



The Doggone News

The Iconic Yellow School Bus

The back of the bus bumps up and down, Up and down, up and down. The back of the bus bumps up and down all morning

The iconic yellow school bus

The school bus has been around since the mid-1880s when they were horse drawn and known as school hacks. It was in the 1920s they were enclosed with glass windows. In 1939, the industry standardization of school buses was required by the federal safety standards. Yellow became the designated color, and it even has its own name: National School Bus Glossy Yellow.

The school bus program began after the consolidation of rural and village territory that previously served on a tuition basis at the high school and included the Merrill school district. The old Le Mars independent district of 4 square miles was altered to create a new district of 256 square miles on July 1, 1958. The enlargement of the district meant the school would need to provide the means for students to get to school on a daily basis. Prior to the consolidation, tuition students either had to provide their own transportation to and from school or board in town with a family.

In the mid-1970s there were 25 bus routes compared with today's 20. There was only one town route at that time and today the school

runs two city routes. The school has an agreement with Gehlen Catholic to help transport their students, whether country or town.

School bus drivers are committed to their job

Hundreds of dedicated bus drivers, both men and women, have risen early and stayed late



Gary Herman standing in front of the 'tiny' school bus.

Photo by Carolyn Vance

to chaffer students back and forth to school as well as away extra-curricular events.

One would think to be a bus driver you would only need to have your CDL (Commercial Driver's License). Not anymore. Yes, you need your CDL, but a bus driver candidate must attend a three-hour new driver STOP class

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The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round. The wheels on the bus go round and round all morning long.

The wipers of the bus go side to side, side to side, side to side. The wipers of the bus go side to side all morning long. Side to side, up and

down, round and round. The doors of the bus fold in and out, in and out, in and out. The doors of the bus fold in and out all morning long.

Alumni Association Celebrates 20 years

What began as a small group of interested alumni back in March 1993 has grown over the past 20 years. In 1992, the LCSD Foundation was formed and with it the idea for a separate Alumni Association. It wasn't until early 1993 the alumni group held its first meeting on March 24. Carter Pitts, '47, wrote and presented the first Alumni Association by-laws. Barb Kock Powell, '67, volunteered to begin a database of alumni and the group began taking memberships. A database was designed by Aaron Vance, '94, along with the first website in 1996.

Cris Collins, '78, was the first alumni board president, serving for 1 1/2 years when Gary Mennen, '66, became president. Current board president is Sandy Frerichs Downing, '76.

Growth through subscribed memberships was the plan with the goals being to:

1. Gather and coordinate support from alumni, teachers, administrators, staff and other individuals interested in renewing and enjoying Le Mars Community School District experiences and association.
2. Communicate with members by publishing a quarterly newsletter.
3. Develop and maintain a membership listing of individuals who attended LCS.
4. Provide a centralized point to receive information and activities of interest to members.
5. To develop other purposes as directed by the board of directors.

1995 was the first year the Association began giving scholarships to LCHS seniors. In 2001, following the Decades

of Excellence 2000 All-School Reunion, the Decades of Excellence scholarship of \$500 was given. The first Barbara Kock Powell Trust Scholarship was issued in 2005.

All-School Reunions have been held in 2000 and 2010. Bringing back all the classes at once is a special time for alumni to catch up with those they knew from other years. Romances have also blossomed from them.

Other changes came in 2004. The Alumni Association moved into an office at the Plymouth County Historical Museum (Dr. Harvey Kluckhohn's old office on the second floor) for more community visibility. Barb Powell stepped down as membership director for health reasons and Carolyn Swenson Vance took over those duties.

It is only fitting that this year, 2013, another "first" begins with the Distinguished Alumni Award. The tradition of educational Excellence in the district has shaped thousands of exceptional alumni. From inventors, scientists, medical doctors, writers, statesman, community volunteers, artists, pastors and missionaries, family enrichers, and the list goes on of those who have gone out into the world, helped shape it and left their mark. They are all role models to our young people. The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented at the April Foundation Banquet.

The Alumni Association would not be what it has become without the support of hundreds of alumni throughout the years. To them we say, "Thank you! It wouldn't be what it is today without YOU."

To the generation of the '80s, '90s and '00s – WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT THROUGH MEMBERSHIP! Face to face's rock more than just twittering and Facebooking!



**years—my,
it goes fast
when we're
having fun!**



PFAFFLE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The LCSD Alumni Association is pleased to announce an addition to our scholarship program. The Pfaffle family has instituted a scholarship for \$500 starting this year for graduating LCS seniors.

Tom Pfaffle passed away on Christmas Day 2012. It was his wish, along with his brother Chuck and sister Joan Larson to begin a Pfaffle Family Scholarship to be given through the Alumni Association. They are committed to the perpetuity of the family scholarship. Along with the requirements for the Alumni Association scholarships, the **Pfaffle Family Scholarship** is to be available for an academically deserving student with athletic ability pursuing a career in teaching and/or coaching.

Anyone may continue to give donations towards this scholarship in memory of Tom.

LCSD Alumni Association Statement of Purpose



Mailbox

It's our 20th Year! The Alumni Association Statement of Purpose

A – To gather and coordinate support from alumni, teachers, administrators, staff, and other individuals interested in renewing and enjoying Le Mars Community School District experiences and association.

B – To communicate with members by publishing a quarterly newsletter.

C – To develop and maintain a membership mailing list of individuals who attended LCS, its predecessors, all school districts organized, with the LCSD, teachers, administrators, support staff, and other interested individuals.

D – To provide a centralized point to receive information and activities of interest to members.

E – To develop other purposes as directed by the board of directors.

The Alumni Association wishes to thank Peggy Wilken for the Memorial money in memory of Ken Cronin, Class of 1950.

Carolyn Vance

LCSD Alumni Association

Wanted: 1926, 1927, and 1928 LCS annuals. Sarah Jane Strong Voas, 1958, is in search of her mother's years. Sarah's copies were destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. If you have one of these years and would like to part with it, she is willing to pay \$200 per annual. You may reach her at (228) 388-1429 (Mississippi number).

Note: the alumni office does not have extra copies of those years.

Alumni Scholarships

The Alumni Association will again be giving three \$500 Alumni Association scholarships, one \$500 Decades of Excellence Scholarship, one \$250 Barbara Kock Powell Endowment Scholarship, plus one \$500 Pfaffle Family Scholarship and a \$250 Memorial Scholarship. The Memorial Scholarship is from funds given in memory of Esther Oloff, Esther Von Hagel, James Grahlman, Class of 1957, Ron Charlson, Kenneth Brown, Bob Lancaster and Dave Hawkins.

Scholarship deadline is Friday, April 12

Wedding Bells

- Travis Hawkins, 2001** – Kaylene Vieselmeyer; 6/30/12
- Danelle Hoey Molzen, 1977** – James Bolton; 8/18/12
- Megan Martfeld, 2008** – **Corey Arens, 2008**; 9/8/12
- Dawn Davison, 1991** - Kevin De Rocher; 9/15/12
- Tim De Boer, 1970** – Peggy Todd; 9/15/12
- Jared Penne, 2005** - Jacqui Wells; 9/15/12
- Joshua Larsen, 1998** – Jessica Gerlach; 10/6/12
- Sara Brechler, 2005** – Jesse Anthony; 10/6/12
- Chris Hill, 1995** – Tanya Imming; 11/11/12
- Kelsey Bauerly, 2006** – Robb Langel; 11/20/12
- Richard Schroeder, 1999** – Talayah Rezayat; 12/10/12
- Andy Clausen, 2001** - Amanda Feris; 1/5/13
- Caprah Nelson, 2010** – **Kurt Hoss, 2008**; 2/1/13
- Maren Van De Water, 1998** – Adam Bartasis; 3/8/13
- Sarah Cretken, 2006** - Jared Langel; 3/9/13
- Kyle Regan, 2003** – Susan Hiler; 4/30/13
- Laura Henrich, 1998** - Mathias Lux; 5/3/13
- Jenelle Michaelson, 2008** – **Caleb Van Otterloo, 2007**; 6/13
- Brooke De Lashmutt, 2004** – **John Hassenias, 2003**; 6/15/13

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Remember:

- To send to the LCSD Alumni Association:
- Name and address changes
- Reunion dates
- Alumni accomplishments
- Newsletter ideas, pictures
- Death information

Mail to: LCSD Alumni Association, 335 1st Ave SW, Le Mars, IA 51031

Or Email: lemarsalumni@hotmail.com



Tidbits

Several alumni will be appearing on the Postal Playhouse stage in "Arsenic and Old Lace." **Rob Bixenman, 1991; Larry Brangwin, 1969; and Jill Schipper Martin, 1999.**

John Hutchins, 1979, and his wife Pam, owners of Red's Printing Co. in Le Mars are the recipients of the Chamber's Boss of the Quarter for the first quarter in 2013. They have owned the company since late 1984 when they purchased it from John's dad. They print everything from business cards to books to banners, signs and decals. In the past five to seven years their business has gone from a mechanically offset printing type business to a digital printing business. Congratulations!

Christy Denny Weed, 1977, was honored at the 2013 Le Mars Chamber Dinner for the January 2012 employee of the month. She had worked at Brentwood Good Samaritan for many years in the laundry and housekeeping departments. She now owns and operates FryDaze Restaurant in Le Mars with her daughter, **Shannon Weed Wiltgen, 2001**.

Greta Johnson, 2006, was appointed to the Iowa Board of Regents in 2008 as a student member by former Gov. Chet Culver. She stepped down this past November to begin a new field of endeavor at Iowa State University as the special projects assistant for government relations. She is just one of many of her family who graduated from Iowa State. While a student at LCHS she served as a legislative page during Ralph Klemme's years in the legislature. She would later have a Congressional internship in Washington. Her graduate degree in leisure, youth and human services has also provided her with many experiences. The program involved assignments in the Marshall Islands, Germany, Okinawa and Japan. In her new position she is excited to share with others the benefits coming from Iowa's state colleges and universities.

Greta is the granddaughter of **Norm (1939)** and Ruth Barker, and daughter of **Joann (1973)** and Carl Johnson.

LCHS Hallway News

Following up the Trades and Industries DMACC Auto Skills contest with the hands-on portion, **seniors Nick Rolfes and Lucas Miller** placed seventh in the yearly competition. They received numerous tools and supplies donated by the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association.

Congratulations to the **LCHS Crimson and Black show choir** for receiving the most votes for favorite show choir on KSUX and winning \$1,000. This was part of the Pioneer Bank and KSUX Be True to Your School Show Choir Contest.

In October 2012, **eleven LCHS students** competed at the Space Satellite Design Competition in Houston, Texas. This was the first time LCHS students travelled to the NASA competition in the fall rather than the spring. The students mission was to work with NASA engineers to

design a hypothetical space colony orbiting the moon to serve 5,000 people living in orbit. Three students were on the winning team and will find out this spring if they return for the international competition.

Senior **Chris Hiserote** claimed second place in the 195-pound weight class to advance to the State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines. **Shane Hessenius, 1998**, is LCS wrestling coach.

Both the **boys and girls bowling teams took first place** in the state qualifying bowling tournament at Sweet 16 Lanes in Le Mars. The girls' team qualified with a total 2,373 points and the boys qualified with 2,706 points. They are both number one in the district with state qualifying scores. Coach **Deb Schroeder Swift, 1975**, was proud of the way her teams bowled at the meet.

Five LCS students competed in the Ames Lab/ISU Science Bowl held at Iowa State University. They were among 40 teams from across Iowa. Seniors **Morgan Dodson and Zach Kooistra** and juniors **Jarod Ernst, Joel Haden and AJ Schoeder** finished the morning rounds with a 2-2-1 record but were unable to advance in the afternoon rounds. This is part of the LCS 6-12 Challenge Program taught by Jeanne Rust.

Also taught by Jeanne Rust are the students involved in Quiz Bowl. Competing this year in the KCAU Quiz Bowl Tournament are **Kelsey Clay, Morgan Dodson, Mitchel Morehead, AJ Schroeder and alternate, Jarod Ernst**.

For the 12th year the **LCS board of education** has been recognized with the Iowa Association of School Boards Better Boardmanship Award of Achievement. To receive the Team Award of Achievement a majority of the school board members must earn the individual Award of Achievement. Individually the majority of the LCS board earned the Achievement Award through 75 credits of formal learning as well as leadership and service in their role as board members. According to the Iowa Association of School Boards, no other board has earned the award more than 10 years in a row. Congratulations!

The school year is not over yet at LCS but it wasn't too early for the school board to decide on the 2013-14 start date: Aug. 22 and ends May 22, 2014. The majority of the school staff favored these dates. My how the years go by.

2013 senior Rebecca Luksan won the \$500 first place scholarship at the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association Major Landers Scholarship audition. She will continue on to the state level auditions in May for a chance to earn a scholarship from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Rebecca's major instrument is percussion and she played the marimba for her audition. She plans to attend Iowa State University after graduation.

This scholarship is named after Clarinda native, Major George Landers who is known as the father of the Iowa Band Law. Passed in 1924, it allowed a city to levy a tax for the support of a city band. By the end of the 1930s, there were 265 communities who had this tax, which in turn helped the school band flourish.

Bulldog Stands Proud

The family of **Dave Hawkins**, 1956, was recognized for donating the LCS Bulldog statue outside the new gymnasium at a recent basketball game. The donation was in his memory. While in high school, Dave was active in basketball and track as well as FFA President from 1954 to 1956. The Student Council raised the money for the brick platform for the bulldog, and Curt Buss, 1978, of Curt Buss Masonry, donated his time to build it. Dave's wife (Judy Denniston, 1961) and daughters (Tammy Popken, 1986; Bonnie Klein, 1981; Roma Lancaster, 1982) were present during the presentation. The plaque on the brick base reads of these dedications.



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annually, as well as other necessary qualifications, training and tests.

Carol Vander Loo has been driving bus at LCS the longest, and many other faces have been chauffeuring students for years. In terms of age, Jim Heeren, 1980, is the youngest bus driver and Ray Whitmore is the oldest.

"Le Mars has been very fortunate to not have had any serious accidents," said Superintendent of Transportation Gary Herman, 1971. Gary has worked in the transportation area at LCS since 1974 when he started as a mechanic and driver. He became superintendent in 1992 when Ken Klave, 1948, retired.

"We strive to have capable and diligent drivers using equipment that is maintained properly and being able to drive in all weather conditions," Gary continued.

Mechanical changes over the decades

There have been many changes to buses over the decades. No power steering, manual transmissions and manually operated Stop signs were the norm for many years. In the late-1990s standard transmissions were introduced as well as power steering. Now with the touch of a button the flashing lights go on, the Stop sign swings out as well as the yellow guard across the bottom front of the bus. A sensory alarm even goes off to prevent children being left on unattended buses overnight.

The importance of fuel efficiency in today's economy has not left school buses behind. Years ago buses ran on gasoline, but today Le Mars Community buses run on diesel for better fuel efficiency. When asked about the fuel budget for the transportation department, Gary shared the

year budget is \$135,000, but to date only \$39,800 has been spent. That includes all the buses as well as support vehicles and vans.

The tiny bus!

Just a few years ago and before all-day kindergarten, one would see school station wagons transporting the kindergarteners to and from school as well as preschool students. Today, Le Mars Community leases a small bus from Mid-Sioux Opportunity to bus the Head Start children as well as the preschool children at Community. The state reimburses the school to transport the Head Start students.

What are your memories of riding the Yellow Bus: Going to games, contests, back and forth to school, or maybe you have never had the privilege of riding a school bus?

The wheels of the bus go round and round . . .



End of day bus loading time at Clark School.

Photo by Carolyn Vance

Reunions, pics from 2012

Photos contributed

Class of 1967 45th Class Reunion June 2012

Front: Karen (Tschampel) Harrington, Mary (Woodke) Killean, Larry Douppnik and Terry Utesch.
 Second: Kathy (Weidauer) Hostetler, Karol (Brunkhorst) Holton, Dena (Hurd) Wooster, Anne (Truesdell) Dirks, Linda (Kehrberg) Smith, Ruth (Hoorne) Rann, Darliss Berkenpas and Rosalie (Van Gelder) Giesen.
 Third: Kent Brown, Mary Lamoureux, Charlotte (Linafelter) Morton, Rich Husman, Dennis Smith, Joyce (Schmidt) Brownmiller
 Last: Gary Scott, David Dirks, Wayne Schuette, Bill Roseberry, Dennis Reichling and Doug Prewitt.



Class of 1967 watching the Ice Cream Days Parade:

Larry Douppnik, Myron Rozell, Bill Roseberry and Randy Phelan.
 Dennis and Linda Kehrberg Smith, Dennis Reichling and David Dirks.
 Rosalie (Van Gelder) Giesen, Kathy (Weidauer) Hostetler, Dena (Hurd) Wooster,
 Kathy (Bogenrief) Moore, Karen (Tschampel) Harrington and Anne (Truesdell) Dirks.



In the afternoon the Class of 1967 met at the Ice Cream Parlor. Christine (White) Heavican (in yellow) was able to be in LeMar for a short time, so that was the reason for the get-together. Carol (Asslen) Ping was also able to attend the get-together in the afternoon



Class of 1992

Front Row Left to Right
 Nikki (Anstine) Hoss, Jennifer (Singer) Poeckes and Robin (Schultz) Jongerius; Middle Row: Nick Hoss, Ann (Beitelspacher) Drew, Audra Harrington, Heather (DeBoer) Hinkel, Patty (Kindwall) Kann and Janet (Cole) Proctor; Back Row: Brent Utesch.

Those attended but not pictured:
 Beth (Kolling) Collins, Dennis Cunningham, Brian Orban, Angie (Dreckman) Schilmoeller, Cindy (Witter) Kovacs, Chad Vollmecke, Amy (Wielenga) Hicks, Jodi (Loers) Green, Nicole (Majeres) Straton and Dustin Tschampel.

Classes making reunion plans or class get-togethers, please let the Alumni office know so we can put them in upcoming newsletters and on the alumni website.



2013 Reunions:

Class of 1953 is planning their 60th reunion with all the details in the next newsletter.

LHS **Class of 1958** will celebrate 55 years this summer. On Friday, June 21, 2013, at 4 p.m. everyone is welcome to meet in the restaurant/bar area of Willow Creek Golf Course for socializing and snacks. Dinner is at Archie's at 5 p.m. followed at 7:15 p.m. at Old Central for coffee and goodies and more connecting. Kay Allen and Kathleen Kruse are the contacts.

The **Class of 1963** will be celebrating its 50th reunion, Sept. 20-21, 2013. The organizers are mailing a letter with all the details. Class of 1963 – mark your calendars now – Sept. 20-21.

The **Class of 1968** will not be holding a reunion this year but is waiting to celebrate its 50th reunion in 2018.

The **Class of 1973** is in the initial planning stages for their 40th reunion. Watch for the details in upcoming newsletters as well as the alumni website.

The 30th Reunion of the **Class of 1983** is in the planning stages. More details will be available in the Spring newsletter as well as the alumni website, lemarsalumni.org.

The **Class of 1988** is planning to meet at Mr. P's at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2013, to celebrate its 25th reunion.

The 10 year celebration for the **Class of 2003** is in the planning stage. Information will be available soon.

ONGOING CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

Class of 1952 gets together from April through October for lunch at different locations. The Picture on the right was taken at a summer gathering.

LHS 56'ers monthly lunch get-together changed their lunch location to Doosky's Pizza and Patio, 1116 Starview Drive in Hinton.

They meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome, and no reservations are required Following their reunion in 2006, they have continue to get together monthly because of the fun time they have together and to keep up those renewed friendships.

LHS Class of 1961 – meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Family Table Restaurant in Le Mars at 12:30



"I GREW UP IN LE MARS"

2013 SUMMER GET-TOGETHER

The Facebook group, *I Grew Up in Le Mars Memories* will be having a get-together on **Saturday, June 15, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Old Central Gym.**

Le Mars Ice Cream Days and Well's Enterprises 100th Anniversary Celebration is that weekend so there will be many activities for everyone. If you plan on coming home to Le Mars, that weekend would be a great one to consider.

Currently the Facebook site has 1,335 members from around the world. Please indicate on the Facebook page if you are coming. Numbers of attendees are needed for refreshments and the planners!

Not a member of the Facebook group "I Grew Up in Le Mars, IA (Memories)? It's an open group and easy to sign on. When you get to the page, just click on the 'join group' button on the right side of the page.

Employees of the Month/Foundation News



Arlene Urban was the December employee of the month. She has been with the school district for the past 36 years and works at the Education Center building in the computer/print shop. Arlene was nominated by Gale Horan because Arlene is instrumental to every teacher/staff member being a great employee. "She is responsible for us having all our classroom materials printed-laminated-collated-punched-stapled-bound, and in a timely manner that allows us to be out best. She is organized and helps us to be organized as well. I don't know how she got everything done for us during the year, to say nothing about the summer crunch. "She helps make books for students, booklets for the different buildings whether it is for registration, or stats for organizations. She is responsible for many of the programs for extra-curricular events. She always greets us with a smile if we have something last minute or special to get done. I know that Arlene and her great work are appreciated by many at all levels of education whether it be preschool or high school."

Gale stated that she personally appreciates everything that Arlene does to help her do her best in her classroom.

Judy Zeka, teacher in the high school English/Language Arts department was nominated as the January 2013 employee of the month by Doug Martin and Mark Zeka. Judy has taught for the past 11 years, three months in the high school, plus three years as a substitute teacher.

Doug and Mark wrote, "she is responsible to teaching skills to students such as sentence structure, punctuation and vocabulary. She assists the freshman in the transition between middle school and high school by instructing them about high school handbook policies and other information that will allow them to be successful in their high school careers and adjust to the high school routine.

"While receiving a mix of all learners, Judy successfully accommodates their various needs. She is very successful at differentiating her lessons so that all levels of students are successful in her class.

"She promotes citizenship and involves the students by helping organize and lead the Support Siouxland Soldiers food drive at LCHS. The school has raised over \$800 and collected several thousand items that are donated to both deployed military personnel and veterans to help improve their deployment time or way of life after their service is done."



Bruce Ludwig was surprised to be the February employee of the Month. He has been the media/tech director of the school district since 1999. Spanish teacher Gale Horan nominated him and has this to say, "Bruce has done an amazing job of keeping us technologically advanced during a time in which it is difficult to keep up with all the changes and advances that continually happen. He, along with Mark Walz, keep our computers working well and upgrades when needed. He is able to fix most anything and very quickly. He helps us to be able to broadcast events over closed circuit such as for graduation. He is as accommodating as budget allows in helping us to be able to provide the best resources for our students. He also makes sure that Powerschool, the Internet and our server are functioning to the best of their ability. He keeps our webpage up to date so we may have the best digital foot forward on the Web. Our job as educators would be much more difficult if it were not for all the Tech Department does for us.

Decades of Excellence Crystal Bell Award

The annual LCSD Foundation banquet will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2013 in the lower level of the Le Mars Convention Center at 6:30 p.m. Nominations for the Decades of Excellence Crystal Bell Award are due to the Superintendent's office by March 8, 2013. Forms are available at the principal's office of each school as well as the superintendent's office. Tickets are available at the superintendent's office during school hours.

The Foundation banquet is an annual dinner that recognizes the 25-year employees of the school district, seniors in the top 5 percent, employees of the month and the Decades of Excellence Crystal Bell Award. This year will have the addition of the LCSD Distinguished Alumni Award.

The Decades of Excellence Crystal Bell Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award are joint awards given by the LCSD Alumni Association and the LCSD Foundation. It has been awarded every year since 1996.

Membership Report by Carolyn Vance

The Alumni Association currently has 412 members.

Don't forget:

- ✓ Membership and gifts are tax deductible as we have our 501(c)3 status.
- ✓ A gift of a membership to a classmate or sibling is always appreciated.
- ✓ A membership shows your Bulldog pride!

Membership

\$500 Big Red Booster

1957 Irene (Reece) Cramer

\$250 Bulldog Membership

1956 Tom Pfaffle
1960 Rachel Vander Stoep

\$125 Red & Black Membership

1956 Rachel (Rigdon) Smith
1962 Tom Hoffman
1981 Harry Bader

\$50 Bark Membership

1935 Helen (Kern) Kale
1936 Robert Johns
1942 Ruth (Kluckhohn) Eckles
Jean (Smaltz) Hulbert
1947 Amelia (Dolieslager) Hodges
Charles Kramer
Alice (Wieggers) Lee
John Smaltz
1950 Robert Becker
Cletus Reeves
1951 Joanne (Hinde) Mortensen
Edwin Mulder
1952 Doug McDougall
1953 Melvin Brown
1954 Kay Kramer
1955 Heinz Wilms
1957 Walter Clark
1958 Fred Fick
Nancy (Kramer) Graham
Joanne (Mammen) North
David Pecks
Charles Pfaffle
1959 Jack Cowan
Jim Mead
1960 Dennis Johnson
Doug Nanninga
1961 Gerald Hartman
Darrell Coppock
1962 Dennis McDougall
Norman Siders
1963 Dean Johansen
Sandy (Sitzman) Johansen
Carol (Schulz) Malloy

Carol (Van De Water) Siders
1965 Jim Engelbrecht
1966 Nancy Powell
1967 Christine (White) Heavican
1968 James Huckle
1969 Becky (Jimenez) Stovall
1970 Wayne Beitelspacher
Claudia (Jimenez) Jarecki-Dugan
1972 Ann Bolser
1974 Patty Freking
Christopher Lindell
Kristy Pecks
1980 Tim Pick
1983 Debra (Renken) Ahlers
1998 Quinn Collins

\$30 Kennel Kaper Membership

1940 Lloys Jeanne (Reichert) Brown
Evelyn (Truesdell) Dack
Wayne Dack
Ben Krull
Lorraine (Schiltz) Mohan
Margaret (Kock) Pecks
1941 James McDougall
1943 Lorraine (Donlin) Becker
Juanita (Schultz) Posey
1944 Lavonne (Haack) Tonsfeldt
1945 Margaret (Laux) Adler
Naomi (Schmidt) Viez
Ardith (Amundson) Whittle
1946 Lois (Harnack) Allen
Richard Schultz
Harold Wiebke
1947 Bill Condon
Lorvan Hawkins
Glada (Reichert) Koerselman
Bernard Nipp
Les von Hagel
Valjean (Wilhelmi) Wiebke
1948 James Conway
Wendell Downing
Gail (Crowley) Hemphill
Carol (Kramer) Johnson
Larry Petersen
1949 Jerry (Bogen) Berg
Merna (Hansen) Smith
1950 Richard Geary
Don Greenwaldt
1951 Jack Conway
Arlene (Eberhard) Maxwell
Doris (Kennedy) Moritz
1952 Carolyn (Eyres) Adcock
Pat (McFarland) Pratt
1953 Earl Albert
Alta Mae (Siders) Baack
John Baack
Dale Eberhard
Larry Kramer
Ed Utesch
1954 Marilyn (Kloster) Bayles
Terry Danne
Myrna (Kloster) Olsen
1955 Gilbert Cass
Dave Gunther
Robert J Hartman
Robert Lang
Marvin Urban
Dean Vander Well
Jo Ann (Thompson) Wer

1956 Mona Bomgaars
Arlyn Cunningham
Joyce (Stusse) Hutton
Karen (Thompson) Johnson
Norma Kehrberg
Shirley (Ahrendt) Lang
Linda (Luksan) Nygard
Joan (Wulf) Roepke
Judy (Schelin) Schindel
1957 Rich Brouillette
Jerry Johnson
Sharon (Eyres) Jones
Janice (Plueger) Smith
1958 Sarah Jane (Strong) Voas
1960 Carolyn (Ebrecht) Cline
Rose (Pasquale) Heeren
Gerald Kaiser
1961 Robert Bomgaars
Don Herman
Nick McDougall
Dennis Nielsen
Allen Schmid
1962 Richard Borchers
Carol (Pecks) Graves
Laura (Hagar) Hall
Mary Ann (Anderson) Hartman
Mary (Thompson) Kercher
1963 Robert Pecks
1964 Donna Kock
1965 Virginia (Van Wyhe) Edgar
Linda (Meseck) Lewis
Duane Popken
Bill Stover
1968 Shirley Kaiser
Chuck Niehus
Sharon (Beitelspacher) Popken
Kirk Truesdell
1970 Delwyn Lassen
Gene Nussbaum
Bonnie (Utesch) Rasmussen
1971 Debbie (Bornhorst) Bloomer
1972 Connie (Kock) DeKoter
1974 Jim Barker
1975 Sandra (Beitelspacher) Miller
Chris (Schuster) Robison
Mary (Haley) Sacquitne
1976 Beth (Bonderson) Gann
Becky (Meseck) Harmon
Darwin Lubben
Lisa (Lancaster) Shunkwiler
1980 Jeff Hawkins
1982 Bruce Hawkins
1987 Eric Tammes
1999 Kari (Beitelspacher) Kopperud
X M Janice (Becker) Albert
T Joe Brice
T Roy Messerole

New Members

1948 Dolores Deegan Pytko
1952 Carolyn (Eyres) Adcock
1962 Richard Borchers
Laura (Hagar) Hall

Memorials

In Memory of
Ken Cronin, 1950 from Peggy Wilken



We Remember

1930's

1934; Mildred Bogh Dorr, 94, of Wilmette, Ill., passed away

peacefully at her home on Friday, Dec. 7, 2012. She worked for the law firm of Roseberry and Pitts from 1934 to 1943. She married alum, Robert Dorr, '35, whose career in the Boy Scouts led them to live in many communities across the United States. They were a team. She was active in PEO wherever they lived, serving as president in more than one state. She will be remembered by many for her thoughtful, caring notes and cards.

1936; Robert "Bob" Johns, 93, of Mount Prospect, Ill., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012, at his home. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Kraft Foods as a production manager in the bulk cheese division before his retirement. He loved to play the trumpet and continued to do so until his death. He was an original member with the "Sound of the Big Bands" and a former principal trumpet player with the Mount Prospect Community Band. He also played with the New Horizon Band and the North Shore Senior Stompers. He was a big supporter of the Alumni Association and was a member since its beginning.

1939; Mildred Sitzmann Gengler Hoss, 92, of Le Mars, passed away Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at Floyd Valley Hospital surrounded by her family. She taught for five years in rural Plymouth County schools. She enjoyed camping with family and friends, playing pinochle and crocheting. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Christian Mothers and a 50-year member of Catholic Daughters of America. She was also a member of Catholic Ladies Club where she held the office of secretary for many years.

1940's

1942; Charles Van Sickle, 87, of Sac City, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, at Loring Hospital in Sac City. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war he worked at the Central Telephone Co. in Belmond. He retired from Central in 1977 as the Central Office Equipment supervisor. He was active in his community as a member of Hy-Noon Kiwanis, Lodge Master with

the Masonic Lodge and an active member of the United Methodist Church

in Sac City. He served in the Peace Corps from 1982 to 1985 and did mission work in Frakes, Kentucky and the Fiji Islands with his wife. He enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family.

1943; Elton Carey, 87, of Fullerton, Calif., died peacefully in his sleep at his home on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013. He served in the U.S. Army in the 102nd Infantry during World War II, landing in France nine months after D-Day. After college he was a chemical engineer for Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati. In 1967, he joined Hunt Wesson Foods in California and responsible for vegetable oil process development. A procedure he developed resulted in a significant patent eliminating trans-fats prior to trans-fats being acknowledged as a health hazard. Elton was active as an elder in the church, sang in the Orange Empire Barbershop Chorus, Mid Life Crisis quartet, and loved times together with his family.

1944; Betty Sanow Becker, 87, of Le Mars, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012, at her home. She was active in the Presbyterian United Church of Christ as an ordained Deacon, Sunday school teacher, secretary and treasurer in Evening Guild. She worked for Drs. George and Alvin Mauer for five years. She loved her family, celebrating holidays and birthdays with them and keeping in touch with them. She liked to read and cook. She was married to fellow alum, Robert "Bob" Becker, '39.

1945; James Deegan, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa. He served in the U.S. Army at the ETO Headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. James was a lawyer and spent his entire career at the Civil Aeronautics Board, retiring as the assistant to the vice-chairman of the five-member board. He was an avid traveler, dabbled in crafts, furniture making, loved reading and for many years served as a volunteer bookbinder repairing damaged books at his branch library in Washington, D.C. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion, the John Carroll Society, Knights of Columbus and active at his local parish

1945; Rosella 'Boots' Wilhelmi, 85, of Carmichael, Calif., died Monday, Nov. 19, 2012. She worked for Bell Telephone Co. in Le Mars and transferred to California in 1951, where she retired with Northwestern

Bell Telephone after 35 years in 1985. She enjoyed swimming, bowling, shooting pool, and being with her family and friends.

1946; James Schultz, 84, of Bella Vista, Ark., died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, at Concordia Care Center in Bella Vista. He served in the U.S. Navy until is honorable discharge in 1949. He was married to classmate, Ardythe Kloster. He taught vocational agriculture for a few years before becoming territorial manager for Cargill/Nutrena for more than 25 years, earning recognition as a member of the president's club five times. He was an avid golfer, card player and gardener. He also loved to hunt pheasant and fish. He was a member of United Lutheran Church where he ran the soundboard for services.

1947; James "Coach" Lorenzen, 83, of Le Mars, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013, at the Plymouth Manor Care Center. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Jim taught and coached in Janesville and West Union, Iowa, and for 32 years at LCS, retiring in 1996. In 1986, he was selected Iowa Athletic Director of the Year, and in 1994, he was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. The high school football field was renamed to honor Jim in 1994 and is now called Lorenzen Field. He was an active member of United Methodist Church of Le Mars.

1950's

1950; Kenneth Cronin, 80, of Le Mars, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Society in Le Mars. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 until his honorable discharge in 1956. He worked for the United States Postal Service for more than 30 years, retiring in 1990. During his retirement years he drove bus for LCS for nine years before retiring in 1999. He enjoyed caring for his home and yard, woodworking, and traveling with his wife, Kathleen Asseln Cronin, '55. He was a longtime member of St. James Catholic Church.

1956; Thomas Pfaffle, 74, of Placentia, Calif., died of myelofibrois, a bone marrow disease, in his home on Dec. 25, 2012. He loved to participate in sports, and excelled in track, baseball and basketball. While playing Jr. Legion baseball at age 16 he was offered a contract to play pro-ball with the St. Louis Cardinals. He taught and coached for more than 32 years, two years in North Dakota and 30 in the Basset Unified School District in California. In his retirement he enjoyed fishing, golf, hunting

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Name _____ (Maiden) _____

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City, State, Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Occupation _____ Email Address _____

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and traveling.

1960's

1960; Rachel Hawkins Westhoff, 70, of Le Mars, passed away suddenly Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at Floyd Valley Hospital in Le Mars. Rachel married fellow classmate, Louis Westhoff. She worked in the middle school cafeteria for more than 20 years. She was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church, active in Dorcas Circle and sang in the adult choir for more than 40 years. She enjoyed quilting projects at the church and assisted with "do-day" for many years. She was involved with Christian Women's Club and led several of the Club's Bible studies. She enjoyed her flowers, raising roses, tulips and African Violets.

1965; Gary Larson, 65, of Remsen, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, after a yearlong battle with AML. He entered the U.S. Army in 1969 and was honorably discharged because he developed diabetes in 1970. He loved farming on the family's century farm, his life's ambition, and tried to use methods that would not harm the environment. He was an active member of Le Mars Bible Church, a 4-H Shooting Sports instructor and member of NRA. He was a master woodworker and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

1968; Linda Miller Bartling, 62, of Tyndall, S.D., died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, at the George Mickelson Human

Services Center in Yankton, S.D. She received her degree as a medical technologist with further education to teach at the college level. Before her retirement due to health she worked as a laboratory manager at Gregory Health Care Center, Gregory, S.D. She loved traveling, working at Custer State Park in the summers and spending the winters at St. George, Utah. She enjoyed fishing, knitting, reading books, and cheering for the Minnesota Vikings and Twins.

1970's

1970; Dennis Lenihan Jr., 61, of Le Mars, passed away suddenly Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at Floyd Valley Hospital in Le Mars. After graduation he went to work for MKT Railroad in Missouri, working for them 11 years. He then became an over the road truck driver for many years until he moved back home to care for his mother after his father's death. He was a longtime member of St. James Catholic Church. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and tinkering with cars.

1975; Richard "Rick" Cronin, 55, of Sioux City, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012, at the Touchstone Living Center in Sioux City. He worked as a computer programmer for an insurance company in Lincoln and late in the mid-1980's moved to the Baltimore, Md., area and continued to work as a programmer in the insurance industry. He returned to Iowa in 2009. He enjoyed traveling, reading, the theater, collecting antiques and family events.

1976; Laura Mullally Klave, 55, of Le Mars, passed away Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, in Le Mars. She married alum,

David Klave, '75. She worked for Town and Country Vet Clinic in Le Mars for a number of years before purchasing the family business, Lally's Eastside Restaurant in 2003, later selling it to her brother Tom in 2009. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church and enjoyed teaching CCD classes. She liked to read, do puzzles, and go shopping with friends and family. Her greatest joy was her family.

1980's

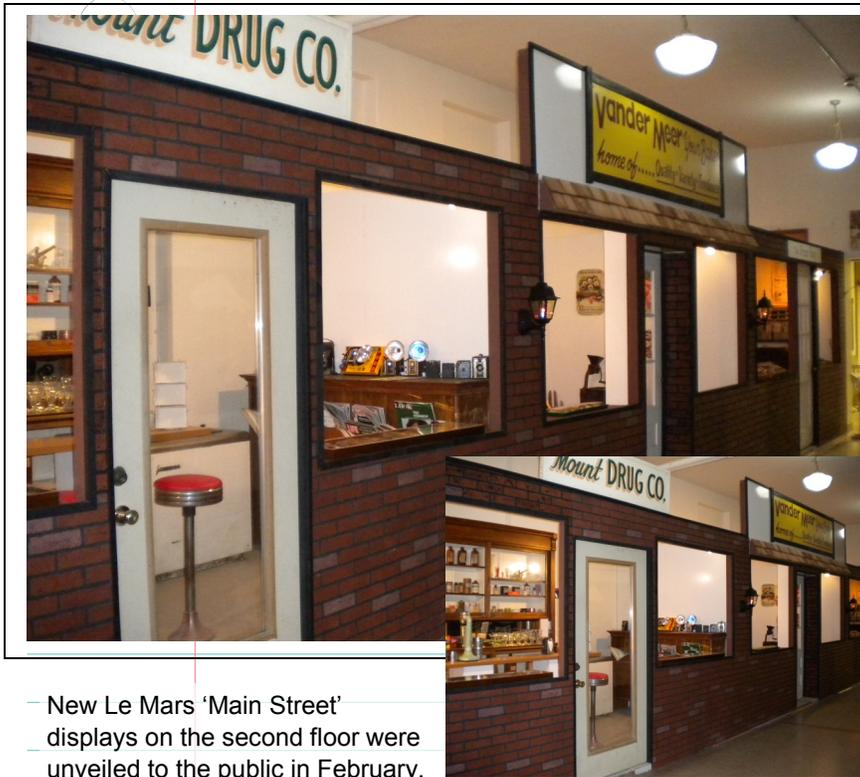
1982; Kevin Robinson, 49, of Valentine, Neb., died in an accident on Nov. 26, 2012. He was a blacksmith, fabrication welder, and he shod horses as well. He loved to transform a simple stock metal into a functional, practical tool or work of art. He had a living faith in the Lord, and he shared that faith whenever the opportunity arose. If there was a need he was there to help.

Other

Attended; Evelyn Bonnema Ludwigs, 92, of Le Mars, passed away Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, at Plymouth Manor Care Center. She was a stay-at-home mom and for a number of years provided childcare in her home. She was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Dorcas Circle. For many years she sewed the baby gowns for the layettes given to missions. She loved to garden, bake, sew and quilt.

Attended; Richard "Dick" Lang, 72, of Le Mars, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, at Plymouth Manor Care Center. Dick was in the drywall business on and off for a number of years. He also worked with Moorman's Feed Company, sales work with Protein Plus Labs and sold real estate. He was an avid Bulldog fan and enjoyed attending all his grandchildren's activities.

Plymouth County Historical Museum New 2nd Floor Displays



- New Le Mars 'Main Street' displays on the second floor were unveiled to the public in February.
- Where once stood rows of lockers now houses Mount Drug Co., Vander Meer Bakery and the Print Shop. Each display has open windows for a peek inside. The right hand picture is the room of Blakeway's Dept. Store, circa 1890's. Not pictured is the KLEM radio room, replicating Ole Olson's office.

Next time you're in Le Mars, stop by the Museum to see all the new displays.

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