sawtelle
Nicole Schelhaas
Gretchen Schneekloth
Katie Shearer
Joey Slieter
Morgan Sommers
Kelly Staeffler
Dylan Stokes
Britton Stratton
Schuyler Swier
Shelby Van Santen
Emily Vander Brink
Dylan Von Holtum
Autumn Wenzel
Lauren Witte
Joel Wohnoutka

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