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**Cardinal Pride Weekend
(aka—All School Reunion)**

August 15, 16 & 17, 2014

CARDINAL PRIDE EVENTS!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend a great weekend in Luverne...celebrating **LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!**

The Cardinal Pride Committee is working on plans to celebrate the wonderful things that are happening at Luverne Public School and in your hometown!

Experiences and events are planned so that you can enjoy three days with friends and family!

Start the weekend by checking out the wonderful changes that have happened in Luverne. Visit new business ventures for custom tours, check out the new retail stores throughout Luverne's shopping district, walk through the school, visit the wonderful museums & galleries, and enjoy dining at our great restaurants! For athletic enthusiasts...why not plan to take part in a bike ride, 5-10K run, golf game or tennis match.

Create the opportunity for classmates to get together to celebrate and remember the days at LHS!

Stop by the **CARDINAL PRIDE STORE!**

LHS graduates from throughout the country have created thriving retail businesses! To celebrate and share this creativity...the Cardinal Pride Committee is inviting any graduate to bring or send some of their retail merchandise to display and sell at our own...**CARDINAL PRIDE STORE!**

Any type of merchandise is welcome! Put up your display of things that you create and/or sell! Give LHS grads the opportunity to purchase a treasure from a Luverne Cardinal!

For additional information or details—contact Jane or Lorna at the Luverne Area Chamber!

FACEBOOK: CardinalPride2014

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CARDINAL CAPERS & DINNER...a night to remember!

SATURDAY—AUGUST 16

Just when you thought the weekend couldn't get better...the **CARDINAL PRIDE COMMITTEE** is challenging YOU to help us put it "over the top!" Join us at the Blue Mound Banquet Center for social hour and dinner...then sit back in your seat and enjoy great entertainment...where LHS grads are the stars!

What does the Committee have in mind? The Committee invites you and your friends, classmates, teammates...to recreate some of our LHS memories. We want you to "**perform in our 2014 CARDINAL CAPERS!**"

Wouldn't it be great to see some members of the **LHS 1964 State Basketball Champion Team** give us a 2-minute dribbling drill? How about **Coach Menage** getting his football team together for a little huddle pep-talk? What about **Pati Canfield** getting some of her baton students together for a demonstration? How about the articulate creators of "**Quotations from Chairman Ma**" reciting some of those memorable Finberg quotes? How about Dorothy, Tin Man, Lion and Scarecrow serenade us when "We're Off to See the Wizard?" Maybe the great **LHS drumline** can get together for a rousing cadence! How about **Sanden** leading "**Comments & Questions**" or being entertained by LHS Faculty "**cup stacking champions**?" Still perform on a regular basis...why don't you get on stage and share your talent!

Let your imagination be your guide...be part of the fun and recreate some great LHS memory the night of the Cardinal Pride Celebration! **MC Kyle Oldre** and the Cardinal Pride Committee want you to join us in creating a night of memories...from the past and present! Start practicing now and be ready for your performance! **Contact the Luverne Area Chamber for additional information! 507 283-4061 or luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us**

TOUCH THE SKY PRAIRIE BRUNCH & SHOW with Jim Brandenburg—Sunday—August 17

Honor Roll of *Alumni News* Contributors

Compiled by Johnna Bowron Ahrendt

During this past quarter, December 31, 2012, through March 31, 2013, the *Alumni News* received money in the form of memorials and gifts totalling \$2,635.

In the memorial section below, the individual being memorialized is printed in bold print, followed by the individual or individuals who made the gift. Contribution given by graduates and friends follow the list of memorials.

Thank you for your support!

Memorials

Beverly (Wildung) '50

Harrison

Elaine (Snook) '50 Roob
Hal "Buzz" Wildung '52

David Butler '43

Audrey (Luethje) '43
Gabrielson

Conrad Tofteland '43

Keith '49 & Betty
(Hansen) '50 Luethje
Audrey (Luethje) '43
Gabrielson

Carol (Untiedt) '57 Luft

Mark Wallem '76

Margaret Vegge '33

Eunice (Skyberg) '60
Wynn
Mark Wallem '76

Eileen (Sunde) '41 Kopp

Audrey (Luethje) '43
Gabrielson

Gerald Abraham '60

John '45 & Imogene
(Lemke) '47 Krogmann

Dale Opsata '35

Richard Opsata '64
John Opsata '72
Eva Lou Opsata '63
Mary (Opsata) '67
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Hilda Ihlan – friend

John '45 & Imogene
(Lemke) '47 Krogmann

Marvin Lammert '57

Garfield '60 & Ellaine
Henriksen
Keith '49 & Betty
(Hansen) '50 Luethje

Paul Larson '80

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Todd Birkeland '80

Mark Spease '80

Betty Willroth '55

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Leila Wulf '63

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Elzora (Wulf) '46 Ott

Richard Schmuck '54

Arland "Swede" '54 &
Peggy (Schmidt) '54 Anderson

George & Gladys Mann - friends

Gene R. Salzman '54

Rosa (Tofteland) '43 Johnson

Eunice (Skyberg) '60
Wynn
Carol (Kjenslee) '73
Hagen
Jerry '65 & Kathy

(Molitor) '65 Deuschle
Audrey (Luethje) '43
Gabrielson

Howard Iveland '66

Mary (Mohr) '66
DeJarlais

John Holsen - teacher

Mary (Mohr) '66
DeJarlais

Contributions

David Graige '50
John Remme '56
Eleanor Siebert – friend

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Memorials and contributions
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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 (March 31, 2013).

Please watch for the next issue, July, 2013, for additional names of *Alumni News* contributors.

What We've Heard . . .

Compiled by Jane Wildung Lanphere

Caren Stoel (LHS 1985) shares big news from her home in Grimes, IA (near Des Moines.) On August 11, 2012 Caren married her best friend Laine Henry. **Caren Henry** enjoys receiving **Alumni News** with wonderful updates about our hometown and bits of memories that she has forgotten.

“Greetings to Luverne Alumni” come from **Gene Salzman (LHS 1954)** of Fairbanks, AK. Gene dropped a note on January 14, 2013 when it was a “balmy” 37 above. It rained in Fairbanks for a while and the roads were instant ice. Gene writes he can’t wait until spring and summer so he can dig in his garden. “This subsistence life is hell!....HAHA.”

Gene’s last trip to Luverne was January 2012 when he came to Luverne to bury his sister, Gladys June Mann. Even though she graduated from Lake Benton, she was an ardent supporter of LHS and the Cardinals!

He adds: “won’t be long and the tourists will be headed North – just like the birds, ducks and geese... so give me a shout!”

Arlyn Hemme (LHS 1945) sends greetings to all Luverne Alumni! He and wife Gladys moved back to Luverne in 2006 from West Virginia and are enjoying reconnecting with relatives and friends. He adds: “Age may slow us down a bit but we are very happy to call Luverne home!”

Gloria (Schlapkohl) Siekmeier (LHS 1950) shares wonderful memories of that beautiful Arcade Building. “The Arcade Building, so much a part of Ken Burns’ WAR documentary, also was so much a part of my young life. My grandmother, Ida, occupied the apartment overlooking Main Street. The handsome bay window to the west afforded her great light to pursue her occupation as a seamstress. She altered garments sent from local clothing stores, especially Nelson’s and Creeger’s. She was also the dressmaker to many Luverne women and girls. The other bay window cast light into the living room.

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: _____

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

Year of Graduation _____

Comments: _____

That was the place to view the activity on Main Street, as well as the crowds attending movies at the Palace Theatre. In those times, shows took place 7 days a week, matinees on weekends, and 2 showings on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Our family would gather at the apartment after weekly shopping trips along with my aunt and uncle, Leona and August Noll.

Pat Shanley, a long-time clerk at Nelson’s, rented the apartment bedroom and my grandmother and her husband, Albert Meyer, slept on a day bed.

Stephen’s Meat Market always had a barrel of lutefisk outside the shop in December.

Another Luverne staple began on the east side of the building, Mrs. Wildung’s Style Shop, a landmark of fine fashion for generations of area women.”

Gloria asks one question of local historians and Luverne Alumni, why is the name of the building – The Arcade Building?

Jim Antisdell (LHS 1950) sends greetings, best wishes for a great 2013, and big news from his home in North Myrtle Beach, SC. After dating and traveling

Remembering our Classmates

1930-1939-

Dale Opsata '35 died February 4, 2012 in Weslaco, Texas. He was a decorated veteran of World War II and the Korean War. On August 27, 1946 he married Phyllis Noll in Luverne. He was a Standard Oil bulk agent in both Beaver Creek and Worthington, retiring after 26 years of service. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and also served as an elder in his church. He enjoyed years of RV travel and finally settled in Weslaco. Dale is survived by his wife, Phyllis Opsata; two daughters, Barbara (Gary) Comfort and Marcia (Rodney) Sparks, and three grandsons.

1940-1949-

Delores Vande Velde Peterson '41 died March 16, 2013 at St. Anthony Park Home in St. Paul. After high school she attended St. Olaf College where she received a bachelor's degree in history and English. She taught a school in Magnolia for a short time before she took a job at Dayton's department store and later as a buyer for Donaldson's. On February 11, 1956 she married Perry Pederson Jr. at the Kenneth Lutheran Church. In 1957 Dolores started working for the family business, P.O Pederson Inc., where she worked as a bookkeeper until retiring. She was the first woman to serve on the North Branch School Board and also led the way to get a public library established in North Branch. She loved gardening, reading, watching movies and genealogy. Delores is survived by a son, Daniel Pederson (Catherine Brennan), a brother, Harris Vande Velde '44, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

David Butler '43 died January 6, 2012 in Minneapolis. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. His wife, Olivia, a niece, two great nieces, survives David. His parents, George and Lucille Butler, preceded him in death.

Elmer Gath '44 died January 22, 2013 at this home in Laguna Woods, California. After graduation he joined the U.S. Army and served during World War II as a surgical technician on the medical ship U.S.S. Comfort. He was discharged in 1946. He then moved to Buffalo, MN, where he worked at the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant in New Brighton. On June 26, 1949, he married Doris Gullickson. They lived in Buffalo until 1959. They then moved to Anoka. There the family ran a Mister Softee ice cream truck franchise. After selling the franchise in 1967, Elmer returned to work at the ammunition plant as a government inspector. When the ammunition plant closed in 1974, Elmer worked for the Army Corp of Engineers as lock and dam operator on the Mississippi River until his retirement in 1987. After retirement the couple moved to Albuquerque, N.M, and remained there until 1997. In 1997 the couple returned to Rock County, living in Magnolia, and then in Hardwick, while spending winters in California. He is survived by his wife, Doris Gath, a son, Eldon (Clara) Gath, and a daughter Cheryl (Thomas) Wiedmann.

Howard John Hagedorn '44 died August 11, 2010 at McKenna Crossing, Prior Lake, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mamie Petersen Hagedorn and John Hagedorn; and his wife of

60 years, Louise. Survived by children, Dave (Gwen Anderson), Tom (Jeanne) and Karen Wager (Bill). Also survived by one sister Joan Houser and nephew, J. Deane Houser. Howard was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and worked most of his career at General Mills. He loved steak and hamburgers on the grill and jazz music.

1950-1959

Elaine Kemerling Mann '50 died March 13, 2013, at Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne. On April 1, 1951 she married Virgil Mann. Following their marriage the couple made their homes in various locations in Rock County. In her early years, Elaine was a homemaker and then worked at Nelson Brothers department store, Creegers and the Sewing Basket. She enjoyed sewing and quilting. Elaine is survived by her four children, Jeff Mann '71, Julie '73 (Gary) Vogel, Todd '75 (Shawn) Mann, and Tim Mann '79; ten grandchildren; six great grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy '45 (Kurt) Peterson, and Norma Schneekloth '46, a sister-in-law Doris Kemerling, and many other friends and relatives.

Marvin Lammert '57 died March 5, 2013 at his home in Luverne. After graduation Marvin developed and became quite talented in fiber glassing while working in management at Pipestone Manufacturing in Pipestone. Later he owned and operated Marvcraft Fiberglass Co. in Luverne. There he continued to hone his craft, manufacturing numerous products for companies

with each other for 3 ½ years, Jim married Vi on September 15, 2012. Their traveling adventures took them on a cruise of the Virgin Islands in March 2012; cruise down the Rhine through Holland, Luxemborg, Germany, Austria, and France before docking in Basel Switzerland in May 2012; continuing on with a flight to Florence to board a bus with stops in Venice, Milan, Lake Como, Genoa, St. Moritz, Monaco and Nice before flying to Paris for a few days. In June 2012 they were able to travel to Oregon for the graduation of Jim's grandson from the University of Oregon before spending a few days in Jim's second home in the State of Washington. Not to let any "grass grow under their feet," they continued to Alaska for a bus-train-ship tour. Since their wedding in September, Jim and Vi enjoyed a Tauck tour of the Rose Bowl Parade and Game, spending New Year's Eve at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, CA. Jim's motto: "Still trying to see the world!"

From his home in Metamora, IL – **David Garcia** sends greetings to all his classmates of **LHS 1957!** He especially wants to greet those of you who were unable to make the September 2012 class reunion. David writes: "You missed a great reunion and a lot of fun and those of us in attendance missed you a lot. Since that time two more of our precious classmates have gone to their eternal reward and the opportunity to hug them and hold them, and tell them how special they were to us will never present itself to us again. I don't mean *doom and gloom* but in truth our class roster is dwindling faster than any of us ever thought possible. Let's all try to attend the next reunion and celebrate how special we are and have been to one another all these years. In the meantime, God Bless You and Keep Safe!"

Joe Rowe (LHS 1963) of Sioux Falls, SD writes to Alumni News for our help! In planning their 50th reunion, the Class of 1963 is searching for information about a deceased classmate. If you have any information or contacts for **SHERYL (EIDE) WOLFE (LHS 1963)** – please contact Joe at joe.rowe0307@gmail.com or 605 359-4533. LHS 1963 is celebrating their 50th during Buffalo Days in Luverne – May 31, June 1 & 2, 2013 so your help is needed now!

Greetings are sent to all LHS Alumni from **Eunice Skyberg Wynn (LHS 1960)** of Mounds View, MN. She writes that Margaret Vegge and Rosa Tofteland Johnson were two wonderful women, caring humanitarians and passionate Norwegians! God bless their memory!

Tom Lippi (LHS 1963) sends greetings to readers of **Alumni News** from his new home in Gilbert, AZ. Tom writes that he and Becky are excited to begin their retirement in Arizona, the 10th state that they have lived in since they were married.

Lakewood, CO is the home of **David Graige (LHS 1950.)** David has made the Denver area his home since 1954. He also writes he plans on seeing LHS alumni at the Winter Reunion in Mesa on February 20th! LHS has been and is a great school!

Carol (Kjenslee) Hagen (LHS 1973) sends greetings to Luverne Alumni from her home in Glenville, MN (just south of Albert Lea.) Carol and husband Dave enjoy their family of 7 children and 11 grandchildren with 2 more on the way. Carol is an RN working in home care and in an assisted living facility. She also finds time to teach ZUMBA. She hopes there are plans in the works for a 40th reunion this summer! "I would love to hear from other classmates! Luverne is a great place to grow up!"

Michael Welch (LHS 1980) sends greetings to LHS grads from his home in Yankton, SD. After retiring from the Navy, Mic became power plant superintendent at Gavins Point Dam. He is employed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. "If someone is in the Yankton area I will try and make tours of the hydro power plant if time and scheduling permit. I will try always to accommodate anyone or a group. Give me a call at 605 760-3041 (my cell) or email me at Usacemoose@yahoo.com."

Alumni News goes green, saves green

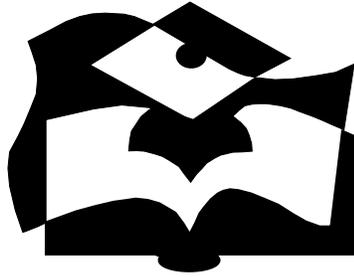
Have you checked out the Luverne Alumni News at www.alumninews.info lately? A new update is here: You are able to read your Alumni News online. Now that it is available, let us know you would like to discontinue the hard copy to go green (save postal expenses and a tree).

Please email Patti Pierson at piersonprp@frontiernet.net

Four new endowments established with local organization

Four additional scholarships have recently been endowed with the **Luverne Dollars For Scholars organization**. To date, a total of 12 new scholarships have been established since last May. Each of these new scholarships will be awarded for the first time during the spring of 2013.

Of these scholarships, the four newest scholarships endowed during the past three months are the **Dallas & Minerva Bowron Family Scholarship, Dale Slieter Memorial Scholarship, Ben Franklin Lodge Masons Scholarship and Conrad Tofteland Memorial Scholarship**.



Dallas & Minerva Bowron Family Scholarship

The Dallas & Minerva Bowron Family Scholarship was established in the fall of 2012 by Dallas Bowron.

Lifelong residents of Rock County, Dallas graduated from Magnolia High School (MHS) and Minerva Aanenson from Luverne High School (LHS), both graduating in 1932.

They married in 1937. After working in Sioux Falls for a period of time, Dallas returned to Rock County where he and Minerva farmed in the Magnolia area for over 40 years. The Bowrons retired in 1981 and moved off the farm and into Luverne.

Dallas & Minerva became parents of two children: Judy, MHS Class of '59, and John, MHS Class of '64. After high school, Judy continued her education and received her BA degree from the University of MN.

She has spent over 45 years in the insurance business working in Minneapolis.

Like his sister, John also continued his education after high school. He received a doctorate degree from the University of MN. In 1967, John married Jeanne Boone, a 1965 LHS graduate.

In 1971, shortly after graduating from college, John returned to Luverne where he practiced veterinary medicine for 39 years.

John and Jeanne are parents of four daughters, all LHS graduates: Emily, Alison, Johnna and Jessica, graduating in '90, '93, '95 and '97, respectively.

Dale Slieter Memorial Scholarship

Dale Slieter lived most of his life in Rock County. He grew up on a farm, and attended Hardwick and Luverne Public Schools, graduating in 1975. While in school he was active in FFA and basketball.

Dale had a love of all sports. He was a familiar face on the bleachers and auditorium of Luverne School as he closely followed his boys Joseph ('11) and Joshua ('14) through their athletic and musical pursuits. He developed an appreciation for fine arts (band and drama) and recognized that it

takes a lot of time and dedication to participate in both, particularly at the same time.

The Slieter family established the Dale Slieter Memorial Scholarship in 2013 with the intent that it be awarded to Luverne High School graduates who were actively involved in both sports and fine arts/FFA throughout their high school years whenever possible.

Ben Franklin Lodge Masons Scholarship

Continuing their nearly 140 year record of supporting the community of Luverne and Rock County, the Ben Franklin Lodge established a perpetual scholarship with the Dollars for Scholars program in late 2012.

Since their original dispensation on February 9, 1874, the Ben Franklin Lodge has supported numerous organizations, charities and individuals throughout the area.

Dedicated to an ideal of making the community a better place to live for everyone, the members of Ben Franklin Lodge request that their scholarship, whenever possible, be awarded to a student who shares those same ideals and who is a family member of a current or past Mason.

Conrad Tofteland Memorial Scholarship

Conrad was raised in Rock County and attended Luverne High School. Later he began farming until he had to discontinue because of health problems.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. His interest was farming but he went on to pursue other paths. He worked on the Alaskan pipeline.

Conrad spent many years away from Luverne but he always supported the community.

The recipient of the Conrad Tofteland Memorial Scholarship is to be selected by using DFS criteria.



Sister Mariella Hinkly donates 1936 clarinet to SDSU antique musical instrument collection

In late summer of 2011, I went searching for a place where my treasured clarinet would be appreciated. During the thirteen years I lived in Luverne, I joined in the efforts of restoring the Hinkly House to the way it was when my grandparents lived in it. While there, I heard that a few musicians/professors at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion had a collection of antique musical instruments.

My ebony wood Selmer clarinet dated back to early 1936, when my parents purchased it from Williams Piano Company in Sioux Falls. This edition was labeled Selmer BT (Balanced Tone) on each segment. Made in PARIS in 1934 it was shipped through New York City to regional music stores.

My instrumental career began in 4th grade. In three years, I had grown sufficiently to handle an alto sax. With the arrival of Arthur Kates as music instructor in 1935, I moved on to clarinet in his first semester. He knew, before I did, that a Selmer clarinet was a perfect choice for me. Not only was he an inspirational instructor, but also, my mentor.

Upon locating duets arranged for clarinets of Bach Fugues and Beethoven's First Symphony, we spent delightful hours practicing those great classics. After decades of playing (well) a half dozen instruments, Art Kates found a favorite - the cello. His first cello (of 3) may be seen in the Music Room of the Hinkly House.

In October of 2011 I donated my BT Selmer clarinet to the National Music Museum for the Study and History of Musical Instruments in Vermillion. In their official acknowledgment, they noted, "This model is an important and singular addition to our collection.....Know that your clarinet will be cared for, and its story preserved." It is most satisfying to know it resides in the region where it originated and was most widely used. If you visit the USD campus, you will be enabled to view one of the two best collections of musical instruments in our country.

*Sister Mariella Hinkly
(Mary Jane) Class of '41*

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and individuals. Marvin also served as a National Guardsman. After retiring, he was car runner for Papik Motors, Herman Motors and Midwest Fire in Luverne. He was a veteran of the Luverne Fire Department. In his younger years Marvin was an accomplished motorcycle racer. He and his wife enjoyed many summer vacations traversing the United States on their Harley Davidson with family and friends. Marvin is survived by his wife, LaJean '56 Lammert, four children son, Mike (Paula) Lammert, daughters; Scott (Pam Schneekloth, Mark (Debra) Hopkins, and Eldon (Becky) Kruger, twelve grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; a twin sister, Marilyn, a brother Duane (Peg) Lammert and many other friends and relatives.

1960-1969

Leila "Lee" Wulf '63 of Citra Florida died March 11, 2013 at her home. She attended Pillsbury Bible College in Owatonna, Worthington Junior College and graduated from Sioux Falls College in 1969 with a degree in physical education. She moved to Florida where she taught at Marion County School for several years. She later worked for her brother-in-law at Hendrickson Electric in Citra. Lee was the only licensed female electrician in Marion County, Fla. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1996. She then returned to teaching and taught shop for ten years. In her later years she had a passion for quilting. She designed and made at least 120 quilts for her family. She also enjoyed swimming, traveling, and raising chocolate labs. Lee is survived by four sisters, Elzora Ott, '46 Naidine Aanenson '48, Audrey Munro '48 and Ruth '56 (Alan) Hendrickson, five

brothers, Franklin '50(Ruby) Wulf, Donald '52(Lola) Wulf, Henry '54 (Lorretta) Wulf, Arthur '58(Carol) Wulf, and Gordon '61 (Pat) Wulf; 31 nieces and nephews; and many friends and relatives.

Marilyn Blattner '68 died March 11, 2013 at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center. After graduation she attended Anoka Vo-Tech School. In 1971 Marilyn married Aloiy Knap. The couple later divorced. In 1977 Marilyn moved to Minneapolis where she worked at Northern States Power. The family moved back to Luverne in 1990. Marilyn worked at Citibank and Hutchinson Technology in Sioux Falls, S.D. In 1999 Marilyn retired because of health reasons. Marilyn was a very creative person and liked to paint and sketch drawings. She also enjoyed sewing, ceramics, animals and her cats. She is survived by two daughters, Teresa (Gary) Kruger, and Kath Knap; her mother Lila Blattner, four grandchildren; a great grandson, a sister Kath (Chuck) Davis, two brothers, Harley Blattner, and Gary (Diane) Blattner.

1970-1979-

Janice Utley Bauer Skinner '70 died February 10, 2013 in Highland Village, Texas. Her husband, John Skinner, two daughters, Nicole Armstrong, and Misty Bauer, and nine grandchildren survive her.

1980-1989

Melissa Anne Christenson '92 died December 16, 2012. After graduation she moved with her family to North Dakota. She lived and worked several years in Lisbon, N.D. She moved to the Coleharbor-Underwood, N.D., area to be closer to her family. There she worked in several businesses including a nursing home, a grocery store and a local café. In early 2007 she suffered a traumatic brain injury and has since lived at several nursing homes. The last years she battled cancer. She enjoyed fishing and camping. Melissa is survived by her twin sons, Parker and Preston Christenson, her parents, Pete and Kristi Baker, a brother, Damian Christenson, two nephews, grandmother, Lily Samons, an aunt, Michelle Schreier, an uncle, Mike (Rhonda) Sammons, and many other friends and relatives.



Combined years of marriage: 210

This is a photo of the four Stoterau siblings with spouses, total years of marriage, 210. Front: Karol Stoterau Mohs class of 1963 with husband Jerry Mohs standing behind - 47 years of marriage ... Marcia Stoterau Binford class of 1957 with husband Larry Binford class of 1956 behind - 54 years of marriage ... Dale Stoterau class of 1956 with Donna Oye Stoterau class of 1960 behind - 52 years of marriage ... Gene Stoterau class of 1952 with wife Marvelle Stoterau behind - 57 years of marriage.



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES – THE HISTORIC PALACE THEATRE ... AND A REQUEST FOR YOUR HELP!

Everyone who has ever lived in Luverne has memories of “**The Palace.**”

Opening in **September 1915**, **Herman Jochims** opened this theatre to bring not only movies but live performances to our little town on the prairie.

For next 98 years, children to adults have been able to enjoy live theatre, movies, and many other performances on that grand old stage!

In **1926**, a superlative **Geneva console pipe organ** was installed in the theatre. Maude played the organ before the weekend matinees and between the 7:30 and 9:30 pm shows every evening.

Even today, the refurbished organ brings delight to crowds, particularly in the fall when the **Blue Mound Area Theatre Board** welcomes back the “days of old” with a weekend silent movie & professional organ performance.

The beautiful **Art Deco décor** we recognize

today was introduced in **1945** when Herman Jochims hired Harold Larson & Sons Interior Decorators to revamp the theatre. The theatre was closed for eight weeks during this major transformation to open as “*Southwestern Minnesota’s most beautiful movie house!*”

On **November 19, 1978**, the Palace Theatre was placed on the **National Register of Historic Buildings.**

Two years later in **1980**, the private non-profit **Blue Mound Area Theatre** became the operators of the theatre.

Through hours of dedicated, committed volunteer work and creative community partnerships...the theatre continues to fulfill its original mission of

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movie, theatrical and community performance today.

In cooperation and collaboration with the grand opening of **Ken Burns' 2007 PBS documentary – THE WAR**, members of BMAT undertook a **massive theatre renovation project**.

Private donations, public contributions and grant resources made it possible for approximately \$1 million worth of infra-structure and aesthetic improvements – all keeping within the National Register's historic preservation requirements.

In September 2007 when Ken Burns premiered his epic documentary – the Historic Palace Theatre could boast as being *“the Midwest's most beautiful movie*

house and stage theatre” once again.

In late **March 2013**, BMAT Board Members met to face another challenge.

The Board was notified that 35mm format first run movies will no longer be available within the next year.

The Palace will need to invest approximately **\$70,000 in digital projection equipment** in order to respond to the ever increasing demands of technology.

Thanks to the Board's foresight, the state-of-the-art sound system installed within the last few years will be compatible with the new digital format.

For this great legacy to continue...for memories to be made for new generations to

come...

THE HISTORIC PALACE THEATRE needs your help NOW!

Consider making your tax deductible contribution to support the purchase of a NEW DIGITAL PROJECTION SYSTEM for OUR PALACE THEATRE!

To make a **donation:**

**Luverne Area Community Foundation
(Historic Palace Theatre Fund)
PO Box 623
Luverne, MN 56156**

In 2 years the Historic Palace Theatre will celebrate its 100th birthday!

Please share your memories of the Palace Theatre for our July edition

The memories that were created within those walls live with each of us. Take a few minutes and share some of your memories with other Luverne Alumni! Remember the night you were caught throwing candy over the balcony? Remember sneaking a kiss in the back row? Remember dropping your box of whoppers and having all of them roll down between the seats? Remember pulling up your seat at the end of the show only to be attacked by a wad of bazooka? Write a story, few lines or thoughts....

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES
213 East Luverne Street
Luverne, MN 56156



LHS grad fills in the blanks for baton twirling photo

Pati Olson Canfield provides great information about the identities of the individuals in the baton twirling photo. The October issue of the Alumni News showed a picture of Pati (#31) and her students proudly wearing their hand made uniforms. The photo was taken on the steps of the high school on Luverne Street just before the twirlers were going to perform at the half-time of a basketball tournament. Pati fondly remembers given countless lessons in the family driveway at 315 North Freeman.

The following text is caption under the photo from the Star Herald:

“Chances are there are very few communities the size of Luverne that has as many baton twirlers. The above photograph shows a group of local twirlers who will present public baton twirling exhibition at the Luverne high school gymnasium Saturday at 2 pm. The children are pupils of Miss Patty Olson, Luverne. Miss Olson is a baton twirling and tap dance instructor. The demonstration will include solo and group twirling and tap dance numbers. There is no admission.

Back row, left to right – Sandra Hare, Connie Rusche, Janice Banks, Marilyn Egan, Eleanor Rober, Kathleen Jacobson, Judy Molitor, Susan Norelius, Gail Bryan.

Third row, left to right – Twyla Hamann, Judy Connell, Jean Mitchell, Aileen Simpson, Elaine

Cragoe, Sue Manion, Carolyn Herreid, Vikki Golla, Linda Remme.

Second row – Pat Olson, Ethyle Ann Wilcox, Carol Mulligan, Patty Johnson, Linda Gieske, Kathy Thomas, Nancy Wendt, Audrey Madison, Dixie Winge, Carolyn Hart, Cindy Carsrud, Julie Ralfs.

Front row – Gail Molitor, Kathleen Molitor, Donna Pipegras, Judy Henriksen, Sandy Qualley, Barbara Zubke, Beckie Hamann, Judy Larsen, Jean McIntosh, Billy Miner is in the center foreground.

Not present when the photograph was taken were: Judy Thompson, Jean Huisman, and Janyce Schellhouse, Hills; Marily Hansen, Ash Creek; Randa Nagle, Dianne Smith, Susan Carter, Luverne.”

PAT OLSON LISTED IN BATON TWIRLER “WHO’S WHO” FOR 1956!

National recognition for skill, leadership and reputable achievement beyond her own local area has been given to Patricia C. Olson, 315 North Freeman Avenue, Luverne, MN in the 1956 Library Edition of “WHO’S WHO IN BATON TWIRLING.”

She was selected by officials of the National Baton Twirling Association, Janesville, WI in conjunction with the editors of the national circulated Drum Major magazine as one of the 800 outstanding young men and women in the field of some 130,000 active twirlers in the United States.

Freshman senator is longtime politician

Bill Weber heads to St. Paul Jan. 8 to represent Dist. 22 in Senate

By Brenda Winter

Luverne native Bill Weber might be the freshman representative from District 22 in the 2013 Minnesota state legislature, but he's been in politics a long time.

"My interest in politics goes back a long way, I guess," he said.

"After the 1968 presidential election, when I was a kid, my parents let me stay home from school to see who won. Then, they let me stay home and watch the inauguration."

He was president of the student council at Luverne High School in 1974. He was president of his FFA chapter, too. In the 1980s he served eight years on the Luverne City Council, then eight more as mayor.

Beginning Jan. 8, Weber will move to the next level of politics and represent an entire region of the state instead of just one small town.

"I expected that people would want to talk to me after I got elected," he said, "But I've been surprised by the number of people who wanted to talk to me even before I'm in office."

Weber, a Republican, has spent a lot of time talking since his Nov. 6 election — to county boards, city councils, commodity groups, business interests and individuals.

"A common theme seems to be the level of frustration people have with the state about overregulation. Also, there is a perceived inability of the state to communicate within itself and among its departments."

Weber said he'd like to be a part of "bringing some order to the chaos" in state government.

One thing he believes makes this district unique is the 138 miles of border it has with two states that compete fiercely with Minnesota for jobs.



Brenda Winter photo/0103 weber

Luverne native Bill Weber was elected last fall to represent Minnesota's Senate District 22 in the 2013 Minnesota state legislature. He begins his duties next week in St. Paul.

"A common theme seems to be the level of frustration people have with the state about overregulation. Also, there is a perceived inability of the state to communicate within itself and among its departments."

*— Bill Weber, R-Luverne,
District 22 State Senator*

"At the orientation class I attended, a metro-area person said one of her concerns was public transportation to get her constituents to their jobs. I said my concern is having jobs for my constituents to get to in the first place."

Weber said politicians promising to "tax the rich" might be cheered by some,

but that rhetoric drives others away.

"That tone isn't particularly comforting to people considering this state," Weber said.

"Fairmont just lost 20 jobs to Iowa. We're losing our retired people who transfer their residency to Florida or South Dakota. We're chasing money out

the door every day in Minnesota. There is a reason the governor of South Dakota runs radio ads promoting his state in the Twin Cities."

What will life as a state senator be like?

Weber said, "I think it's one of those things, that until you get there and are thrown into it, you can't really know."

He has been appointed to four senate committees including the finance division of the E-12 committee, the finance division of the Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture committee, the policy division of the Environment and Energy committee and the policy division of the Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development committee.

Weber can be reached by phone at (651) 296-5650, by mail at 125 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155 or by email at sen.bill.weber@senate.mn.

Reisch sworn in as County Commissioner

By Lori Ehde

Commissioner-elect Jody Reisch, Luverne, was officially sworn in Tuesday morning prior to the first Rock County Board meeting of the year.

"I wish I could tell you I have a long list of goals, but I don't," Reisch told the Star Herald last week. "I don't have a specific agenda; I truly in my heart just want to do what's right for the citizens of Rock County."

Reisch unseated longtime commissioner Jane Wildung Lanphere in the 2012 election.

"I have a lot of respect for Jane, and I talked to her before I ran," he said.

"There were no burning issues to campaign on. ... I just went door to door and let people know they had a choice and that I would be honored to represent them."

Reisch said public service has been in his blood since he was on the School Patrol at Luverne Elementary School. "I just enjoy serving people," he said.

Reisch served 21 years with the Army National Guard, retiring as a staff sergeant.

He's been a volunteer fireman with the Luverne Fire Department for 14 years, and his most recent contribution to local leadership was on the Luverne City Council for 4½ years.

He was forced to resign from the council partway into his second term when he and his family moved outside of city limits.

"That was a difficult decision for us personally," Reisch said about buying Don and Joan Amos' home east of Luverne.

"I hated not to fulfill my commitment to the council, but we had been looking for an acreage for years and we are so very blessed to have had this opportunity."

In the past several weeks



Lori Ehde photo/0110 reisch swearing in

Luverne's Jody Reisch (center) was sworn in as the new District 5 Rock County Commissioner during a ceremony Tuesday morning in the courtroom of the Rock County Courthouse. He is pictured with his family, Andrew (far left), Sharla and Jonathan, and Judge Terry Vajrt, who administered the formal oath of office.

since he was elected, Reisch has been attending County Board meetings and spending time in the courthouse and other county offices.

"One thing I've learned is we have really good staff here," he said. "An observation I've made already is that there is good cooperation among the staff (within and between departments)."

"From Greta at RSVP to Beth at Rock County Opportunities," he said. "It's just incredible ... All these folks — they seem to truly love what they do."

Reisch's first meeting was Tuesday for what will be a four-year term representing Rock County's Fifth Commissioner District.

While his district encompasses half of the city of Luverne, Reisch said he'll be careful to represent the entire county on the Board.

"I don't want it to be all about Luverne," he said. "We have several communities that are part of Rock County, and they should all be represented."

Reisch has a degree in ag business and finance, which he hopes will come in handy for some county agriculture decisions.

"I'm very lucky to have had a higher education," said Reisch, who works from his home office as a senior regional director for Cincinnati Insurance Companies.

"It doesn't give you all the

answers, but it helps you learn how to think things through."

Another area he hopes to weigh in on is economic development. "I think we need to find a way to make it easier for businesses to get started here," he said.

He said his immediate plans on the County Board are to listen and learn, and bring some fresh perspective when possible.

"I think our commissioners have done a good job," he said. "They're there for the right reasons — they want to do what's right for the county."

Reisch's constituents can reach him at 605-759-6448 or by e-mail at Jody_Reisch@CINFIN.com.

**Alumni News is *priceless*,
but there is a price on its publication**

If you enjoy receiving the Alumni News, and if you find it helpful in maintaining contact with your high school classmates and hometown roots, please continue to support its publication.

The Alumni News volunteer staff is working diligently to build its database of email subscribers in an effort to contain postage costs, but while that is happening, it seems contributions to the Alumni News have drastically waned in the past few years.

The Alumni News publication and its valuable database of thousands of classmates' contact information is a priceless resource for Luverne High School graduates. It's something very few high schools have attained, and it's the envy of many districts attempting to maintain contact with graduates. We have a wonderful thing going here, LHS graduates, and we have a dedicated group of volunteers, but there are still costs incurred with with keeping it up.

Please consider financially supporting the Alumni News.

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**Honor Roll . . .
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- Susan (Norelius) '60
- Humphrey
- Tom Lippi '63
- Roger '52 & Phyllis
- (Hagen) '52 Sherman
- Arlyn Hemme '45
- Keith Mundahl '44
- Jerilyn Britz '61
- Helen (Norelius) '35
- Brodin
- Susan (Foerster) '84
- Haglin
- Jim Antisdell '50
- David E. Garcia '57
- Keith '49 & Betty
- (Hansen) '50 Luethje
- Marilyn Bloemendaal –
- friend
- Maurice Dewolf '41

**Alumni News
Financial Summary**

Previous Balance:	
Dec. 31, 2012	\$1,370.57
Expenses for April 2013 issue:	
Labels	210.60
Printing	919.07
Postage	1,658.46
Database subscr.	147.00
Total Expense	(\$2,934.53)
Income -	\$2,635.00
Current Balance	\$1,070.44*

*The cost of the April 2013 issue is not known, but the estimated cost is \$4,000.00.

**Attention Luverne
High School Alumni**

Do we have your email address or
has your email address changed?

The Alumni News staff will email you
reminders of the online editions, but we
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Reunions in the Making

Class OF '63 50TH Class Reunion

Friday, May 31 – Saturday, June 1, 2013

COME HOME FOR A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND!

Your reunion committee invites **ALL members of the Class of 1963 for a weekend of activities, laughs and memories.** How many more chances will we have to renew relationships and see how much we and Luverne have changed—and stayed the same?

Friday evening, May 31, activities:

Gather for **tours (Brandenburg Gallery—the old jail, the Vets Museum and Memorial, Rock County Court House)** and enjoy light appetizers and beverages (included in your registration fee). Pick up a packet of information.

Then travel to **Main Street for the annual "Cruise In,"** in conjunction with Buffalo Days; hang out with classmates and friends. Stay as late as you like, but be ready for Saturday's choices.

Saturday, June 1, activities:

Start the day with a ride on the "Class of '63 Float" in the Buffalo Days Parade and check out the **Arts in the Park at the City Park.**

Lunch for the women is at the Coffey Haus and **a gathering for the men at the Howlin' Dog.** Or skip lunch and get a foursome together at the Country Club. A tour of the Palace, Hinkly House and Rock County Historical Society starts at 1:30.

Dinner in the evening at the Country Club (social hour starts at 5 p.m.) is a chance to catch up with your classmates, enjoy a very short program, followed by plenty of time to visit and get caught up after 50 years. Bring photos to display and share!

Note: The new Grand Stay Hotel and Suites is taking reservations now for the weekend of our event.

Looking forward to seeing you all again!

Your Class of '63 Buddies

(and fun-loving committee members!)

(If you need more information, contact Patti Pierson at piersonprp@frontiernet.net or call 507-669-2371)

Class of '53 - 60th Class Reunion

When: August 24 & 25, 2013

Reunion Dinner (Saturday): The Blue Stem

Enjoy other community events: Art Rocks at the Courthouse Square (Sat—9 to 4) and Stories from the Graves at Maplewood Cemetery (Sun—1 to 4)

Contact: **JIM SHERMAN** 763 553-9783
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shermjim@aol.com

Class of '68 - 45TH Class Reunion

When: May 31st & June 1st, 2013 (Buffalo Days)

Friday Evening meet Main Street Luverne

Saturday Evening meet at The Bluestem
(Former Magnolia Steakhouse)

Questions? **Sandy (Haakenson) Parparts**
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Class of '93 - 20TH Class Reunion

When: May 31st-June 2nd, 2013 (Buffalo Days)

Contact: **Jen Hewitt Besta**
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Events and times will be posted on the classes Facebook page "LIVERNE CLASS OF 1993 REUNION"

Class of '58 - 55th Class Reunion

September 28, 2013—Tri-State Band Festival Day

Schedule: 10 am—Parade; 5 pm—Dinner

Where: Dinner at Luverne Country Club

Reunion Committee: Bev, Connie, Judy, Letta & Mary

Cardinal Pride Weekend

When: Friday -Sunday, August 15-16-17, 2014

Great plans are taking shape: Saturday, August 16—Special Events during the day and Dinner & Dance at the Blue Mound Banquet Center
Sunday, August 17—Special Events during the day

Contact: Luverne Area Chamber, Jane Wildung
Lanphere 507-283-4061

E-Mail: livernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

Attention Class of 1948: A 2013 reunion was under consideration, but with news of an All-School Reunion next summer, it was decided to celebrate a 65th anniversary at that time. See the front page of edition for All-School Reunion details.

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