

## Attention LHS Alumni:



*Exciting new developments are underway in your hometown, and you can be part of the action and contribute to positive results*

Great things are going on all over Luverne. Residents, alumni and Luverne-lovers are working together on a wide variety of projects that will improve the quality of life and business in our community. LUPERNE INITIATIVES FOR TOMORROW (LIFT) is the non-profit, community-driven corporation that has been “born” through this process of revitalization.

There has been an effort since early 2009 to facilitate projects, methods, initiatives and ideas to enhance the Luverne community. Since that time, studies have been completed, data has been gathered and support has been nurtured. The name of the organization changed from the Commercial Revitalization Project to Luverne 2021 to now be officially named LIFT. Broad-based community support is the strength of this initiative. LIFT’s status as a private, non-profit corporation provides the opportunity for government, institutions,

organizations, businesses and private citizens to work co-operatively and creatively to address community-driven goals.

LIFT is not an organization that may be credited with the actual work, but it has been the forum in which ideas are vetted, enthusiasm nourished, actionable plans identified and responsibilities assumed for the great things that are happening in Luverne.

What are some of those things?

- GrandStay Hotel and Suites – private development of a new hotel 51 room (12 suite) property; completed in late spring 2013
- Highway 75 Improvement Project – City of Luverne leads the development of new sidewalks, roadway improvements, new street lights, signage and green space improving the south entrance to Luverne; completed 2013
- Luverne Brew Partners – group working on developing a craft brewery in downtown Luverne;

offering their first beer in late summer/early fall 2013

- Campground – public & private partnership studying the possibility of development of a destination campground in Luverne; study completed in 2013; three- to 10-year development
- Trail Project – public & private partnership working on the development of a circular trail connecting the community; study completed 2013; three- to five-year development
- Luverne Street Music – private individuals working with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church to create opportunities for specialized musical training in Luverne at Hilger Commons; in operation now
- Branding – through the leadership of the City of Luverne a public/private committee is working to develop and define Luverne’s brand (public identity) for the future;

# Honor Roll of Alumni News Contributors

Compiled by Johnna Bowron Ahrendt

During this past quarter, Sept. 30, 2012, through Dec 31, 2012, the Alumni News received donations totaling \$2,466.

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.

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Krogmann

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**Class of 1945**

Leonard Hansen '45

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# What We've Heard . . .

**Gloria (Anderson) Schaffer (LHS 1943)** shares a memory of the Arcade Building after seeing the photo of the building in the last edition. "My father worked for Mrs. Stephens in the early 1940's. He cut many pounds of meat and ground a lot of hamburger for her shop. Before I graduated, my father bought his own store in Kennebec, SD - home of Jim Abdnor. My family moved to Kennebec but I remained to finish high school. I have fond memories of living in Luverne."

**Inez (Shelby) Nelson (LHS 1950)** sends greetings to classmates from State College, PA. She regrets not being able to come back to Luverne since both Gail and Shirly are in other states. She also says it is a very sad time in State College with the death of Joe Paterno and the disgrace of Jerry Sanduski. "State College is actually a great community!"

**Howard Priesz (LHS 1950)** shares the tragic news of the death of his grandson in an accident. His grandson was killed on July 11, 2012 in Crystal Lake, IL.

**Betty Willroth (LHS 1955)** really appreciates getting a hard copy of the Alumni News after her computer crashed and she lost everything. On a personal level she says that her health has taken a downhill turn after she suffered another stroke affecting her right side. She also says: "Thank God for loving families ... I am living with my daughter and son-in-law."

**David Meier (LHS 1965)** is enjoying his retirement in Sebring, FL. He writes: "My "hobby" is a charter bus driver. Everyone is always happy to go and happy to be returning home." He hopes all his classmates are having as much fun as he is!

**David Piepgras (LHS 1958)** sends greetings to all Luverne alumni from Rochester, MN. He writes: "Special thanks to those who contributed in memory of my sister Donna who died so prematurely and unexpectedly of a heart condition on

## 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:

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August 1, 2012."

From his home in Sioux Falls, **Jim Ahrendt (LHS 1959)**, is enjoying his 2009 retirement. Jim continues to work part time as the Director of Seniors Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. He is also proud of his three sons: Dave who works as a supervisor at Luverne Truck Equipment; Brian who is an attorney and teacher of law at USDSU Center; and Dale who is a Lt. Col. and doctor for the USAF living in San Antonio, TX.

**Leonard Hansen (LHS 1945)** sends along a wonderful letter he received from Arvin Rolfs (LHS 1957). Arvin enjoyed the October 2012 Alumni News edition with the picture of the LHS 1945 track team. Len wanted to share this letter that Arvin sent in November 2012 with all Luverne alums:

Dear Leonard,  
I want to give you a sincere "THANK YOU!" for your contribution to the October, 2012 Luverne Alumni Newsletter and the news and picture

of the LHS 1945 track team. Of particular interest to me was your mention of Eddie Milton as Luverne's only Black-American high school student.

For several years my wife and I were friends of his daughter, Vicki, and when she told us her father was from Luverne, I was surprised. Knowing of no Black-Americans ever going to school there I surmised that Vicki had come from a mixed race family. Because I knew of no family named Milton ever living in Luverne either, I paid it little further attention.

But when I later read your first contribution to the October 2006 newsletter about the 1945 track team where you said Eddie was Black, I did pay attention. By that time Vicki had moved to Maryland for another job and we lost contact with her. But I kept that 2006 newsletter because I knew she would be interested if ever I could contact her. Seeing the

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# Remembering our Classmates

## 1930-1939-

**Elisabeth Hinkly Kaiser '31** died October 31, 2012 at her home in Hopkins. After graduation she entered St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis, graduating in 1934. She did private duty nursing for a short time before enrolling in the University of Minnesota Hospital School of Anesthesia and became a registered nurse anesthetist. While at the University Hospital she met George Kaiser who was an intern there, and they were married in January 1941 in Chicago, IL. She enjoyed playing bridge, the outdoors, needlepoint and traveling. Elizabeth is survived by a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, three sons, John (Polly) Kaiser, George Kaiser, and James (Kristin) Kaiser, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren; a sister **Mariella Hinkly '51**, and brother, **Ray '56** (Lois) Hinkly.

**Hilda Josendahl Tweet '35** died October 31, 2012 in Luverne. After graduation Hilda attended Normal School, a teacher training offered by the Luverne School. She taught for the Luverne School system until she married. On June 23, 1939 she married Louis Tweet. They lived on the family farm near Lismore where they raised their five children. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lismore and enjoyed participating in the weekly Bible study and attending church events. Hilda is survived by four children, Bonnie (Doug) Langland, Rod (Aileen) Tweet, Chuck (Barb) Tweet and Karen (Jerry) O'Nan; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

**Philip C. Helland '37** died on December 12, 2012 in Minneapolis. He earned a BS degree from Augsburg College in 1942; a Master of Education degree from the University of Minnesota, and a Doctor of Education from Columbia Teachers College, Columbia University, N.Y. in 1961. He was elected class president in high school and college, lettered in basketball and football. Phil

taught high school in Elbow Lake and Bagley, was the high school principal in Wadena "48-'51 and Willmar, MN '51-'53. He spent 1954—57 in Europe as principal of Orleans American School (France) and Augsburg American High School (Germany). He returned to Willmar in 1957 to become superintendent of school and the founding president of the Willmar Junior College and Vocational School. The Minnesota Legislature tapped his expertise to organize a new state system of community colleges and he became the Chancellor of the Minnesota Community College System, establishing and operating a system of 18 two-year colleges for 20 years 1964-1983) until his retirement. Al McIntosh, former owner and editor of the Rock County Star Herald wrote in his book "Selected Chaff", a series of WWII columns. Phil a resident of Burnsville and Eagan was a scrapbook maker, a lover of grand opera, a sailboat racer, a meticulous record keeper, a quoter of poetry, and a devoted husband and father. He could dispel anger and irritation with his wry sense of humor. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth, son, Michael, brother **Erling '43** (Dorothy Helland, sister Florence (Dennes) Borman, in-laws-, Thomas (Elaine) Tolman, Charles( Charleen) Tolman and many nieces and nephews.

## 1940-1949-

**Alice Eileen Sunde Kopp '41** died December 30, 2012 at the hospice cottage in Luverne. She attended St. Olaf College in Northfield for one year. Eileen was employed by Cargill Inc. in Minneapolis, Wayzata and finally in Mariette, PA. She married Walter Kopp on December 22, 1951 at the Kenneth Lutheran Church. Following their marriage the couple lived near Goldsboro, PA for five years. In the fall of 1956 they moved to Eileen's parents farm. In 1971

Eileen was employed at the Magnolia Public School office and there until her retirement on June 30, 1990. In 2004 the couple moved off the farm and into Luverne. Eileen served on many boards and was active as a volunteer. She enjoyed quilting, reading, taking trips with her grandchildren to Hot Springs, SD, and Pennsylvania, and making cookies with her great grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Walter Kopp; five children, Timothy (Becky) Kopp, Jonathan (Peggy) Kopp, Thomas (Marlene) Kopp, and Daniel (Pam) Kopp and Kristin (Daniel) Fischer, 15 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; two brothers, **Ralph Sunde '43**, and Dave (Kay) Sunde and many other relatives and friends.

**Alvhild Rosa Tofteland Johnson '43** died peacefully at the Sandford Luverne Hospital on December 8, 2012. After graduation she furthered her education at Worthington Junior College where she completed a degree in medical records in 1945. Rosa was united in marriage to John Gordon Johnson on August 11, 1946. The couple lived in Worthington until 1948 when they moved to Luverne. Upon their move to Luverne, Rosa stayed home to be with her young children. In 1960, she took a job as a window designer at JC Penny and eventually the assistant director of catalog sales. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir was a member of the Esther Circle and the Grace Lutheran Church Women. Rosa maintained a strong connection to her Norwegian heritage, serving with the organizations Agderlag, the Sons of Norway, and the VFW Auxiliary. Rosa had a passion for the arts and enjoyed painting, drawing, music, poetry and reading. She will be remembered by her children,

**Dennis Johnson '67** and his wife Sandi, **James Johnson '71** and

## *Rose understood the art of simple, grateful living — and quiet acts of kindness*

I firmly believe the Lord assigns each of us a certain demeanor at birth. It's what makes us who we are and determines how we respond to life circumstances.

That's not to say that people with pleasant dispositions don't have bad days, or that people with nasty dispositions can't have moments of joy and compassion.

But some people have such positive dispositions they define how they're known and remembered.

Rose Johnson was one such person. She had the sweetest disposition of anyone I've known.

Rose grew up near Kanaranzi in a family that spoke Norwegian. She held a degree in medical records and later worked as a window dresser for J.C. Penney. I learned these things from her obituary.

What obituaries can't say in words is how individuals affected people around them throughout their time on earth.

I first met Rose while writing a story about her husband, Johnny, a decorated World War II veteran. I can still picture her that day, beaming at his side with her twinkling blue eyes and rose-red lipstick.

I was struck by how in love they were after so many years — as if his near-death experiences at war made their time together since then even more precious.



They went everywhere together; wherever you saw Rose, you'd see Johnny, and vice versa. And she seemed out of place the past couple of years since he died.

She took special interest in the Star Herald, often calling or stopping by with feature story ideas — emphasizing they were only humble suggestions.

She understood the importance of a community paper in setting the tone for a community, and she was good at recognizing a positive story idea.

It seemed on days when some of our readers were disappointed in our news coverage — or lack of something they wished were covered — I could count on Rose for a timely phone call or note to compliment something she had read in the Star Herald and to encourage us to “keep up the good work.”

I kept many of her notes, handwritten on homemade stationery with her own Norwegian sketches. “We're fortunate you chose Luverne and the Star Herald for your vocation,” she wrote in February of 2010.

I stashed these gems away in the back of my desk drawer for later reference on a bad day. But I also kept them as personal reminders of how powerful such random acts of kindness can be.

Rose died peacefully Saturday, and we will miss her. But we can honor her memory by living as she did — simply, gratefully and thoughtfully.

*This column by Star Herald Editor Lori Ehde appeared in the Dec. 13 edition of the Star Herald.*

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his wife Mary Beth, and daughter **Barbara Stensland '73** and her husband Carson, six grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, sisters, Helga (Wayne) Hoffman, Lily (Ray) Hartman, and brothers-in-law, Lloyd Johnson, and **Erling Tofteland '41**.

**Beverly Schuetts Schmuck '46** died November 18, 2012 at her home in Luverne. Following graduation she worked at the J.C.Penny store in Luverne. On August 15, 1947, she married LeRoy Schmuck in Luverne.

The couple lived on the Schmuck family farm northwest of Luverne. When her husband's father sold the farm, the couple moved to his uncle's farm northwest of Pipestone. In 1957 they moved to Redwood Falls, where Beverly was a homemaker. In 1960 they returned to Luverne, and in 1968 Beverly began working as a salesperson at Creeger's clothing store in Luverne. She retired from Creeger's in January of 1990. After her retirement she enjoyed traveling to California, Arizona and Texas. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne, where she served as deacon, taught Sunday School and Bible School, sang in the choir and was a member of Circle. She enjoyed traveling, dancing, and playing cards. Beverly is

survived by two children, **David '69** (Bonnie) Schmuck, and **Susan '78** (George) Lass, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and three brothers, **Daryle '53** (Esther) Schuetts, **David '54** (Dianne) Schuetts and **Jim Johannsen '61**.

**Ida Olson Reverts '47** died October 12, 2012, at her home. She attended community college in Canby after graduation. On August 27, 1950 she married Vernon Reverts in Luverne. After their marriage they farmed in rural Ellsworth until they moved to a farm southeast of Luverne. In 1959 they moved to their farm northwest of Luverne. Ida was a teacher, real estate agent and also worked as a tax preparer. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and the GLCW, the Luverne Lions, the Rock County Fair Board and she was serving as president of the Rock County VFW. She was involved in the Big Buddy program and was named Big Buddy of the Year in 2010. She is survived by her four children **Larry Reverts '74**, **Ken '76** (Jodi) Reverts **Dale '78** (Cindy) Reverts and **Kathy '84** (Dave) Schoeon, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, three step grandchildren, a step great-

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granddaughter and her Little Buddy Madison Kruger, and other friends and relatives.

### 1950-1959

**Beverly Wildung Harrison '50** died December 15, 2012 in Brevard, N.C. She graduated from Macalaster College in 1954 and received her Master of Religious Education and Doctor of Philosophy from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Dr. Harrison worked as an associate campus minister at the University of California in Berkeley in the 1960s and also devoted energy to religious and feminist issues. She wrote a book on abortion titled "Our Right to Choose", published in 1983. She also wrote "Making the Connections: Essays in Feminist Social Ethics" dealing with feminist ethics and theory. Dr. Harrison was on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York, N.Y. from 1967 until her retirement in 1999. and continued her work with Christian feminist ethics both nationally and internationally. Her work also included the field of environmental studies as they intersect with economic, racial, and sexual and gender issues. For more than thirty years Dr. Harrison and her life companion-theological colleague Carter Heyward collaborated in workshops, classes and publications. Drs. Harrison and Heyward were among the co-authors of "God's Fierce Whimsy: Christian Feminism and Theological Education" (1985) In retirement Beverly joining Carter and several other women in forming a residential community of women, "Redbud Springs" in the mountains of North Carolina. Dr. Harrison is survived by the members of the Redbud Springs, a brother, Hal Wildung seven nieces and four nephews and many great nieces and nephews.

**Arland Goetsch 50** died November 22, 2012 in Blaine, MN. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 through 1954. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol Goetsch, three children, Janelle (Mark) Tonsager, Lisa (Chuck) Livingston, and Curt (Ann) Goetsch; seven grandchildren; three siblings, **Betty Gruber '47**, **Dale '55** (Millie) Goetsch, and **Marlene Dagle '56**; and many other friends and relatives.

**Richard Schmuck '54** died December 31, 2012 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, SD. After graduation he began working at John Morrell Company before entering the U.S. Army on May 1, 1957. On October 19, 1957 Richard married Thayes Heyl. Two months later he left for Germany where is was stationed for 18 months. He was honorably discharged on April 27, 1959, and returned to Sioux Falls, where he resumed working for John Morrell for 34 years before retiring in 1988. He enjoyed camping fishing and bowling. Richard is survived by his wife, Thayes Schmuck, two sons, Brian (Cindy) Schmuck, and Chad Schmuck, four grand children, nine siblings, Gordon Schmuck, **Audrey '49** (Ray) Aljets,

**Donna Hoh,'51 Dorothy '52**(Sam) Vanderwerf, Jimmie (Yvonne) Schmuck, Howard (Delores) Schmuck, Virginia (Paul) Bickett, Dale (Gail) Wedland, and Steve (Deb) Schmuck.

**Richard Mulligan '57** died December 25, 2012 at the Minnesota Veteran Home in Luverne. He attended St. Mary College in Winona. He joined the Minnesota National Guard while in was in high school in Luverne. He later served for two years in the Army Reserve. He joined the Marine Corp in 1961 and served for two years until he was disabled and was honorably discharged. He worked as a laborer at different jobs after he returned home until he could no longer work. He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. He was also a lifetime member of Luverne American Legion Post # 123 and the National Disabled American Veterans. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially bow hunting for deer. Richard is survived by seven siblings, Robert (Mary Jean) Mulligan, Jack (Delores) Mulligan, **James '54** (Dottie) Mulligan, **Bill '59** (Mary Lou) Mulligan, **Carol '62Van Orden**, **Mike Mulligan '66**, and **Rosemary '70** (Dale) Moerke, and many other friends and relatives.

**Carolee Untiedt Luft '57** died October 7, 2012, at the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Following her education she worked in retail for many years, first for Montgomery Ward and later for J.C. Penny. She married Gary Luft on March 4, 1972. The couple lived in Luverne. In the 1990's Carolee quit working retail and traveled with her husband and his work. Carolee was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. For more than 50 years she was active in the life of the congregation. She also enjoyed her volunteer work at the Minnesota Veterans Home and Sanford Hospital in Luverne. She was a proud member of the Red Hat Society in Luverne. She enjoyed games of all kinds, collecting angels, shopping and time with her family. She is survived by two daughters, **Shawn '81** (Robert) Flegel, and, **Deb '75** (Steve) Hill five grandchildren.

**Verlyn Holton '57** died October 23, 2012, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Fergus Falls. Soon after graduation, Verlyn entered the U.S. Air Force and served his country during the Vietnam War. On October 14, 1967, Verlyn married LouAnn Brown in Greenbush. After their marriage the couple lived in East Grand Forks where Verlyn served in the military. After his discharge, he worked for the U.S. Post Office in Grand Forks. He enjoyed fishing, traveling to casinos and spending time with his family. Verlyn is survived by his wife, LouAnn Holton, two daughters, Terra (Jim) Fraser, and Ann (Howard) Tinkham, seven grandchildren and a sister Carolyn (Rick) Porter.

**John Ingval Holsen (Luverne High School principal 1955-70)** died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012, at Avera Prince of Peace Retirement Community in Sioux Falls. He was 94.

John was a 1936 graduate of Moorhead High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1940 from Concordia College, Moorhead, and a master's degree in 1954 from the University of Minnesota. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in June 1941 and served as a captain in the infantry in World War II. He served in New Guinea, East Indies, Philippines and Japan.

On Dec. 21, 1946, John married Shirley Bergren of Fargo, N.D. He was a teacher and principal in Winnebago, Minn., from 1947 to 1955. He was recalled into the Army during the Korean War from 1951-52. John was senior high principal in Luverne from 1955 to 1970 and was instrumental in establishing the Southwest Athletic Conference. He served as its first secretary as president for two terms. He was principal of North Mankato Junior High School and Mankato West Junior High School from 1970 until his retirement in June 1983. His wife, Shirley, died in April 1983. On May 5, 1985, he married Joan Topp of Mankato.

He enjoyed reading, walking, swimming and playing golf. He also liked playing cards with friends and family and following the Twins and Vikings.

John is survived by his wife, Joan Topp Holsen, Mankato, twin daughters, Pamela Holsen and Jennifer Holsen, Sioux Falls, two sons, John F. Holsen, Mankato, and Reid (Jeanne) Holsen, Sioux Falls; six grandchildren, Todd (Jennifer) Nelson, Wentworth, S.D., Shelby Nelson, Sioux Falls, Nathan (Lori) Iveland, Sioux Falls, Ben Holsen, St. Paul, Matthew (Grace) Holsen, Sioux Falls, and Sam Holsen, St. Paul; six great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

### 1960-1969

**Darrel Wessels '60** died October 13, 2012 at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, MN. Following school he began his employment at A.R. Woods in Luverne. He also served in the National Guard from 1962-1969. On October 21, 1966, Darrel married Theresa Fursee in Sioux Falls. Darrel continued working at A.R. Woods until 1985. He then took a position at Luverne Truck Equipment as maintenance foreman from 1985 until his retirement in May of 2007. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church Luverne where he served as an usher, a deacon and on various church committees. He enjoyed woodworking and being outdoors. He loved to hunt and fish. He is survived by his wife Teresa Wessels, a son, **Steven '90** (April) Wessels, two grandchildren; nine siblings, Norman (Joyce) Wessels, **Enore '48** Boelman, Stanley (Gert) Wessels, **Phyllis '52** (Donald) Schouwenburg, Lowell Wessels, **Iva '56** (Ed) Elbers, **Harold '63** Wessels, **David '65** (Bev) Wessels and **Doug '65** (Ginny) Wessels and many other friends and relatives.

**Ronald Hansen '62** died October 3, 2012 at the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. He enlisted into the U.S. Navy on January 14, 1963 and was stationed on the U.S.S. Tanner in Brooklyn, New York. Upon his discharge from the service he returned to Hardwick and began working as a bookkeeper and truck driver at the Cargill Elevator in Hardwick. On October 1, 1966 he, he married Alice Ossenfort in Luverne. Following their marriage the couple lived in Hardwick. Ron later began working in the shipping department at A.R. Wood Manufacturing. After the company closed, he worked at various jobs until becoming the Rock County Veterans Service Officer for the next 26 years. He retired in December 2009. Ron was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick where he served as an elder and was a member of the Men's Club. He was an active member of the Arthur Moeller American Legion Post 478 and a past commander, a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a retired member of the Hardwick Volunteer Fire Department, where he served for 32 years. Ron enjoyed golf, was an avid Minnesota Twins fan, and enjoyed following his grandchildren's sports teams, especially the Pipestone Arrows. He is survived by his wife, Alice Hansen, daughter Theresa (Terry) Swenson, a son Trevor (Julie) Hansen, four grandchildren, one great-grandson; his parents Donald and Miriam Hansen; two brothers, Dale (Lorna) Hansen and Gordon "Sam" (Joyce) Hansen and other relatives and friends.

**Marilyn Christensen Somers '63** died July 1, 2012 in Granville, IL. On September 14, 1968 she married Robert Somers in Kewanee, IL. She was a beautician for 20 years and was a special education teacher's aide at Putnam County School District, Granville, for 18 years. She was a member of the Oglesby Union Church, Oglesby, IL. Marilyn is survived by her husband, Robert Somers, two sons, Chad Somers, and Cory Somers, four granddaughters, a brother Norman "Pete" Christensen, five sisters, **Becky Roberts '74**, **Beverly Kloostra '57**, **Launa Mongold '80**, **Joanne Cortez '59** and **Karen Christensen '68**.

**Howard Eugene "Howie" Iveland '66** died December 3, 2012 at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

After graduation he attended Winona State University. In 1968 Howie enlisted in the Navy and served as a heavy equipment hauler during the Vietnam War at Danang in 1969. He was honorably discharged in 1972. He worked for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia as an installer repairman until an on-the-job accident in June of 1977. After an extended recovery and brief return to work, he "retired" in 1980. After retirement and return to Luverne he became a full time member of the D.N.C. (Do Nothing Club). He

# Help! Do you know where these classmates are?

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 deceased. Please contact me at [pieronprp@frontiernet.net](mailto:pieronprp@frontiernet.net) or 507-669-2371 and leave a message. Thank you — *Patty Pierson*

## Class of 2012

Lee Shaneka  
Londyn Robinson  
Nikki Sengvongxay

## Class of 2008

Casey Borgen  
Danielle Clark  
DenHoed Christopher  
Sara Doherty  
Lucas Frahm  
Kamal Godi  
Stephanie Hendricks  
Stephanie Steensma  
Christine Tyng  
Christopher Williams

## Class of 2004

Brett DeJager  
Cassandra Deters  
Christopher Duerr  
Erin Hamann  
Holli Klosterbuer  
Adam Kurtz  
Andre Landtwing  
Trevor Maine  
Benjamin Peters  
Brianna Severtson  
Andrew Stegemann  
Wilbert Weis  
Andreas Wellig  
DeZhuang Zheng

## Class of 2000

Angela Aries  
Stacey Bauer  
Jillian Clark  
Afton DeJager  
Nicholas Domagala  
Joni Dukleth  
Davita Farwick  
Nicole Halverson  
Richard Hansen  
Todd Henderson  
Anna Klepel  
Brandyn Klosterbuer  
Barry Kracht  
Amber Lodes  
Dawn Meagher  
Wesley Medill  
Michael Morphew  
Jennifer Nath  
Nicholas Petersen  
Justin Rust  
Kjerstee Saarloos  
Jennifer Stoakes  
Janet Stoops

## Class of 2000 (continued)

Jason Tofteland

## Class of 2011

Samantha Bakker  
Betsabe Insfran  
Dylan Stokes

## Class of 2007

Randi Frey  
Seth Goemmel  
Hannah Kooiker  
Tanya Kroontje  
Lexi Peterson

## Class of 2003

Larissa Baatz  
Danielle Cook  
Jason Dukleth  
Cheslie Fick  
Amanda Frey  
Sandra Gertz  
Trisha Gonnerman  
Andrew Hess  
Karen Jarchow  
Amanda Johnson  
Casandra Kleinjan  
Eric Lammert  
Caroline Moodie  
Michael Nieuwboer  
Ahmad Oshman  
Emily Oskness Gillian  
Amber Pinkal  
Joshua Prichard  
Damon Randolph  
Jessica Rye  
Dava Sticking  
Rachel Tofteland  
Brett VanderVliet  
David Wentzel  
Krista Wynia

## Class of 1999

Kristen Althoff  
Mitchell Brinkman  
Mandy Curl  
Karson Demuth  
Dawn Domeyer  
Amanda Ebert  
Ramon Flores  
Timothy Gruis  
Elizabeth Hamann  
Andrea Hart  
Jens Larson  
Jennifer Lynch  
William McLaughlin  
Brian J. Miller  
Ailson Moerke  
Jody Nath  
Kimberly Pehrson

## Class of 1999 (continued)

Lynden Reder

## Class of 2010

Maria Jose Rodriguez  
Jacob Thompson  
Taylor Mulder

## Class of 2006

Abby DeWispelaere Click  
Jacob Hendricks  
Amy Henkensiefken  
Heather Kruger  
Meghan McClure  
Timothy McClure  
David R Nelson  
Tracy Schneekloth  
Jessie Shamatt  
Adrianna Stearns  
Craig Thacker  
Thomas Ward

## Class of 2002

Ryan Anderson  
Jacob Button  
Brandon Buysse  
Kyle Crable  
Rebecca Croft  
Danielle Deragisch  
Robert Ehrreich  
Sarah Foerster Yang  
Matthew Herman  
Kyle Kreun  
Trent Light  
Elisa Moerke  
Kristi Oeding  
Morgan Rider  
Jennifer Saarloos  
Willie Saravia  
Brent VanAartsen  
Mariana Caceres

## Class of 1998

Crystal Adams  
Patricia Beyenhof  
Katherine Dukleth  
Sarah Ebert  
Beth Foster  
Krista Fuerstenberg  
Jamie Gilles  
Ryan Halverson  
Erik Hovland  
Stephanie Iveland  
Michelle Leggett  
Mark Maranell  
Nicole Markle  
Igor Norais  
Craig Overgaard  
Timothy Palank  
Shane Palmquist

## Class of 1998 (continued)

Chris Rollag

## Class of 2009

Madeline Halfman  
Kaylee Smook  
Jessie Shamatt  
Adrianna Stearns  
Craig Thacker  
Thomas Ward

## Class of 2005

Christopher Anderson  
Shane Breeman  
Jacob Bruynes Jr  
Celina Chelkowska  
Natalie Domagala  
Scott Goebel  
Paul Hamann  
Ashley Heitkamp  
Robin Madtson  
Rebecca May  
Cassandra Pap  
Ashley Petersen  
Kristen Radley  
Kevin Theesfeld

## Class of 2001

Jamie Baker  
Chad Hess  
Adam Kinsinger  
Muzayan Kubsa  
Brooke Lundgren  
Anthony Nath  
Kathryn Oksness  
Shane Peterson  
Fernanda Ribeiro  
Joshua Stoltenberg  
Andreas Stonge  
Joshua Volden  
Bradley Walgrave  
Amanda Ward

## Class of 1997

Michael Aanenson  
Anny Burkett  
James Carlson  
Matthew Cohrs  
Wendy Dejager  
Brandee Diegmiller  
Daniel Domeyer  
Forrest Groff  
Sayaka Hashimoto  
Kelli Hendricks  
Nathan Karstens  
Lasami Keosay  
Cristiane Kimizuka  
Matthew Lais  
Allison Lupkes  
Michelle Manery  
Bobbi Meagher

Cory VanderVliet  
John Virkus  
Pertti Vitamaki

**Class of 1996**

Patricia Baker  
Patrick Churchill  
Aprl Feucht  
Staci Fick McMichael  
Brad Goembel  
Mirjam Heller  
Benjamin Herreid  
Tim Kaiser  
Brenden Kurrasch  
Cory Medill  
Anthony Mulder  
Joshua Alan Nath  
Scott Nath  
Annie Oksness  
Angie VanKlei

**Class of 1992**

Jeremy Ahrendt  
Lars Biersteker  
Kimberly Bush  
Terry DeRoo  
Sandi Emery  
Michael Gonnerman  
Erick Gruis  
Maria Harrison  
Travis Johnson  
Jonathan Kirchofer  
Brian Kremin  
Clarke Latten Jr.  
Mark Madtson  
Jolene Schneiderman  
Heather Wynia

**Class of 1989**

Brook Birdsey  
Timothy Bollinger  
Todd Eernisee  
Kimberly Evans  
Jill Flatequal  
Aaron Gruenewald  
Susan Harms  
Kyle Hoyme  
Julie Laabs  
Michael Martius  
James Meester  
James Meyer  
Gregory Olson  
Todd Swenson  
Alexia Tesch  
Rami Turtonen  
Serge VanduijnHoven

**Class 1984**

Troy Anthony Buss  
Gregory Carroll  
Annette Christiansen  
Casey Connell  
Michele DeYong Brown  
Sheila Eiter Helle  
Troy Fodness

**Class of 1984 (continued)**

Brian Hansen  
Harvey Horn  
Lance Hughes  
Lois Jacobsma Brockey

Tatiana Sandager  
Erika Svingen  
Suzie Walgrave  
April Wessels  
Christopher Wiebe

**Class of 1995**

Summer Baker  
Hope Cohrs  
Patrick Goembel  
Jill Halverson  
Mistyn Iveland  
Andrew Karstens  
Brent Kiebach  
Robert Kroontje  
Alyssa Mahaffay  
Jessica Martius  
Angela Nath  
Jerod Nowka  
Heidi Olsen  
Nathan Opsata  
Jacqueline Reiter  
Cory Schoep  
Cynthia sorensen  
Michelle Zwaan

**Class of 1990**

Shela Blom  
Cory Bouma  
Kristine Carritt  
Christopher Connell  
Mark Fick  
Heather Folle  
Craig Gonnerman  
Mischa Janisch  
Jody Martius  
Jeffrey Matson  
Craig Mulder  
Kristi Nath  
Mark Raak  
Paul Reif  
Stephanie Rogness  
Tammi Schmuck

**Class of 1986**

Janet Arnold  
Bryce Brands  
Patrick Bredesen  
Patricia DeYong  
Patrick DeYong  
Debra Duffy  
James Emery  
Bradley Gruis  
Todd Harldson  
Randall Harms  
Terry Hastings  
Valarie Horn Schomacker  
Mark Iveland  
Jill Nelson  
Seana Roberts Graber  
Thomas Roberts  
Kris Schei Phelps

**Class of 1982**

Stephen Briggs  
Thomas Doherty  
Denise Duffy  
Tammy Fodness Harskamp

Andrew Stoakes  
Jeffrey Stratton  
Michael Vis  
Andrea Waked

**Class of 1994**

Eric barning  
Travis Bird  
Lee Hart  
Steven Knutson  
Matthew Lupkes  
Aaron Olson  
Tracey Renken  
Jeffrey Rollinger  
Randy Saker  
Joseph Serie  
Tonya Tweet  
Cory VanBatavia

**Class of 1991**

Angela Aanenson  
Diane Bersier  
Sonja Brady  
Tom Burg  
Stephen Carlson  
Maria Girdelli  
Heather Iverson  
Craig Kemerling  
Chad Mabn  
Malaika Niemetz  
Lainie Oldhausen  
Eduardo Paz  
Brian Remme  
Angela Vortherms  
Denise Zinnel

**Class of 1988**

Bridget Boelman  
Don Buss  
James Buss  
Jeffrey DeGroot  
Brenda Halverson  
Pamela Kessler  
Scott Kruger  
Alisa Maras  
Jon Maras  
Janeen Marr  
Chad McClure  
Timothy McFadden  
Lance Olhausen  
Thad Roberts  
Machelle Sandbulte  
Vincent Stickels  
David Streeby  
Peggy Stroh  
Robyn Swenson  
Bryan Thorson  
Ann Zewiske  
Mandel Zwann

**Class of 1981**

Lori Groth  
Paul Juhl  
Sherry Korthals  
Randy Maxwell

Jeremiah Nath  
Jody Overgaard  
Andrew Petersen  
Ryan Petersen  
Troy Remme  
Duane Schmidt  
Jeffrey Sehr  
Jarkko Siren  
Chanvilay Songkhamdet  
Chadmarcus Swenson  
Thomas Thone  
Amanda Uithoven  
Kate Winkels

**Class of 1993**

Marta Achterhof  
Holly Aukes  
Roslyn Binford  
Troy Bullis  
Thomas Dispanet  
Terry Eernisse  
Anja Fliegel  
Krista Heikes  
John Hermanson  
Derrick Hilger  
Hodne Hildegunn  
Matthew Hoiland  
Nikki Krotzer  
Jeffrey Kruger  
Bruce Laabs  
Matthew McClure  
Donald Rolfes  
Tiffany Tabbert  
Dennis Wilken

**Class of 1987**

Robyn Bruhn  
Bruce Cattnach  
Lori Ehlers  
James Keiper  
Thomas Luke  
Greggory Maras  
Karla Reu  
Sara Rud  
Rob Telford

**Class of 1985**

Todd DeGroot  
Kevin Gyberg  
Kimberly Heck  
Wayne Johnson  
Ariadna Luce  
Bryan Miller  
Mary Nelson  
Ronald Richters

**Class of 1983**

Donna Cauwels Mulligan  
Kenneth Holzman  
Carolyn Kraetsch  
Julie Loose Ober  
Michelle Niessink Drake  
Debbie Petersen

**Class of 1980**

Craig Anderson  
Todd Baker  
Ronald Briggs  
Julie Buysse

Scott Mark  
Sharon Smook Smidstra  
Richard Smythe  
Amy Spease  
Jill Swenson McKerber  
Ronald Wolfswinkel

**Class of 1977**

Brad Akkerman  
Blisa Anderson Bass  
Kris Birdsey Foslien  
Wade Brooks  
Becky Frahm  
Renita Johnson Westerbur  
Marty Klooster  
Darlene Koens Domeyer  
Hope Luethje Hoffman  
Scott Pedersen  
Eloise Schmidt Christianson  
Arlis Slagel  
Dawn VanHof VanderBeek  
Katherine Viessman  
Brenda Weinzetl Vatland

**Class of 1973**

Susan DenHerder  
Larry Feuerhelm  
Grant Helling  
Don Maras  
Phil Maras  
Gary Meinders  
Debra Meyer Tilberg  
Edyth Mulder Wuydts  
Terry Schmidt  
Vernon VanPeurseem  
Jylan Willems McCroskey

**Class of 1968**

Leilla Brinkhous Bawinkel  
Kay Davis Cox  
Daniel Dougherty  
Ronald Henrickson  
Bradley Thuringer

**Class of 1967**

Patrick Crewsell  
Dean DePauw  
Loree Iveland Brown  
Dennis Lemke  
Pamela Nelson Eastman  
Joanne Rafalski  
Mark Roberts  
Ronald Schmuck  
Terry Springer  
Rochelle Thomas

**Class of 1957**

Kathleen Medill Day  
Donna Tomlinson  
Judy Urry

**Class of 1953**

Audrey Cornish Weller  
Donalynn Roberts Walker  
Virginia Strassburg Russell

**Class of 1947**

NONE

Michael Harms  
Abigail Himmelein  
Kazumi Ishizaki  
Nancy Korthals Sturm  
Susan Lloyd Salter  
Allen Olson  
David Sathre  
Glen Stoel  
Keitgh Tentler

**Class of 1976**

Barbara Briggs  
Christine Carlsen Debey  
Julie Emery  
Kevin Engen  
Sharon Frahm Nieuwboer  
Jay Lindmeyer  
Gloria Meyer  
Shirley Plasterer Olson  
DeAnna Rawls  
William Ripley  
Julie Scheerhorn Fodness  
Dale Smedsrud  
Dave Vatland

**Class of 1972**

Jeri Crowder  
Becky DeBates  
JoAnn Jensen Emery  
Dennis McNeil Jr.  
Dean Olson  
Mike Sulllivan  
Scott Wendt

**Class of 1969**

Dave Davis  
Terry Kack  
Barb Korthals  
Jim Petty  
Nancy Winter Browne

**Class of 1966**

Linda Clausen  
Gary Frakes  
Mary Maras Moorshead  
Bill Murphy  
Linda Wyatt

**Class of 1962**

Linda Anderson

**Class of 1959**

Garnett Ahrendt Williamson  
Joan Gabrielson  
Donna Moulton  
Daryl Umland

**Class of 1956**

Gerhardt Ahrendt  
Noralf Barstad  
Richard Hai

**Class of 1952**

Loren Hansen

**Class of 1949**

Leslie McDowell

**Class of 1946**

Jack Armstrong

**Class of 1979**

Dung Ta  
Pat Vanderberg

**Class of 1978**

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

**Class of 1975**

Terry Anderson  
Jeff Benson  
Tachi Cazal  
Kerrilyn Gacke  
Bev Rawls  
Randy Schmidt

**Class of 1971**

JoAnn Blount Neuhauser  
Darrell Fikse  
Chris Mohr Tortorilla  
Sandra Schutz  
Grant Wilcox

**Class of 1970**

Gerald Bartholmaus  
Susan Crowder  
Eufrasio Gouveia  
Roger Holmgren  
John Holsen  
Mari Hysom Tarara  
Barbar Kor  
Michael Larson  
Dave Allen Schmuck  
Eugene Siebenahler  
Ken Swenson

**Class of 1965**

Morris Deitermann  
Jim Geving  
David Mohler

**Class of 1961**

MaryAnn Baatz Hornig  
Darlene Mulder Prashar

**Class of 1958**

Dennis Dubbe

**Class of 1955**

John Holder  
Margaret Larsen

**Class of 1951**

NONE

**Class of 1948**

Jim Welch

**Class of 1945**

Polly Suurmeyer Hurley

Ann Davis  
Orvin Green  
Diane Haper  
Bruce Haraldson  
Karen Lonneman  
Kenneth Lonneman  
Myron Lupkes  
Michael Mitchell  
Bryan Pike  
Roger Schomacher  
Pamela Selvy Schomacher  
Donna Swenson  
Thomas Swenson  
Kiem Ta

**Class of 1974**

Todd Anderson  
Saralee Bakker Meinders  
Greg Benson  
Jeff Boone  
Tom Burns  
Ann Caley Brantsen  
Mark Dye  
Dale Gangestad  
Cindy Hansen  
Roger Harms  
Bruce Hartz  
Jim Hofseth  
Delwyn Huenink  
Tom Medill  
Marlin Melzer  
Peg Mulligan  
Cindy Opitz  
Kathy Pedersen  
Kathy Petersen  
Kathy Reu Gowler  
John Schmidt  
Myron Sneller  
Mike Swenson  
Julie VandenHoek Ohlsen  
John Wendt

**Class of 1964**

Janeen Mann Phillips

**Class of 1963**

Jeff Hagen  
Allan Henely  
Bill Johnson

**Class of 1960**

Karl Mohr  
Neshia Henely Skarbic  
Virginia Hora  
Jean Mitchell VanZanten

**Class of 1954**

Joel Green  
Marilyn Meyer Munns

**Class of 1950**

Gary Breiland  
Donald Steffen  
Clarice Torgerson Smith  
Clara Woltjer Honermann

**Class of 1944**

Marvin Hill

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### Class of 1943

Donna Mae Cowan Couch  
Darlene Scott Agnitsch

### Class of 1942

Audrey Lou Hudson Klug  
Donald Kersbergen  
Audrey Lorange Ahlness  
Phyllis Wendt Helgeson  
Jeanette Wuertz Ritacco

### Class 1936

Marilyn Peterson Wightman  
MaryAnn Tomsenson Nix  
Evelyn Top

John Corwin

### Class of 1941

Delores Blum Rhinesmith  
Alice Doyle Erishman  
Arlene Phillips Stewart  
Ellen Stephen Small  
Phyllis Steuven Brower  
Marjorie Strouth

### Class of 1935

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

Dorothy Thonmas

### Class of 1940

Helen Benecke Flaten  
Grace Dubbe Lemon  
William Ryan

### Class of 1938

Beverly Marr

Patricia Schriever

### Class of 1939

Florence Carlson Connell  
Jack Rolfling

### Class of 1937

Doroht Creeger Rath  
Janice Edmonds  
Russell Gunderson  
Alvin Martin  
Evelyn Skyberg Erickson

## Remembering our classmates/continued from page 7

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eventually perfected his daily ritual of a Chit-Chat's fried egg sandwich at 6 AM, hamburger, pickles, ketchup at Vinne's at 10 AM, and a rib-eye-steak at home at 4 PM. His squirrels were the best-fed squirrels in the "hood"; and many thought to be the fattest found in the tri-state area. He also was an avid fan of golf and could arguably be Tiger Woods number one fan. Even with his traumatic brain injury, Howie, aka Cheezer had the unique ability for telling jokes. Howie is survived by his son, Nathan (Lori) Iveland, two grandchildren, and seven siblings, **Linda '67**(David) Johnson, **Sharon '69** Iveland, **David '71** (Denise) Iveland, **Ruthie '73** (Larry) Brown, **Mary Jo '75** (Steve) Graphenteen, **Paula '84** Iveland (Raden Pramugi) and **Mark '86** Iveland; nine nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

### 1970-1979-

### 1980-1989-

### 1990-2000-

**Andrew Wessels '94** died October 16, 2012 as the result of an automobile accident. Andy worked at Remme Construction in Luverne and at the Last Stop bar in Hills. He enjoyed playing poker and darts, managing his fantasy football team, hanging out with friends and especially playing with his daughters. He is survived by his special friend, Misty Kolbrek, two daughters, Mekayla and Lexus, his father, Mike Wessels, two sisters, Christal (Dan) Serie, and April (Derek) Sailor, six nieces and nephews, paternal grandparents Norman and Joyce Wessels, maternal grandparents Gerrit and JoAnn Van Engelenhoven.

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## What we've heard/from page 3

picture of Eddie now convinced me I had to contact Vicki, somehow.

On this past October 12 my wife happened to encounter a Black lady at a Target store in Brooklyn Center and it was Vicki! She had recently retired and come back to Minnesota to be near her family, especially her mother. I just today gathered together your 1945 track stories and picture of the team and sent them to Vicki. Whatever they might mean to her, I have no idea, but I'm extremely grateful to you, Leonard, for making it happen!

By the way, were you ever the Depot agent in Hardwick? I seem to recollect your names as such. My uncle, Lester Rolfs, was the banker there for many years. I, myself, grew up on a farm near Kenneth, MN - the middle son of Walter Rolfs.

My thanks again to you Leonard, for your contributions to keeping Luverne Public High School history alive! Hoping you're well and able to keep on making those kinds of contributions.

Go Cardinals!  
Arvin Rolfs (LHS 1957)

## Online Alumni News goes green, saves green

Have you checked out the  
Luverne Alumni News at  
[www.alumninews.info](http://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  
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Class of 1953 Football Team: Back Row: J. Sherman, A. Hemme, L. Kruse, D. Frakes, J. Green, M. Winkler, D. Schuetts, S. Willers, J. Thorson, Leo Vogelgesant (assistant coach), Arling Anderson (head coach). Second Row: G. Stamman, C. Juhl, J. Mulligan, D. Schuetts, J. Church, E. Meyer, H. Kemerling, L. Serie, J. Wiese, F. Strassburg, G. Strassburg. First Row: C. Brummer, D. Johnson, L. Petersen, J. Leslie, J. Klassen, A. Anderson (manager), T. Wellenstein (manager), G. Schmuck, J. Cooney, R. Pederson, R. Van Roekel.

## *Thanks for the Memories*

### *Homecoming memories at Luverne High School*

The Class of 1953 celebrates 60 years of memories as they look forward to their reunion on the weekend of August 23-25th in their hometown. They still remember the 1952 Cardinal Capers as the event of the year!

#### **Class of 1953 Coronation:**

"The lights were dimmed and an air of hushed expectancy and tension pervaded the packed auditorium. This was the night of nights, October 16, for the LHS Cardinal Capers Court was about to sit. Then the doors were swung wide and in came the senior royalty candidates, resplendent in their court finery.

As soon as the coronation procession had reached the stage, senior class president Dale Smith stepped to the front. A hushed audience strained forward as he chose one of the beauties of the court and with great ceremony placed the crown upon her head, saying, "I crown thee, Joyce Turner, Queen of Cardinal Capers for 1952." Again he stepped forth and selected one of the

king candidates. Amid the cheers and cries of his subjects, Arlo Hemme received the jeweled scepter, symbol of his Kingship over Cardinal Capers."

#### **Class of 1953 Homecoming Game:**

"Friday evening turned out to be perfect football weather, - a little on the chill side, but invigorating. By virtue of touchdowns from Harvey Kemerling and Arlo Hemme, the LHS Cardinal held a 13-0 halftime lead over their opponents, the Marshall Queensmen. During the intermission, Queen Joyce was presented, and the band put on a colorful show concerning famous dates in history.

The second half saw two more touchdowns, again made by Kemerling and Hemme, and the game ended with a score of 27-12 for Luverne. The prophecies made at the pep-fest had come gloriously true. Following the game a magnificent homecoming dance was sponsored by the juniors and proved the perfect finale to Cardinal Capers for 1952."

Couples were Mary Jane Bonthius and Jim Church, Joyce Turner and Jim Sherman, Eunice Oldre and Arlo Hemme, and Judy Anderson and Dallis Frakes.

'Thanks for the Memories' Part II will appear in the April 2013 Alumni News with memories of the Class of 1968 homecoming. Also note that other feature submissions to this edition that do not appear on these pages will be published in April.



# New scholarships endowed with Dollars for Scholars

Several additional scholarships have recently been endowed with the Luverne Dollars For Scholars



organization. Each of these new scholarships will be awarded to Luverne High School graduates for the first time during the spring of 2012.

The new scholarships featured here include the **Toft**

**Family Scholarship**, the **John I. Holsen Memorial Scholarship**, the **Lloyd D. Long Family Memorial Scholarship**, the **Johnson Family Scholarship**, the **“Find the Tornado” Scholarship** and the scholarship established through the estate of **Margaret Vegge**.

## **Toft Family Scholarship**

Larry Toft (Class of 1967) and his wife, Karen, established the Toft Family Scholarship in 2012. The scholarship is in memory of Larry’s parents, Gordon and Margaret, and his sister, Joanne and in honor of his brother, Rick. Rick was a member of the Class of 1969.

Larry has taught school and coached basketball in South Dakota for over 35 years. Because of Larry’s love of teaching and basketball, recipient is to be, if possible, a high school basketball player (boy or girl) choosing to go into the field of education.

## **John I. Holsen Memorial Scholarship**

John Holsen earned a BA degree in 1940 from Concordia College in Moorhead, and a Master’s Degree in 1954 from the University of Minnesota. Holsen started his career in education as a teacher and principal in Winnebago, Minnesota from 1947-1955. He was Senior High Principal at Luverne High School from 1955 to 1970 and was instrumental in establishing the Southwest Athletic Conference where he served as its first secretary and two terms as president. He was principal of North Mankato Junior High School, and Mankato West Junior High School from 1970 until his retirement in June, 1983. Holsen dedicated his entire life to the education of children.

John Holsen passed away on October 24, 2012 at the age of 94. This scholarship is established in his memory by his children, Pamela Holsen, 1966 LHS Graduate, Jennifer Holsen, 1966 LHS Graduate, John F. Holsen, 1970 LHS Graduate and Reid Holsen, 1978 Mankato East Graduate.

## **Lloyd D. Long Family Memorial Scholarship**

Lloyd D. Long graduated from Luverne High School in 1906. He married Harriet Josephson (Mrs. L.D. Long) who was teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the Luverne school system. Lloyd Long was a Rock County land owner, auctioneer and horseman. Lloyd and Harriet had two daughters who also graduated from Luverne High School. Jean C. McFarland (deceased) graduated in 1932 and Helen E. Sell (92) living in Bloomington, Minnesota graduated in 1938.

Jean continued her education at colleges in the

East, married and had two daughters, Diana and Annie, who reside in the East.

Helen graduated from St. Mary’s School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. After her service in WWII as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corp’s European Theatre, she continued her education and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Nursing Education. Helen married Robert L. Sell and had five children; twin sons David (deceased) and Robert, sons Michael and Jonathan (deceased), and daughter Meredith. Robert and Michael live in the Minneapolis area and Meredith lives in Reno, Nevada.

Lloyd Long’s daughter Helen Sell and his grandson Michael Sell are continuing their involvement in farming in Rock County.

It is Helen’s wish to establish a scholarship in the Long name to assist students in pursuing a Nursing and/ or Nursing Education degree.

## **Johnson Family Scholarship**

All members of the John and Rosa Johnson family attended Luverne High School. Rosa Tofteland Johnson began the family music tradition, playing clarinet in the high school band and graduating in 1943. She and Johnnie regularly attended and supported LHS music activities. The next generation- Dennis ’67, James ’71, and Barbara ’73 – all developed lifelong appreciation for the benefits of music education. The award was established when Rosa passed away as a link from the past to the future. Priority in awarding will be students who have participated in high school music activities and plan to continue to participate at the post-secondary level.

## **“Find the Tornado” Scholarship**

Andy Gabrielson, the son of Greg and Joanne Gabrielson, was always fascinated by weather, even at a young age. He took this passion for weather and turned it into a profession. In Andy’s short seven years of filming, recording, and reporting severe weather, he became the most recognized and respected weather videographer in the world. Whenever possible, this scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in weather.

The first “Find the Tornado” scholarship was awarded in May, 2013.

## **Scholarship established through the estate of Margaret Vegge**

Margaret Vegge was born October 24, 1915, on a farm in Luverne Township, to Tallak and Johanna (Helle) Vegge. She lived in Rock County her entire life.

She attended rural school for eight years and graduated from Luverne High School in 1933. She took normal training in Luverne to be a rural school teacher and also attended Mankato Teachers College. For thirteen years, Margaret taught in various rural Rock County schools. Over the years, many of her former

## Dollars for Scholars endowments/ continued from page 13 \_\_\_\_\_

students would stop to visit with her and talk of their retirement while she was still working.

Following her teaching years, Margaret began working at Renfro Variety Store for Don and Mary Renfro. She served as the store manager until she purchased the business in 1968. The business was her pride and joy. Margaret especially enjoyed when friends from far and near would visit her at the store.

A major highlight of Margaret's life was being chosen Minnesota Outstanding Older Worker in 1999. She received this award in Washington, D.C.

Margaret was a charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Organization of Luverne and was chosen Rock County Woman of the Year in 1972 by the organization. She was supportive of Augustana College and was a member of the Augustana Fellows and provided scholarships to several students. The Sons of Norway, the Agderlag, and the Luverne Chamber of Commerce were also interests of hers.

Margaret was the oldest business person on Main Street. She received the Chamber of Commerce plaque in 2007 for her support of this organization over the years. Several television stations and newspapers did feature stories on her long-time business career. Margaret continued to work well into her 90's. Her store motto was "if you can't find it at Renfro Variety, you don't need it."

Margaret is survived by her six nieces and nephews, Carol (Ernie) Arnold, Fred (Sara) Vegge, Daryle (Joyce) Vegge, Connie (Tim) Connell, Audrey Jean (John) Westberg and Martha (Tom) Nelson; fourteen great nieces and nephews; and several great great nieces and nephews.

## New developments/continued from page 1

first phase complete 2013

- Economic Development & Business Opportunities - the City of Luverne is leading the way for public funding assistance for businesses; current

- Business Education and Training - the Luverne Area Chamber, Luverne EDA and LIFT are working together to offer training opportunities for local businesses & their employees; current

- Welcome to Luverne Sign - Luverne Convention & Visitors Bureau, City of Luverne, LIFT Design Committee are working with the South Highway 75 team to site a state-of-the-art digital billboard welcoming people to Luverne; complete late summer or fall 2013

This list is not comprehensive. Many other projects are in development. LIFT offers the opportunity for development and coordination between all sectors; public - private - institutional.

With the formal organization of LIFT and the acquisition of a 501 C3 status, the Executive Board is now beginning the process to develop a fund-raising plan that can be used to support this work in the community. Once capitalized, this fund offers opportunities to provide funds for matching grants, community-wide needs, facilitation and much more! Chairman Marilyn Bloemendaal, Vice-chairman Gary Papik, Treasurer Greg Burger, Board Members (Betty Mann, Holly Sammons, Pat Baustian and Janine Papik), and Ex-officio Members (John Call, Kyle Oldre and Jane Wildung Lanphere) join together to applaud the hundreds of people, businesses, and institutions that have come together ... TO MAKE LUVERNE....SOAR!

Contact the Luverne Chamber Office, 283-4061 or [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us), to get involved.

## Honor Roll of contributors/ continued from page 2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Donna Piepgras '67

David Piepgras '58  
Bob Iverson '67

### Dorothy Thorson - friend

Don & Lona (Gabrielson) '70 Klosterbuer

### Gen Molitor - friend

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### Contributions

Greg Ford '70  
William Frakes '66  
Gerald Wethor - friend  
Melinda (Blashill) '96 Ohlenkamp  
Jim Ahrendt '59

## Alumni News Financial Summary

### Previous Balance:

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Office Supplies	\$27.79

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## Attention Luverne High School Alumni:

**Has your e-mail address changed? The Alumni News taff will email you reminders of the new online editions, but we need your current e-mail address.**

**Send updates to [piersonprp@frontiernet.net](mailto:piersonprp@frontiernet.net).**

# Reunions in the Making

## Class of '63 - 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

*Your undivided attention please!!!!!!*

*Believe it or not, next year we will celebrate 50 years since we graduated from Luverne High School.*

A 50<sup>TH</sup> CLASS REUNION CELEBRATION is being planned for May 31 through June 1, 2013 in home town Luverne, Minnesota.

PLEASE CIRCLE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!!!!

Events planned to date included many festivities including a Friday night gathering of classmates at the Brandenburg Gallery and Herreid Military Museum. A Men's Luncheon and Ladies' Luncheon are planned for Saturday morning and an evening banquet and program will be held at the Luverne Country Club. The annual Buffalo Days celebration is also being held this weekend, so there will be no shortage of activities to keep us all busy. More information will be sent early in 2013 but mark your calendars NOW!

Please update your mail or e-mail information to:

PATTI KIRBY PIERSON                      1562 2012st Street  
Hardwick, MN 56134  
prp@frontiernet.net

## Class of '58 - 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

September 28, 2013—Tri-State Band Festival Day

**Schedule:** 10 am—Parade; 5 pm—Dinner

**Where:** Dinner at Luverne Country Club

*More information to follow!*

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

## Class of '53 - 60<sup>th</sup> 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  
5820 Deerwood Lane      Plymouth, MN 55442

[shermjim@aol.com](mailto:shermjim@aol.com)

## Class of '68 - 45<sup>th</sup> 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)

*More information will be coming!*

**Questions? Sandy (Hawkinson) Parparts**  
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**Connie (Vegge) Connell**  
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*Hope to see you all there!*

## Class of '93 - 20<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

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

**Contact:** Jen Hewitt Besta  
Email: bestamom4@gmail.com

Events and times will be posted on the classes  
Facebook page "LUVERNE CLASS OF 1993  
REUNION"

## Arizona Reunion

**When:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 11 am

SUPERSTITION SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, Mesa, AZ

Pre-registration deadline – February 13

To register & for information:

Jim or Judy Herman 480 380-6631

## Luverne All-School Reunion

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

*Great plans are taking shape:* Saturday, August 16—Special Events during the day and the Luverne All-School 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:** [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us)

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