

# Labette County High School

## Alumni Newsletter

Labette County High School Alumni Association Altamont, Kansas Spring 2018

### Alumni Banquet

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**6:00 p.m.**

School Cafeteria

#### Menu:

Smothered Steak

Scalloped Potatoes

Green Beans, Coleslaw, Hot Rolls,

Chocolate & Lemon Mousse,

Coffee & Tea

**\$9.00 per Ticket**

Purchase your tickets by May 1st from the following locations

**Labette Bank**..... Altamont, Parsons, and Oswego

**Ace Hardware**.....Parsons

**Tickets Purchased after May 1st will be \$12.00**

No tickets sold at the door. Must be reserved!

Tickets may also be obtained by contacting

**Janie Stice @**

**5175 CR 5800**

**Cherryvale, KS 67335**

or by

**jatvstice@hotmail.com**

We will have your ticket available for you at the cafeteria door the night of the banquet

**Make checks payable to:**

**LCHS Alumni Association**

### 2017-2018 LCHS Alumni Officers

**President:** Chris Kastler, Class of 1979  
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**Vice President:** Janie Stice, Class of 1974  
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**Secretary:** Donna Strickland, Class of 1958  
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**Treasurer:** Marjorie Vogt, Class of 1966  
(620)-423-1473 mfalcon28@gmail.com

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

### Scholarships Presented at the 2017 Alumni Banquet

**Fred W. & Patrica G. Cunningham Scholarship, \$15,000 -**

Evan Gofourth

**The Lois Jean Fredrick Shrum '50 & Susan Kay Shrum '73 Scholarship, \$3,000 -** Mason Volmer

**LCHS Alumni Association - 4-Year Scholarship, \$2,000 -** Treniti Lynne Brown

**The Homer & Marchie Phillips Family Scholarship, \$1,000 -** Allie D. Jones

**Arthur P. Adamson (Class of 1936) Scholarship, \$1,000 -**

Courtney Erin Rucker

**The Raymond & Donna Kline Family Scholarship, \$600 -** Mallorie Keltz

**Jessie "Louise" Schneicket (Class of 1938) Scholarship, 2 @ \$500 -**

Reid Hentzen & Taylor Nash

**Don & Bobbi Raymond Living Scholarship, 2 @ \$500 each -**

Sierra Wilson & Dusty Brownwell

**In memory of Mabel (Utlev) Layton '25 and Wintress (Woollard) Jack '28, \$1,000 -** Tatum Merrick

**The Angola United Methodist Church Scholarship, \$500 -** Kara Moon

**The Gene and Dasiy (Mourning) White, Class of '57, Scholarship,**

**2 @ \$250 -** Gwyn Dean and Addison Saye

**Marvin Foster Cave '31 and Mary Louise Cave '35 Allen Memorial**

**Scholarship, \$450 -** Erin Falkenstien

**In memory of Dale Sexton, Class of 1960, Scholarship \$300 -**

Timothy George

**Quincy E. Hicks, Class of 1956 Memorial Scholarship \$250 -** Evan Gofourth

**In memory of Cordelia (Dee) Jack, 1st secretary of USD506 (1966-1969) teacher and coach (1979-1983) \$250 -** Kaci McClenning

**Jim Crumpto, Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship \$250 -** Kyle S. Stringer

**Natalie Neal-Lattimore Scholarship \$250 -** Tegan Maxson

**Music Scholarship in Memory of Imogene North & Alma Lee Shell \$200 -** Tristan Carson

**Kathy Foster-Cochran, Class of 1976, Memorial Cross Country**

**Scholarship \$200 -** Kamri Wolverton

**Gary L. Stice, Class of 1972, Memorial Music Scholarship \$150 -**

Victoria Smith

**Corner Store in memory of Imogene Rankins 3 @ \$250 each -**

Kara Moon, Tyler Thompson & Victoria Smith

**Altamont Masonic Lodge #69 Scholarship \$100 -** Isabella Castilleja

**Class of 1953/54 4 @ \$1,000 each -**

Dusty Brownwell, Courtney Rucker, Victoria Smith & Jessica Bradbury

**Class of 1955 \$150 -** Shea O'Connor

**Class of 1958 \$200 -** Newton Grady

**Class of 1959, \$400 -** Keyahanah Burk

**Class of 1962 \$250 -** Branden Boyer

**Class of 1966 Memorial Scholarship 2 @ \$250 -** Zoe Waisner & Kayleigh Wilson

## **Principal's Message**

From the desk of Shane Holtzman

Greetings LCHS Alumni:

Labette County High School remains a special place - a place where what's best for students happens on a daily basis. It's the place kids want to be because of the opportunities and the great learning environment. It is a place where teachers treat students with respect. It's a place where students and parents understand that teachers care.

Our mission is clear at Labette County: to combine high academic standards with "top-notch" Vocational opportunities. This mission really hasn't changed much since the formation of LCHS. The "Educational Philosophy" contained in the LCHS catalog of 1948-49 states, "The student must be taught industry, respect for ...property, ...the rights of other people, ...and themselves. The secondary school is to help build a foundation for a better life." Students at Labette County graduate with more than a high school diploma. They have the opportunity to graduate with a Certification in one of 10+ areas through one of our 10 Career and Technical Education pathways. Students are exposed to many career fields through job shadowing, facility tours, and local business leader speakers while here at LCHS. We're excited about the students who have even had the opportunity this year to take part in an internship with a local business during the school day. Students, through our partnership with LCC and CCC, can graduate with up to 40+ college credit hours in English, Math, Science, along with multiple CTE courses.

The best part about Labette County High School is still the people and how much they care about this place and each other. One example of this heart was on display at our "Pink-Out" night which was held when we played Parsons in basketball. Students and staff raised money for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Altamont Grade School who is battling cancer. Various groups/clubs at LCHS raised money, and the gate money was also donated to the family to help with expenses. Another example of Grizzlies caring about each other was when members of the Class of 2018 rallied to find a vehicle for a fellow classmate to drive to work. Through negotiation, a little luck, and a supportive community organization, a car was donated toward the cause. The three young men got busy with general maintenance on the car as well as buffing the paint. One front strut was replaced and a new battery was installed. The car was thoroughly cleaned and presented to the new owner - who is also a Senior at LCHS.

I want to take a moment to recognize two outstanding LCHS Alumni who have made significant contributions this year. Mr. Ed Raschen (Class of 1991) is our Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at LCHS. He is also a member of the United States National Guard and Reserves. In the Spring of 2017 Mr. Raschen was deployed to Kuwait for a tour of duty of one year. We are looking forward to Mr. Raschen's return and want to thank him for his service to our country. In Mr. Raschen's absence, Mr. Tony Blackwell (Class of 1979) was hired as our Assistant Principal; he has been a true blessing for us and has done an outstanding job. Fortunately for us, we will be able to have both Mr. Raschen and Mr. Blackwell serving the students in our district as Mr. Blackwell has been hired to serve as the Assistant Superintendent for USD 506 in the following school year.

Our athletic teams continue to perform at a high level. Our football team finished the season with a record of 9 wins and 2 losses. They recorded the first home play-off win in recent school history and their only 2 losses on the year were to 4A state finalists Bishop Miege and Andale. Junior quarterback Easton Dean is being recruited by numerous Division I schools and has verbally committed to play college football at Iowa State. We also have had 4 seniors sign letters of Intent to continue to play football in college next year. At the time of this letter, our girls basketball team is 17-1, state ranked, and in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the SEK League. Senior stand-out Tristan Gegg has eclipsed the 2000 point mark in her career and has signed to play basketball at Pittsburg State University next year. Our boys basketball team is 12-6, state ranked, and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the SEK League. Senior Javon "Magic" Reliford has joined the 1000 point club. And if you have been to a game lately in historic Harrison Gymnasium, you know that we have the best sounding Pep Band in the area, with 60+ students strong.

I look forward to seeing and visiting with you at the Alumni Banquet in May and being surrounded by all of that "Grizzly Pride" once again.

Shane Holtzman (Class of 1988)  
Principal  
Labette County High School

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### **From Your President**

*It is time once again to reflect on the achievements of the past and look forward to those of the future for the Labette County School District. We cherish a rich tradition of excellence in providing a quality education for every student that passes through our hallways. To that end, we have wonderful alumni that are passionate about making a difference for our young people and 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.*

*It is my pleasure to serve as President of our Alumni Association—I know USD 506 has made a meaningful impact on my life, and I would bet you would say the same. 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 there are specific needs that must be met.*

*This is our opportunity to give back. In the past, special alumni have donated large sums of money and we have used those donations in various ways. 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 that you do!*

*Chris Kastler—Class of 1979*

# The 506 Foundation, Inc.

**The Purpose:** We are a 501©(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster excellence in education by funding programs that enhance the capabilities of USD 506 schools to stimulate students' academic achievement and enrich the learning environment.

**The Goal:** We shall engage in programs and activities benefiting the education of youth in Labette County, Kansas, and to endow funds to enhance the quality of education provided by USD 506.

**The Objective:** We will concentrate on building endowment and serving as a repository for memorial and honorary contribution, as well as distributing grants for specific educational projects not ordinarily provided for in the school district budget.

An avenue for you to invest in the education of future generations has been established in The 506 Foundation. There are several ways you can contribute. One can write a check to the foundation, include the foundation in your will, buy a life insurance policy naming the foundation the beneficiary, establishing a trust naming the foundation as the beneficiary, or donate property, stock, or real estate to the foundation.

Each or these actions will benefit the youth of USD 506 and may provide tax advantages to you at the same time. The objective of this program is to build an endowment and establish a repository for memorial and honorary contributions, as well as distribute grants for specific educational projects not ordinarily provided for in the school district budget.

## *In Memory of Richard Neil McKiddy*



*April 21, 1931  
to  
June 23, 2017*

The LC Community lost a dear friend, Richard Neil McKiddy, Class of 1948, on June 23, 2017. Mr. McKiddy was the original contributor to the Sunshine Fund which has helped many seniors with the added expenses of graduation and such. Mr. McKiddy did not want any senior to feel left out because they couldn't afford pictures, a cap & gown, graduation announcements, or a yearbook. He was a retired Kansas City police captain, a Sergeant First Class with the US Army, serving from 1948 to 1961, and also a Korean War Veteran. As a KC motorcycle police officer, he was in the Juvenile Unit, was an undercover officer, was head of the Helicopter Unit & CID, and served the community from 1961 to 1991. Richard was also recalled to Army service during Desert Storm as protection service for General Colin Powell, Dick Chaney, and General Gordon Sullivan. He finished his career working for the Environmental Protection Agency. He is survived by his wife, a son, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. RIP Mr. Sunshine!

### **This past year(2017)we received contributions of:**

Memorial Scholarships- Phillip Markley, Albert Nash, Edith Vaughn, Milan & Betty Wiley, Della Davidson, Arthur Adamson, Charles Harry Kastler, Quincy Hicks, Louise Schneickert, Dale Sexton, Wintress Jack-Mabel Layton, Bradley D. Myers, Bobby Jones, Mike Geifer, Kathy Foster-Cochran, Gary Stice Music, Elise Vail & Cynthia Hellwig;

Other Scholarships- Class of 1953-54, Class of 1958, Class of 1959, Class of 1972, Class of 1986, Fred W. & Patricia Cunningham, Richard Shields, L.D. & Christine Curran, LCTA, Corner Store, Raymond & Donna Kline, ESM-Cliff Morris, Don & Bobbi Raymond, Shooting Sportsmen of Labette Co., Jane Journot Kelsey, Verl & Anita Shufelt, LCHS Drama Club, Machine Shop, Lois Jean Fredrick-Shrum;

Other Funds-Post Grad, Robert L. Bohrer Estate, LC Alumni General, LC Alumni Sunshine, LC Alumni Scholarship, LC Alumni Museum & LC Alumni General.

**Total Contributions for 2017 was \$154,199.33**

### **From the Treasurer**

Majorie Eichorn (Falcon) Vogt, Class of '66

Approximately 376 people were served at the banquet last year. We give 'Thanks' to Mrs. Johnston's Culinary Arts' Students who help serve. We had 34 scholarships recipients and their families, and awarded \$36,200.00 in scholarship funds. The Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th reunion; Class of 1957 celebrated their 60th reunion; classes of 1950 and 1955 held "meet and greet" gatherings before the banquet. This is a great opportunity for alumni from all classes to gather and renew friendships. Thanks to Mrs. Hawks' class we continue to create this annual newsletter as a part of their class work. the expense comes from reproducing and mailing costs so please, if you have an email address, please send to me at mfalcon28@gmail.com. Our balance of available funds is as follows:

General Fund \$2,664.99;  
Museum Fund \$233.93;  
Scholarship Fund \$3,405.42;  
Sunshine Fund \$14,308.98.

Please send your tax deductible dollars to The 506 Foundation, Inc. and mark for LCHS Alumni funds.

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The Alumni Association would like to thank Isabelle Redford, Class of 2020, and Aubri Stewart, Class of 2019, of the LCCHS Business Department for designing the newsletter and also Sun Graphics for printing, folding and sealing the newsletter .

### Reunion Announcements:

**Class of 1952:** will celebrate their 66th reunion on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Grizzly Den in Altamont (across from the high school). Lunch will be served (don't have the particulars yet, i.e., menu, price). Please call Letrechia (Woolard) DeMott, (918)-256-3834 mobile or (620)-515-3011 home; or Virginia (Williams) Wenzel, (620)-784-5667, for more information and to make your reservation.

**Class of 1955** will meet in Room 118 at 2:30 pm on Saturday, May 12, 2018, before the banquet. For more information, contact Nita (Hayden) Billman, 620/784-5862 or 620/778-2451.

**Class of 1968:** is planning our 50 year reunion on July 13 and 14 this summer. Letters are being sent out the first of March. Information can also be found on the website: [lchs50reunion.wixsite.com/lchs1968](http://lchs50reunion.wixsite.com/lchs1968). We are still missing several classmates' addresses. If anyone knows how to contact these people, please let us know: Betty Aronhalt, Darlene Berger, Janet Causey Acridge, Carolyn Douglass, Judy Forman Hernandez, Diane Frost, Jimmy Harrison, Carolyn Hunt Mundy, Donald Webster, James Wiley. Contact Joyce Stuart Fultz: [djfultz69@altamontks.com](mailto:djfultz69@altamontks.com); Connie Baker Journot: [journots@gmail.com](mailto:journots@gmail.com); or Margie O'Brien Wilson: [scrappingmargie@gmail.com](mailto:scrappingmargie@gmail.com).

### Contribution Form

Please note-the LC Alumni Association is NOT 501©(3). For contributions to be used for tax purposes, write your check to The 506 Foundation, Inc. and make a notation on your check "**LCCHS Alumni**".

Please select one of the following:

Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Fund  Sunshine Fund  506 Foundation

Make checks payable to: The 506 Foundation, INC.  
Mail to: P.O. Box 382, Altamont, KS 67330

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