

This local newspaper advertisement announces details of the first Tri-State Band Festival in Luverne in 1951.

## TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL Looks back on 70 years of community music

It all started 70 years ago when some Luverne businessmen came up with the idea that they should figure out a way to “show off” the Luverne High School Marching Band.

Months later, on October 6, 1951, the first band festival was held in Luverne and every year since – marching bands have been competing on the streets and on the football field in Luverne on a fall Saturday.

In 1951, a total of 15 bands competed with a total of over 1,000 members participating. The planning committee set the goal of selling 2000 booster buttons to defray cost and that goal was met. Fourteen bands participated in the parade which was led by Miss Marlene Rieb of Parkston, South Dakota, who was Miss South Dakota and a phenomenal

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Compiled by Johnna Ahrendt

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## Memorials

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## Contributions

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'66Garneta (Slagel) Bear '72

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# What We've Heard from our classmates

Compiled by Jane Wildung Lanphere

## A note from JACKIE CLAUSSEN:

Mavis Staeffler Jarchow (LHS 1954) recently passed away. I am a cousin of Mavis. I currently live in the Florida Panhandle. I was a registered nurse and finished my career as a hospice nurse.

I have a wonderful family.

Rhonda (Jeff) Gillespie live in the Florida Panhandle. Their children, Amanda and Jacob, are both in the U.S. Air Force. Amanda is a commissioner officer and Jake (Whitney) is enlisted.

Jake and Whitney have a 5 month old daughter named Adalynn Kay.

Robyn (Ben) VanDinther live in Michigan. Their son, Christopher Thomas (Sarah) also lives in Michigan.

Mark (Paula) live in Colorado. Their children Nick McCourt (Megan) live in Massachusetts and Raquel (Derek) Mangis live in California. They serve in the U. S. Navy.

We are all proud Americans and stand up for equality and freedom for all.

May God bless the staff of the Alumni News. Thank you for keeping us in touch with our Luverne roots.

## Let's Hear from YOU!

*Let us know what you are doing and we'll pass it on to other alumni.*

*Include your name, year of graduation, address, phone number and email (also let us know if you would like your email in our directory of alumni).*

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Or email [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us)

**GLORIA SCHLAPKOHL SIEKMEIER (LHS 1950)** shares great memories and comments of Luverne and Alumni News:

"It was most timely and interesting to read the 1918-1919 articles about the Spanish flu as viewed through the publications in the local Minnesota newspapers. I shared my copy with interested family and friends. Thank you Alumni News!"

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## *Help us keep a good thing going; Alumni News is a worthwhile cause to support*

The Alumni News is published by volunteers as a free gift for Luverne High School alumni who enjoy the quarterly updates on classmates and their hometown. This publication is the envy of school districts everywhere, as it also maintains a priceless database of our alumni dating back to classes that graduated decades ago. There are expenses incurred with printing, mailing and database support, and these costs are paid for with generous contributions from our alumni and readers.

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# Luverne Dollars for Scholars ... Did you know?

Scholarship application season is upon us once again! The Luverne High School Class of 2021 is busy working on their scholarship applications.

They will be evaluated on the following criteria: academic performance, scholastic aptitude, work experience, school activity and community involvement.

Students are also required to write an essay describing their future aspirations as well as seek a recommendation from someone, whether a teacher or an adult who has worked with the student.

These applications are due each year around Feb. 15. All applications are submitted through an online student profile application located on the Luverne Dollars for Scholars website.

Once all of the information is compiled, the selection process begins. Each application is assigned a number.

The Luverne High School counselor verifies each students' class rank, GPA and ACT scores. Only the application number, not the applicant

name, is seen throughout the rest of the scoring.

Each essay is read and scored by a group of DFS board members.

References, work experience, school activity and community involvement are cross checked against the computerized score assigned each applicant.

Not all applicants receive a scholarship. Applications who do not reach the minimum score do not qualify for a scholarship award. None of the scholarships are based on financial need.

Good luck to the Class of 2021! We look forward to awarding your hard work over the past four years.

If you would like to contribute to Luverne Dollars for Scholars, or receive more information, please write:

Luverne Dollars for Scholars  
PO Box 822  
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### **Lee Claussen '58**

Jackie (Strassburg)  
Claussen - Friend

### **Marlene (Harmon) Madison '58**

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### **Michael Earl '58**

LHS Class of 1958  
Stanley Bagbey '58

### **Richard Norelius '59**

Andrew & Lorrie John  
Eleanor (Rober)  
VanGuilder '59  
Susan (Norelius)  
Humphrey '60

### **Jon R. Jordahl '60**

Steve '72 & Becky  
(Boelman) '73 Sehr

### **Ardell Bowman '62**

Sandra Hitch '63

### **Mary (Heckt) Maroon '65**

Gordon (Sam) '65 &  
Joycelyn (Aanenson) '65 Hansen  
Wesley '58 & Patti '63  
Pierson

### **LaDonna (Schneekloth)**

#### **Connell '66**

Dennis Connell '63

### **Randall Kafka '67**

Ardis (Ormseth) Mickelson  
'67  
Judith (Steiner) Top '67

### **Sandra (Brown) Johnson '67**

Ardis (Ormseth) Mickelson  
'67  
Judith (Steiner) Top '67

### **LeRoy Thompson '61**

Carmen Priesz '61

### **Curt Adams '69**

Gary '69 & Janine (Jordahl)  
'69 Papik

### **Kim (Dougherty) Larson '72**

Zane Birky '72

### **Bryan Boelman '76**

Steve '72 & Becky  
(Boelman) '73 Sehr

### **James Mohr '78**

Bob '78 & Tracy (Shirkey)  
'84 Boelman

### **Arnie Callsen - Jasper High School '57**

Duane '60 & Peg (Holder)  
'60 Lammert



## What We've Heard from Our Classmates/*continued from page 3*

As I was paging through one of my notebooks, I chanced across this Luverne memory that I penned in 2000:

### ROCK COUNTY – HONORING THE PAST – IMAGINING THE FUTURE

In memory, I return to Luverne,  
Time of growth, sorrow, joy, change.

Was there magic, or was I just young?  
Does memory smooth the wrinkles through time?

Return to a childhood rich with simple routine  
Traditions common to all in those days

The Pix, the Palace, the Eighty, places of wonder  
on warm summer nights.  
Trips to Carnegie Library, tip-toeing in Mrs. Main's  
domain,  
Triple dip ice cream cones, 5 cents, at Northland  
Creamery.

Teachers who cared.  
Students who tried.  
Friday night football,  
Dances in the gym, ending with strains of "I'll See  
You in My Dreams",  
Memorial Day Parades, then  
"Taps" at Maplewood Cemetery.

Slumber parties, "cruising Main Street"  
Lilacs blooming in May, Prom, Graduation...

We parted, but returned; to see ourselves in  
clearer light...  
Shaped by the seasons in Rock County,  
Are we as solid as the Sioux quartzite at the  
Mounds?

Whatever we have become, we return to Luverne,  
To the county called Rock,  
Steeped in values, traditions, strength.

I salute you, place of my birth.  
Future generations, have no fear...  
Cling to the good, go on with pride.

### REMEMBERING THE WEDNESDAY FREE SHOWS

**Note from Jane Wildung Lanphere (LHS 1971)**

In early September, **Richard Dale (LHS 1966)** of Yankton, SD stopped by the Brandenburg Gallery and Herreid Military Museum for a visit. We had a wonderful opportunity to reminisce about some great memories growing up in Luverne.

One of the things that we talked about was the **Wednesday Free Shows at the Palace Theatre**. No doubt, most of us who were around during those years, remember the excitement of going downtown to pick up a **FREE MOVIE TICKET** from a business and head off to the Palace for the movie.

We had the choice of going to the 4 pm movie after school, 7 pm or the 9 pm showing. The 4 and 7 pm shows were generally packed and I often remember sharing a seat with my sister. They weren't first run movies but they were free. That meant that my quarter allowance could be spent on more of those candy case favorites. I don't remember ever going to the 9 pm shows but know that many of the "older neighborhood kids" would go there on a "date night".

Why did this come up? Richard is on a mission to try to find a digital or original copy of a Wednesday Free Show movie ticket. He has visited with the team at the Palace and at the Rock County Historical Society. No one has one to copy or share.

So, we are asking Luverne Alumni to search through some of their scrapbooks or boxes of treasures. If you have one, would you be willing to donate it to the Palace Theatre, Rock County Historical Society or to Richard Dale? If not the original, scan it and send a copy to [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us).

And while you are at it, share one or two of your memories of those very special Wednesday nights!

# Remembering our classmates

Compiled by Carol Schumacher Serie

## 1930 – 1939

**Peggy (Hammond) Loose '39** died August 30, 2020, in New Ulm, MN. Peggy attended the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. She married Otis Loose on March 12, 1943, in Fort Worth, TX. After Otis's discharge from the U.S. Army Air Force, the couple made their home in New Ulm. Peggy helped as a bookkeeper with the Sportsman's Shop and worked at various other jobs part time.

Peggy is survived by her sons, Daniel (Karen) Loose, Savage, Timothy (Kristi) Loose, New Ulm; daughter-in-law, Sue Loose, New Ulm; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and extended family and friends.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Otis; daughters, Ronda Hanten, Geribeth Loose; and sister, Beverly Vogelpohl.

## 1940 – 1949

**Dr. Paul J. Hauser '42** of Evanston, IL, died January 1, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Betsy Hauser; children Christine, David (Mary), Stephen and Katherine (Richard) Buenger; and three grandchildren. Dr. Hauser was a generous supporter of Luverne Dollars for Scholars.

**Wanda (Thomas) Kling '45**, of Belle Fourche, SD, died February 11, 2017. Wanda graduated from Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing in 1948. She and two other recent graduates moved to work in Belle Fourche, SD, due to a nursing shortage. Wanda attended Charity Hospital Anesthesia School in New Orleans, LA, in 1950, and returned to Belle Fourche. She married Raymond "Rip" Kling on March 22, 1952. Wanda was a dedicated nurse anesthetist for 40 years in the Belle Fourche area.

Wanda is survived by her children Jon (Verlene) Kling, Kurt (Ann) Kling, Kelly (Rick) Walton, and Edie (Joe) Mechelay; eleven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Mary Anne DeMaranville and Twila Trask; brother-in-law Fritz Kling, and numerous other relatives.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband Rip, and sisters Rachael, Dorothy, Betty Ann and an infant brother Billy.

**Edna (Hoffman) Christianson '46** died October 29, 2019, in Valley City, ND. Edna received her LPN degree from Franklin School of Nursing in Minneapolis, MN. She moved to Hendricks, MN, where she cared for many as a nurse until her retirement at the age of 75. Edna married Gerald Christianson of Hendricks on

November 18, 1950. They farmed near Hendricks.

Edna is survived by her children, Kathleen (Thomas) Utke, Oriska, ND and David Christianson, St. Charles, MO; two grandchildren; a brother Robert Hoffman, Sioux Falls; sisters-in-law Lela Hoffman, Dolton, SD and Jane Hoffman, Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband Gerald; sister Ethel '42 Remme; and four brothers, Roy, Walter, Harold '43, and Donald Hoffman.

**Ruth (Appleton) Scheelk '47** died June 24, 2020.

## 1950 – 1959

**Norman Fox Torrison '50** died August 30, 2020, in Pikeville, NC. Norman graduated from the University of South Dakota. He was married to Mary Freeburn until her death in 2001. They lived in Plymouth, Orono, Illinois, and Vero Beach, FL. Norman developed and marketed innovative insurance plans. He was a generous supporter of Luverne Dollars for Scholars.

Norman is survived by two children: Troy (Suzanne) Torrison and Tracy (Thomas) Stohrer; and three grandchildren.

**Raymond Earl Johnson '52** died May 19, 2020, in Hawarden, IA. Raymond farmed near Renner with his parents and then was drafted into the United States Army and served in Korea for two years. After his discharge, he moved to Los Angeles, CA, and worked there until May 1967. Raymond returned to Sioux Falls and farmed his mother's farm while also working at Heartland Paper until retiring in 1993.

Raymond is survived by his brother Orville '49 Johnson, Sioux Falls; three nieces, Jennie Chinn, Carrie (Kenny) White, and Laura (Vince) Lammers; six grand nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

Raymond was preceded in death by a brother.

**Donald Loger '53** died September 11, 2020, in St. Paul, MN.

Donald is survived by his sister, Doris '54 Kemerling, Luverne, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two infant children; two sisters, Marion and Evelyn; and a brother, Eddie '43.

**MaryJane (Bonthus) Boyer '53** passed away June 21, 2020, in LaQuinta, CA. After graduating from high school, MaryJane attended St. Cloud State

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Teachers College for two years before she married Delbert '52 Boyer in 1956 in Luverne.

They moved to California where Delbert was a civil engineer until his retirement in 2007. MaryJane worked several years for their company, Boyer Engineering.

MaryJane is survived by her husband, Delbert, her daughter Lori (Steve) Mahoney, Imperial Beach, CA, and two sons, Larry (Anne) Boyer, Seattle, WA, and Lance (Kim) Boyer, Ojai, CA; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren; her brother, Philip '58 Bonthius and sister Rosanne Bagby.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Carolyn '56, and grandson, Matthew Mahoney.

**Mavis (Staeffler) Jarchow '54** died Monday, August 24, 2020, in Luverne. A family service will take place at a later date.

**Carolyn (Bonthius) Earlywine '56** passed away from Covid-19 on April 16, 2020, in Long Beach, CA. Carolyn married Toby '53 Wellenstein. In 1971 Carolyn moved to Southern California.

She married Bill Earlywine in Los Alamitos, CA, in 1971. Between them, they had 7 children. The family resided in Los Alamitos until 2014 when Carolyn and Bill moved to a senior community in neighboring Seal Beach, CA. Carolyn's siblings also graduated from Luverne High School: Mary Jane '53, Phillip '58, and Roseanne.

**Michael Earl '58** died August 16, 2020. Mike served in the United States Navy with tours in Hong Kong, Hawaii, and Japan. After discharge he worked in the family business and later at Sears. On April 27, 1962, he married Sharon "Sherry" Bryngelson in Worthington.

Mike became a refrigeration expert and became one of the first instructors at the Albert Lea Vo-Tech College. The family lived in Clarks Grove, MN, where Mike served as a city council member and was an active member of the Albert Lea Elks and the American Legion.

Mike is survived by his wife, Sherry; children Tammy (Matt Callahan) Claussen, Albert Lea, Joe (Robin Straka-Earl) Earl, Plano, TX, and Todd (Heather) Earl, Clarks Grove; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Debbie (Jim) Fox; and sisters-in-law, Carol and Ruby Bryngelson.

Mike was preceded in death by grandson Brett Earl, and brothers-in-law Brad and Brian Bryngelson.

### 1960 – 1969

Mary Elizabeth (Heckt) Maroon '65 died September 1, 2020, at her home.

Mary and her husband lived in Overland Park, KS, where she was known as a true caregiver.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Teresa Maroon, Omaha; sons Michael Maroon, Kansas City, and Mark Maroon, Overland Park; granddaughter, McKenna Maroon; sisters Dianne '63 Carlson and Virginia '68 Wessels, Minnesota; sister-in-law Nancy Weiser, Ankeny, IA; and many family members and friends.

Mary's husband preceded her in death.

**Dwight D. Lafrenz '65** died September 5, 2020, in Luverne. Dwight worked on the family farm and with other nearby farmers. He married Diane Chipperfield, but they were later divorced. In addition to farming, Dwight also worked for Ralph Watts, did custom haywork for Bill Reu, and worked for a time at both Hanson Silo and I.B.P.

Dwight is survived by his son, Mark, Sioux Falls; two grandchildren; sister, Elsie '59 (Jerry) Wallace, Luverne; brother Don '58 (Pat) Lafrenz, Luverne; four nephews; and other family and friends.

**Nancy L. (Connell) Vance '65** died August 11, 2020, in Sioux Falls, SD. On January 8, 1966, Nancy was married to Michael Vance in Luverne.

While Mike was in the service, Nancy worked as a clerk at Nelson Department Store. As her family grew, Nancy worked in various jobs, but during the 1980's health concerns forced her to retire.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Michael, Luverne; daughters, Shelly '84 Vance, Hardwick and Vickie '86 (Greg '88) Fikse, Minneapolis; honorary daughter, Linda Dickman, Hardwick; siblings Tom '60, Fremont, NE, Richard '61, Champlin, MN, Dennis '63, Phoenix, AZ, Mark '80 (Mary), Maple Grove, and Patricia (Donald) Bents, Worthington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry and John; sisters-in-law, Karen and LaDonna and honorary daughter, Paula Dickman.

**Barbara Barclay '67** died after a long illness in Bluffton, SC. Barb attended Mankato State College, graduating in 1971.

She was one of the first females to work in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as an undercover agent and later, in administration. She and her husband David Gaona, also a DEA agent, lived in various locations throughout the United States, finally retiring to Bluffton, SC.

Barbara is survived by her husband, David Gaona, Bluffton, SC; her brother, David Barclay; and her mother, Jean Barclay, Luverne.

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**Patrick J. Creswell '67** died August 16, 2020, in Vancouver, WA.

**Darrell Lorenzen '68** died September 23, 2020, in Prescott Valley, AZ. Darrell served in the U.S. Army on a missile base for three years. He married Charlene Trimarche on November 29, 1986.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Charlene, Prescott Valley; his mother, Lorna Lorenzen; stepson Peter (Donna) Trimarche, Juno Beach, FL; stepdaughter Michelle Trimarche, California; brothers Dean (Debbie) Lorenzen, Rodney (Nancy) Lorenzen, and Brian (Beth) Lorenzen, all of Loveland, CO; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Verdell, and son Nicholas.

**Dr. Curtis Adams '69** died July 19, 2020, in Yankton, SD. Curtis graduated from Augustana University in 1973.

He married Brenda '70 Givens on August 10, 1974, in Luverne. Curtis graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1977 and then moved to Yankton where he completed his residency in OB/GYN.

He also spent six months of residency at Indian Health Services in Anchorage, AK. Dr. Adams joined the staff at Yankton Medical Clinic and served there for 40 years.

His wife Brenda passed away in 2003, and Curtis married Madonna Kilbride on June 4, 2005.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Madonna, Yankton; three sons, Brent (Coreen), Yankton, Jonathon (Sara), Sioux Falls, SD, and Craig (Katie), Sioux Falls, SD; three step children; Nicholas Severson, Vermillion, SD, Adam (Stephanie) Severson, Yankton, Natalie

Severson, Yankton; and ten grandchildren.

Curtis was preceded in death by his first wife, Brenda.

### 1970 – 1979

**Anthony "Tony" Miller '72** died on September 25, 2020, in Luverne. Tony married Sharon '76 Remme on October 15, 1977, in Luverne. He worked at several places, including Hanson Silo, IBP, and Gold'n Plump. He retired in 2017 and then began working for Papik Motors to keep busy.

Tony is survived by his wife, Sharon, Luverne; daughter Amber '02 (Chris '97) Nath, Luverne; two granddaughters; one brother, Bill '61 (Judy) Miller, Luverne; sister, Sandy '62 Murphy, Luverne; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Amanda '98 Vis; an infant brother; a sister Betty '57 Boulware; and a brother-in-law, Val Boulware.

### 1980 – 1989

**Joel Smidstra '81** died September 4, 2020, in Worthington, MN. He helped his father on the farm, which is where his love of animals first began. Joel suffered a life-altering car accident at age 19, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He chose to endure the challenges that ensued and thrive. In 2017 he moved to Worthington where he enjoyed having his own place and being independent.

Joel is survived by his parents, Ben and Lylas Smidstra, Luverne; a brother, Charles '78, Luverne; five nieces and nephews; six great nieces and six great-nephews; and other relatives and friends.

Joel was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents and his maternal grandparents.

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Thank you*

## Attention snowbirds:

If you are not going to be at the address that you got your July issue during the months of October, January, April issue if you could email me your alternative address I would appreciate it and will change it back and forth according to what month you will be gone so that we can save some money on the "temporary away" returns....thank you...

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## LELF announces '2184 Campaign'

In 2017, voters in Luverne School District 2184 overwhelmingly supported an historic \$31 million school renovation and expansion project. That exciting project is well underway and expected to be completed in 2021.



The Luverne Education Legacy Fund (LELF), formerly the Luverne School Foundation, is announcing a new opportunity for Luverne School alumni and supporters to enhance this project and demonstrate their pride for their school through the Luverne 2184 Campaign.

The 2184 Campaign will provide resources to supplement taxpayer dollars that will ensure this once-in-a-generation project will be a remarkable source of pride for Luverne students, community and alumni!

Select enhancements planned to be funded by this campaign include:

- an alumni garden/outdoor classroom integrated with and preserving the iconic LHS canopy
- an alumni display in the new commons that may include digital yearbooks, graduation composites and other legacy displays
- digital and monument signage (indoor and outdoor) throughout campus
- a grand piano for the brand-new 775-seat performing arts center
- Luverne Cardinal identity and branding

enhancements throughout campus

In short, the 2184 Campaign will greatly strengthen LELF overall efforts to support LHS academics, arts, activities, campus beautification and alumni recognition.

Luverne alumni, supporters and local businesses are invited to be a part of LHS history by committing gifts of \$2,184 (\$61 per month) or more over three years. Gift levels of \$2,184, \$10,000, \$15,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000+ will be forever recognized in a display in the new LHS commons.

The 2184 campaign will officially kick-off on November 1. To learn more about the campaign or to make your commitment, visit [luverneeducationlegacyfund.org](http://luverneeducationlegacyfund.org) or contact LELF President Cory Bloemendaal (LHS '89) at 507-227-2087 or [coryb@buffaloridgeins.com](mailto:coryb@buffaloridgeins.com) or Luverne Area Community Foundation (Fiscal host for the campaign) Executive Director Emily (Bowron) Crabtree (LHS '90) at 507-227-6841 or [emily@luvacf.org](mailto:emily@luvacf.org).

## Tri-State Band Festival through the years/continued from page 1

Baton Twirler. Award winners were Pipestone in first and Worthington in second in Class B; Sheldon, IA in first and Luverne in second in Class C; and George, IA in first and Alcester, SD in second in Class CC.

Marianne Arneson took home the award for best solo baton twirler while Lorraine Olson of Tracy took second place honors. In the Baton Trio division, Marrion, SD took first place while Canton took second. The award for solo flag swingers was Jean Molmen and Denise Smith took first and second respectively. Both women were from Sheldon, IA. For group flag swingers, Sheldon took home first while Luverne won second place.

Over the years that followed, marching bands continued to fill the streets of Luverne and the committee finally selected the last Saturday in September as the permanent date for the annual festival. Thousands of community volunteers and marching band enthusiasts worked to build the festival into what it is today – the longest running competitive high school marching band festival in the Midwest.

This year's Tri-State Committee started meeting in February to make all the plans for the 2020 - 70<sup>th</sup> annual competition, but this year was different. The worldwide pandemic was destined to break the tradition until the Committee came up with a plan to guarantee that the sound of marching band



Over the next year, Alumni News will feature some of the highlights of the last 70 years of Tri-State Festivals. This year, we thought it appropriate to include some of the marching band photos honoring some of the Luverne bands that have competed over the years. This one features the 1951 event.

would be heard in Luverne on Tri-State Saturday. Even though the 70<sup>th</sup> Festival is postponed until September 25, 2021, the Tri-State Band Festival Committee didn't let that stellar record end. With ingenuity and a lot of community support, the Committee filled the

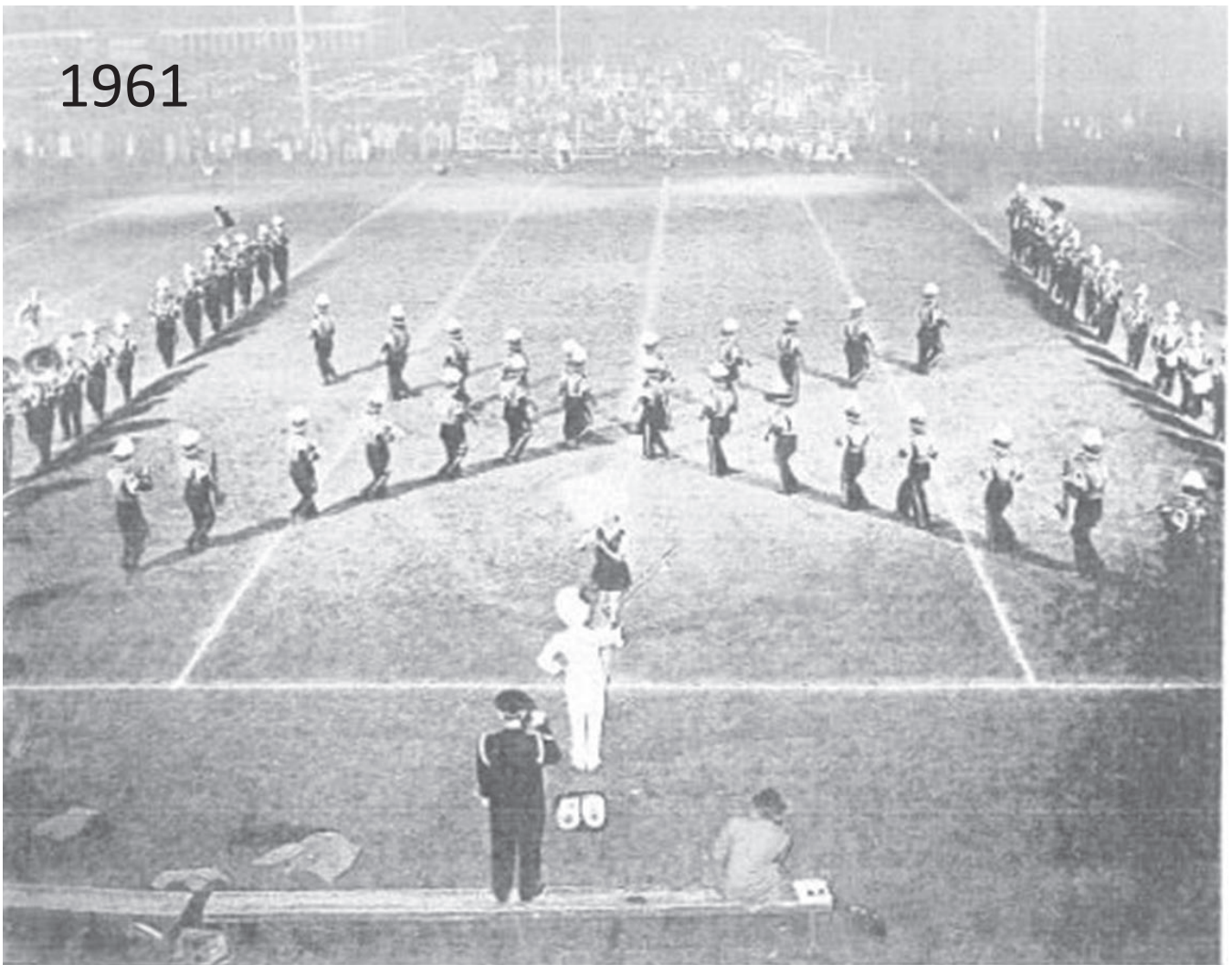
air with band music on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from the Luverne High School Marching Band.

Instead of a competitive

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1961



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### *Marching Band*

The brisk step and the snappy cadence mark the appearances of the marching band each spring and fall. Under the direction of Mr. Johnson a superb performance was given by the band as they led the activities as host band for the annual Tri-State Band Festival in the fall. Although the band didn't participate in the usual number of out-of-town events they provided entertainment and music at the football games and local parades.

Organizing their equipment for the Tri-State Band Festival, are three senior bandsmen, Joanne Cummings, Karen Anderson, and Lorna Forrest.

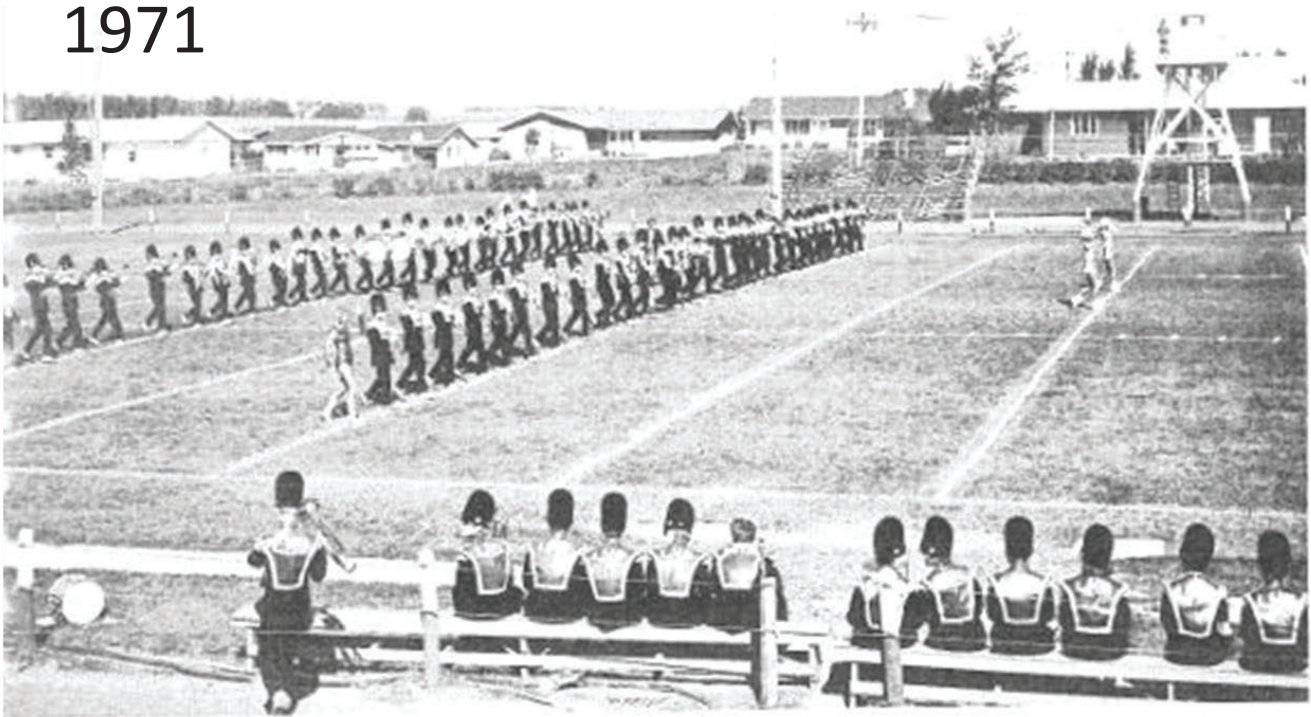


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# 1971



As the show band goes through its halftime show, the football players and the substitutes watch from the sidelines in their uniforms.

### *Hard work is rewarded*

Jim and John help load the bus before a band trip.



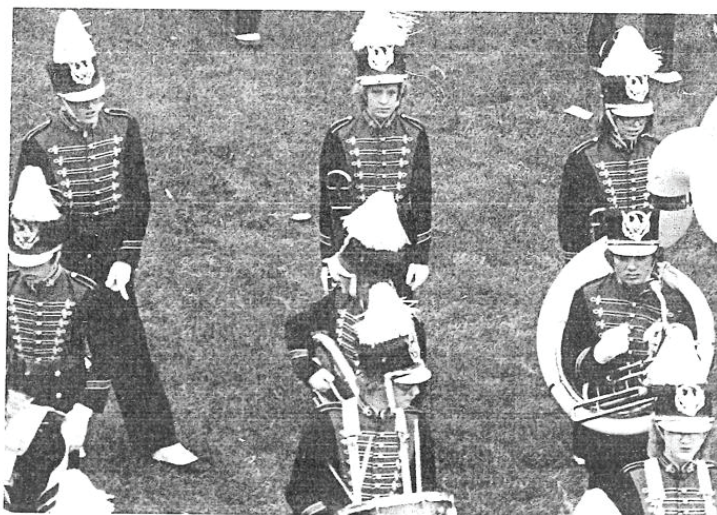
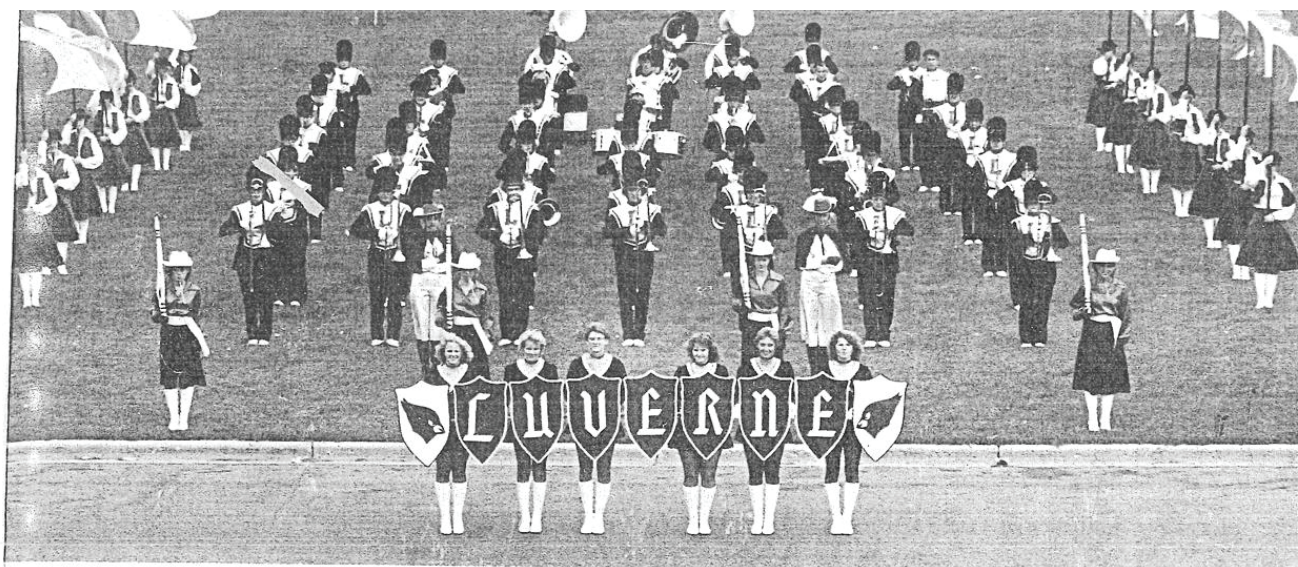
Luverne was awakened by drums pounding, brass blaring, and the screaming of Mr. Haugen at 7 o'clock, three mornings a week last summer. Perfection of the military style, a dignified walk, was the outcome of all the commotion.

The State VFW Convention in St. Paul on July 3 and 4 was the first appearance after the hard practice. Nerves were tense during the 35-minute military inspection by a VFW Sergeant. Not a member was allowed to move and uniforms and instruments were checked down to a scratch, a wrinkle, a smudge, or a blade of grass. With stiff knees and somber faces, the band performing on a baseball field with no definite yardlines, captured second place. Luverne was applauded time and again during the parade where VFW officials awarded them first place over tough competition.

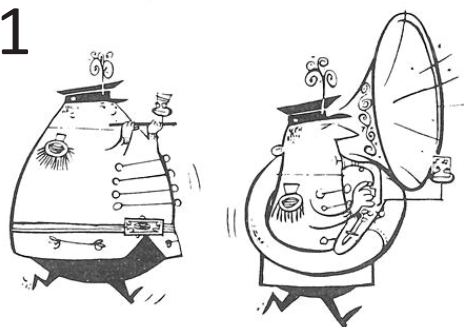
Football half-time shows this fall featured military marching and the more familiar high step. Marching in the Augustana Viking Homecoming parade and entertaining the fans during half-time of the Worthington Junior College Homecoming game were honors received in recognition of last summer's hard work.

Closing a strenuous season, Luverne hosted another well-managed and well-received band festival on a windy and cool day in late September.





1981



1. Luverne Cardinal Marching Band. 2. Majorettes Amy Knoll and Sherril Ireland. 3. Jr. High members wait to perform.

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festival, the Committee coordinated a special marching band clinic for the Luverne band with three clinicians.

After a full morning of small group drills, the band came together for a full-three hour guided practice session with the clinicians

culminating in a field performance for 250 invited guests at 3:30 pm at Cardinal Field.

The Tri-State Committee was honored to receive the generous support by businesses, organizations and institutions in the Luverne community to make this special

training event possible and uphold the mission of Tri-State: To provide the opportunity for high school marching bands to learn, develop and showcase their marching skills through guidance and evaluation by certified marching band professionals.



1991

# BAND IMPRESSIONS



1. LHS Tri-State '92 2. Sexy sax. 3. Flag corp striking a winning pose. 4. Percussion. 5. Mr. Nelson 6. Mrs. Goheen. 7. Trombones. 8. Flutes.

# Reunions in the Making



## **LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOL ALL SCHOOL REUNION**



**RESCHEDULED TO: July 14-17, 2022**

**The All School Reunion Committee made the difficult decision to postpone the All-School Reunion for a year.**

**Everyone has a better understanding of this virus and we have realized that it is probably going to be later than sooner when a vaccine will be available to the general public.**

**The Committee feels that the only responsible decision is to reschedule the reunion until 2022.**

**The Committee's primary concern is to insure that all Alumni and Friends have a healthy and safe experience!**

**Now...anticipation will build and we can look forward to the best reunion ever celebrating the remodeled, renovated and renewed  
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOL!**



**Go Cards! Be Safe! Be Well!**

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