

Make your plans for a great celebration next summer, Aug. 15-17

Complete CARDINAL PRIDE plans and registration materials will be included in the January 2014 Alumni News!

By Jane Wildung Lanphere

What is Cardinal Pride Weekend? Cardinal Pride Weekend is the celebration of LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. It isn't an event just for Alumni...it is an event where everyone who has been or is involved with LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS is invited to celebrate!

There are plenty of new things to celebrate! LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS continue to provide stellar academic education and extra-curricular opportunities for students. You will be invited to witness their new and continued successes!

The City of Luverne has taken huge steps in community improvement and revitalization. Celebrate new and renovated storefronts and businesses. Witness the public infrastructure improvements. Rejoice in the work done in historic preservation.

You can do all this and enjoy special events coordinated to celebrate CARDINAL PRIDE WEEKEND. The Cardinal Pride Committee is working hard to craft an experience you won't want to miss. Make your plans now to share in any and all of the great things scheduled throughout the weekend!

Cardinal Pride Picnic and Cardinal Capers on Saturday, August 16th at the Blue Mound Banquet Center —

The Committee invites you to plan to participate in our 2014 Cardinal Capers! Luverne alumni and friends



are invited to provide a short 2-5 minute performance of a great event or experience of the past.

Is there a "baton-twirling" ensemble willing to perform? Would the 1964 basketball cheerleaders get on stage to lead us in the school song? How about some Sanden students challenging their teacher to few minutes of "Comments & Questions?" Would "Conrad Birdie" come back to life for one short performance? Would an LHS drum line spur us on with their cadence? Does Coach Menage still have what it takes in his "pep talk" to the offensive line? Where are "The Has Beens" when you need a great vocal performance?

The Cardinal Pride Committee encourages everyone to think creatively and recreate those great memories for CARDINAL CAPERS 2014!

Growing Up on a Gravel Road on Friday, August 15th at the Historic Palace Theatre —

Make your plans to attend the early evening show at the Historic Palace Theatre (5 pm) when Bruce Kurtz is joined on stage with great musicians for our own version of the Prairie Home Companion. Witness this recreation of memories of our past...of Luverne and Luverne Public Schools...in this 1-1 1/2 hour original radio-show! Proceeds from the show support the Alumni News!

Cardinal Pride Retail Store at the Armory with store hours Friday (noon to 4 pm) and Saturday (10 am to 2 pm) —

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Cardinal Show and 1964 State Basketball Show at the Carnegie Cultural Center —

The Council for Arts and Humanities in Rock County (CAHRC) is inviting submissions of art of

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Honor Roll of *Alumni News* Contributors

Compiled by Johnna Bowron Ahrendt

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

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

Kay Cox sends greetings from Adrian, MN. She writes: "I thought it time to send in a thank you to a great publication... Alumni News. I have so enjoyed receiving and read very word! Many Luverne alumni know me as **Kathaleen (Kay) Doyle Cox from the class of 1943!** Yes, I am 88 years old, a widow with 5 wonderful children, 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. I love the Palace Theatre and have several great stored to share if Alumni News would like to print them.

A note from Cincinnati, OH's **Dave Corwin (LHS 1942)** shares greetings to all classmates. "We always enjoy reading about what is going on in Luverne even though we don't know many of the people named in the articles now. Our 1942 class is almost ancient history." "Life in out retirement community and family near by keep us busy and occupied these days."

Daryle Vegge (LHS 1965) enjoys reading Alumni News and hearing about what is going on in Luverne. Daryle and wife Joyce have lived in Ames, IA for 36 years. Ames is the home of Iowa State University and it is a pretty good place to live, just like Luverne. Ames has a lot of things going on. Occasionally we hear of a Luverne graduate who makes it down this way to ISU. "I am still working but am near the end of this career and headed toward retirement. Thanks for your work."

1953 Luverne grad Judy Anderson Johnson sends greetings to Luverne alumni from her home in Eugene, OR. She writes: "It is always great to get the latest updates from my former home base!"

Rosemarie Dietrich Loose (LHS 1954) sends greetings from her home in Pipestone, MN. Rosemarie retired after a 24-year teaching career in the Pipestone school system after

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graduating with a teaching degree from Southwest State University in Marshall, MN.

Elaine Burmeister Jensen (LHS 1945) really appreciates receiving the Alumni News. "It helps keep me up with a little of what is going on in Luverne. I really appreciated the story in "What We've Heard" about Roger Wiese (LHS 1945) and Marilyn Weston Wiese (LHS 1946.) I graduated in 1945 with Roger. I have many good memories from Luverne and my high school years. I now live in Golden Valley, MN...a suburb of Minneapolis, in Calvary Center Cooperative. I love the beautiful view from my living room window over a golf course, which has many beautiful trees. Also, I have a good evangelical church in our building. Mabel Tofteland Overgaard, sister to Conrad, was also in our 1945 graduation class with Roger Wiese. I appreciate being able to keep in touch with her."

Rita Kafka Robinson sent an email in late July with this update about her brother, Joe Kafka (LHS 1965.) "My brother, Joe Kafka (LHS 1965), received a surprise retirement party at the Governor's Mansion from South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard and former Governor Mike Rounds. Joe retired after 39 years as a political reporter for 39 years including 29 years with the Associated Press in Pierre, SD and Washington, DC. Joe and his wife, Gina (Robinson) (LHS 1968), have built a new home in Valley Springs, SD where they will enjoy retirement."

Stories continue to arrive sharing memories of the Palace Theatre. **Yvonne Remme Erstad (LHS 1948)** writes: "I was an usher at the Palace in the late 1940's. One Saturday night midway through the main feature, I took a break and went downstairs

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all kinds for the Cardinal Show at the Carnegie. The Cardinal Show will feature cardinals and anything cardinal red...any type of original art! Create a piece to enter in the show for cash prizes!

The Cardinal Pride Committee is also asking for anyone to share (loan) photographs, movies, memorabilia and/or collectibles that we can display concerning the 1964 LHS State Basketball Championship. We want to have a great display of basketball history in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Luverne's only State Basketball Championship!

Jim Brandenburg at the Palace —

Enjoy an afternoon of great photography and music at the Historic Palace Theatre on Sunday as Jim shares his passion and experiences through photographs from around the world! This is a fundraiser for Touch the Sky Prairie.

The Sounds of the Prairie —

Enjoy live musical performances of regionally and internationally known artists at Touch the Sky Prairie. Jim and Judy Brandenburg host a Sunday night to remember on the prairie! Fundraiser for Touch the Sky Prairie.

Cardinal Pride Run —

Join Dave Duffy and other athletes for a great wake-up run at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Watch upcoming news for additional Cardinal Pride athletic events!

Lunch at the Hinkly House —

Enjoy a special treat on Saturday noon as you stop by this historic home for a wonderful noon meal between 11 am and 1 pm. The Hinkly House will also be open for tours.

LHS Open House and Tours —

Stop by Luverne Public Schools to see and celebrate all the great things that happen at the greatest school in Southwest Minnesota!

And many more plans are in the works throughout town!

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Questions & information—Luverne

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to the ladies lounge. I sat down on one of the big round pink cushions to relax. After a few minutes, I could hear someone in one of the compartments moaning and groaning. Then I heard crying. I tapped on the door and explained who I was, and asked if I could help. She opened the door and told me she was wearing a "Playtex rubber girdle" and could not get it up. It took the two of us tugging and pulling to get it up. Her date was waiting for her. Yes, as an usher, we did more than just show people to their seats."

"I also remember the formals the Jochims furnished for us to wear on Saturday and Sunday nights. One of the formals had a large feather on a waistband that matched. We wrote that on the wrist where we carried the flashlight."

The mystery is solved thanks to **Fay Andersen Lang and Elzora Wulf Ott**. The girls in this photo

were wearing beautiful red dresses sewn by Mrs. Les McDowell. The girls are identified as Genevieve Olson Andersen (LHS 1946), Audre Mae Hinkly Tabor (LHS 1945) and Jean Canfield. **(See the photo above.)**

LHS 1956 graduate Gunderson (Hanson-Nass) drops Alumni News a note from her home in Maple Grove, MN. "I still love getting the Alumni News. I was so happy to see the picture of the 1964 Champs with my brother, Milo Hermann, on it. I have so many great memories of Luverne!"

Rona Vaselaar (LHS 2012) spent the summer studying in Beijing, China. Rona is a sophomore at Notre Dame majoring in Chinese language. Check out the August 24, 2013 People Section of the Worthington Daily Globe for a complete story about her adventure in China.

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This photograph was taken in the summer of 2009 just before Wayne passed away in November 2009. Pictured are, from left, Lee ('61) and Dianne (Dreessen '63) Thompson, Tom ('62) and Dixie (Winge '63) Arends, Wayne ('62) and DyAnn (Olson '61) Emery, Pete ('62) and Maureen (Fraser) Petersen, Ardell ('62) and Jayona (Collins '65) Bowman and Bill ('62) and Susan (Reimer '63) Mohr.

Friends forever

*Friendships that began at LHS in the 50s and 60s
continue through the decades and today*

Luverne High School graduate (Class of 1963) Dixie (Winge) Arends shared the following photograph and information with the Alumni News this summer.

LHS Lifelong Golden Friends

Eleven LHS graduates have remained good friends for over 50 years. This friendship covers the classes of 1961, '62, '63 and '65. Some started kindergarten together.

Fortunately for all eleven, Pete Petersen ('62) married Maureen Fraser from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and we have gathered at the Petersons' cabin on Lake Pokegama for approximately 25 years.

We have celebrated 50th and 60th birthdays

and we'll begin the 70th ones this year. When we're not celebrating birthdays, our gatherings are planned around themes — western, Hawaiian, the '60s, the '70s and even some talent skits. We've had cribbage tournaments, Yahtzee tournaments and bean bag tournaments. We've had much fun swimming and boating, and we've witnessed many beautiful sunsets and felt the warmth of the fireplace on chilly nights and shared unending memories from the past.

All of these special friendship and gatherings started with our LHS years. As long as we are able, we eagerly look forward to our annual gathering in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, with great anticipation.

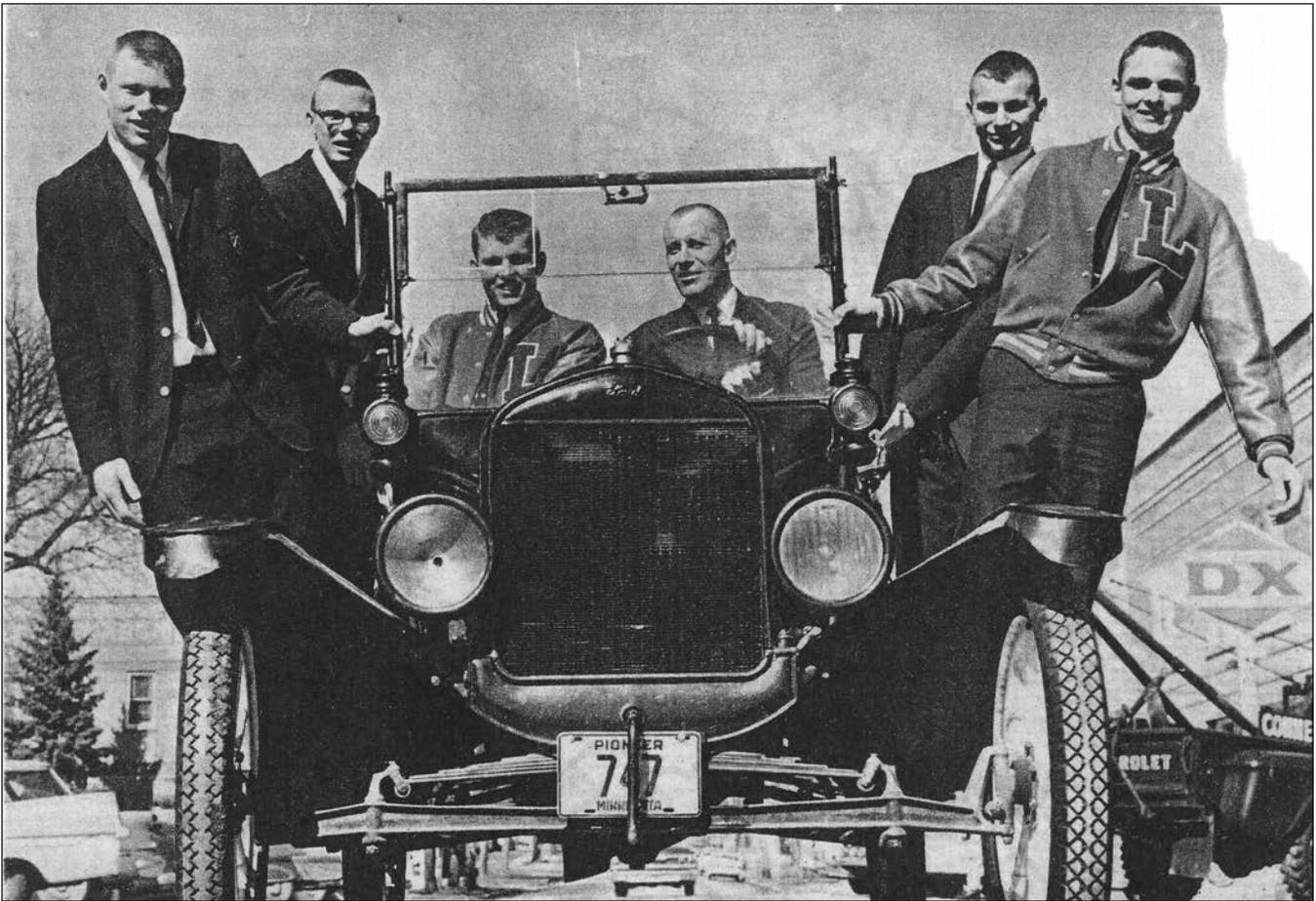
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LHS grad Tony Mohr (LHS 1964) gets in the spirit of Cardinal Pride Weekend. He sent Alumni News a picture of a 1918 Ford Model T owned by Tony Mohr. The picture was published by the Worthington Daily Globe and was taken on the Saturday before the 1964 Minnesota State Basketball Tournament.

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Roger Wiese (LHS 1945) sends Alumni News an update in regard to 1945 Luverne grad Eddie Milton. Eddie and Roger were members of the 1945 LHS track team who were featured in a photograph several issues ago. Roger writes: "After we graduated in 1945, no one seemed to know what happened to Eddie. I knew he went into the service, like many of the boys in our class. Arvin Rolfs written to Alumni News and said that he had met Eddie's daughter, Vicki. I got in contact with Arvin and we ended up having lunch with Eddie's wife and 2 daughters. I am sorry to say that Eddie is deceased. They lived in the Minneapolis area. I am enclosing a picture of Eddie's wife, 2 daughters and myself. They are a delightful family, strong Christians, both the daughters are professional people (one in the medical field and one in education.) Special thanks for Arvin and his wife Nancy for making all of this happen."



LUVERNE -- 1964 CHAMPS

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Week!**
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LOOK FOR IT
ON YOUR LOCAL
NEWS STANDS!

The Luverne Cardinals - front row: Curtis Laudan, Greg Thone, Milo Herrmann, Brian Wells, Dave Moher, Scott Creeger, Chuck Lippi, back row: Ass't. Coach Bob Lorentzen, Rich Iverson, Roger McKay, Bill Toms, John Beyer, Tom Kozney, Del Jessen, Head Coach Ray Merry.

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 50th 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.

"Cards Are All Honor Students, Quality as Typical HS Boys" Team Leaves This Morning, to Stay at Curtis Hotel

FROM THE MARCH 1964 WORTHINGTON DAILY GLOBE

By Corky Brace

It takes brains as well as brawn to play on a championship athletic team today. The day of the big but dumb athlete is disappearing, and at Luverne, home of the Region 2 champs, the era is over.

Luverne's entire team is made up of honor students, and this combination of brains and athletic ability proved to be a winning mixture for the **Merry-Men**. There are only four seniors on the Luverne squad, and someday, when the quartet finishes college, the world will inherit one teacher, a mathematician, an engineer and a physic major.

The juniors and one sophomore on the 12-man squad rank just as high in their scholastic standings, but most of them are undecided yet as to what profession they will follow.

When the Luverne team walks on the Williams

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BANNER OVER MAIN STREET EXPRESSES LUVERNE'S HOPES
 Del Jessen and Bill Toms enjoy the tournament fever.

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Arena floor Thursday afternoon, it will match any team in the tournament in physical appearance. The high scholastic averages of the Cardinals might tip the scales in their favor.

The members of the Luverne Cardinals are just like all average American boys. They are friendly, they love a good joke, are close friends with their mates, like to dress well, like pretty girls and love athletics.

The same description would fit any group of boys in America. What turned the Cardinals into a championship team? The answer would be hard to find.

Even the following short vignettes of the starting five and two reserve seniors on the squad will fail to give the answer to the question but they will serve to acquaint area basketball fans with the

team which will carry Southwestern Minnesota's hopes into the state tournament.

BILL TOMS – Co-captain, senior, forward, 6-2, 210 pounds. Toms plays fullback in football, pitches in baseball. He is a B- student and plans to go to college to train to be a phy-ed teacher. This is his second year as a regular on the Luverne team. He is one of the most popular players on the team with his mates.

GREG THONE – Co-captain, senior, guard, 5-9. Plays baseball, is a member of the student council, sings in the chorus. He is an A student. Plans to go to South Dakota State and major in physics. He has been the Cardinal playmaker and floor general for two years. He is an excellent shooter from the outside.

DEL JESSEN – Junior, forward, 6-0, 195 pounds. Jessen plays end in football and is a weight man in track. He was an all-conference football player this year. Jessen is a B+ student. He lives with his parents in Hardwick. A member of the German Club, he plans to go to college, but is waiting to decide where he will go and what his major will be. He is one of the strong front line on the Cardinals teams and an excellent rebounder.

JOHN BEYER – Sophomore center, 6-4. Other activities include band, chorus and a member last year of the Junior High Student Council. An A student, he plans on a college career as a sure thing in the future. Beyer's development into a varsity player in his sophomore years is a big reason for the

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Cards' success.

TOM KOZNEY – Junior, guard, 6-2. Kozney moved to Luverne in 1963 when his father took a job with the Mid-Packing company. He played quarterback in football and pitches in baseball. He transferred from Sioux City Heeland where he also competed in track. Kozney is an A- average and is planning on college. His moving to Luverne was a break for the Cards.

DICK IVERSON – Senior, reserve forward, 5-11. He is a member of the Student Council and the chorus. A B student who will enroll at the U of M – Morris and major in math, he is a good shot from 20-feet away. His long bombs defeated Worthington in the first game between the Cards and Trojans this season.

BRIAN WELLS – Senior, reserve guard, 5-10. Wells is better known for his ability on the football field where he won all-conference honors this year, and in track. He is considered by most of the District 8 coaches as the fastest dashman in the area. Wells is an A- student. He is on the Student Council and plans to go to South Dakota State.

The Luverne team will leave this morning and check into the Curtis Hotel. They will practice in Williams Arena at 8:30 Wednesday.

Luverne will meet Hutchinson at 3:30 Thursday in the first test.

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LHS 1975 graduated Kristi (Sammons, Christenson)

Baker drops Alumni News an update from her home in Coleharbor, ND. Kristi shares the sad news of the death of her daughter, Melissa Christenson (LHS 1992.) Melissa passed away in December 2012 from cancer. She leaves behind 11 year old twin sons. The twins are being raised in Coleharbor by Kristi and her husband.

Wes Greve (LHS 1960) reports that he has the honor of being a member of the Hutchinson (MN) Memorial Rifle Squad. The Squad conducts the Military Memorial Services for Veterans throughout the Hutchinson area. Wes also reports that they are changing their winter retreat from Mesa, AZ to Rock Port, TX.

Luverne alumni are encouraged to pray and support the battle that **Dave Clausen (LHS 1974)** is fighting! Dave was diagnosed with Mesothelioma and is currently undergoing treatment. A Hog Roast/Silent Auction Benefit will be held on Friday, November 8, 2013 at the Brandon (SD) Golf Course with silent auction bidding closing at 7:30 pm and Karaoke starting at 8:30 pm. Cash donations will be accepted at the Wells Fargo Bank under Dave Clausen's Benefit Account. His story can be followed at: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dclausen>. Dave and his wife Bev (Rolfes Clausen – LHS 1975) live at 508 South Nicholas; Brandon, SD 57005. Cards and wishes of support will be appreciated!



Luverne grad performs on Twin Cities stages and at the Palace Theatre

By Lori Ehde

Bora York's Sept. 14 performance was entertaining for indie-pop music fans, but the fact that the lead female vocalist is from Luverne made the event even more attractive for local audiences.

On the Palace Facebook page, fans chattered for weeks about husband-wife duo, Rebekah (Antoine) and Chris Bartels.

"Rebekah Bartels and her husband and band mates are not only amazing musicians but really respected for their skills in the Twin Cities, playing venues that are big for up-and-coming rock stars and have been featured on The Current (I danced for joy when they played their music and had such great things to say!)" posted Luverne graduate Allana (Gacke) Rogge.

She was referring to a review by the The Current from Minnesota Public Radio.

"Bora York is ridiculously promising for being so early in their career," wrote Current reviewers.

"You know when you hear something and you have that 'Ah-ha!' moment? It seems that a lot of people are having the same reaction to the band's debut single, 'Close Your Eyes.' ... I'm excited to see the reaction from the community when this record drops. It's pure, no-frills dream-pop."

Rebekah herself was more understated about her role in Bora York.

"It's really fun," she said about making music with her husband. "He's known as the mastermind of the band, and I'll come in and help make a catchy melody."

She told the Star Herald prior to the concert that they were looking forward to their Luverne performance.

"I'm excited about it," she said. "For me, it will just be fun to see everybody, not only to share the music but to have a reunion of sorts."

Rebekah, daughter of Greg and Barb Antoine, Luverne, is a 2003 LHS graduate and recently attended a 10-year class reunion in Luverne.

She studied music at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, and also has a youth studies degree from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

She and Chris recently released their debut album, "Dreaming Free," and performed songs from that album during their Sept. 14 appearance at the Palace.

Their website, www.anthemfallsmusic.com, describes the songs as "a large synth-driven orchestration, deep ambient textures and personal stories."

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Love the life!

THERE IS A “BUZZ” IN SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA ABOUT THINGS HAPPENING IN LUVERNE

By Jane Wildung-Lanphere

If you get a chance to visit places in the tri-state region, it wouldn't be long before someone would ask you if knew what has been going on in Luverne.

There is a “buzz” of excitement and interest from other communities about what is happening in **your hometown**.

Almost every day there is big news! **HOTEL – STRIP MALL – AUTO DEALERSHIP – BREWERY – TROLLEY – RENOVATED STOREFRONTS – BUSINESS EXPANSIONS – HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS - INCREASED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – NEW STREET LIGHTS – NEW TOWN IMAGE – PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – NON-PROFIT MUSIC SCHOOL - NEW BUSINESSES - NEW EVENTS and more!**

Why is this happening?

There are a lot of reasons but the main reason is that the people of Luverne have taken charge of our own future.

Four years ago, an organization was born of citizens, public officials, businesses and community supporters who realized if Luverne wanted to have a bright future...we needed to work together to make something happen. Almost everything on the list above is the result of that excitement and energy that began with that new community plan.

LIFT (Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow) is the formal organization that was established through the planning process. Its members and supporters number in the hundreds. Today it has been formed as a non-profit community-based initiative whose mission is:

“to advance, promote, support and administer charitable and educational activities that encourage, foster and stimulate the preservation of historic downtown Luverne and the development of Rock County.”

For those Luverne alumni who live away, **Cardinal Pride Weekend** will be a great opportunity for you to see and feel the energy that is evident in Luverne. We hope that you will plan to check out your **NEW “old hometown.”**

The members of the Executive Board of LIFT invite you to come back. Think about Luverne as a new opportunity for you to reach the dreams you have for your future!

- Are you interested in opening a small business?
- Do you have a business you are thinking about relocating?
- Are you expanding a business and looking at a new community?
- Do you want to leave that fast-paced big city for a slower-paced family-friendly lifestyle while having the benefit of a big city less than 25 miles away?
- Are you looking for a new or different job?
- Are you starting a family and want to have them grow up in the same

type of community that you grew up in?

- Thinking about moving when you retire...

THINK ABOUT LUVERNE... YOUR HOMETOWN!

You know the school is exceptional, the people outstanding and the quality of life beyond compare!

Contact one of the members or staff of LIFT to see what we can put together for you and your future:

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Remembering our Classmates

... compiled by Carol McDonald

1930-1939-

Lowell DeWolf '39 passed away on June 27, 2013 due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. Lowell joined the Minnesota National Guard as a teen and was called to active duty in early 1941, serving throughout World War II until his honorable discharge in 1945. He married Marian Roher on October 4, 1948. As an executive in the automotive diagnostic industry, they traveled extensively and lived in a variety of domestic and international locations. While always active, Lowell's fondest memory would certainly include Chicago, where he and Marian decided to take up ballroom dancing. They became very accomplished and were awarded many trophies in competitions throughout the Midwest. Lowell is survived by his wife, of nearly 65 years, Marian, and a younger brother, Morrie (Vera) DeWolf. He also leaves a large group of nieces and nephews to who always served as a role model.

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 (Harlson) 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.

Lorraine Brandenburg '43 died August 30, 2013 in Tucson, Arizona. Lorraine was a longtime resident of Luverne and Canton, SD. She also lived in New Jersey for many years where her daughter, Jean, lived. She is survived by four children, Wayne (Donna) Loveland, Robert (Doreen) Loveland, Jean (Lon) Alness, and Jane (Jim) Doyle, nine grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Arlend Beelmann '46 passed away in Las Cruces, NM on October 13, 2013. After graduating from Luverne High School Arlend enlisted in the Army during the World War II era and was sent to Korea during the occupation as a military policeman. After his service, Arlend attended the University of Minnesota. In Minneapolis, he met and married Dolores Buetow. Arlend also majored in Traffic Management at Humboldt Business College and started his career at Northern Pacific Railroad as an office boy in the main office in St. Paul, MN. He was transferred to Buffalo, NY then to the Minneapolis sales office, Grand Forks, ND and finally Bismarck, ND where he retired from Burlington Northern as Area Sales Manager in 1983. Arlend always had a passion for trains and traveling. He and Dolores were full-time RV'ers for five years when they discovered Trails West in Las Cruces, NM which has been their home for the past 17 years. Arlend and Dolores have enjoyed many cruises and have travelled all over the world together. They recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. In October 2012, Arlend proudly visited Washington D.C. as part of the Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico. Arlend will be missed by his wife Dolores, four sons; Tom, Paul (Sandy)

Beelman, Dan (Dee) Beelmann, and Jeff Beelmann, two grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

Leslie McDowell Jr. '49 died August 25, 2013 at his home in Paradise, California. He served in the U.S. Air force in the 1950s. After graduating from the University of Minnesota he worked for 35 years in the aerospace program, retiring from Lockheed-Martin. While he was visiting in Luverne in 2001 he suffered a stroke. His sons made his home handicap-accessible so that he was able to live at home in Cupertino for several years. Les is survived by his sons, Webb (Jennifer) Scott and Todd, two grandchildren, a sister Mary Ann (Gene) Davis; and a stepbrother, Terry (Mary) McDowell and many nieces and nephews and other friends and relatives.

Ardith Ardee Holling Ahrendt '49 Died October 16, 2013 in Gamer, Iowa.

1950-1959-

Ronald Hamann '51 died September 28, 2013. In 1952 he married Gerri DeVries. Following their marriage the couple first lived on the Hamann farm. Through the years the family moved several times finally ending up in Bloomington in the spring of 1963. He went to school to become a medical technologist, went back to school, became a high school teacher, and then went to 3M as a quality control engineer and teacher trainer. He retired from 3M after 29 years of service. Ron is survived by his wife, Gerri, four sons, Greg (Rita) Hamann, Bob (Kathy) Hamann, Randy (Peggy) Hamann and Rich (Deb) Hamann, nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two brothers, Gordon (Betty) Hamann and Arly (Julie) Hamann; a sister-in-law Wyonne Goodwin; and other friends and relatives.

John Ronlund '58 died September 5, 2013 in Brainerd, MN. He attended Worthington Junior College and Mankato State University. He owned and operated several businesses, among them Ronlund Supply in Mankato and Minnewawa Lodge in Nisswa. He most recently retired from St. Paul Stamp works. He had a passion for restoring old British cars, wood boats and furniture. He was known for his great charm and sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Linda Ronlund; four children Stacy (Mike) Erholtz, Christine Ronlund, Peter (Kate) Ronlund and Sam (Laura) Ronlund; and six grandchildren.

Jerry Lorenzen '59 died September 7, 2013 at his home in Rapid City, SD. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1959. He served on the USS Henrico after boot camp until 1963. He worked road construction until 1965 and was then accepted into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Apprenticeship Program for four years and worked in Rapid City. After the 1972 flood he started Rimrock Electric and sold the business in 1979. In 1983 he bought Lorenzen Electric from his father and worked around Rapid City until 2006. Jerry retired in 2006 and he and his wife operated the Idlewild Inn until his wife died in 2010. He is survived by two stepchildren, Cindy (Dave) Petersen and Steve (Melanie) Reimer, four grandchildren, three brothers Donald (Judy)

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Lorenzen, Dennis (Pat) Lorenzen, and Duane Lorenzen, a sister Susan (Norm) Stahl, and other friends and relatives.

1960-1969-

Jillene Smith Robertson '67 of Denison Texas died Thursday, September 19, 2013. Jillene was born in Denver, CO. She grew up in Hardwick. Later in life she received her licensed vocational nurse's degree. She cared for geriatric patients in both Minnesota and Texas. She is survived by three sons, Scott (Shellie) Nelson, Trevor (Belinda) Wilson, and Robert Wilson.

Norlan VerSteeg '68 died August 13, 2013 at the Pipestone County Hospice in Pipestone, MN. After graduation Norlan attended Jackson County Vocational and Technical School and graduated as a power lineman. He enlisted in the National Guard and served from 1969-1975. Following his education he began working as a lineman for Donovan Construction Company in Madison, Wisconsin. On July 25, 1970, he married Kathleen Kain. In the spring of 1976 the family moved to a farm northeast of Luverne where Norlan pursued his passion of farming. Norlan enjoyed playing softball and basketball in his younger years. In the 1990's he and his wife became "bikers" and enjoyed trips to Sturgis. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow up and attending their activities. He is survived by his wife Kathleen Ver Steeg, three children, Bradley (Amy) VerSteeg, Nathan (Tonya) VerSteeg and Manda (Mark) Steensma, seven grandchildren, his mother Anna Mae Ver Steeg, a sister Anita Top; three brothers Virgil (Jamie) VerSteeg, Harold (Nancy) VerSteeg, Bruce (Jolene) VerSteeg; a brother-in-law, Gene Eitrem, several nieces and nephews; and other friends and relatives.

Terry Ohlsen'69 of Cresco, Iowa died September 14, 2013 as the result of a heart attack. He married Julie Van Den Hoek Luverne to which two sons, Jerod and Brice were born. The family made their home in Eagan. There he worked at various glass companies as an artistic glasscutter. Following Julie's death he lived in Cresco since 2008. Terry enjoyed fishing in northern Minnesota and exploring the Upper Iowa and Turkey River nature areas of northeast Iowa.. Terry is survived by his two sons, Jerod and Brice Ohlson, his mother Carol Ohlsen, a sister, Gretchen (Ken) Becker, a brother Bruce (Barb) Ohlsen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

1970-1979-James Debates '71 of Loveland, Co died suddenly on September 16, 2012. He moved to Colorado in 1979. On Oct 9, 1982 he married Sandra Unrein in Westminster, CO. He lived in Loveland since 2000 and had worked for Fleetwood-GoldWyrd Inc. for 34 years. He was a seven-year cancer survivor and was a point of contact for support for People with Oral and head and Neck cancer, helping others who were affected by cancer. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and collecting and playing cards. Jim is survived by his wife, Sandy DeBates, two daughters Carly (Dustin) Waldorf, and Cammie (Jerad) Schwindt, his mother, Shirley DeBates, a brother Dave DeBates; five sisters Deb (Rick) Ripper, Becky (Dave) Nankivel, Joni

(Conrad) Keller, Kim DeBates and Jeanie (Tom) Lehmann, five grandchildren, his parents-in-law; and other relatives and friends.

Saralee VanMaanen Baker'74 died August 31, 2013 at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, MN. After graduation she continued her education at Minnesota Technical school in Wilmar, MN. She was a member of the Steen Reformed Church. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, baking, painting ceramics, collecting figurines, coins, sports memorabilia and watching Law and Order. She also enjoyed playing bingo, having coffee at Hardee's and spending time with her family. She is survived by a daughter, Monica (Solomon) Derby, four grandchildren and a sister Marla (Dave) Irvine and other friends and relatives.

Sandra Frahm'74 St. Augustine, Fla. Died August 31, 2013 at her home following a five-year battle with cancer. She moved to St. Augustine in 1985 and enjoyed working in the service industry for many years. Sandra is survived by her mother Marian Frham, three sisters, Susan Frahm, Sallie Frahm (Chris Smith) and Sharon Frahm (Paul Schmuck) a brother John Frahm, nieces and nephews.

Gary Dean "Chops" Jepson'76 died September 19, 2013 at his home in Luverne. Chops lived all his life in Luverne. He worked at various places including, the Blue Mound Inn, and Smith Furniture. Most recently, he worked for fifteen years at Luverne Truck Equipment. Chops was an avid bowler. He even bowled a perfect 300 game. He loved the Pittsburgh Steelers and named his dog Ben after their quarterback. He was a skilled poker player and played in several tournaments advancing to Regionals and even Nationals in Reno and Las Vegas. Chops is survived by his mother, Mille Jepson Moen, three siblings, Cheryl (Allan) Kruse, Ron Jepson, and Pam (Pat) Ruppert.

1980-1989-

Shelly Hall Estacion '87 died at her home in Leonardtown, MD October 11, 2013. She earned her bachelor's degree in business from California Lutheran University. She married Richard Estacion in Camarillo California. She taught piano lessons for 16 years in addition to teaching she was a composer and had her piano compositions recorded and released on CD. Shelly enjoyed acting and appeared several times in the "House of Cards" television series. She was an active member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. She participated in choir and was a cantor for the past seven years. She also taught religious education classes for children. She was an avid golfer. Additionally, she tapped danced at Gracie's Guys and Gals dance studio for many years and performed at Disney World. She became a master in Taekwondo by earning her fourth degree black belt, as well as becoming the sparing and board-breaking champion for the Black Belt Academy. She enjoyed traveling to California to visit family and friends. Shelly is survived by her husband Richard Estacion, three children, Samantha, Jake, and Christina Estacion, her parents Michael and Patricia Hall, a brother Chad (Wanda) Hall; her parent in-law Abby and Carlene Estacion; and other friends and relatives.



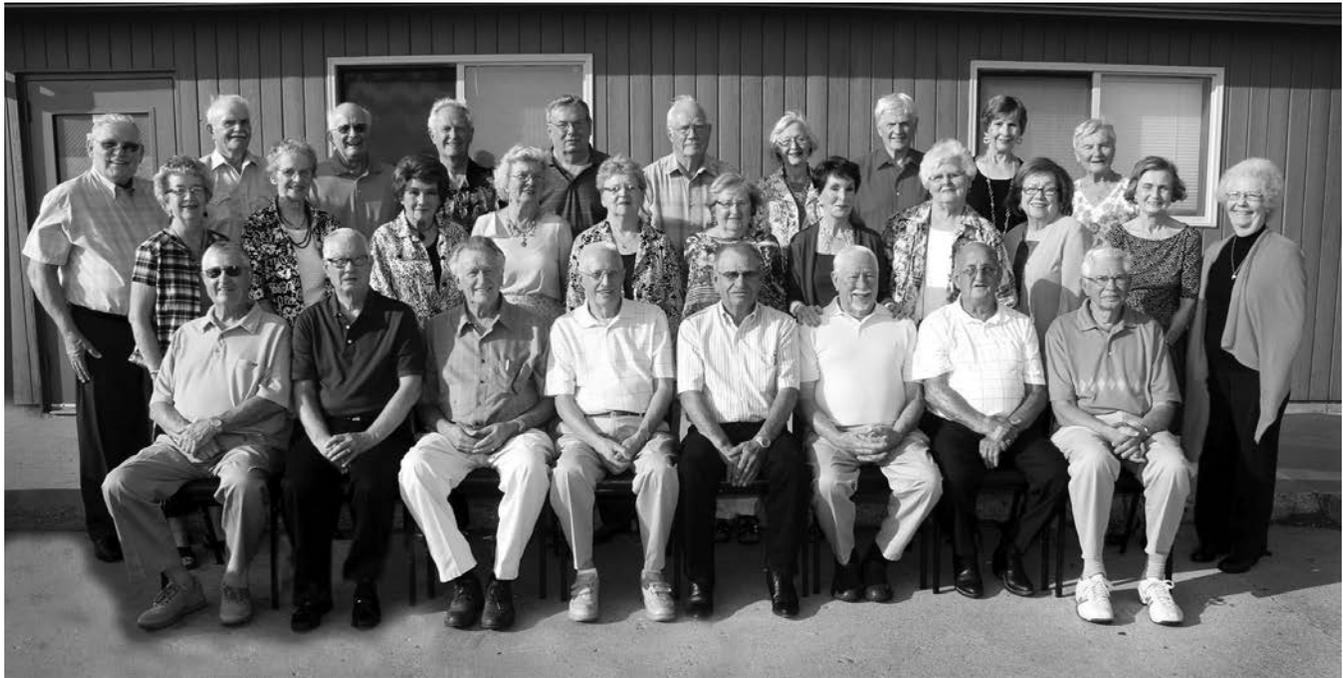
Class of 1958 gathers for reunion

The Luverne High School Class of 1958 gathered for a reunion on Sept. 28 at the Luverne Country Club. Pictured are (front row, from left) Letta Matthiesen Swenson, Mary Smit Donth, Connie Rusche Wieneke, Judy Goembel Larson, Delores Madison Walters, Lora Lee Schmidt Ruthenbeck, Lavonne (Margaret) Padilla Reiner, Sandra Eitreim, Donna Kallsen Connell, Wanda Lafrenz Kafka, (standing) Evelyn Beug Steffel, Darlene Dibbern Nagy, Darlene Forrest, Dennis Jorgenson, David Piepgras, Rosalind Beelmann Kerns, Ruth Beatty O'Neal, Dave Mohr, (back row) Wes Pierson, Howard Priesz, Yvonne Atkinson Janning, Aleida Dreesen Meyerhoff, Mel Viessman, Merlyn Groth, Roy Moeller, Ray Schaikoski, Orrin Anderson, George Meinerts, Phil Bonthius, Stan Bagbey and Bob Saker.

Have a reunion to announce? Have a reunion photograph to share? Your classmates and other Luverne alumni want to know. Submit information to the

Alumni News,
c/o Jane Wildung Lanphere
Luverne Area Chamber
213 East Luverne Street
Luverne, MN 56156





LHS Class of 1953 celebrates 60 years

The Luverne High School class of 1953 gathered for their 60th reunion Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Bluestem restaurant in Luverne. Pictured are (front row, from left) Charles Juhl, Robert Torkelson, Richard Brown, Gordon Funck, James Hoiland, James Church, Dale DePauw, Melvin Hamann, (second row) Rose Marie Bartels Meyer, Gloria Albers Juhl, Martha Sellen Nuffer, Virginia Strassburg Russell, Margaret Honken Taylor, Patricia Padilla Petit, Joyce Turner Sexton, Norma Hoiland Gertz, Donnalee Boland Gradert, Mary Jane Bonthuis Boyer, Phyllis Mohr Abild, (third row) William Steinfeldt, Daryle Schuetts, Arlen Olson, Dean Rolfs, Loren Wiese, Eugene Meyer, Naomi Tofteland Wilson, James Sherman, Carol Petersen Drews and Shirly Braa McQuoid.

Honor Roll . . .

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Sheryl (Eide) '63 Wolfe

Bill '62 & Susan (Reimer) '63
Mohr

David Stroh '56

David Hoiland '50
Judy Stroh – friend
Mel Hamann '53

Steve Bush '70

Don & Lona (Gabrielson) '70
Klosterbuer
John '45 & Imogene (Lemke)
'47 Krogmann
Beverly (Bell) Haraldson '58

Conrad Tofteland '43

Elaine (Burmeister) Jensen '45

LeRoy Korgel '51

Roger '50 & Gayle (Frakes)
'51 Beers

Class of 1958

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Yvonne (Atkinson)
Janning '58
Lora Lee (Schmidt)
Ruthenbeck '58

Contributions

David Corwin '42
Mavis (Winge)
Amundson '50
Kathaleen (Doyle) Cox
'43
Wes Greve '60
William Frakes '66
Helen (Haggard) Rollag
'54
Carole (Gunderson)
Hanson-Nass '56
Patti (Kirby) Pierson '63
Matt Gropel '90
Helen (Kadinger)
Dukelow '51

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| Balance 6/30/13 | \$538.02 |
| Donations | 3,545.00 |
| DFS support | 1,200.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Printing | 919.07 |
| Postage | 2,101.52 |
| Labels | 222.72 |
| Mail Prep | 342.55 |
| Office Supplies | 18.82 |
| Web Hosting | 120.00 |
| Website Updates | 600.00 |
| Balance 9/30/13 | \$958.34 |

Reunions in the Making

Class of '48 - 65th Class Reunion

When: August 15, 2014

Details to follow! Save the date!

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 '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!

- Cardinal Caper Dinner – 7 pm – Blue Mound Banquet Center (a part of the Cardinal Pride Weekend). 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 '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”.

For questions contact:

Heidi Papik Sehr - heidi@papik.com

CARDINAL PRIDE WEEKEND **ALUMNI AND FRIENDS REUNION**

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



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