

# Labette County High School Alumni Newsletter

Labette County High School Alumni Association, Altamont, Kansas

Spring 2015

## *Alumni Banquet*

**Saturday, May 9, 2015**

**6:00 p.m.**

School Cafeteria

### **Menu:**

Smothered Steak

Scalloped Potatoes

Green Beans, Coleslaw, Hot Rolls,

Chocolate & Lemon Mousse, Coffee, and Tea

**\$9.00 per Ticket**

Purchase your ticket by May 1st

from the following locations:



**Labette Bank**

Parsons

Altamont

Oswego

**Community National Bank**

Cherryvale

Coffeyville

Edna

**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 sending to:

**Janie Stice**

**5175 CR 5800**

**Cherryvale, KS 67335**

**Email: 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**

### **2014-2015 LCHS Alumni Officers**

**President** - Chris Kastler, Class of 1979

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620-784-5961

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**Treasurer** - Marjorie Falcon, Class of 1966

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## *Scholarships Presented at the 2014 Alumni Banquet*

LCHS Alumni Association- a 4-Year Scholarship, \$2000.00 (payable each semester for \$250.00) - *Holleigh Sorrell*

The Homer & Marchie Phillips Family Scholarship, \$1000.00 - *Bethany Holsinger*

Jessie "Louise" Schneickert (Class of 1938) Memorial Scholarship, 2 @ \$500.00 - *Tarryn Alloway & Shelby Bussen*

Arthur P. Adamson (Class of 1936) Scholarship, \$500.00 - *Brynn Green*

The Angola United Methodist Church Scholarship, \$500.00 - *Luke Traxson*

Barbara (Herold) and Bob Thompson Scholarship, \$500.00 - *Garett Britton*

Corner Store Scholarship (in memory of Imogene Raymond Rankins, Class of 1947), \$500.00 - *Ty Russell*

Class of 1959, \$400.00 - *Carly Snider*

The Raymond & Donna Kline Family Scholarship, \$500.00 - *Chase Winters*

Class of 1952, \$300.00 - *Kelsie Mart*

Robert Thygeron Memorial Scholarship (Class of 1952), \$200.00 - *Colton Rankins*

Marvin Foster Cave, '31' and Mary Louise (Cave '35') Allen Memorial Scholarship, \$300.00 - *Matthew Cook*

Quincy E. Hicks (Class of 1956) Memorial Scholarship, 2 @ \$250.00 - *Dustin Sheets, Ingrida Vance*

Jim Crumpton (Class of 1963) Memorial Scholarship, \$250.00 - *Michaela Ozier*

Natalie Neal-Lattimore Scholarship, \$250.00 - *Life Veenstra*

Scott Williams Memorial Scholarship, \$250.00 - *Blake Palmer*

Class of 1966 Memorial Scholarship, \$250.00 - *Jaclyn Wertz*

The Gene and Daisy (Mourning) White (Class of '57')

Scholarship, 2 @ \$250.00 each - *Taylor Russell, Kylee Bogner*

Music Scholarship in Memory of Imogene North & Alma Lee Shell, \$200.00 - *Renae Weaver*

Class of 1958, \$200.00 - *Chase Winters*

Gary L. Stice (Class of 1972) Memorial Music Scholarship, \$150.00 - *Devyn Glaspie*

Class of 1955, \$150.00 - *Kaelynn Evans*

Class of 1953/54, 4 @ \$1,000.00 each - *Kaylee Houston, Michaela Ozier, Holleigh Sorrell, & Kylee Bogner*

Class of 1979, 2 @ \$250.00 - *Kaci Moon & Luke Traxson*

Class of 1962, \$250.00 - *Cory Porter*

Would you be willing to help out your Alumni officers? Let us hear from from you!

## FROM YOUR TREASURER

MARJORIE FALCON, CLASS OF 1966

2015 Treasurer's report as of  
January 2015:

Museum fund: \$81.93  
Scholarship fund: \$9,192.42  
Sunshine fund: \$12,775.77  
General fund: \$3,626.65  
Checking account: \$2,587.27 =  
\$28,264.04

Our biggest expense is the  
newsletter:

Sun Graphics (printed 8,000)  
Labels & Ink: \$125.04  
Postage (mailed 6,339): \$1,118.21  
1,018 newsletters returned @ .49:  
\$498.82  
Folded & wafer sealed: \$ 980.00  
Total cost: \$2,722.07

But, we have received \$9,285.61  
since the mailing.

The Museum received a gift from the  
Class of 1958 of 4 filing cabinets.  
Now Donna and I (and anyone who  
would like to join us) need to get  
busy and get organized!

LCHS Alumni

"My sincere hope is that this note finds all alumni happy and healthy in this new year. The 2014-15 LCHS school year has moved along at a genuinely fast clip. As you would imagine, there are hundreds of school and community activities, sports and daily happenings that continue to keep your alma mater full of life and meaningful learning experiences.

Considering the acceleration of the pedal of the world we live in, it is always inspiring to me and to the entire staff to have the opportunity to work in such a wonderful school and community. Still, each year the question remains in all our minds, 'What makes a school and a community impact our lives in so many ways?' Of course, the answer is different for each of us because we all have our lived experiences. Nonetheless, there are countless similarities that bind us to LCHS and to all other Grizzlies, past and present.

It is true that at Labette County High School, "everyone is someone!" Fortunately, each LCHS student has at least one adult who cares about their safety and well being, just as it should be. The LCHS community supports our school and promotes the learning of each student in a safe environment which allows students to learn unfettered.

While this is true regarding students, our community always extends those caring "arms" to its own, regardless of age. Kimberly and Brad Smith are currently engaged in a battle with cancer. Lisa Chapman and her family are supporting their new grandson, Chip, in his day to day struggle with birth complications. In each of these cases, LCHS students, without prompting, organized and carried out multiple fund raising efforts to aid the members and extended family members of USD 506! During my administrative career, I have experienced several school cultures in southeast Kansas, yet I can honestly say that no where else can one see the kind of unselfish and unwavering dedication to those in need. LCHS students have always, and I dare say, will always embody this kind of caring and compassion. That capacity has to start with families and homes in this great community! At LCHS, giving of ourselves and talents is second nature and many times goes unnoticed, but no one really is upset by that; it is just the way we are. As alumni, I want you to know that your generosity changes the lives of our students in so many ways. It gives them an example to follow and it has become part of and has defined the culture of our beloved LCHS community and family.

I am anxious to see you at the Alumni Banquet in May and look forward to sharing many more stories of our successes here at LCHS. Marty Anderson...Principal, LCHS

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Chris Kastler, Class of 1979

Alumni, you can make a difference.

Once again it is a pleasure to serve as President of our Alumni Association. I feel honored to serve and try to give back something to this school that made such a difference in my life. This district has a rich tradition of excellence in providing a quality education for every student. I know USD 506 had a great impact on my life, and I bet it did on your life as well. Your contributions help keep this Grizzly tradition going. I know it seems like everyone is always asking for money, but many times if you don't make the needs known then people can't help.

We have wonderful alumni that love making a difference for our young people and give generously to the Alumni Association for scholarships, operating costs, (it costs over \$2000 just to mail out these newsletters) and the sunshine fund. In the past, we have had donations by the Hosney family that helped us upgrade the sound system in Harrison Auditorium. The Gearhiser family gave a sizeable contribution to the foundation, and we use the interest from that money to give educational mini-grants each year. We even had an anonymous donation given in honor of Jerry Beran to buy equipment for our Vocational Agriculture Department. Recently Mr. Fred Cunningham left a sizable scholarship donation to our school that will help pay for LC graduates to go to school for years to come.

There are many more needs: upgrading the lighting system and stage curtains in Harrison Auditorium, additional tennis courts (did you know we have more students out for tennis than any other school in our league?), more scholarships, library books, and technology, more money for educational mini-grants, and the list could go on and on. If you would like to help with any of the needs listed or any other project or program, please let us know.

Remember, Alumni can make a difference.  
Chris Kastler -Class of 1979

Arthur P. Adamson, Class of 1936. We were saddened to learn Mr. Adamson died May 3, 2014. He had provided scholarships to our students for many years. From his childhood in rural Kansas and education in a one-room schoolhouse, Mr. Adamson went on to graduate at the top of the class of 1941 from the University of Southern California's School of Engineering. He spent his entire career in engineering and engineering leadership with General Electric, working near Schenectady, New York, and at several other sites before spending the last 30 years of his career at GE's Evendale (Cincinnati), Ohio, plant. While with GE, he led advanced rocket and jet engine design programs, and became a world leader in jet engine design, responsible for the design of engines that remain widely used on commercial wide-body jet aircraft.

Mr. Adamson received many awards for excellence in engineering leadership from GE and outside engineering organizations. When not working, he was a devoted husband and father, as well as an avid downhill skier, tennis player, world traveler, wood carver and a prolific reader. All who knew him will miss his intelligence, good humor, wit, integrity, energy and wisdom.

Mr. Adamson was married for 59 years to the late Florence (Smith) Adamson of Schenectady, NY. He is survived by a son David, and a daughter Judith, five grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and a brother Charles.

His daughter shared a video about her father, produced by GE. It is well worth watching. Here's the link:  
[http://youtu.be/\\_mxyI9FOopE](http://youtu.be/_mxyI9FOopE)

## THE 506 FOUNDATION, INC.

**The Purpose:** We are a 501(c)(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 the 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 an 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 to contribute. One can write a check to the foundation, include the foundation in your will, buy a life insurance policy naming the foundation as the beneficiary, establish a trust naming the foundation as the beneficiary, or donate property, stock, or real estate to the foundation. Each of these actions will benefit the youth of USD 506 and may provide tax advantages to you at the same time. The object 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.

There are 2 types of funds:

**Non-Designated Funds**...the most desirable and flexible. It empowers the Board of Directors of The 506 Foundation to make grants to the important needs in USD 506, and to meet emerging needs as they arise. Contributors are recognized via the following gift giving clubs:

Corporate Club \$10,000 and higher  
Foundation Club \$5,000 to \$9,999  
Directors' Club \$1,000 to \$4,999  
Scholars' Club \$500 to \$999  
Grizzly Club \$100 to \$499  
Cub Club \$50 to \$99

**Designated Funds**...a field of interest fund in the area of your greatest personal concern, such as academic areas, vocational programs, building improvements, or equipment. Consultation with The 506 Foundation, in advance to ensure program availability, is requested on designated gifts. An individual, a family, a corporation, or an organization may establish a fund. Memorials will be accepted.

The Board of Directors consist of nine members serving staggered three year terms; four from USD 506 Board of Education and Faculty, three from the community served by USD 506, and two from the LCHS Alumni Association.

The annual meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday in July at 12:01 p.m. at the USD 506 Board Office. The current Board of Directors are L. D. Curran (Community), Susan Dodsworth (School), Marjorie Falcon (Alumni), Rich Falkenstien (Alumni), Chris Kastler (School), Samantha Hestand (School), Crystal Witty (School), Roy Thompson (Community), and Bill Wyckoff (Community).

The past year we received \$44,846.84 for the following: Dora Boore, Henry Bussinger, Brent Carlson, Jane England, Mike Geifer, Haley Hilderbrand, Betty Huffman, Cassidy Kusel, Phillip Markley, Albert Nash, Kara Shaffer, Betty Wiley, Rita Meeks, Harry Kastler, Gavin Carson, Jessica Pierce, Lyle Phillips, Homer & Marci Phillips, Raymond Kline, Louise Schneickert, Corin Weil, Harold Weltmer- **all memorial scholarships.**

Other scholarships: Corner Store, Class of 1972, Post Grad, L.D. & Christine Curran, LCTA, Class of 1951, Arthur Adamson, Class of 1953/54, Class of 1979, Class of 1958, LCHS Drama Club (Tongier), LC Alumni funds (Sunshine, Scholarship & Museum). \$2,658.51 in **Non-Designated funds.**

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The Alumni Association would like to thank Bridget Bradbury, Class of 2015, of LCCHS Business Department for designing the newsletter and also Sun Graphics for printing, folding and sealing the newsletter.

### Reunion Announcements:

**Class of 1952** will meet Friday, June 12, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in the Altamont Senior Center (Main Street). Some good visiting and finger foods will be on the menu. Contact Virginia (Williams) Wenzel at (620) 784-5667 or Larry O'Brien at (620) 784-5558.

**ATTENTION, Class of 1965-** Who can believe that we graduated from LCCHS 50 years ago? It is time to come home and go back to school and share memories and renew friendships. The Class of '65 reunion will be held on May 9, 2015, starting at 2:00 p.m. in Room 121 at the high school. For more information, or if you have not notified us that you are coming, please email Judy (Chickadonz) Thompson at judyt@wavewls.com or call (620) 421-3887 as soon as possible. Hope to see many of us there!

**Class of 1966-** Mark these dates on your 2016 calendar, May 13, 14, 15. It's our 50th class reunion. More details will follow in the form of a letter so be on the look-out. Any ideas, send me an email: mfalcon28@gmail.com.

**Class of 1971** will have a 45th reunion on May 13 & 14, 2016 (Fri. & Sat.) We will have a pot luck dinner at 6pm on May 13th and then on May 14th a tour of school @ 4 pm, followed by Alumni Banquet at 6 pm. Details at later date. Please put on your calendar and plan to join your fellow classmates for a great reunion! Contact Ray Stice at home 620-336-2812 or cell 620-330-2157 or email jatvstice@hotmail.com.

**Want to say a "Thank You" to all those that bought the LCCHS Alumni Directory 2014. I have some more to sell, if you would like one please let me know. There are a lot of alumni that I do not have addresses for. If you need a list of names and addresses for a reunion, that can be gotten for you. It will cost you nothing except you send me a list back with updated addresses, etc., after your reunion. As I have retired there is now a new email address to send item to: dsfun345@hotmail.com. Please send those addresses in order to help with the postage that the alumni uses to get the wrong ones back.**

**Donna George Strickland, Class of 1958  
Data Keeper, LC Alumni Association  
dsfun345@hotmail.com**

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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:

- 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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