

**f** **CARDINAL PRIDE WEEKEND**  
**a.k.a. - Luverne All School Reunion August 15-17, 2014**

**REGISTRATION & VISIT TO CARDINAL PRIDE STORE**

Pick up your registration packet, tickets, information and Cardinal Pride gift while visiting the **CARDINAL PRIDE STORE** at the National Guard Armory!

**Friday August 15 10 am to 4 pm**  
**Saturday August 16 10 am to 2 pm**

The store features items offered for sale by Cardinal graduates and Rock County citizens. It won't just be Cardinal items you will see...but fine hand-crafted jewelry, pottery, foods, products and other collectibles!



**Cardinal Pride Golf Tournament (Saturday)**

4-person scramble—1 pm shotgun start  
\$50/person or \$200 per team  
Burger bar included serving noon to 2:30 pm  
Entry fee includes 18 holes golf, cart, lunch and prizes  
**Registration & pre-payment required!**

**Cardinal Pride Golf Package**

*(August 15-17 only)*

18 holes and cart for \$30 tax included  
9 holes and cart for \$24 tax included  
**Call 3 days in advance for tee times!**

**Luverne Country Club Brunch (Sunday)**

Buffet brunch served 7 am to 11 am  
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**Reservations required by Wednesday (August 13)**

**507 283-4383**

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Stop in the High School Main Lobby for information, map of the building, and tours!

And don't forget to check out the big screen television in the lobby for the latest episodes from CTV (Cardinal TV)



**Friday August 15 10 am to 4 pm**

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**ALL THINGS CARDINAL & 1964 STATE BASKETBALL SHOW AT THE CARNEGIE**

Enjoy documents, photos, memorabilia, displays and video celebrating **LUVERNE HIGH SCHOOL'S 1964 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP!**

Stop down and celebrate all things "Cardinal" at this great show!  
See the show where all fine art & crafts are "Cardinal red" or cardinals!



**REMEMBER LUVERNE HIGH SCHOOL SHOW**

Stop by and check out the LHS Annuals, class photos, clippings & other collectibles...across the street from the Carnegie! Check out **THE ROCK COUNTY MUSEUM!**



**HOURS**

**August 15 Noon to 5 pm**  
**August 16 10 am to 4 pm**

# Honor Roll of *Alumni News* Contributors

Compiled by Johnna Bowron Ahrendt

During this past quarter, the Alumni News received money in the form of memorials and gifts totalling \$2,380.00.

In the memorial section below, the individual being memorialized is printed in bold print, followed by the individual or individuals who made the gift.

Contributions given by graduates and friends follow the list of memorials.

**Thank you for your support!**

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## *Alumni News* Financial Summary

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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 on Dec. 31. Please watch for the next issue in April 2014 for additional names of *Alumni News* contributors.

# What We've Heard . . . Compiled by Jane Wildung Lanphere

**Kenneth D. Vos (LHS 1948)** of Sheffield, VT has announced the publication of his autobiography, Up The Hayloft Ladder. The early chapters trace the joys and rigors of a farm boy in the later years of the Great Depression, including his experiences in the Hardwick Elementary School and Luverne High School.

When his chosen vocation, the ministry, ended in disillusionment in his second parish, he and his wife purchased a 125 acre hill farm in Vermont which included a maple sugar orchard and a neglected house, all for \$9,000. Fortified by his work toward a PhD in Columbia, he was hired on the day of the closing to teach philosophy at Lyndon State College, a position he held for 31 years.

Another "second chance" at life came when he worked through a turbulent midlife crisis. At the end of the book the author explores the nature of philosophy, reveals his own philosophy, and shares his extracurricular passions, which include maple sugaring, softball, hunting and collecting early American antiques.

This book is available through Amazon.com and other booksellers. To reach the author directly - [barnbridge@kingcon.com](mailto:barnbridge@kingcon.com).

**Dr. Harvey Olson (LHS 1945)** sends greetings from his home in Enid, OK. Harvey continues to mourn the loss of his wife of five years in 2001. Today he lives in a Life Retirement Center. He maintains an active part in the lives of his five children whose occupations include one veterinarian, one nurse, two physical therapists and one education administrator. His 22 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren keep him busy with their exploits.

Harvey reports he still loves life and Christ. His days with friends, playing cards, enjoying a round of golf, travelling a bit and great conversation keep him occupied. He always looks forward to the latest edition of Alumni News!

## 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,**

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It is always great to get together and **Len Hansen (LHS 1945)** of St. Peter, MN is looking forward to Cardinal Pride Weekend. He dropped a note to see if there is a way anyone would be interested in putting together a luncheon or coffee where all the Luverne Alumni graduating before 1950 would be invited to attend! He thinks everyone would have a great time enjoying a couple of hours together. He also reminds the readers that the 1945 Track Team that won the Region Relay & Track Championship and placed 10<sup>th</sup> at State included Alan Anderson, Howard Helling, Eddie Milton, John Reimer and Leonard Hansen! (Readers - check out the special get-together for Cardinal Pride Weekend for the graduates prior to 1950!)

Alumni News sends congratulations and best wishes to **Steve and Diane (Vande Hof) Thompson (LHS 1965?)** of Brandon, SD. The Brandon Valley Challenger reported in the December 18<sup>th</sup> edition

about a great change in their lives!

"A Brandon family has assumed ownership of a Brandon business. Effective December 1, Matt Jorgenson and his family took ownership of The 1948 Trading Company from Steve and Diane Thompson. The Thompsons, who launched the retail gift, home décor and framing business, were just one day shy of 11 years in business having opened the doors December 2, 2002."

"We gave the store birth, starting from zero," Steve Thompson said. "We had been looking for a buyer and had talked to several people, and it turned out we found the best."

"The Thompsons are helping the Jorgensons through the transition. Steve will continue to do business consulting, a sideline he's done for several years as well. Diane looks forward to spending more time with the grandchildren and her quilting hobby. The couple also plans to travel."

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# Growing Up On a Gravel Road

**Friday August 15 5 pm Historic Palace Theatre**

Join LHS 1970 grad Bruce Kurtz and the ensemble as you embark on this **1 ½ hour production** featuring live music, stories, comedy routines and other entertainment! *Think of the show as Luverne's own version of the Prairie Home Companion!*

Tickets—\$15 per person      Reserved Seats

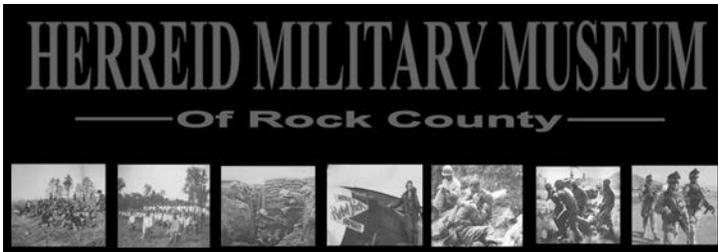
*Proceeds Benefit the* **LUVERNE ALUMNI NEWS**

## FIRST EVER CARDINAL STRUT—5K Run & 1 Mile Walk

**Saturday August 16 9 am—Registration 10 am—Strut Run & Walk**

Join Dave Duffy on Saturday—August 16th—for the 10 am **CARDINAL STRUT!** Registration begins at 9 am at Luverne Brew Partners on Main. Join Dave and his friends as they take you down “memory lane” for this race, or walk to some great haunts in Luverne! **\$20 registration includes race, refreshments, prizes and gift!** Pre-registration appreciated but not required!

To register on-line: [www.allsportcentral.com](http://www.allsportcentral.com) Or call: Dave at (507) 920-3345



# Cardinal Pride Open House

**Celebrate the expansion to the third floor at the Herreid Military Museum at the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building at the Rock County Courthouse Square!**

**The expansion honors the stories of the men & women in military service from the Korean War to the present!**

**Reception on Kahler Terrace—9:30 am to 10:30 am      Tours Available—9:30 am to Noon**

## HINKLY OPEN HOUSE & LUNCH AT THE HINKLY HOUSE

**Saturday August 16**

**Open for Tours from 10 am to 4 pm      Lunch Served 11 am to 1 pm**

Enjoy a great noon luncheon on the beautiful grounds of the Hinkly House.  
Lunch includes salads, sandwiches, desserts & beverage!

Lunch—\$10/person (advance)      \$12/person at the door



# Cardinal Picnic & Cardinal Capers

Saturday

August 16

Blue Mound Banquet Center



Social Hour from 5:30 to 6:30 pm Served inside or under the tent!

Dinner Served from 6:30 to 7:30 pm Served inside or under the tent!

Burger, brats, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, fruit, dessert & beverages

**Join us to celebrate the great times and friends through Luverne Public Schools!**

**Cardinal Capers begins at 7:30 pm**

Celebrate the memories of LHS with Alumni & Faculty entertainment! MC Kyle Oldre will keep the night hopping with legendary acts of the past including...Dolly Talbert & The Has Beens and the LHS Alumni Band!

**Sounds Through the Decades from 8:30 to 11:30 pm**

Enjoy the sounds of the past as Luverne grad DJ's show us what they got..."scratchin'"it!

**Registration, dinner, show and music—\$30/person**

**Registration, show and music—\$15/person**

**Registration Deadline—Friday—August 8, 2014!**

Information Available at—[www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com)



## Sunday - August 17th

### supporting TOUCH THE SKY PRAIRIE

#### BRUNCH AT THE BLUESTEM

11:30 am to 1 pm

Join Jim & Judy Brandenburg for an elegant plated brunch created by Chef Skyler Hoiland! Limited seating of 70! Tickets include brunch, reserved seats at the Palace & reserved seats on the Prairie) \$100/person

#### JIM BRANDENBURG AT THE PALACE

2 pm

Enjoy the photos of the Prairie & Beyond as you hear Jim share his passion for nature and the preservation efforts of US Fish & Wildlife and Brandenburg Prairie Foundation to preserve TOUCH THE SKY PRAIRIE with live performance from folksinger and acoustic performer Michael Monroe! \$20/person (students—\$10)



JIM BRANDENBURG & BRANDENBURG PRAIRIE FOUNDATION

present

## BRULE



6:30 pm (Rain Location—Historic Palace Theatre)

Famed musician Paul LaRoche, his Band and Native American Dancers ...perform live at TOUCH THE SKY PRAIRIE!

Tickets: \$20/person (students \$10)

Combo Ticket: (Palace & Prairie Reserved) \$30/person

(only 425 reserved seats available)

Check out their amazing sound at: [www.brulerecords.com](http://www.brulerecords.com)





### *Luverne's a 'Merry Town' Today*

There was joy in Merryville Friday night after Coach Ray Merry's Luverne Cardinals won the District 8 championship Friday night. The Luverne cheerleaders jumped to show their joy and the Luverne spectators shouted. Craig Johnson, Pipestone's senior guard didn't show the same

enthusiasm for the outcome of the game as he walked across the floor after the final gun. Luverne defeated Pipestone 64-42. Complete details of the game may be found on the Daily Globe sport page. (Daily Globe photo)

## Thanks for the Memories

### *Luverne Alumni share memories of the Luverne High School Basketball Team winning the 1964 State Championship*

#### **Introduction by Jane Wildung Lanphere**

No one who was around in Southwest Minnesota in 1964 will ever forget the excitement that accompanied the Luverne High School's Minnesota State Basketball Tournament Championship. Every Friday night...downtown emptied out as thousands of fans followed our LHS basketball team. There was so much community loyalty to high school sports that the downtown business community changed their regular "open night" from Friday to Thursday...so that they had the opportunity to go to the games.

When the Cardinal Pride Committee started planning our 2014 All-School Reunion, we thought it fitting to pay homage to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that great time in our community. A little town of 4,500, with a high school enrollment of 600, won the state championship in the era

when all schools competed in the same tournament. There were no separate State High School League divisions based on enrollment. There isn't a year that goes by when someone who visits Luverne for the first time states they "remember Luverne because of the 1964 Minnesota State Basketball Championship." That is a phenomenal 50 year record!

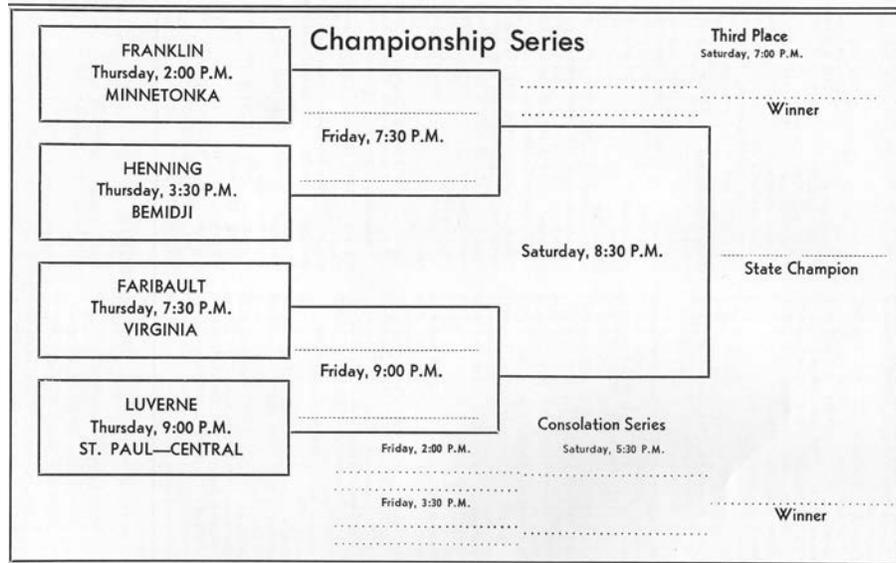
During the next year, Alumni News readers will be able to re-read some of those highlights as the Cardinal Pride Committee submit a series of reprinted stories about this grand time in our school and community's history. We encourage readers to send stories, memories and photos to: Jane Wildung Lanphere, Luverne Area Chamber, 213 East Luverne Street, Luverne MN 56156 or email to [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us).

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## 'CARDINALS ARE REGION 2 CHAMPS PLAY IN STATE TOURNAMENT TODAY'

Southwest Minnesota was the home of stellar basketball play in the early 1960's. This was the era when the State High School League held one basketball tournament statewide. Eight teams, one from each region, competed in the tournament. It didn't matter the size of the town or the enrollment at the school. All that mattered was that the team won!

Headlines were made in the state when Edgerton took the State Tournament title in 1960. Just a few years later, Marshall won state in 1963. In 1964, it was Luverne's turn for the title! The following article was printed in the March 19, 1964 *Rock County Star Herald*. That Thursday edition represented Luverne's first state tournament appearance since 1938. This edition of *Alumni News* and the next two will feature the stories of those famous three basketball games of 1964 that the Luverne Cardinals played at Williams Arena as they captured the 1964 STATE BASKETBALL TITLE!



### "Luverne And Hutchinson Meet at 3:30"

"The Luverne Cardinals pulled the Region II Championship out of the bag last Friday night by trouncing Jackson 60-44 in the Region II finals at

Mankato.

Following the game, in which Luverne held a healthy lead most of the second half, after leading 32 -18 at

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## 'Luverne is a merry town today'

The following article is reprinted from the Worthington Daily Globe written by Corky Brace:

"A tired but confident Luverne High School basketball team left the lobby of the Curtis Hotel for bed at 9 p.m. Wednesday to prepare for its second night in Minneapolis. The Curtis is the headquarters for the eight teams playing in the Minnesota state high school basketball tournament this week end.

Luverne and Bemidji arrived in Minneapolis Tuesday afternoon and the remaining six teams drove in Wednesday just in time for the noon press banquet. Members of the Cardinal squad are enjoying every minutes of the red carpet treatments

was a busy day for the District Eight champions and beds looking inviting to the entire group when 9 p.m. arrived.

The Luverne team was out of bed at 6 a.m. Wednesday, and after a good breakfast drove in private cars to Williams Arena. Luverne practiced in the huge, empty gym from 8 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. Each of the contestants is allowed a 45-minute practice on the tournament floor the day before the tourney starts. Luverne was the first team on the schedule. The Cardinals used the period getting used to Williams Arena and the floor. Shooting and dribbling occupied most of their time.

"The floor in the arena is very springy," said Assistant Coach Bob Lorentzen. "It is even more bouncy than the Worthington floor. You can

jump on it and feel it give. It is nice and the boys welcome the chance to get used to it."

After practice, the Region Two representatives returned to the hotel and the press banquet. When the meal, the interviews and the picture-taking were over with, the Cardinals climbed back into their cars and "journeyed to Richfield." That Minneapolis suburb is the home of Mary merry, Coach Merry's wife, and the Merry men were allowed to work out in the high school gym. The second practice of the day followed the regular pattern the Cards have used all season.

It was back to the hotel for more pictures and dinner after the second practice. The team was free after 7 p.m. but after enjoying the

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shops and the lounge in the hotel lobby, the team was more than ready to run in. Luverne coaches, however, still had another banquet to attend before being able to follow the team's example.

The Luverne players attracted a great deal of attention in the hotel. The ruggedness of the Merrymen made them appear even taller to the opposing coaches and teams. Some of the coaches thought Luverne was the largest team in the tournament, although some of the other schools have taller players. Edina and Proctor are favorites to win the tourney according to all eight coaches.

Supt. Harvey Eitreim is enjoying the distinction of being the only member on the state league Board of Control with a team in the tournament. "The other members on the board have been ribbing me at our meetings all day," Eitreim laughed. "The game with Hutchinson is the game I want the boys to win," Eitreim exclaimed. "If we win that one, I suppose I will be saying the same thing Friday, but right now, the game with Hutchinson is the one I want."

Harry Franz, former Luverne coach, is the "handyman" for the Luverne group. Franz is taking care of all details for the team including housing, meals, transportation, etc.

"Coach Merry has plenty to think about without worrying about details," Franz explained. Franz is also looking forward to the game with Hutchinson today.

Coach Ray Merry, who is now being called the "flying coach" by the Luverne team because he flew up to the tournament Tuesday



Everyone in Luverne was excited when the District 8 and Region II Champions went to the State Tournament. This photo was taken in Flett's Café and pictures the crowd enjoying the game on the television. In the photo: Pat (policeman), Art Thompson (at the bar), Ernie Flett and others.

night after being interviewed on TV was calm and collected as he left for the final banquet of the day at the Minneapolis Athletic Club. "I have been waiting for a chance to coach a state tournament team for a long time," Merry explained, "and

I am going to enjoy it. The boys had two good practices today and we are ready for the biggest game of our lives."

Luverne is to play Hutchinson this afternoon in the opening round of the tournament."

### Information for the photo clipping on page 7:

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Photo and clipping courtesy of Darlene Schmidt Brown (LHS 1964)



When Alumni News comes in the mailbox, there are always great memories that accompany some of the stories. **Pati (Olson) Canfield (LHS 1953)** of Minneapolis wonders how many LHS students remember stopping by Olson's Grocery for something sweet? Pati's father welcomed students all times during the day when they would stop in to pick up a little treat. Those students who didn't have money to pay one day would stop by some other time to pay for a forgotten item. After Mr. Olson closed his grocery he went to work at the famous Nelson Brothers! No one can forget that Luverne institution! Pati also offers to send a copy of the photo from the Rock County Star Herald that featured the article - "1953 Baton Twirling Capitol." The photo was captioned: "Chances are there very few communities the size of Luverne that has as many baton twirlers as pupils of Patty Olson." If you want a copy of the photo - just email - [mplspati@gmail.com](mailto:mplspati@gmail.com).

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"That's the opportunity we have now," Steve says, "spending more time seeing family and friends."

Following the closing of Luverne's professional framing business, management of the Brandenburg Gallery went looking for a new framing partner. The 1948 Trading Company has been serving as the Gallery's framing partner since that time. The Brandenburg Gallery wishes Steve and Diane Thompson best wishes for a wonderful retirement and deepest thanks for the opportunity to work together!

**Kay Anderson Johnson (LHS 1960)** and **Karen Anderson Aamot (LHS 1961)** sends a thank you about the article in the October issue about the 1964 State Basketball Champions. "Thanks for the wonderful feature about the State BB

Champions of 1964 in your recent issue! It made me think of our brother, Paul, who was the son of Coach Arling Anderson. Paul was in the class of 1964 until our family moved to Mankato when he was in high school. **Paul Anderson**, who lived in Littleton, CO, was an ardent mountain climber, bicyclist and runner. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on December 14, 2012 and died on April 15, 2013. Our sister, **Donna Anderson Asleson**, who was an ESL teacher and lived in Andover, MN was diagnosed with lung cancer on September 25, 2013 and died on December 5, 2012. Losing two younger siblings so unexpectedly in less than six months' time have been very difficult."

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# Remembering our Classmates

... compiled by Carol McDonald

## 1940-1949

**Alma Thompson Doeksen '41** died July 25, 2013 in St. Paul, MN. On March 14, 1942 she married Peter Doeksen. While in Luverne she worked as a nursing assistant at the Mary Jane Brown Home. In 1970 they moved to Eagan, MN. Alma is survived by six children, Patricia (Garlan) Hulbert, Linda (Robert) Christensen, Sharon Becker, Diane (Kevin) Erickson, and Jodi (Gary) Messerich, 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Bev (Duane) Johnson, and a brother, Marlin (Audrey) Thompson.

**LaVaughn Petersen Lewis '43** died November 12, 2013 in Omaha, NE. Nine children, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter survive her.

**Torleif Johan Thompson '46** died November 25, 2013 at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne. On August 26, 1951, he married Arlene Gradert in Luverne. After their marriage the couple moved to the family farm southeast of Luverne. In 1989 they moved to Luverne. He retired from farming in 1992. He enjoyed farming, dancing and traveling to Norway. He was proud of his Norwegian heritage. He is survived by four children, Warren (Cleona) Thompson, Diane (John) Schullo, Jean (Jim) Noonan, and Wayne (Mary) Thompson, eight grandchildren, a sister, Tanya (Gary) Lehmann, a brother Stan Thompson and other relatives and friends.

**Ivy McClure Pierson '48** died December 4, 2013, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital. On Christmas Eve 1948 she married Paul Pierson in San Diego, CA. To this union three children were born. The couple raised their family in Wyoming. Upon retirement they became winter Texans, traveling between Port Aransas, Texas, and Denver, Co. Ivy is survived by a daughter, Paula Pierson, and two sons, Jon Pierson, and Todd (Leigh) Pierson, four grandchildren; and five great grand children; and other friends and relatives.

**Russell Foight '49** died on December 12, 2013 at his home in Grove City, Ohio. He lived in Luverne until joining the Navy in 1953. He graduated from Tri-State University in Angola, Ind. and pursued his career as an electrical engineer. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was active in the Episcopal Church. His wife, Margaret Foight, seven children, 12 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren survive Russell.

## 1950-1959-

**Dale Larry Haggard '52** of White Bear Lake died November 17, 2013. Dale married Sonia (Sunny) Turner on September 10, 1955. He received a degree in veterinary science from University of Minnesota and practiced veterinary medicine in Luverne for 11 years. The family moved to Omaha, NE, where Dale worked in veterinary research for 1-½ years. He accepted a position as a professor of veterinary medicine at Michigan State University where he worked for several years. He then accepted a professorship of veterinary science

at the University of Minnesota where he worked until his retirement in 1996. Dale enjoyed golf and played in the Alexandria Resorters Golf Tournament many years. He also enjoyed a good game of cribbage. His hobby was making custom golf clubs. Dale was known for his good sense of humor. He is survived by two daughters, Jane (Rob) Andre and Martha (Mark) Anderson, two grandchildren, two sisters Winifred Haggard and Helen (Dwayne) Rollag, and several nieces and nephews.

**James Douglas Jarchow '52** died November 30, 2012 in Luverne. After graduation he traveled all over the country working for a construction company building steel buildings. On May 4, 1957 he married Frances Cotter. They lived in Luverne. Jim had various jobs including working for St. Catherine Catholic Church and for the city of Luverne as manager of the municipal liquor store. His wife, Fran, died in 2001. He later married Mavis Staeffler. He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards and reading. Jim is survived by seven children and their spouses; **Jane '76** (Vince) Huwe, **John '77** (Kathy) Jarchow, **Dan '80** (Katie) Jarchow, **Mike '83** (Wanda) Jarchow, **Ellen '85** (Jean-Claude) Moritz, **Gina '88** (Rob) Newman and **Tim '90** (Kayla) Jarchow, 24 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

## 1960-1969

**James Anderson '65** died December 1, 2013 at the Royal C. Johnson Veterans Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. On July 3, 1968 he married Eva Heidebrink. Together they had four children, Ralph, Dawn, April and Michael. The couple later divorced. James enlisted into the U.S. Navy. He served in Vietnam with the Navy Seabees. He was honorably discharged on September 20, 1971, and returned to Luverne, working for the city of Luverne as a boiler operator. On September 16, 1978, he married Laurel Westebur in Luverne. The couple lived in Luverne. Jim later worked as a long distance driver for various trucking companies until 2002. He and Laurel then purchased and operated SD Transport Services in Sioux Falls, SD. They both retired in 2010. James was an avid biker. He was a member of the Goldwing Road Riders Association and had served as the Chapter President for the SD chapter L.

He was an active member of the Dell Hogan American Legion Post # 123 and the Rock County VFW Post #2757, where he served as post commander. He participated with the Cooties, the Color Guard, and the Patriot Guard. He enjoyed storytelling, playing Santa Claus; making things from nothing, collecting military memorabilia and enjoyed the TV show NCIS. James is survived by his wife, Laurel Anderson, his four children, Ralph (Jane) Anderson, Dawn Anderson, April Anderson and Michael (Shannon) Anderson, eight grandchildren, a great grandson, his mother Dorothea Goembel, four sisters, Stephanie (Gary) Frackman, Juli (Cal) Kuipers, Wendy (Dick) Grill and Barbara Wise, three brothers,

**Remembering our Classmates/see page 12**

Daniel (Becky) Anderson, Stephan (Donna) Anderson, and Thomas (Ronny) Anderson; 25 nieces and nephews; and 6 great-grandnieces and nephews.

**Clay Utley '68** passed away on October 1, 2013 in Van Alstyne, Texas.

### 1970-1989

**Delores Vander Vliet Vastenhout '73** died December 27, 2013, after a battle with cancer. After high school she attended vocational school in Pipestone to become a legal secretary. Following vocational school, she married Craig Vastenhout. They made their home for many years near Leota. Delores worked many years at the Magnolia Steak House and Monogram Meat Snacks as well as being a housewife and helping on the farm. She was a member of Bethel Reformed Church in Leota and also taught Sunday school for many years. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and spending time with her family. Delores is survived by her husband, Craig Vastenhout, two daughters Christy (Jeremy) Menning, and Nicole (Ken) Decker; two grandchildren, her mother Winnie VanderVliet; one brother **Dwayne '72** (Brenda) Vander Vliet, four sisters, **Lois '76** (Bruce) Beukema, **Connie '79** (Giles) Hudson, **Marilyn '80** (Mark) Long and **Deb '87** (Rick) Renken and many other friends and relatives.

**Bruce Hartz'74** died December 21, 2013 at his home in Luverne Following his education, Bruce continued farming until 1986. He then moved to Baltimore, MD, and began work as a heavy construction operator until 2010. Due to his joint disabilities, Bruce was forced to retire and returned to Luverne in 2010. Bruce was a simple man who enjoyed his life. He loved operating farm tractors and a bulldozer. Most of all he enjoyed spoiling his six nephews. He is survived by his daughter, Nichole (Kevin) Hartz; three grandchildren, Trevor Hartz, Summer Barger and Autumn Barger; one great granddaughter; his mother, Jean Hartz, four brothers, Wayne'70 Hartz, **David '71** (Kimberlee) Hartz, **Paul'78** (Debbie) Hartz, and **Joel '84**(Jamie) Hartz and other relatives and friends.

### 1980-1989-

**Jeffery Menage'82** died December 17, 2013 in Springfield, MN. Following graduation he attended Willmar JC for 2 years. Jeff completed his undergraduate degree in Education at Southwest State in Marshall, MN in 1987. Coach Menage's teaching/coaching job was in Spring Valley, MN.

After one year there he relocated to Worthington, MN to coach and teach in both the Worthington education system and Worthington Community College. Jeff's next stop was the University of Minnesota as a graduate assistant with Golden Gopher Football. While at the U of M, Jeff achieved his Master's Degree. During this time he met Julie Stumpf and they were united in marriage in Worthington, MN on July 25, 1992.

Together they blazed a coaching trail thru Morningside College, Westmar College, South Dakota State University, the University of North Dakota, and finally Murray State in Murray Kentucky. In 2006 Jeff and his family joined the Springfield Community as their State Farm Agent.

As Springfield's "Good Neighbor" Jeff was involved in Rotary and was a dedicated supporter of all Springfield Activities. Most recently he was on the staff of the National Football Academies as a Certified C2 Teacher specializing in Quarterback Mechanics. Recently he spent nine days in Denmark and Sweden teaching the game he loves, American Football, to the respective national teams in each country.

Jeff is lovingly remembered by his wife of 21 years, and his children, Jacob, a freshman at SDSU and Jordyn, a junior at Springfield H.S. He is also survived by his parents-Elmer and Karen Menage, a sister-**Kristin'80** (Randy) Kuechenmeister, and a brother **Tom '88**(Amy) Menage.

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## Region champs/continued from page 3

the end of the first half, Cardinals fans rushed out to join the bedlam of joyful Cardinals on the playing floor. The Luverne players were now fully aware they would be participating in the Minnesota State tournament in Minneapolis this week.”

### “Here’s What Luverne Is Up Against Today”

“When the Luverne Cardinals take to the floor against the Hutchinson Tigers this afternoon, they will be coping with a team having a record that speaks for itself.

The Region Three champions boast four of their regulars who stand over the six foot mark and have proved themselves capable of handling strong teams when they eliminated the defending state champion Marshall team last Friday.”

*The March 26, 1964 edition of the Rock County Star Herald shared the result of that game:*

BOX SCORE			
Luverne	FG	FT	TP
Toms, Bill	3	2	8
Jessen, Del	6	2	14
Beyer, John	7	5	19
Thone, Greg	8	4	20
Kozney, Tom	0	0	0
McKay, Rodger	1	2	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>65</b>
Hutchinson	FG	FT	TP
Hogan, Mike	4	2	10
Hitzemann, John	1	3	5
Moehring, Carl	7	1	15
Hoefl, Jeff	0	0	0
Totoshek, Rob	2	5	9
Jensen, Neil	2	0	4
Lee, Ned	3	1	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>50</b>

“After winning the Region II championship at Mankato the previous weekend, the Cards advanced to State tourney play last Thursday afternoon in their first game with Hutchinson.

“Luverne knocked off Hutchinson 65-50 and advanced from there into the semi-finals against undefeated Proctor on Friday night.”

### Luverne-Hutchinson

“Greg Thone and John Beyer led the scoring for the Cards in their Thursday afternoon win over Hutchinson. Thone scored 20 points and Beyer came in with 19 points for the second place honors.”

“Luverne led only 46-45 with 4 ½ minutes remaining in the game. They came through in the final minutes and outscored Hutchinson 19-5 to assure an easy win when the final buzzer sounded.”

## What We’ve Heard/continued from page 3

There is big news from **Mason Makram (LHS 2008)** Mason entered his short film production in the Twin Cities Film Fest held in October 2013. His film, “**The First Date,**” is the story of how far will fate go? Jack and Rachel are about to find out. Destined to be soul mates, these two are embarking on a lifelong love. There’s only one problem - they have to get past their first date. The night always ending in a heated argument, these two return to their beds only to relive the same date time and time again. But when Rachel doesn’t show as planned, Jack is forced to take matters into his own hands. Can he find her, win her love, and fix the timeline? Or is it too late and are Jack, Rachel, and the rest of the world doomed.

Directed by **Mason Makram**, this is part of the MN-MADE SHORTS program. It also served as some of the inspiration behind the official trailer for the film fest. Mason was awarded Audience Choice Winner at the event. Congratulations and best wishes for his continued film success!

**Alumni News** received a note from **Shirley J. Dahlen (LHS 1946)**. She wrote from her home in Minneapolis: “I enjoyed reading the **Alumni News** which arrived today - especially because of Roger Wiese’s story about Eddie Milton. I, too, have a story about Eddie. For the past four years I have lived in a

senior citizens’ apartment building in south Minneapolis. One day Terry Whittaker, a man who lived in my building, asked me where I grew up.

He is the only person who has ever asked me that question. When I told him that I grew up in Luverne, he said that he had an uncle who had lived in Luverne - his name was Eddie Milton. I happened to have a picture of Eddie that I had taken sometime while I was in high school. I was very interested to read about Eddie in the **Alumni News**. I will share it with Terry. Such a small world!”

### CORRECTION

**What We’ve Heard** expresses apologies for the incorrect information included in the October 2013 Alumni News. Here’s how it should read:

News from **Rita Robinson**:

“My brother, **Joe Kafka, Class of 65**, received a surprise retirement party at the Governor’s Mansion from South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who issued a proclamation declaring May 23 as Joe Kafka Day in South Dakota. Joe served as press secretary to both Daugaard and former Gov. Mike Rounds. He had previously been a reporter for 39 years, including 29 years with the Associated Press, in both Pierre, SD and Washington DC. Joe and his wife, Gina, have built a home in Valley Springs, SD for their golden years.”



## Herreid Military Museum seeks artifacts for Vietnam, Korean and recent conflicts

**By Lori Ehde**

Work is progressing on the third floor of the Rock County Veterans Memorial Building to record local stories of veterans involved with military conflicts in recent history.

Specifically, the Herreid Military Museum will document Rock County's involvement in the Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Physical improvements — floor layout, cabinets for displays and lighting — are nearly complete, but now help from the public is needed for the actual stories and memorabilia.

"We are interested in you, your stories and things that you remember about your service during these conflict periods," said museum coordinator **Terrie Gulden (pictured above)**.

"Our goal is to tell those stories, not only to preserve the history of our county's veterans, but to provide those generations that come behind us with a picture of how war changes over time and from one part of the world to another."

Anyone willing to share stories, photos and memorabilia is asked to call the

Chamber at 507-283-4061, email [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us) or mail to the Chamber at 213 East Luverne St., Luverne, MN 56156.

"We will archive your stories and we will also provide an opportunity for you to be video-taped. Photos can be copied and returned," Gulden said.

"We have a goal of using interactive video technology that will allow individuals to listen to these valued stories at their convenience. Let us know what stories just need to be told."

He said the goal for the museum expansion is to accept donated items only.

"We hope that we don't have to use items on consignment, as there are challenges with maintaining the provenance of items on long-term loan," Gulden said.

"Consignment items may be accepted only if we cannot locate donated items."

The following memorabilia are specifically sought for:

**Weapons:**

- M1 rifle
- M14 rifle
- M16 rifle (both Vietnam era and current)

- M79 Grenade Launcher
- M60 machine gun
- BAR machine gun
- Grenades
- Claymore mines
- Ammunition

**Field Battle Gear** will also be needed, such as equipment, survival gear, food and eating utensils and field medical gear.

**Communication equipment** could include field radios or Jeep-mounted radios.

Information is sought about **booby traps** and IEDs, "Operation Popeye," and Cloud seeding and weather manipulation in Vietnam.

**Maps**, such as significant battle maps, would be helpful.

Information about **aviation**, such as how flight was a significant asset, and changes in battle technology.

Information on Rock County **veterans** who flew or were door gunners in the Huey in Vietnam or post Vietnam.

Any **photographs** can be copied and returned.

A Herreid Military Museum unveiling and reception is planned this summer as part of Luverne's all-school reunion activities Aug. 14.

# Reunions in the Making

Winter 2014

## Class of '54 - 60th Class Reunion

When: August 15, 2014

Social and evening meal - The Blue Stem

Contact: James Thorson

4727 S. Canyon Road      Rapid City, SD 57702  
rxjimsharon@gmail.com    605 719-9771

## Class of '63— Mark Your Calendars!

What: Pride of Cardinal Gathering

When: August 15, 2014

Where: TBA later

Time: 5—??????

Contact: Patti Kirby Pierson

507-669-2371 or email: prkp@frontiernet.net

## Class of '94 - 20th Class Reunion

When: August 15-16-17, 2014 during the Cardinal Pride Weekend.

Check out our Facebook Page "Luverne High School Class of 1994".

## Class of '64— 50th Class Reunion

September 26-27-28, 2014

- Friday—Bluestem for Social and Registration
- Saturday—Tri-State Band Festival Parade
- Saturday afternoon—Veterans Memorial, Brandenburg Gallery and Kahler Terrace
- Saturday evening—Blue Mound Banquet Center
- Sunday—Rolls and Coffee—TBA

For questions contact any of the following:

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*Packets will be sent out in February!*

## Class of '69 - 45th Class Reunion

When: August 15 & 16, 2014

FRIDAY— "Happy Hour" at The Blue Stem at 4 pm  
"Social Hour" at The Brewery at 7 pm

SATURDAY—Take part in special reunion events during the day and join us for the Cardinal Caper Dinner & Show at Blue Mound Banquet Center. We will save a table for the Class of '69!!

Check out our Facebook Page  
"Luverne High School Class of 1969"!

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*Packets with more info will be sent out in January!!*

## Class of '48 - 65th Class Reunion

When: August 15, 2014

Details to follow! Save the date!

## Inviting All Graduates 1940-1949!

Saturday—August 16 at Luverne Pizza Ranch

11 am to 1 pm—In the Back Room

Let's get together for lunch (on your own) and visit about our own Cardinal Pride good old days!  
Call the Chamber for reservations—888 283-4061

## CARDINAL PRIDE WEEKEND

### ALUMNI AND FRIENDS REUNION

When: Friday -Sunday,

August 15-16-17, 2014

Check out our FACEBOOK PAGE for the latest Cardinal Pride updates... "[Cardinal Pride Weekend](#)"

Or Call—Luverne Area Chamber 507 283-4061

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