



# LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



Spring 2023      Labette County High School Alumni Association      Altamont, KS

### 2022 LCHS Alumni Scholarships Awarded

<i>506 Foundation Scholarship, \$500.....</i>	Brianna Bach
<i>Alex Ybarra, Class of 1966, Memorial Scholarship, 2 @ \$250.....</i>	Wyatt Palmer and Karsyn Stewart
<i>Arthur P. Adamson, Class of 1936, Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.....</i>	Elyse Clevenger
<i>Bobby and Reba Roberts Scholarship, \$400.....</i>	Zachary Shaw
<i>Class of 1953/54, 4 @ \$1,000.....</i>	Corbin Smith, ShyAnne Whiley, Mikayla Easley, Madison Brannin
<i>Class of 1953/54 Trade Scholarship, \$500.....</i>	Andon Searles
<i>Class of 1955, \$150.....</i>	Kameron White
<i>Class of 1958, \$200.....</i>	Ashlynn Smith
<i>Class of 1959, \$400.....</i>	Adian Ratzlaff
<i>Class of 1962, \$250.....</i>	Andon Searles
<i>Class of 1966, \$250.....</i>	Connor Gegg
<i>Class of 1968, \$370.28.....</i>	MiAngel Thompson
<i>Class of 1969, \$100.....</i>	Madison Brannin
<i>Class of 1972, \$250.....</i>	Blaine Smith
<i>Class of 1975, 2 @ \$250.....</i>	Therann Moore, Shelby Blackburn
<i>Class of 1979, \$250.....</i>	Gracie Gatton, Kolby Kastler, Braelyn George
<i>Class of 1986, \$200.....</i>	Gauge Cupp
<i>Corner Store Scholarship 3 @ \$250.....</i>	Gracie Gatton, Holden Vail, Braelyn George
<i>“Dee” (Good) Jack Memorial Scholarships, \$900.....</i>	Hailey Benson
<i>Marvin Foster Cave ‘31 and Mary Louise Cave ‘35 Allen Memorial Scholarship, \$450.00 .....</i>	Brianna Bach
<i>Delbert &amp; Carolyn Bracken Scholarship, 4 @ \$500.....</i>	Joseph Jameson, Hailey Benson
.....	Braelyn George, Grace Workman
<i>Don &amp; Bobbi Raymond Living Scholarship, 2 @ \$500 .....</i>	John Kohler, Wyatt Palmer
<i>Fern M. Monroe (Marshall, Class of 1935) Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.....</i>	Kolby Kastler
<i>Gary L. Stice, Class of 1972, Memorial Music Scholarship \$150.....</i>	Marlee Mikel
<i>Helen R. (Willems) Rice “Pay It Forward” Scholarship, Class of 1974, \$1,000.....</i>	Gracie Gatton
<i>James L. Pontious Scholarship, Class of 1956, \$500.....</i>	ShyAnne Wiley
<i>Jessie “Louise” Schneickert, Class of 1938, Memorial Scholarship, 2 @ \$500.....</i>	Lydia Hall, Rylie Doyle
<i>Jim Crumpton, Class of 1963, Memorial Scholarship, \$250.....</i>	Alex Meister
<i>Kathy Foster-Cochran, Class of 1976, Memorial Cross Country Scholarship, \$400 .....</i>	Gracie Gatton
<i>LCHS Alumni Association a 4-Year Scholarship, \$2,000.....</i>	Shainna Farrow
<i>The Lois Jean Frederick Shrum (1950) &amp; Susan Kay Shrum (1973) Scholarship, \$3,000 .....</i>	Andon Searles
<i>Mabel (Utley) Layton, Class of 1925, Memorial Scholarship, \$500.....</i>	Mitchell House
<i>The Mabel (Utley) Layton ‘25 Memorial, and The Wintress (Woodland) Jack ‘29 Memorial, and The Cordelia....</i>	
<i>Music Scholarship in Memory of Imogene North &amp; Alma Lee Shell, \$200.....</i>	Corbin Thomsen
<i>Natalie Neal-Lattimore Scholarship, \$500.....</i>	Anna Dean
<i>New Life Clothing and More Scholarship, \$250.....</i>	Chase Langston
<i>New Life (Jessica Peirce) Scholarship, 2 @ \$250.....</i>	ShyAnne Wiley, Kamron White
<i>New Life (Elsie Vail) Scholarship, \$250.....</i>	Kamron White
<i>Quincy E. Hicks, Class of 1956, Memorial Scholarship, \$250.....</i>	Justin Whittley
<i>Raeme Lee (Wamsley) Mullen, Class of 1946 and Lewis C. Wamsley, Class of 1951, \$1,000.....</i>	Gracie Moore
<i>The Raymond &amp; Donna Kline Family Scholarship, \$800.....</i>	John Redford
<i>Robert B. “Bobby” Jones Memorial Scholarship, \$400.....</i>	Karson Stewart
<i>Roy L. Surridge, Class of 1950, Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.....</i>	Elias Hestand
<i>Ryan Wayne Kasson, Sr. Memorial Music/Theatre Scholarship, \$500.....</i>	Molly Gray
<i>Thelma Maedene Mazingo (Evans, Class of 1938) Memorial Scholarship, \$500.....</i>	Ava Alloway
<i>The Traxson Family Memorial Scholarship, \$400.....</i>	Rylie Doyle

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Would you like to help out your Alumni Officers? Let us hear from you!

## **From Your President**

*Alumni, you can make a difference.*

Alumni, it is my pleasure to serve as President of our Alumni Association again this year. As the time from my graduation gets farther away each year, the memories I collected during my years as a Grizzly are as vivid today as they were all those many years ago. What I really like about my memories from high school is that I was always young, trim and fit. I felt like I could conquer the world and college was affordable.

What is different now from that time is the cost of college. Students go into great debt just to get a Bachelor's degree and even more if they change majors or get a Master's degree.

To that end, we have wonderful alumni that are passionate about making a difference for our young people, seeing them succeed as you give faithfully to the Alumni Association. Every year you support us with donations to sustain our scholarship fund, to fund our operating and mailing cost, as well providing the Sunshine Fund, which pays some expenses for students who cannot afford them.

Your contributions help keep our Grizzly tradition of excellence strong and proud. At times it seems as though everyone is asking for your hard-earned dollar, but in order to sustain and improve the quality of our schools and provide scholarships, we need your assistance.

Earlier this year I saw a news story about a former alumnus donating a million dollars to his college and my first thought was; didn't he go to high school somewhere? Why do people always give millions of dollars to the college they attended and not their high school or elementary school. So, if you are considering making a large donation to your university in the near future, don't forget about us. The opportunities we could provide our students with that type of donation would be incredible.

In the past, our alumni have always stepped up to provide scholarships or donated large sums of money for a specific project. If you would like a list of the district needs or any other project or program that needs funded, please let us know. We would be happy to provide you with the opportunity to make a difference.

*Remember, Alumni can make a difference. Thanks for all you do!*

Chris Kastler  
Class of 1979

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## **Principal's Message**

Greetings LCHS Alumni:

In honor of the rich history and tradition that is Labette County High School today, I am thrilled to write this letter to each of you and share that this year has been outstanding thus far. Serving in the role of Labette County High School Principal comes with so much pride. It is my honor to walk the same halls that so many great administrators before my time had the privilege to do. As a former alum, you all know how special these buildings and halls are to anyone who has had the opportunity to be part of the USD 506 family. I know that our foundation may be old, but it is truly solid because of the work done by many others before me, and I can confidently say that LCHS continues to be one of the most respected high schools in Kansas.

It was truly enlightening to hear comments about the beauty of Harrison Gymnasium and our auditorium from an athletic director who traveled from an affluent area of Kansas City. He spoke about how amazing our facilities were and said he could feel the true pride that was displayed within the building itself. His comments were with such respect and admiration that I feel I owe all those before me a huge thank you for traditions that we hold true to our hearts today as Grizzlies.

I had the privilege this year to work with Margie Vogt and Dixie Feld, both LCHS class of 1966 graduates, to create the beginning walls of history in the Little Theatre. We worked together planning this display of photos and plaques that reflect the magnificent beginnings of LCHS. We believe that knowing and understanding our history is important. As our generations change and students face the challenges of growing up in a world of social media, it makes me proud to share with them the true beginnings of their beloved school. The new display will serve as a time capsule for them to see and reflect on. If these walls could talk, I believe they would say that so much has changed, but in reality, it has only improved and will continue to improve as we continue to educate future generations.

The strong core values that we hold in high regard at LCHS never fade. We spend countless hours preparing our students for their post-secondary plans; we strive to build into them the necessary tools to be sustainable young men and women. Our teachers show up eager and prepared to provide our students an opportunity to grow fundamentally while challenging them to meet the demands placed upon them.

We take time to celebrate and praise the accomplishments in all programs. It is important to cherish all opportunities and moments, as we have learned over the past few years. Our students fill the halls with smiles and laughter - they are the fuel and fire that keep all of us ever so strong. We are blessed by our families, community strength, and alumni support in giving our students the best place to be and the best possible opportunities. Every day at LCHS is an opportunity to impact the future and we do not take that responsibility lightly. I am proud to be part of the Grizzly Nation family!

I look forward to seeing, meeting, and visiting with you at the Alumni Banquet in May to share the Grizzly pride that connects all of us.

Stacy Smith

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## LC Trap Shooting

In 2019, Dewayne Rosson, Class of '72 and Dave Jones, Class of '67 wanted to share their love and skills for trap shooting and chose to start up a trapshooting team for Labette County USD 506. Dewayne and Dave set up a presentation and sign up at Labette County High School to see how much interest there would be for the trap team. Much to their amazement there were over 100 kids that signed up to be part of the new trap team. However, the initial field could only accommodate 15 to 16 shooters, so they focused on upper classmen. Each year, there is a fall competition season and a spring competition season. The kids really enjoyed learning the rules & regulations of the sport; and getting to spend time doing something they loved as a team. Throughout the season, each shooter improved. Unfortunately, COVID hit and we had to pause the season. Once COVID subsided, the team started back up. The seasons consisted of four practice weeks and then went into their six weeks of competition shoots. They competed through various competitions, winning individual & team awards.

In 2020, they went to the State Competition in Wichita, where 88 Kansas schools were competing that were class 1A-4A. The LC Trap Shooting Team placed 2nd in their class.

In 2021, the team continued to improve their skills including multiple team members that went on to shoot perfect 25 of 25 scores in competition. The team returned to the state competition and placed 1st for the entire state in just their third year of competition! The team shot 474 out of 500. The teams only female, Mary George (Freshman) won Top Female Shooter. Colton Brothers tied for 2nd as Top Male Shooter, shooting 99 out 100. It was an amazing accomplishment. Additionally, LC had two shooters, Colton Brothers & Cooper Baugher, go to Nationals to compete in Minnesota.

Over three years the team not only improved competitively, but also as an organization. Through multiple fundraisers, community, student & parent support, the team raised enough money to build & pay for a double trap and a double skeet field at the Labette County High School facilities, which now accommodates 30 shooters (see picture below). In order to accommodate as many competitors as possible, the team is working to raise an additional \$50,000 to raise enough money for a club house. The club house will include a vault, small kitchen, concession stand and restrooms. It will, also, be used to hold trap meetings and regional tournaments. The buildings and trade class of LCHS will provide the labor.

This has been an amazing opportunity in Labette County for the past, present & future shooters. All because two men, both alumni of LCHS, had an idea to start a new sporting program for kids to come shoot, have fun, learn, compete & build memories that will last a lifetime.



To challenge the alumni, Dewayne & Dave have pledged \$1,000 each to start the seed money for earning the additional \$50,000.

If you are interested in donating, please contact:

Dewayne Rosson (620) 252-8501

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**Contribution Form**

Please Note- the LC Alumni Association is NOT 501(c)(3). For contributions to be used for tax purposes, write your check to The 506 Foundation, Inc. and make a notation on your check "LC Alumni." Please select one of the following:

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**Reunion Announcement**

Alumni Awards will be held on Saturday, May 13th, 2023. Senior Awards will be held on Monday, April 17. Both will be held in person.

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**Alumni Banquet**

Saturday, May 13th  
Meal will be served starting at 6:00 pm.  
Meeting will start at approximately 7:00 pm.

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**ATTENTION**

Due to so many tickets being reserved and not paid for we are unable to reserve tickets without payment in hand by May 1st, 2023. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THIS DATE.

Ticket Cost \$12

Purchase tickets by May 1, 2023 from the following locations:  
Labette Bank, Parsons and Altamont and Ace Hardware, Parsons

Tickets may also be obtained by sending to:

Janie Stice  
5175 CR 5800  
Cherryvale, KS 67335  
620-330-0048

YOUR PAID TICKETS; will be available at the cafeteria door the night of the banquet.  
Make checks payable to : LCHS Alumni Association.