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LEEP Is Taking Giant Steps Forward to Support Education at Le Mars Community Schools

By Julie Jones Beitelspacher

What is one of the newest groups actively looking at ways to help teachers and students in the Le Mars Community School District? That would be an industrious group of concerned alumni, parents, teachers, and community members who meet monthly, working on fund-raising ideas that will ultimately benefit the whole educational experience in our school district. What does LEEP stand for? The Le Mars Educational Enhancement Project was formed back in 2009, when some alumni, including Gayle (Albert) Vonk and Julie (Jones) Beitelspacher (both Class of '73), Lorraine (Albert) DeJong (Class of '75), Renae (Luschen) Buss (Class of 79), and many others interested in Le Mars Community. They discussed how our students' education was being affected by cuts in the state funding, and other budget constraints the school district was being faced with. The group looked at creative ways to help pursue academic ex-

cellence for the students, families, and communities within our district. LEEP had officially begun their mission!

The group does not like to officially be called a "Booster Club", but if you were comparing the Music Boosters and the Athletic Boosters, they would compare themselves to an "Academic Booster Club"! Gayle Vonk spear-

headed the group, and their work was begun! The real passion of the group is to ensure that current and future students at Le Mars Community will receive the same wonderful, quality education that alumni in the past have received, and that students will go off to college and into the world, as fully prepared as possible to face the challenges young people are facing today. Vonk and Beitelspacher were classmates in 1973, and both are thankful that their children are alumni, and now their grandchildren will be attending Le Mars Community!

"Our hope is that our children and grandchildren can look back at LCS and be proud of their school, as we still are! We both feel that we received



LEEP's fall fundraiser, 1st Annual MENuMASTERS banner. Date is September 22, 2012 (Homecoming weekend). Photo by Carolyn Vance

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our education from a district that was known for high standards of academics with a cutting-edge curriculum," they stated recently as LEEP hosted the LeMars Chamber of Commerce Coffee at the District Learning Center.

"We hope to fill a void, providing academic tools for students that may be outside of the district's current budget."

How did the group attempt to get started? In October of 2009, LEEP held their first fundraiser, "Taverns for Textbooks" which has become an annual event, using the proceeds to assist in the purchase of textbooks and curriculums at all grade levels. It was a tremendous success thanks to the support of the community, and the first "LEEP-forward" had happened! Since then, LEEP has raised over \$10,000 for textbooks, curriculums, computer programs and educational class trips. In 2010, LEEP saw a need for a social event for middle school-age students, resulting in the annual Middle School dance, which has become a popular night out for our young teens. Monies raised from this annual event have been returned back to the Middle School students and teachers, with the purchase of principal-approved requests. Items such as journals for composition class, and microphones and webcams for the Middle School Academy class to enhance their reading skills have been purchased.

In 2011, LEEP was approached about providing concessions at the Puppy Relays and the 6th grade Relays. They accepted the challenge, and not only did the young track stars get a healthy lunch and beverages, but profits of nearly \$1,000 will be used once again for our students and teachers!! LEEP will provide concessions again this May for those popular events. LEEP has also sold Younkers "Community Days" coupon books and have been applying for grants through local and national companies to assist them in their mission. Any donations from LCHS alumni would be much appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE!! In 2011, an idea came forward for a major fundraiser for LEEP. Thanks to Gayle Vonk, LEEP is now planning an event to be held at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds on September 22, 2012. The "MENUMasters"

event, chaired by Linda (Mohning) Mayrose (Class of '65), and Gayle Vonk & Julie Beitelspacher will be the first, one-of-a-kind event for Le Mars.

It will be a casual, fun atmosphere featuring local businessmen as "chefs", who will feature their local businesses at food booths, serving "sample, but ample" portions of everything from appetizers, meat courses, desserts, and beverages. Each food division will have a winner, as well as the over-all winner, (chosen by popular vote, and that of a panel of judges) to be crowned as the "MENUMaster" of the year! Event attendees will pay for their ticket, which will include the full walk-through meal, beverages, music during the meal, followed by a dance featuring a live, local band! We are hoping to attract alumni and adult community members of all ages for an entire evening out! The fun of the event comes not only in socializing with friends, but in seeing the creativity and humor of all of our local businessmen as they decorate their food booths, and dress for the occasion! Rivalry among the chefs is already heating up, and we are predicting that by September, it should be almost as interesting as the elections in November, and much more fun!! The event will be on the Saturday night of Homecoming at LCHS, so we are looking for lots of alumni to come home and make a full weekend of fun in

Le Mars! Are you an awesome chef? We would also challenge and welcome any alumni to participate! Questions can be directed to Gayle Vonk (712-540-5433), Linda Mayrose (712-548-6889) or Julie Beitelspacher (712-540-3080).

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



LCHS National Honor Society recently inducted 63 students into the chapter. They joined the 38 active previous members. Qualifications for the honor are either a junior or senior with a grade point average of 3.2 to meet the scholarship aspect of NHS. They must also submit two letters of recommendation by others. A faculty committee considers the applicants

and reviews the letters of recommendation, service, and scholarship.

The local chapter participates in helping with special events as well as promoting a charity at Christmas time.

NHS has been a part of LCS history since 1927. Superinten-

dent Lee Gillis was instrumental in getting a chapter organized at LHS. The eight charter members of NHS were Paula Hoffman, James Kelley, Jane Kluckhohn, Dwight Koenig, Marshall Long, Orville Lownsberry, Dorothy Martin and Vera Tucker.

NHS recognizes students for character, service, leadership, and scholarship. The 1927 annual "The Mill" states, "NHS has high standards and high ideals. It calls for a pride in good grades, a pride and interest in the fine work which brings good grades, the use of one's abilities and talents for service to one's school; co-operation with principal, faculty, fellow students; leadership when the opportunity arises; honest always in all places, in thought, in speech, in deed; kindness, courtesy, modesty. All of these elements are essential for membership in the Honor Society."

LCSD Alumni Association Statement of Purpose

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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.



Mailbox

Oops! Correction from the Winter, 2012 newsletter:

Wedding Bells -

Sarah Schultz, 2004

Thank you to Rochelle Pecks on the gift to the Association of a 1940 Bark, class reunion photos of her Aunt Rosemary Leber, as well as her graduation calling cards.

Anniversary Wishes

50 Years – Janice Tammen Renken (1962) and Bill Renken (1958) will celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at the Brunsville Legion Club from 2 to 5 p.m.



WEB SITES

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www.lemars.k12.ia.us
Facebook

Facebook.com/pages/Le Mars Community School District Alumni Association

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Wedding Bells

Heather Konz – **Kyle Plathe, 2004**; 4/14/12
Todd Schulz, 1987 – Carrie Burge; 4/21/12
 Kara Den Herder – **Michael Donlin, 2008**; 5/12/12
 Abigayle Steib – **Kyle Koth, 2008**; 5/19/12
Kaylee Getting Thompson, 2009 – Daniel Sajdak; 5/25/2012
Breanna Engebretson, 2009 – Jonathan Back; 5/26/12
JoEllen Schneider, 2005 – Shawn Harvey; 5/26/12
Kevin Ohrlund, 2008 – **Megan Alons, 2007**; 5/26/12
Jaclyn Te Brink, 2006 – Kirk Phillips; 5/26/12
Amber Goodchild, 2001 – Patrick Loftus; 6/1/12
Harry Buss, 2007 – Sara McDaniel; 6/1/12
Nate Fischer, 2008 – Emily Hegstad; 6/2/12
Brandon Feller, 2008 – Amanda Sudtelgte; 6/9/12
Taylor Driver, 2008 – Casey Halstead; 6/9/2012
Jason Kilker, 2003 - Ashley Cochran; 6/23/12
Michelle Sluiter, 2009 – **Zachary Lancaster, 2009**; 6/23/12
Jerrod Plueger, 2008 – Denae Bauer; 6/23/12
Emily Plantz, 2008 – Raymond Syslo; 6/23/12
Mrianda Brown, 2009 – Joshua DeLarm, 2009; 6/30/12
Jacob Conley, 2009 – Stephanie Hutchinson; 7/7/12
Crystal Plueger, 2008 – **Joseph Stonesifer, 2006**; 7/28/12
Jeff Fett, 2001 – Julie Dwyer; 8/17/12
 Nichole Clausan, 1997—Gary Sitzmann; 8/25/12

Tidbits

Mitch Webb, 2000, was named Firefighter of the Year by the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District in La Pine, Ore. In honoring Mitch, his fire chief and fellow firefighters noted his dedication to the community and community service. In La Pine, Mitch organized wood-cutting events to help supply wood to the local food bank for those residents who burn wood as fuel. He has also coordinated fundraisers for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and participated in an intense race called the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb to raise money to help people battling leukemia and lymphoma. The Stairclimb is a race up 69 flights of stairs inside the Columbia Center tower in downtown Seattle, wearing all the firefighter's gear. It is the largest gathering of firefighters from around the world.

Mitch began his life career as a chef in Oregon. Those skills are still used in the fire station when he is on his 48-hours duty shift. He then has 96 hours off before returning to the station.

Eric Fox, 1993, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant at the Sioux City Fire Department. He joined the department in 1997. He serves as the driver of Truck 3 and has been a member of the Iowa Urban Search and Rescue Team since its beginning in 2003, serving in many capacities, most recently as task force leader. Eric is also a rope rescue technician and an EMT-Intermediate.

Mark Strub, 1982, is getting ready for RAGBRAI XL. He recently opened a bicycle shop with friend, Kevin Richards. It is located in the former Firestone building on Central Avenue NE. Mark is married to Beth Friedrichs (1981) and they have four children, Sarah, Zachary, Ben, and Matthew. Mark is an avid cyclist and has ridden for many years. The idea for the bicycle shop took shape about two years ago when Kevin wondered what to do with the showroom area at his business site. Today, anything you'd want in clothing, shoes, helmets, and equipment for bicycles you can find locally in Le Mars, plus a selection of new bicycles. Fellow alum mechanic Monte Brent (1993) sells, services, and repairs a variety of bicycles and accessories for the shop.

Teresa Hoss Sauer, 1981, was honored as the March Employee of the Month by the Le Mars Chamber of Commerce. Teresa is employed as an administrative assistant to Mike Donlin, Floyd Valley Hospital administrator. She also provides direct assistance to the hospital's administrative team as well as working closely with the Le Mars Dialysis Services project. She has worked there since 2004. For a number of years she was a secretary at the middle school. She and her husband, Tom, have two sons, Nicholas (2009) and Michael (2011).

Lori Roe Schrank, 1981, was recently promoted to First National Bank Customer Service Leader. She has been employed at First National Bank since 2009 as a customer service representative. Her new duties also will include leadership to the customer service staff at both bank locations in Le Mars. Prior to working for the bank, Lori worked seven years in retail and 12 years as a realtor and managing a real estate office.

Twelve LCHS students and Mr. Doug Martin, science teacher, competed at the Space Settlement Design competition at the Johnson Space Center in Texas in March. This annual competition draws students from Iowa as well as Texas. The LHS youth were split among the others to create four teams. Four LHS students were on the winning team in the NASA space settlement design program, Jay Davison, Rachel Perry, Jordan Helms, and Zach Nemmers. Senior Rachel Perry was selected from the 40-member team to advance to the national competition in July.

39 LCHS Individual Speech contestants earned I ratings at the IE State Speech contest this spring. There were 55 entries of either individual acting or reading. Five students were selected to perform at the All-State Speech Festival. They are: Yashila Permeswaran, Kim Ohrlund, Rachel Parry, Andy Heffner, Drew Weiner, and Dayton Rand.

There were **74 Division I ratings** at the Class 3A state solo/ensemble vocal and instrumental contest this spring. Out of the 146 total entries, there were 47 Division II ratings and 15 Division III ratings. Each contest center honors an Outstanding Performance and LCHS received three: the Madrigal vocal group, the Saxophone Sextet, and Karter Ewing for his vocal solo. They have the opportunity to perform at the Outstanding Performance Showcase at Iowa State University in May.

Peggy Dennler Smith, 1977, recently joined the Siouxland Community Health Center in Sioux City as their human resources director. Prior to that she was regional retail manager for Great Southern Bank where she provided oversight to up to 16 banking centers in Iowa and Nebraska.

Peggy is active in the community, serving on various boards and organizations. She and her husband, Allan, have two children, Nate, 2001, and Janora Korver, 2003 who are LCHS grads.

The **Plymouth County Historical Museum** recently elected new board members. Many are alumni; Hugh Boylan, 1953, Bill Renken, 1958, John Schneider, 1974, Susan Willer, 1994, and former kindergarten and first grade teacher, Ruth Steunenber.

Decades of Excellence/Crystal Bell Award



Picture courtesy of the Le Mars Daily Sentinel

On Wednesday, March 28, 2012, middle school challenge teacher, Jeanne Rust's eighth-grade English class was

interrupted by a group of Foundation board members, alumni, parents, and students to present her with the Decades of Excellence/Crystal Bell Award. This is a joint venture of the Foundation and the Alumni Association.

Jeanne was nominated by Jim and Mary Barker, high school English teacher Sherri Permeswaran and Mr. Steve Shanks, middle school principal.

Jim and Mary wrote, "During her years at LCS (since 2000) Mrs. Rust has developed a quality challenge program that motivates our youth to achieve their full potential in the classroom and through extracurricular activities such as Quiz Bowl and Science Bowl as well as the History Day assignment. She does an excellent job of fostering a fun learning environment, but she also expects students to take responsibility and get their work handed in on time. High school students also receive the opportunity to shine in personal academic strengths through the Quiz Bowl team. She demonstrates professional excellence at LCS by motivating students to develop their full potential, emulating a tireless work ethic, encouraging students in their individual academic strengths, promoting teamwork, teaching them how to go beyond discouragement, and helping them develop writing, research and critical thinking skills."

"As a colleague," Sherri Permeswaran wrote, "I have found

Jeanne to be conscientious, knowledgeable, and reliable. I have sincerely enjoyed working with her for the past ten years. She has dedicated herself to the betterment of children, working as hard as any teacher in our district. She keeps current on trends in education, ensuring that her students will be at an advantage when they enter high school and go on to college. She is especially strong in teaching research skills. She has single-handedly made Le Mars Community Middle School a powerhouse for National History Day competition."

Middle School Principal, Steve Shanks wrote, "I've been very impressed with what Mrs. Rust does here at the middle school. As our challenge teacher, she really motivates our students to produce high quality work. She is a leader of our school's Literacy Committee. She has a tremendous knowledge base and she combines that with professionalism and strong communication skills. I have noticed that when she talks, the other teachers listen."

Many former History Day, challenge, and Quiz Bowl students also put their "two-cents" in by agreeing that Mrs. Rust was well deserving of the Decades of Excellence/Crystal Bell Award.



Left to right: Dr. Tom Bjorge, LCSD Foundation board, Jeanne Rust and Sandy Downing, LCSD Alumni Association. Photo by Carolyn Vance

NEW NAME—NEW ADDRESS?

CAN YOU HELP US WITH ADDRESSES FOR THESE ALUMNI?



The alumni office would like help in finding current addresses for these recently married alumni. Can you help? Email or phone 712-546-

- 7650 and leave a message. Female maiden names are in parenthesis. Graduation dates follow their names.
- Gary Frerichs, 1981
- April (Osterbuhr) Fox Meyer, 1995
- Corey Wagner, 2001
- Karen Dirks McGill, 2001
- Troy Hughes, 2001
- Michelle (Schneider) Naiman, 2001
- Phil Bogh, 2002
- Cole Wagner, 2002

- Nicole (Collins) Thomas, 2002
- Katie Schoenrock Carter, 2002
- Andrew Rotta, 2003
- Noelle (Henrich) Bennett, 2003
- Julia (Rowe) Curry, 2003
- Amy (Kleihauer) Schipper, 2003
- Brenna (Regan) Tedesco, 2004
- Jesse Ruden, 2004
- Colette (Baack) Pippett, 2004
- Aric Riedemann, 2004
- Kent Varenhorst, 2004

Old Central Happenings! (the Museum)



The words, "Are Great" are visible under the team. The 1982 girl's basketball team was Sioux Delta Conference Champions with an 18-3 record. They were Sectional Champions as well as Regional Runner-ups. Left to right, row 1: Lisa Francksen, Meg Tentinger, Shari Adams, Cathy Bates, Jamie Marienau Goldmann, Susie Miller Vander Veen, Janice Schmitz McIntyre, Paulette Nobel, Sandy Wilcox Norby, and Tammy Fischer Thoms. Row 2: Lori Gerrietts Hoefling, Miss Tuttle, Rhonda Miltenberger MacLeod, Theresa O'Brien-King, Deb Harrington, Brenda Den Ouden Erickson, Melinda Oetken Stelling, Deb Renken Ahlers, Sheryl Miller, and Coach Lorenzen.

The Plymouth County Museum just keeps on adding displays. On the fourth floor, a room to the northwest of the Study Hall features a painting on the floor. The painting of the old Carey gym floor center from 1982 was painted by Linda Kenowith Popken (1965) and Judy Zoeller, from the Akron area.

When the old flooring was procured from the LCS Carey gym, it contained the gym floor center. But when the old floor was taken up, it was bundled in no particular order. So when the Old Central Study Hall

new floor was laid down, the center painted boards were in the various bundles. Those painted boards were laid aside and a puzzle was created.

Research was done by the Alumni office to determine what was the wording around the Bulldog. By looking through the Bark annuals it was obvious the 1982 gym floor center read: Bulldogs Are Great. In the late '70's and through the 1981 school year, the floor read: Bulldogs and Bulletes.

Linda and Judy painted the design onto this northern room floor to replicate the original design of the gym floor. It was decided that painting a new design took less effort than unbundling a number of floor bundles to get all the original painted boards. The Museum's future plans for this room are uncertain at this time, but thoughts are perhaps an athletic theme.

Make sure the next time you visit the Museum, head to the fourth floor Study Hall and go to the northwest room and see the 1982 painted floor design.



Floor painted by Linda Popken and Judy Zoeller. Photo by Carolyn Vance

IN THE NUMBERS:

1,127,600: pounds of pecans Blue Bunny annually uses, which equals the combined weight of 16 humpback whales.

100: millions of gallons of ice cream the company makes per year, or an average of 250,000 gallons daily.

1.5: number of sticks, in the billions, used annually for Well's frozen novelties.

782: truckloads of ice cream that leave Le Mars during the busiest weeks, the equivalent of 4.66 trailers an hour, or one trailer every 13 minutes.

70: flavors of Blue Bunny ice cream. Vanilla is the most popular, followed by chocolate and Bunny Tracks.

8: tons of chocolate ice cream bar coating used annually, enough to cover 47 football fields at a thickness of 1 inch.

We Remember, continued

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Great Lakes and began operating the Wharf Restaurant until his retirement in 2010. He enjoyed fishing, coaching his children, watching football, and playing cards with the boys.

Other

Attended; Laura Dominick Feller Betsworth, 86, of Sioux City, formerly of Merrill, passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at the Westwood Nursing and Rehab Center in Sioux City. She worked at Michalosky's and later, the Wankum Inn in Merrill for more than 22 years. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sioux City and a former member of Assump-

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Class Reunions

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.



ONGOING CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

LHS 56'ers monthly lunch get-together meets at the Longbranch Steakhouse 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

Class of 1962 has plans for its **50th Reunion** on Sept. 21 to 23, 2012, in Le Mars. The three-day weekend will be a walk down memory lane. It begins Friday evening for an informal gathering at Larry Molzen's viewing his vintage car/bike and toy collections. Saturday morning will be a trip back to school at Old Central for a tour. A catered noon lunch by Bob's Drive In is at the shelter house at the "the pit" the old swimming pool. A banquet and program is planned for Saturday evening at the Country Club (Willow Creek). Old Central Gym is the place to be Sunday morning for coffee and time for good-byes (until the next reunion).

You won't want to miss this 50th Reunion! If you have questions, contact Jerry Zinn at 180 East Weston Drive, North Liberty, IA 52317.

Class of 1967 : The Le Mars High School Graduating Class of 1967 will hold its 45th class reunion on Saturday, June 16, 2012, during the annual LeMars Ice Cream Days Celebration.

The reunion schedule is as follows:

9 A.M. Watch parade together in front of the Art Center (Old library on Central Avenue)

Saturday Afternoon Activities:

Enjoy community ice cream day activities offered by the community (small groups)

6 P.M. Dinner at Family Table Restaurant Party Room

8 P.M. Dessert at Wells Ice Cream Parlor

If you are reading this and did not receive your invitation in the mail, please contact one of the following classmates to update your address or e-mail address for future mailings:

- Karen Harrington giblem@frontiernet.net
- Anne Dirks dirksdave@mchsi.com
- Dennis Reichling dreichling@cox.net

This reunion will be very informal and relaxing. No reservations needed, but a reply would be appreciated.

Class of 1987 : Saturday, July 28 casual get-together at the Eagle's Club

Class of 1997 : Saturday, July 28. The planning committee is still working out the details. More info will be available later. It is also Plymouth County Fair time.

Class of 2002 : Dan Landsness contact person

Ice Cream Days June 13-16, 2012 Le Mars, Iowa

Check the Le Mars Chamber website for details and the brochure. <http://lemarsiowa.com/chamber/chamberofcommerce.htm>

LCS Employees of the Month



Marleen Schipper, has been the teacher associate at the Alternative High School for the past 15 years. Alternative High School teacher, Julie Theisen and Clark ELL teacher, Bonnie Lassen nominated her. Julie wrote, "Marleen has been my assistant for the past 15 years. I have found her to be enthusiastic, loyal, hard-working and truly committed to helping each student find success. It takes a unique person to work with at-risk

students, and Marleen develops a good relationship with the students and tries to tap into their strengths to help them succeed."

Bonnie Lassen wrote, "For many years, Marleen has been my 'right-hand' person to go to when I have needed help with my ELL testing. She has diligently tested new students in the Middle School and High School as they have come into the district and then again when we have tested each spring. She is very organized and prepared. Several years ago, Marleen worked with ELL students at the high school level, teaching them English vocabulary, higher level thinking skills and life skills. She truly made a difference in their lives."



Jim Boyd has been with the school district for the past 23 years as a high school counselor and previously as the high school football coach. Gale Horan and Terry Fitzgerald nominated Jim as the April employee. They wrote, "Jim has been an asset to our staff, students and parents during his years at LCHS. His counseling, teaching career classes, writing recommendations for

students, scheduling, sponsoring the National Honor Society, organize peer tutoring for students are just part of what he does. He has helped urge students to hold high standards for themselves and serve as role models for our school. Many times he is one of the first faces along with Mr. Borchers that new students will encounter. As a coach he has taught hundreds of young men how to become the best football player they could be, but more importantly how to become fine, upstanding young men in their community."

During his retirement he hopes to get some fishing in as well as be a substitute teacher.

Photos by Carolyn Vance

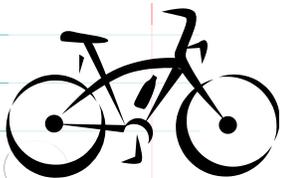


Deb Clement Kurth, 4th grade teacher at Kluckhohn was nominated by the staff at Kluckhohn as May employee of the month. This is what they said of her, "Deb is a dedicated professional who has touched the lives of many children through her years of teaching. She conducts her classroom in a calm and gentle manner and is able to con-

nect with students from various backgrounds. She models respect in the way she teaches and encourages her students to treat each other with respect. Deb has gone out of her way to help students with what they need. She works well with her colleagues and is a positive influence on others."

Deb is also a 1968 LCHS grad and is retiring at the end of this school year. She has taught in the district since 1992. She has two children - Jennifer Isais, 1990, and Jay, 1994.

Summer Events



The 40th RAGBRAI begins in Sioux Center Sunday, July 22.

Plymouth County Fair, starts July 25—29. The

Alumni Association booth is in the Commercial Building. Stop by to visit and RENEW your membership.

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tion Catholic Church in Merrill. She enjoyed visiting friends, crafts, playing bingo, and spending time with all her grandchildren

Attended: David Rush, 63, of Merrill, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at his home in Merrill. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served his country for two years during the Vietnam era. He was honorably discharged. He began his career at a packing house in Le Mars, followed by Well's Dairy and later, Dean Foods. He retired after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Oleson-Halweg American Legion Post 125 in Merrill and served on the Merrill Fire Department for several years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and motorcycling.

Membership Report by Carolyn Vance

The Alumni Association currently has 371 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

\$125 Red & Black Membership

1956 Rachel (Rigdon) Smith
1981 Harry Bader

\$50 Bark Membership

1942 Jean (Smaltz) Hulbert
1947 Amelia (Dolieslager) Hodges
Alice (Wieggers) Lee
1948 Donald Grahlmann
1950 Robert Becker
1951 Joanne (Hinde) Mortensen
1954 Charles Kehrberg
Kay Kramer
1955 Heinz Wilms
1957 Walter Clark
Jan (Gabel) Down
Jim Down
1958 Fred Fick
David Pecks
Charles Pfaffle
1959 Jim Mead
1960 Douglas Nanninga
Rachel Vander Stoep
1961 Gerald Hartman
1962 Norman Siders
1963 Dean Johansen
Sandy (Sitzman) Johansen
Carol (Schulz) Malloy
1965 Jim Engelbrecht
1968 James Huckle
1970 Wayne Beitelspacher
Claudia (Jimenez) Jarecki-Dugan
1980 Nancy (Hawkins) Peace
Tim Pick
1983 Debra (Renken) Ahlers
1998 Quinn Collins

1940 Evelyn (Truesdell) Dack
Wayne Dack
Ben Krull
Lorraine (Schiltz) Mohan
1941 James McDougall
1942 Ruth (Kluckhohn) Eckles
1943 Milton Merritt
Robert Philips
Juanita (Schultz) Posey
1944 Lavonne (Haack) Tonsfeldt
1945 Margaret (Laux) Adler
Naomi (Schmidt) Viez
Ardith (Amundson) Whittle
1946 Lois (Harnack) Allen
Richard Schultz
1947 Bill Condon
Glada (Reichert) Koerselman
Lorvan Hawkins
Les von Hagel
Valjean (Wilhelmi) Wiebke
1948 James Conway
Wendell Downing
Gail (Crowley) Hemphill
Carol (Kramer) Johnson
Gladys (Steinfadt) Kock
Larry Petersen
1949 Mary (Lauters) Adler
Jerry (Bogen) Berg
Merna (Hansen) Smith
1950 Richard Geary
1951 Jack Conway
Doris (Kennedy) Moritz
1952 Pat (McFarland) Pratt
1953 Earl Albert
Ronald Andersen
Larry Kramer
Ed Utesch
1954 Bonnie Herzig
1955 Jerry Becker
Gilbert Cass
Dave Gunther
Robert Lang
Dean Vander Well
Marvin Urban
1956 Arlyn Cunningham
Joyce (Stusse) Hutton
Norma Kehrberg
Linda (Luksan) Nygard
Joan (Wulf) Roepke
Judy (Schelin) Schindel
1957 Jerry Johnson
1959 Jack Cowan
1960 Carolyn (Ebrecht) Cline
Rose (Pasquale) Heeren
Dianne (Brunken) Baack
1961 Darrell Coppock
Judy (Denniston) Hawkins
Karol (Pecks) Merkel
Dennis Nielsen
Allen Schmid
1962 Carol (Pecks) Graves
Mary (Thompson) Kercher
1963 Robert Pecks
1964 James Epling
Dennis Lundgren
1965 Linda (Meseck) Lewis
Duane Popken

1966 Nancy Powell
Bill Stover
1968 Chuck Niehus
Sharon (Beitelspacher) Popken
Kirk Truesdell
1969 Becky (Jimenez) Stovall
1970 Gene Nussbaum
Dave Prewitt
Bonnie (Utesch) Rasmussen
Dave Renken
1976 Beth (Bonderson) Gann
Becky (Meseck) Harmon
Darwin Lubben
1987 Eric Tammes
X M Janice (Becker) Albert
X Joe Brice

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1947, 1950, 1955

15 members

1956

Tied with 13 members

1960, 1961

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1946

11 members

1970

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1963, 1964, 1966

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Membership numbers are currently down because many of our long time supporters are passing away. In order to recoup those numbers we need the support of alumni from the classes of the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s.

Join now and support the Le Mars
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We Remember

1930's

1931; Mary Frances Marx Gunther, 96, of Le Mars, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, at her home following a brief illness. She and her husband, Claire, 1930, lived in Le Mars and raised seven children. She worked at the Le Mars Medical Clinic for 16 years and the Sioux County Sheriff's Department for nine years, retiring in 1983. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Le Mars.

1935; Dorothy Locer Tone, 94, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, in Bozeman, Mont. She moved to Montana in 1971 to be near her children and to finish her college education. She enjoyed living in the mountains, which had been her dream since reading Heidi as a child. She taught English and was the school librarian in Darby, Savage, and finally, Saco, Mont. After retiring she continued her education by taking classes in calligraphy and watercolor painting. She was active in the Belgrade Community Church. Dorothy enjoyed crossword puzzles, Scrabble, and her children and grandchildren.

1937; Lillian Frerichs Rohlfson, 92, of Le Mars passed away on Monday, March 26, 2012, at Brentwood Good Samaritan Village. She earned a certificate in Normal Training and taught in rural schools. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Le Mars participating in Leah Circle, served on the Altar Guild, taught Sunday school and catechism. She enjoyed reading and knitting but especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1940's

1940; Dr. Eldon Kelly, 88, of Tucson, Ariz., died Dec. 1, 2010. He joined the U.S. Air Corp in 1943 and served during World War II. He was a retired professor from Texas Christian University. He enjoyed reading and photography.

1942; Martha "Jo" Lubben, 86, passed away Nov. 8, 2011, in Hot Springs Village, Ark. She served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, han-

dling personnel and payroll in Jacksonville, Fl.

She taught English and theatre arts in many small Iowa towns before joining the administration at U-Haul in Denver, Colo. She worked for them in New York and later Arizona, where she was promoted to director of human services. She loved to travel, as well as music, art, and theatre.

1944; Dr. Robert "Bob" Joynt, 86, of Pittsford, N.Y., died Friday, April 13, 2012, on his way to neurology grand rounds at Strong Memorial Hospital. He served in World War II as a radio operator tracking troop movements in India. He was on the faculty of the University of Iowa after earning his doctorate. In 1966, he was chosen to create the University of Rochester's Department of Neurology in New York. He was also the first person to oversee both UR's academic and clinical enterprises when he headed the School of Medicine and Dentistry as well as Strong Memorial Hospital. Bob was considered an icon in international neurology circles and headed both leading neurological societies, the American Academy of Neurology and the American Neurological Association. He also served on the boards of Blue Cross Blue Shield, the United Way of Rochester, the Eastman Dental Center, Ithaca College, and the Genesee Valley Trust Company.

1945; Betty Steinfadt Stinton, 85, of Le Mars, died Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at her home. She was a homemaker until taking a position with Archie's Waeside in 1969, cooking there for many years. She also cooked at Lally's Eastside, retiring from there five years ago. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Betty loved to bake and always had some homemade banana bars or bread on hand. She also enjoyed crocheting.

1947; Marvin Dominick, 83, of Sioux City, died Oct. 21, 2011, at the Sunrise Retirement Community in Sioux City. Following graduation he was employed at Swanson Grocery in Le Mars. He was married to fellow classmate, Norma Kelly. They moved to Humbolt in 1956 where he was the meat manager at Hood's Grocery Store. They later

moved to Audubon where he purchased Marv's Grocery. He retired from the grocery business in 1985, later working for the Small Business Development Corporation until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served on the Audubon City Council for eight years. He enjoyed golf, playing cards, but most of all spending time with his family and friends.

1947; Lucille Pageler Lancaster, 82, died at Galway Homes in Leawood, Kan., on April 7, 2012. After graduation she taught in a rural school which had 18 students in seven grades. She was married to fellow alum, George Lancaster, 1941. She and George farmed in many locations over the years before settling in Kansas City in 1970. She was a member of Gashland Presbyterian Church, serving in many areas. She and George attended 20 Elderhostel programs throughout the United States. She enjoyed watching football and baseball, cooking, and spending time with her grandchildren.

1947; Gloria Swanson Strub, 82, of Marcus, passed away on Monday, April 9, 2011, at the Heartland Care Center in Marcus. After graduation she was employed as a bookkeeper. For sixteen years she and her husband farmed west of Merrill. She enjoyed playing the piano/organ, crafts and flower gardening. She was a member of PEO, Red Hats, card clubs and Grace United Methodist Church. Her greatest enjoyment in life came from her family.

1948; Ruth Mauer Schultz, 81, of Sioux City, passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Regency Square Senior Living in South Sioux City, Neb. She was a homemaker. In the late 1970's she took a position with Marian Health Center in Sioux City as a medical transcriptionist. She was a member of Morningside Lutheran Church in Sioux City and active with music at church. She sang in the choir and played the piano and organ. At 60 years of age, she learned to ride horses with her son. She enjoyed cooking and baking and took great pride in being a grandmother.

1950's

1951; Derith Schmidt Robertson, 78, of Akron, passed away Thursday, April 26,

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\$50—Bark
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Alumni: Class of _____ **Associate Member** _____ **Staff** _____ **Former Student** _____

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Summer begins in Le Mars . . .

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2012, at Hillcrest Health Care Center in Hawarden. She worked at a Ford dealership in Sioux City following her graduation, and after her children were older she worked for various businesses in the Akron area. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and active in the ladies aid for many years. She was also a member of the Hoschler American Legion Post 186 Auxiliary for 25 years. She enjoyed traveling, collecting angel figurines, walking, and flower gardening.

1960's

1960; Ed Norell, 70, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 25, 2012, surrounded by his family at his home in Le Mars. Following his graduation he worked as a painter for Dewey Driscoll and later, Jim Mead. In 1964, he began his 37-year career with Sioux Tools in Le Mars. He worked for Advance Brands in Orange City for six years before retiring in 2007. He was a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church, serving as a trustee for a number of years. He also belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1383. He loved to tinker in his garage, and his mechanical ability extended to just about anything that was broken. Ed enjoyed reading western books and fishing.

1961; Sally Brunstedt Kass, 68, of Le Mars, passed away on Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at the Floyd Valley Hospital in Le Mars following a brief illness.

1961; Larry Marbach, 68, of Arlington, S.D., died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at the Golden Living Center in Arlington. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 until his discharge in 1971. He was employed at various places over the years but most recently at Daktronics in Brookings, S.D. He loved to spend time with family and friends, collected guns, fixed old radios, model cars, and painted pictures of his cats.

1961; Shirley Beeck Peterson, 69, of Le Mars, passed away Friday, April 27, 2012, at her home in Le Mars. Following her graduation she worked in Minneapolis briefly before returning to Le Mars to accept an office position with Dubuque Pack. After they closed she worked for Cloverleaf Cold Storage until her retirement in 2005. She was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Le Mars. She enjoyed playing cards, reading, creating her own greeting cards, bowling, and playing dominoes.

1967; Jerry Kurth, 63, of Milford, died Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at his home with family by his side after a two-year battle with cancer. While attending Westmar College he was the sports director for KLEM and ran the Dance-Mor Ballroom. In 1972, he opened Neets N' Grubs Women's Wear and Men's Wear in downtown Le Mars. In the mid-70's, he also obtained his real estate license, working for Kurth Real Estate and later opening and brokering Creative Reality. He was very involved in the community and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In 1994, he moved to the Iowa

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Top to bottom: Memorial Day; Golf course; Bob's Drive In; Little league in action.