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All-School Alumni Reunion Events for 2024!



Alumni volunteers selling shirts,
Tina Sippely Chidster '97, Suzy
Guthrie Howland '97

The Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association planning committee set the schedule for this year's events at its March meeting after confirming the Chamber of Commerce is planning to hold Colorfest the third weekend of October. On Saturday, October 19, during Colorfest weekend, an all-school and all-class reunion social/mixer will kick-off the evening's events at the American Legion Hall located at 420 Kelly Lane. This will run from 5 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. and is open to anyone who attended school in Louisiana,

their spouse/significant other and/or friends, and any friends of the local schools. This social/mixer is free with a cash bar available from the American Legion. This provides a great opportunity for alumni from one class to mingle and reminisce with those from other classes.

After the social / mixer, a dinner for only those with reservations will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion. The bountiful meal will be catered by Vicky Mitts Keely ('78) and tickets are \$30 per person. This dinner ticket will include admission to the dance which starts at 9 p.m. (see below).

The dinner will again include recognition of this year's special reunion classes (those with their graduation year ending in 4 or 9) in attendance. We are anticipating a big turnout. Since seating is limited, make your reservations today (see the Reservation Form inside the back cover, page 11).

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

As we enter our 17th year, I would like to thank everyone that has donated and volunteered to keep our Alumni Association strong and viable. It is with these donations that we have maintained the 4, \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Throughout the year, your Association also works with teachers and students on various activities.

Keep the donations coming and we will see you at the all-school reunion in October.

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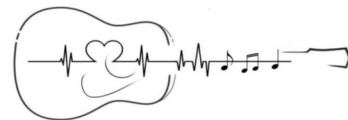
Also, a very brief annual business meeting required by our by-laws will be held before dinner.

A bit later that evening at the American Legion Hall, there will be a dance with live music featuring the band *Country Soul*. This will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with doors opening at 8:30 p.m. A \$10/person cover charge will be required to enter for the dance (unless you attend the dinner earlier). During all events at the American Legion a cash bar will be available benefitting the Legion.

In case you are wondering, the Bulldogs football team will be playing at Mark Twain in Center on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. The Homecoming game is scheduled for Friday, September 20 at 7 p.m. vs. Wright City. As of June, the parade is expected to be held Thursday evening on Georgia Street starting at Sunset Park and going west to LHS. There will be a bonfire and rally with food trucks. Time has not been set. The LHS FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter usually conducts a big BBQ fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. on Homecoming Day. Eat at LHS and then enjoy the game or get carryout.

If you are interested in playing golf from Friday-Sunday of Colorfest weekend, the Pike County Country Club has agreed to allow returning alumni and friends to play 18 holes for \$40 per person, which includes a cart for two. Rates for 9 holes at PCCC, with a cart for 2 included, will be \$20 per person.

If any returning alumni have interest in touring LHS/LMS on Saturday, October 19, they should contact Walter Logan at waltercl2@att.net by October 11th so arrangements can be made. Last year, Superintendent Ward gladly toured a few alums through the LMS/LHS complex.



Country Soul is a band from Louisiana, MO that has been providing great dance music in the Midwest for 40+ years. Pictured from left to right Tony Cordes, Ben Cordes, David Cordes and Benji Pullium.

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Alumni T-Shirt Fundraiser

The LHS-red Louisiana Alumni T-shirts in short- and long-sleeved shirts are available. (see photo) This is a fundraiser for the Alumni Association to help our school / students and to cover the costs of this newsletter. They are available now for pickup in Louisiana, can be shipped for an additional charge to

cover postage and handling or will be available during the all-school reunion events at the American Legion on October 19th.

The shirts may be ordered on the Reservation Form on page 11 of this newsletter or on our website. Order yours today and show your Bulldog pride.

We Want (and need) You!!

After serving our Association faithfully as Membership Chairman for 11 years, Mike Pratt is resigning effective the end of December. He is willing to assist the new person during the transition as needed. Here is his outline of what is involved.

The position DOES NOT have anything to do with trying to recruit new members or to collect dues from members. Per our by-laws, everyone who attended school in the Louisiana School System is automatically a member of the LHS Alumni Association just by attending school there. The "dues" was changed to a volunteer financial support system in 2014. The collection of all financial support is handled by the treasurer.

The Membership Chair position has the following duties:

- Maintain the LHS Alumni Contacts Database
 - Process emails informing us about the death of an LHS alum
 - Review obituaries from Pike County Illinois and Missouri for notification of death of possible alums
 - Receive and update address corrections from company printing our newsletters
 - Update database with all newsletters returned as Undeliverable Return to Sender
- Determine which alumni will receive our newsletter via email and which will receive a printed/mailed newsletter
- Sending emails to alumni for the following:
 - SAVE THE DATE and Contact Verification
 - LHS Alumni and Friends Association Newsletter
 - Reminder email about Annual Dinner Reservations Due

The Membership Chair uses Microsoft Office, Excel, and Outlook to complete the tasks above. Visiting 6-8 websites is useful as well. This person DOES NOT need to live in Louisiana.

If you have interest in learning more about this volunteer position, contact Mike Pratt at LHSAlumniLouisianaMo@gmail.com or

From the desk of Dr. Tom Ward superintendent and acting LHS principal during '23-'24)....

Hello all you Bulldogs!

It is my pleasure as an alumnus to update all of you on what has been happening in those hallowed halls at LHS and the District.

This year we say goodbye to four retirees: Title teacher, Stacey Ross; High School English teacher, Chris Miller; High School Secretary, Candy Burnett; and Middle School Secretary, Faye Raney. To each of you a big thank you for your years of service to the students of the District.

We are having more changes in our fine arts department. For the '24-'25 school year, our band and vocal music students will be having their third teacher in three years. Even with this inconsistency in instructors our students still set the stage for great performances. Also, this year we brought back our student stage performance with "The Little Shop of Horrors". This year's Fine Arts Night displayed some exceptional artwork. Amanda (Sperry) DePriest (LHS '98) does an exceptional job with all her students.

If the numbers serve me well the Class of 2025 will be the 150th class to graduate from Louisiana High School.

The District has hired two new head coaches to direct our football and basketball teams. Steve Gschwender (LHS '94) will be returning to his alma mater to direct the football and weights program. Steve is coming back to Louisiana for the second time after leaving Van-Far where he helped in rebuilding their program. Matt Boswell has been hired to coach the boys' basketball program. Matt was a very highly sought after teacher and coach coming to LHS from Mark Twain. He is also the husband of our very own District Librarian, Shelby (Brown) Boswell (LHS '11).

Sports recognitions

6 All District Players

33 All Conference Players

Softball Team All State Academic Team

Numerous All State Track Competitors and school records broken

John Stoeckley, a renowned local artist, passed away this past spring and the last artwork he did was the entrances to all the school buildings, including Rowley Annex. We are very fortunate to have those drawings in the entrance to the Central Office. All his work embraces what we are as a community, and he will always be remembered as a supporter of public education.

All alumni and friends of the Louisiana R-II School District are welcome to stop by or give a call to witness firsthand what we are doing in our schools. I can be reached at wardt@louisiana.k12.mo.us or call at 573-754-4261.

Yours in education and "Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog"



*Dr. Thomas Ward,
(Photo courtesy of
LHS)*



LHS ALAMO Yearbooks are Online

Don't forget you can view any of the LHS ALAMO yearbooks through 2016 online. (A plan to have more recent ones scanned and available is being considered.) These were scanned a handful of years ago and it is by far the most viewed page of the Alumni Association's website. The website page where the yearbooks can be viewed is www.LouisianaAlumniAssociation.org/alamo-yearbooks/

Should you have photographs or clippings you believe would be of interest in helping to preserve the history of LHS, contact Mike Pratt at 314-609-9821 or via email at LHSAlumniLouisianaMO@gmail.com.

New High School Principal



LHS Principal Craig Smith (Photo courtesy of Walter Logan)

You may recall last summer we shared that Dr. Tom Ward would handle the administrative responsibilities of the LHS principal in addition to his superintendent duties. He had Tony Gschwender handle discipline and routine matters. For the 2024-25 school year, we will welcome Craig Smith as the LHS principal. Craig is a native of Pike County having graduated from Clopton High School. He attended college then worked for 10 years for Bodine Aluminum. He received his degree from Missouri Baptist and is finishing his master's in education in Education Leadership from William Woods University. Smith taught middle school science at Clopton for seven years and then moved to Bowling Green where he most recently taught high school PE and health. Craig has coached basketball, softball, and baseball at both Clopton and Bowling Green.

He hopes to come to Louisiana and lead both the teachers and students. His goal is to prepare students for tomorrow's society.

Smith umpires travel softball games/tournaments during the summer months. When he's not at school, he will likely be watching various sports or possibly playing a little golf. Welcome to LHS!

LHS FFA Receives Honors

FFA is three little letters that stand for more than the Future Farmers of America. In 1988 the organization changed its name to the National FFA Organization to include all three hundred plus career opportunities within the agricultural industry. Our chapter focuses on sharing each of our agricultural stories even though many of them do not begin on a family farm.

Over the past two years our chapter has experienced some "firsts." In Spring 2023 we had the first area proficiency winner in ten years walk across the stage when Johnny Picone received a plaque for the Area Winner Wildlife Production and Management proficiency. Our chapter was awarded third place for our digital scrapbook at the area level. This all kick started a drive in our chapter to find the events that represented the heights of our chapter.

We're happy to say the success didn't stop there. During Spring 2024 we received an honor for the first time in school history when we were named the 35th Place Gold Emblem chapter in Missouri. There are over 350 chapters in Missouri so being in the top 10% gave us the kick to do even better next year. This placing is based off the National Chapter Application that highlights 15 of our "best" events. It is our goal to continue to fill out this application each year and continue to rise in placing. To do this we will have to continue to host quality events at the chapter level and grow our chapter. We are excited about the future of our chapter and have already begun planning for next year.

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<https://www.facebook.com/LHSBulldogs1/>



Christmas Window Decoration

For years, the Christmas season kicks off in Louisiana with a parade and Santa Claus coming to town on Thanksgiving weekend. The last couple years there has been a concerted effort to light up downtown with lighted displays in the storefronts. Various groups and organizations are assigned a window to decorate by Thanksgiving. The Alumni Association has participated since the beginning by decorating a window. This year in the White Insurance office's window the Association had the following display.



(Photo courtesy of Walter Logan)

New and familiar faces take over coaching reins



LHS head football Coach Steve Gschwender (Photo Courtesy of Walter Logan)

LHS will have new head coaches leading our football team and boys' basketball team for 2024-2025. One is a familiar face (and name) that not only graduated from Louisiana but spent time as our head football coach before. Steve Gschwender (LHS '94) returns home to Louisiana to teach strength and conditioning and to head up our football program. Most recently, he has been the offensive coordinator at Van-Far High School. Gschwender attended Quincy University and graduated from Central Methodist. When asked what his expectations were for our football program, Steve replied "we will win games if the players show up and care about winning." Steve's wife, Jennifer, also teaches at LHS. He will also serve as the assistant under the new head boys basketball coach.

Which leads us to the new boys' basketball head coach, Matt Boswell. He grew up in Morton, IL (near Peoria) and graduated from St. Louis University with degrees in English and education. Initially,



LHS head boys' basketball Coach Matt Boswell, (Photo courtesy of Walter Logan)

he taught and coached at Clayton High School. When his wife, Shelby Brown Boswell (LHS '11), took a teaching job with Louisiana, he took a teaching position at Mark Twain High School and as the girls' basketball coach. He was there 3 years. Matt will teach sophomore and junior English classes at LHS. He says he likes his basketball teams to play fast on offense and slow it down / grind it out style on defense. He plans to become active in the youth basketball program in Louisiana as well. Matt will also help coach track and field. Boswell shared his wife loves Louisiana (where the Boswells live) and "I have always wanted to teach here." Welcome to LHS!

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Alumni Association Scholarships Awarded



We are proud to report it has been fifteen years since our Association awarded its first scholarships. The first two, awarded in 2009, were \$500 each. Since 2016, we have been able to award four \$1,000 scholarships annually. This year's recipients were announced during the Awards Night on May 7. They are listed below along with their plans after graduation:

Raegan Bowser plans to attend Moberly Area Community College's (MACC) Columbia campus then transfer to a 4-year college to study art, psychology, and marketing, obtain her bachelor's degree in art therapy; **Cooper Lumley** will also attend MACC in

Columbia to study health sciences, get his associate's degree, transfer to the University of Missouri and go into pre-dental studies to become an orthodontist; **Ivy Nulsen** plans to attend State Technical College of Missouri (formerly Linn State Technical College) in their automotive technology program with a goal of opening her own shop and working with her dad; **Jennifer Reed** will attend MACC in Columbia and then attend nursing school.

NOTE: All of the students above are eligible for and plan to use the Missouri A+ program which pays for tuition for 2 years to a public community college or vocational/technical school. To learn more about the A+ program go to <https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>.

This brings the total amount of scholarships awarded by our Association since 2009 to worthy LHS graduates to \$51,000! This is made possible only with the support from many of you who make memorial / honorarium donations. THANK YOU! It is our hope the Association will be able to continue to make these and even greater awards in the years to come.

LHS Counselor Emily Calvin (LHS '08) reported over \$50,000 in local scholarships, funded by individuals, businesses, and organizations, were awarded to members of the LHS Class of '24. In addition, there will be a total of \$66,000 in Hardin Scholarships awarded to some of this year's graduates and other recent LHS graduates continuing their education.

The Association wishes these students and the entire Class of 2024, which was 46 strong, the absolute best in the years ahead!



Raegan Bowser
(Photos courtesy of LHS)



Cooper Lumley



Ivy Nulsen



Jennifer Reed

Meloan Family Trust Scholarships Awarded

In 2022 Fred Meloan (LHS '55) established an ongoing scholarship. It was his desire to recognize the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of each year's graduating class.

The Valedictorian of the Class of 2024, therefore the recipient of the Meloan Family Trust Scholarship in the amount of \$3,500, was **Allison Jenkins**. She will attend Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis to earn a bachelor's degree in secondary education while playing softball and then a master's degree in administration with her goal of becoming a high school teacher, softball coach, and eventually an athletic director. The Salutatorian of the Class of 2024 and the recipient of a \$2,400 Meloan Scholarship was **Anna Ince**. She will attend Lindenwood University and major in Communications with an emphasis in Broadcast Journalism. Anna's goal in life is to work at a Christian radio station close to St. Louis after college.



Allison Jenkins

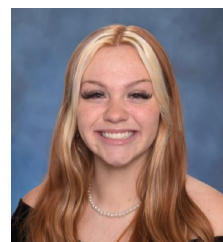


Anna Ince

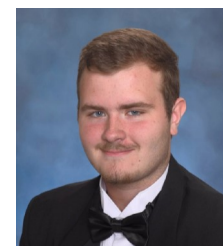
Alumni Association to Handle

Last winter Ken Lamé (LHS '59) was in town and asked to meet with Mark Haddock, the Alumni & Friends Association President. During the meeting, Ken indicated he and his wife wished to continue funding the two scholarships for LHS seniors in their name. But, at their age, it was their desire to have local alumni who know the students make the selection of the winners and handle all coordination with the school. At a subsequent meeting of the Association's planning committee, it was agreed to do as the Lames requested.

The Elizabeth Travis Lamé Family Memorial Nursing Scholarship was awarded to **Brylin Stewart** who plans to attend Moberly Area Community College in Columbia to earn her associate degree, transfer to Mizzou, and obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). **Kayden Weimer** was selected as the recipient of The Kenneth D. and Ruth Dodge Lamé STEM Scholarship given in honor of Mrs. Ellen Morrow. Kayden will be attending State Technical College of Missouri in their Electronics Engineering Technology program with his goal being to start a computer building business. Both scholarships are for \$2,000. (See photos to right)



Brylin Stewart



Kayden Weimer

Morrow and Gierke Scholarships Awarded

The recipient of the 2024 Ellen Morrow Memorial Math Scholarship, administered and selected by the Alumni Association, was **Harley Norvell**.



Harley Norvell

Harley plans to attend Moberly Area Community College in Columbia using Missouri A+ funds. She'll then transfer to Mizzou's nursing program to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). She has always loved to travel so plans to get into travel nursing. Her 3-year-old cousin was diagnosed with cancer and that has made her consider becoming a pediatric oncology nurse. This scholarship, named after a long-time LHS math teacher, goes to the top math student and is in the amount of \$1,000.

The Association's scholarship committee selected **Jasmine Perez** for the 2024 Gierke Family Memorial Scholarship. Jasmine plans to further her education at Washington



Jasmine Perez

University in St. Louis to obtain a double degree in BioChem and Mathematics. She plans to apply to Wash U's medical school to hopefully become a pediatrician OR get a doctorate in mathematics. This scholarship memorializes brothers Jacob and Christian Gierke and their father, Jim, who was the former owner of the Louisiana Press-Journal. This \$2,000 scholarship is administered by the Missouri Press Association.

Scholarship Recipients 10 Years Later...

We thought it would be interesting to follow up with our scholarship recipients from 2014, see what they're doing and get some insights from them. Those receiving \$750 Alumni Scholarships were: Caitlin Bolton, Sydney Bronson, Ethan Helkey, and Zachery Reeve. Shelby Renner received the Ellen Morrow Math Scholarship (\$1,000) in 2014. This was only the second LHS class eligible for A+ benefits (state-funded, free tuition at 2-yr community colleges or technical/trades schools if students meet certain criteria).

Those who responded indicated the scholarships helped provide security for them to attend college and to finish with less student loan debt.

Both responders pursued the field of study outlined at the time of their graduation from LHS. One is currently a Registered Nurse and plans to apply to a nurse practitioner program soon. The other received a fine arts degree as well as a degree in Art History and Library Sciences. That individual had planned to work behind the scenes in wig and makeup with a theater company and is currently employed by St. Louis Public Library and Webster Art Framing.

When asked what words of wisdom they would pass on to students currently in Louisiana Middle School and High School, one replied "Reach for the stars! Never stop believing in yourself and your dreams!" The other replied "Students in LMS...try and start to find out what you like to do in life that isn't influenced by anyone but yourself. This will help in the future whenever you look for career paths as well as when you need stress relief. LHS students...I advise you to research a bit more on the financial aspect of college if that is what you are intending on doing after high school. If you can come out of college as debt free as possible, you can start yourself on a good foot right off the bat. If you can, try and work and pay your way through. That helped me a great deal. Also, apply, apply, apply, to scholarships! Even if you don't think you might get the scholarship, always try. You fail 100% of the attempts you do not make. College is not the only option out there in which you can be successful. Find what makes you happy and can get you through life. There are vocational programs, the military and so much more that can get you far in life as well."

Dual Credit Opportunities for LHS students

Over the last 20-30 years Louisiana High School has offered some classes which allowed students to earn college credits while taking high school classes taught by LHS teachers. Initially, Advanced Placement (AP) classes were offered in art and math. More recently, what's known as dual credit classes (high school and college credits are both earned) have been available. The students in these LHS classes have the option to "enroll" at the cooperating college/university offering the college credits for a reduced tuition rate vs. their on-campus rates. Currently, the college credits for these classes are earned from Central Methodist University (CMU). These credits are not accepted by every college and university. Therefore, if the student does not plan on attending CMU, it's up to students to ask the college/university they plan to attend if they will accept the CMU credits.

The LHS classes currently offered as dual credit classes are Composition I and II, Public Speaking, College Algebra, Statistics, Calculus, and Honors Literature. For each class successfully completed with a grade of C or better, 3 college credits are earned. So, if a student took all these classes at LHS, they could graduate high school with 21 hours of college credits. That is over a semester's worth of college classes and at a greatly reduced tuition rate. For a small school like LHS, that is noteworthy. Some larger schools in/near St. Louis or St. Charles offer even more dual credit classes.

LHS Student Earns National Recognition

Trap shooting may not be a top spectator sport but one LHS student has garnered quite a reputation in the sport. Johnny Picone, who graduated from LHS in May, has been competing throughout high school. He holds state champion titles in not only Missouri but also Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, and Arizona. In 2022 Johnny was the youngest shooter to win the high overall championship title at the Missouri Youth Shooting Sports High School championship trap shoot. He is the current national central zone junior singles champion, central Illinois zone singles champion, Area 5 FFA champion, and the MO Handicap Junior Singles Champion.



Champion shooter Johnny Picone
(Photo courtesy of Dr. John Picone)

In March, Picone competed in the Arizona state shoot where he took 5 trophies including the singles class championship. He has been a member of the Illinois state team, the AIM national all-star team and AIM all-zone team during his shooting career.

MSHSAA, Missouri's high school activities association, does not sanction trap shooting currently. It's a club sport but, nonetheless, we cannot recall any LHS student who has been as highly decorated and earned so many championships as Johnny Picone. Congratulations!

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Pike-Lincoln Technical Center Programs

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Louisiana High School students had the opportunity to attend classes at the Hannibal Technical School (HTC) for half a day in their junior and/or senior years. They would earn three credits each year toward graduation at LHS for the classes they successfully completed at HTC. These were classes not available at LHS such as Welding, Auto Mechanic, Building Trades (carpentry and related skills), Health Sciences, etc.

In 1973, Pike-Lincoln Technical Center (PLTC) in Eolia was established to serve students from the seven high schools in Pike and Lincoln Counties wishing to take technical classes/programs like Hannibal Technical School offered. The districts served by PLTC are Bowling Green, Clopton, Elsberry, Louisiana, Silex, Troy, and Winfield.

The programs offered at Pike-Lincoln Tech, or “tech” as many students refer to it, change periodically. PLTC and other area career-tech schools (some people may still refer to them as vo-tech schools) offer different programs based on 1) employer needs particularly in their service area, 2) classes available at their home high schools, and 3) the level of interest from students from their “sending” schools.

PLTC has offered the following programs to juniors and seniors from their sending schools for many years: Auto Service, Auto Collision, Building Trades, Diesel Tech, Computer & Networking, Health Sciences, 3D Modeling & Animation, and Welding. Due to growing demand for workers in these fields and student interest, EMT/Paramedics and Law Enforcement were added in recent years. For '24-'25, Dental Assistant and Marketing are being made available for the first time. The PLTC Practical Nursing Program has been available to post-secondary students since the school's inception in 1973.

Twenty years ago, when the LHS student enrollment was considerably higher, LHS sent maybe 12 or 15 students to PLTC. For the last few years, there have been 30 +/- LHS students attending PLTC learning technical skills. Each of the districts pays tuition to PLTC based on a rolling average of the number of students they send.

Moved? Changed your email address?

If you move or change your email address, please remember to let us know. We want to maintain an accurate roster of all who have attended Louisiana schools.



If you are receiving this newsletter via mail and have an email account which you check regularly, please send your email address with your full name (please include maiden name), and graduation year (or the year you would have graduated had you stayed) to LHSAlumniLouisianaMO@gmail.com. This will save the Association the cost of printing and mailing future newsletters.

If you received this newsletter addressed to yourself and/or family members and your mailing address is somewhere else, please let the alumni association know your correct mailing address and/or email address.

Louisiana Bulldog Athletic Hall of Fame

The LHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024 was announced late this June. Their induction ceremony will take place on Friday, September 20th prior to the football game. A reception for the inductees and guests will be held at 5 p.m. that day in the LHS Commons with the ceremony taking place before the game.

Below are the Class of 2024 members and a summary of their athletic accomplishments:

Richie Bryant – graduated LHS in 2001, participated in football, basketball, and track, earned All-Conference and All-District honors in all three sports and All-State in football and track. Led the conference in scoring in basketball with 21.2 points per game in 2000-01. Conference Male Track Athlete of the Year in 2000 and 2001. Richie is currently teaching and coaching in Kansas.

Lance Prince – graduated LHS in 1985, participated in football, basketball, and golf, earned All-Conference, All-Area, All-District and All-State honors in football and golf. Part of the 1984 State Champion Golf Team, he played golf and football at the University of Miami (FL) playing on the undefeated national championship Miami Hurricane football team. Lance is currently a Physician Scientist in California.

Tom Wallace – graduated LHS in 1979, participated in football, basketball, and track, earned All-Conference, All-District, and All-State honors in basketball and track as well as All-Conference in football. Was State Champion in the mile relay in 1978. Living outside of Louisiana, he has been active in local youth sports and coached football and basketball for the district. Tom recently retired from Ameren-Missouri and is currently serving as a county commissioner.

1986 Men's Track Team – This team was State Champions led by Chuck Dobbins, Roger Walker, Terry Edwards, Richie Miller, Donnie Minor, Jim Scott, and many others. The head coach was Tony Gschwender.

LHS's HOF coordinator, Ryan Griffin, indicated the school is always looking for nominations for the Hall of Fame. “We know there are tons of people that deserve to be honored but we need people to nominate them,” Griffin said. The criteria for eligibility and the nomination form can be found on the high school's website under Athletics (http://lhs.louisiana.k12.mo.us/athletics/bulldog_hall_of_fame), by contacting Griffin by phone at 573-721-7964 or by email at griffinr@louisiana.k12.mo.us.

Financial Support System

Everyone who has attended Louisiana schools or served the district as an administrator, teacher, or support staff is automatically a member of the Alumni Association. This is true even if it was only for a short time. We no longer ask for annual dues to be a member of the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association.

In lieu of annual dues, each member of the Association is asked to make a regular, tax-deductible donation as their situation permits. These donations will help provide ongoing operating funds to cover expenses such as printing and mailing our alumni newsletter (nearly \$1.50 each now), giving classroom teachers \$25 each, and special purchases of materials, services, and/or equipment made to enhance the Louisiana R-II School District and to, in turn, benefit its students.

Please consider donating today. Does your employer make matching donations to tax-exempt organizations? If so, please ask them to match your donation.

Make your tax-deductible donation now! See the Reservation Form with this newsletter which has a space for donations, or you may make donations by going to our website and clicking on the “Donate” tab at the top. We accept Venmo or PayPal.

Helping Our School District



(Photo courtesy of Linda Shade)

Your Alumni Association has helped support the district in a few different ways this year.

The Association again purchased three Louisiana R-II School flags with a large bulldog head on each which will fly in front of the school. The cost of these totaled \$459.

At a back-to-school staff luncheon last August, each classroom teacher, 64 of them, was given \$25 cash

(totaling \$1600). It was a small token of our Association's appreciation for how they all spend their own money for needed classroom supplies, etc. The staff was very appreciative. (We hope to be able to do this again but will need donations to help cover some of the cost.)

The Association purchased a half-page ad in the ALAMO yearbook (\$125) and donated (\$100) to the After-Prom Party held each year to keep our kids safe. In addition, our Association donated \$100 to the Music Boosters' Trivia Night and sponsored a hole (\$100) at the LHS Football team golf tournament.

The last week of school, our Alumni Association gave all district employees a pen inscribed with "May you be proud of the work you do, THE PERSON YOU ARE AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE." It was attached to a card which had printed on one side "Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association" and the following on the back of it "Thank you for your dedication to the Louisiana School District! We appreciate all that you do for our Louisiana students! Hope your last week with students is stress-free and may your summer be relaxing and wonderful!"

Additional News from our Superintendent

In mid-May, as school was ending, Missouri Governor Parson signed a very important, wide-ranging "education" bill known as SB 727. Dr. Ward referred to its impact on Louisiana R-II as "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly!"

The complete text of the bill encompasses more than 160 pages with most of it impacting Missouri education. While there are provisions in this bill that increase statutory minimum teacher pay, the bill does not ensure state funding will be appropriated this year or any subsequent year to support such an increase. Our district is funded in large part by local taxes, and Ward fears that if the teacher pay increase is funded at the expense of the foundation formula or school transportation or not funded at all, the Louisiana R-II taxpayers may be left to make up the difference with budget cuts or local tax increases. Ward and the school board anticipate in our district alone we would need to ask for an immediate increase in our local tax levy (rate), as well as increases every few years to keep up with inflation and address pay compression. Even with a community that values and supports local schools, this will be a steep ask and will undoubtedly jeopardize the financial solvency of our district.

As of the end of May, the state school superintendent association was just conducting conference calls with superintendents highlighting seven points within the bill. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) had yet to provide any answers to questions from superintendents around the state about the impact on funding to cover aspects of this legislation.

SB 727 mandates districts pay first-year teachers a minimum of \$40,000 starting with the 2024-25 school year. At the same time, a minimum was set for those teachers with a Masters + ten years of experience at \$46,000. Anticipating that the pending legislation would set the minimum for first-year teachers in '24-'25 at \$38,000, Louisiana set theirs at \$38,500.

Effective with the 2028-29 school year these minimum salaries will be increased each year based on the Consumer Price Index.

Due to the lack of applicants of certified educators, it has been necessary to hire "full-time subs" to teach a given class for the entire school year. To increase applications from certified educators for our teaching vacancies, the school board implemented a \$2,000 sign-on bonus last winter. Dr. Ward said he did not sense it helped. As of early June, all but two teaching positions for the coming school year had been filled.

Last school year it was pointed out there were many LHS alumni on staff with the district. When asked this summer where that stood, Superintendent Ward said he believes 60 out of nearly 110 on the district's payroll graduated from LHS.

LHS / LMS / Louisiana News Briefs

The local Rotary Club celebrated their 100th anniversary in June...Six LHS senior student-athletes signed letters of intent last spring to play football (2), track (3), or softball (1) at the college level...Pike County Memorial Hospital purchased the former Stark Brothers Nursery office along Highway 54. Initial thoughts are they will use it as an out-patient surgical center and to possibly house ambulances. Meanwhile, Stark Brothers has moved their office personnel into what most recently was their garden center...LHS offered a Computer Coding class for the first time during '23-'24 teaching C++ language...Ten Louisiana Middle School records in track and field were set this spring including girls 4x100m relay; girls triple, high and long jumps; boys 400m dash and long jump. Also, 7th grade records fell in the girls 200m dash, boys triple jump and 800m run...Louisiana now boasts three coffee shops, no Starbucks yet...A Spring Fling festival was held downtown in June including a carnival, dance, vendors, etc...An LHS school record in the boys 300m hurdles was broken at the state track meet...Calvin Jesberg still returns to Louisiana to place the American flags in the school yard along Georgia St. on many holidays...The LHS girls softball team was recognized as an academic all-state team by the state softball coaches' association (see pic).



Where Are They Now???



Betty Dolbeare (Photo courtesy of Sandy Orf)

Some of us remember her as a principal while others may remember her as a secretary or bookkeeper for the Louisiana R-II School District. This year we thought alumni would like to learn about Mrs. Betty Dolbeare. She still lives independently in the same house in Louisiana on Dolbeare Drive.

Coming from a family of nine children, money was tight, and it wasn't possible for Betty to attend college out of high school in 1949. (This is her 75th anniversary of graduation from Louisiana High School!) She worked at West Pike in Kinderhook, IL for 5 years as a secretary/bookkeeper then began her career with Louisiana R-II in 1961 as secretary to Homer Willis, the elementary principal. That position evolved to include secretary to the Middle School Principal, Don Giltner, and later as bookkeeper.

In the late '50s and early '60s, states were revising their certification requirements for teachers. This occurred in Missouri and Illinois which prompted colleges to offer classes for staff to meet the new requirements. Betty seized this opportunity to earn college credits.

After taking a year off for the birth of their third son, instead of returning to her former position, Mrs. Dolbeare decided to enroll in Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO. Her longtime dream came true when she earned her degree in Elementary Education in August 1970. She was employed as a Middle School Math teacher that fall.

In 1979 Betty started graduate school at the University of Missouri in Columbia. The middle school concept was just being developed at that time by Miz-zou. The LMS Principal, Charlie Leonard, encouraged Dolbeare to take coursework at developing computer skills. She took programming classes and with grant money the district purchased one computer. Rather than writing programs, as Leonard hoped, Betty taught very basic programming to students. She was involved in the dawning of the computer age in our district.

Dolbeare took over as Middle School Principal in 1983. The MS librarian was interested in offering computer applications to teachers that would greatly enhance their curriculum. She wrote and the district received funds to purchase additional computers and equipment for a server setup. It was a model program at that time which attracted attention from several other districts. Many districts including large, progressive districts like Parkway in St. Louis, sent staff to observe and learn about our computer lab.

Between being in on the ground floor of the middle school concept and the use of computers in educational settings, Betty and other LMS staff were invited to do presentations at many educational conferences. There is often some time left open at such conferences for attendees to mingle or do a little sightseeing. Mrs. Dolbeare shared a story about Nancy Werbach, Elaine Anderson, Sis Wilhoit and her going to a June conference in Vail, Colorado. Seems they all agreed to ride a gondola up the mountain AND later go whitewater rafting. While rafting on what was usually a calm river, which wasn't that day, three of the four, including Betty, got tossed out of the raft. As luck would have it, Betty had been selected to demonstrate to others before that trip what to do if (when?) they get tossed overboard. She was saved but certainly not without some excitement.

Another such trip took Dolbeare and Mitzi Webster to a conference in Detroit. Exploring the Renaissance area of Detroit, Webster saw a group clustered at the end of an escalator. She said she knew someone in that group, so they went over to speak with them. Guess who it was? Ray Charles and his entourage. Betty said they were very cordial to us, and it was fun telling people when we got home, we'd met Ray Charles.

Betty retired from education in 1995 only to find out she had more time on her hands than she liked. Her son, Eric, was doing real estate appraising at the time and needed an assistant. He trained his mom who then took the required coursework for General Appraiser certification. She worked with him until he went on assignment to Iraq at which time she took over the company. Betty operated that through 2021.

It was clear Betty had a goal and found a way to achieve it. She is blessed to have her three sons living nearby but she is quite sharp and looks many years younger than her true age. If you'd like to contact her, you may do so by emailing betty.usappraisals@gmail.com or calling 573-754-4031.

Louisiana R-II Staff Retirements

On the last day of classes (a half-day) four staff members of the district were honored at a retirement luncheon. They were Candy Burnett, Chris Miller, Faye Raney, and Stacey Ross.

Candy Burnett was the office manager at LHS for 20 years, retiring at semester break. In addition, she kept the scorebook for high school basketball, softball, and baseball home games which she still plans to do. During her tenure, there were 7 different principals serving LHS. Candy said she left with "just a lot of memories and wonderful friends."

Chris Miller was with the district for 20 years. She taught Language Arts at LHS for 18 of those years. "The wonderful friends I have made" was her answer when asked about the high point of her tenure. She plans to travel, read, do photography, and cook in her retirement.

Faye Raney was the office manager at the middle school for 13 years. During that time, she worked with four principals.

Stacey Ross taught at Louisiana Elementary School for 28 years and 34 years total. She taught 3rd and 4th grades and Title 1 Math. Stacey plans to travel upon retirement and started the day after classes ended by going to Gatlinburg, TN.



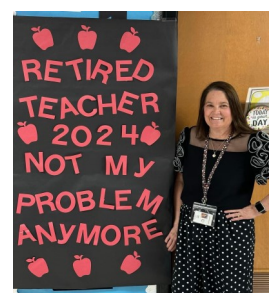
Candy Burnett (Photo courtesy of Candy Burnett)



Chris Miller (Photo courtesy of Chris Miller)



Faye Raney (Photo courtesy of Vicky Keely)



Stacey Ross (Photo courtesy of Jim Ross)

In Memory of Priscilla Giltner...



Mrs. Giltner, 87, passed away last August at Maple Grove Lodge nursing home in Louisiana. She was born on June 15, 1936, in Paducah, KY, graduated from Hichman County High School in Clinton, KY and Murray State University in Murray, KY.

On June 6, 1958, she married Donald E. Giltner in Murray, KY and the couple moved to Louisiana, MO to begin their careers in education. She taught English, Speech and Drama at Louisiana High School for 24 years. Mrs. Giltner also served as the director of the senior play.

Upon her and her husband's retirement in 1987, the couple traveled extensively and Priscilla loved playing on the computer and became a mainstay on Facebook where she delighted followers with stories of her life. She also was given the award of Kentucky Colonel, the highest award a native of Kentucky can be bestowed.

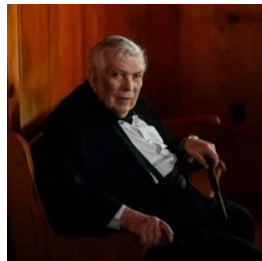
She is survived by her husband, Donald E. Giltner; her children, Julie (Hiram) Constable, Donald E. Giltner II, and Susan (Ed) Gower; her nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Diane Hudson; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter, Kate Cantrell.

The family asked memorial donations be made to the Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association

In Memory of David Hunter...

Mr. Hunter, a science teacher at Louisiana Middle School and High School for over 35 years (1965-2001), passed away in January at the age of 87 after an extended illness. He was proud of his agrarian roots and managed his family farm for nearly seven decades, the same property granted to his ancestor Captain Robert Jordan for his service in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Hunter loved to travel and visited over 40 countries on six continents. At the age of 57 he summited Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He was an avid outdoorsman and hunter and a lifelong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America in which he obtained the rank of Eagle Scout.

He is survived by his wife Wanda Kay Hunter, his son David Robert Hunter, his daughter-in-law Debra Branstetter Hunter, his granddaughter Lauren Hunter Haskins, his grandson-in-law Bryon Jacob Haskins, his brother-in-law Fred Bridwell, sister-in-law Phyllis Bridwell, and niece Malia Bridwell.



Contact the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce for local information or lodging at info@louisianamochamber.com or 573-253-5201.

In Memory of Jeanne Brown...

Mrs. Brown, the vocal music teacher at LHS from 1964 to 1975, passed away in August 2023 at the age of 91. She was immersed in music from birth as her father was a jazz pianist on riverboats on the Mississippi and in dance bands. She graduated from Southeast Missouri State University then pursued her vocation in music as a music teacher in Louisiana and Centralia, MO. Mrs. Brown produced high school musicals and taught choir which charmed the small communities while providing rich and formative experiences for her students.



Upon her retirement, she taught privately and served as choir director in her church in Mexico, MO. Well into her eighties, Mrs. Brown enjoyed playing jazz standards on piano at Von Maur Department Store in Lake St. Louis, MO while also performing with a dance troupe.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Jerry C. Brown. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Marsh (Dick); her son, Matt Brown (Donna). Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Mexico, MO or New Hope Presbyterian Church of St. Charles, MO.

In Memory of William Jay "Bill" Sisson Jr...

Mr. Sisson taught social studies at LHS from 1962 to 1969. He died on December 29, 2021, at his home in Pryor, Oklahoma at the age of 81.



He was born on August 27, 1940, in Louisiana, MO to William Jay Sisson Sr. and Veneta Catherine (Stout) Sisson. Sisson grew up in Louisiana, Missouri as a young child then later moved to Pryor where he graduated from high school. He attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education. Mr. Sisson taught social studies at Louisiana (MO) High School for several years before moving to work for the State of Oklahoma for 25 years. Sisson worked for the Department of Human Services in Craig, Delaware and Mayes counties.

He loved boating and football and enjoyed working in his yard. Sisson was a kind person, great dad, and wonderful friend.

He is survived by his son, William Jay Sisson III of Grove, Oklahoma; his ex-wife, and best friend of many years, Karen Allen of Grove and two special longtime friends from high school, Mike Blanton of Rogers, Arkansas and Milton Brown of Texas.

Scam Warning

CAUTION!!! Beware of scams which portray themselves as our Association. These come via email and are shown to be received From: Louisiana Alumni or Louisiana Alumni Site (or similar). They offer memberships, sell merchandise, etc. Please **DO NOT** pay membership dues to them thinking it is the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association.

If you receive a printed copy of this newsletter and have an email address which you check, please send your email address to: LHSAumniLouisianaMO@gmail.com

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The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association accepts all donations, Memorials and Honorariums from anyone who wishes to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. The donations are tax-deductible contributions which allow the Alumni Association to continue presenting scholarships to LHS seniors who need them to further their education. Anyone wishing to contribute may send a donation to The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association, PO Box 404, Louisiana, MO 63353 or through PayPal on the web site www.louisianaalumniassociation.org at any time. Those contributions for the Scholarship Fund should be so designated.

The following donations have been made to the LHS Alumni & Friends Association from July 2023 through June 2024:

In memory of **Roxanne Adkison**
From Rita Bland

In memory of **Charles Anderson, Jr.**
From Sandy Orf

In memory of **Michael Anderson**
From Bea Goodin, Sandra Orf,
John & LouAnn Lawrence

In memory of **John J. Barnum**
From the LHS Class of 1965

In memory of **Imogene Behringer**
From Jon Culhane

In memory of **Cyndi Brown**
From Ginny Wood, Trina Ford Ferling,
Donna Moesch Trembley

In memory of **Jeanne Brown**
From Sam Silvey

In memory of **Dean Burleson**
From LHS Class of 1966

In memory of **Mary Meyer Cannon**
From Ernie & LeeAnn Painter, Brian
Krumm, Jay Thompson

In memory of **Kate Giltner Cantrell**
From Ed & Susan Gower

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In memory of **Junior (Delbert) Clark**
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Ann Taliaferro, Vernon Parr, Todd &
Susan Jacober, Cheryl Neal, James &
Joan Schmittell, Jay & Lillian Edwards,
Jim & Peggy York, Nicholas & Sandra
Giannakis, Clay & Marilyn Taliaferro,
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From Phil Eastman

In memory of **Willene Edwards**
From Jeri Smith

In memory of **Bob Fowler**
From Trina Ford Ferling

In memory of **Kurt Garland**
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In memory of **Mark Geeson**
From Phil Eastman

In memory of **Priscilla Giltner**
From Bea Goodin, LHS Class of 1968,
Becky & John Elliott, Sharon Love, Ray
& Vicki Everding, Bryce & Doris Love,
Curt Love, Dr. Phil W. Pitney, Patricia
Biggerstaff, Walter & Cindy Logan,
Nancy Kuntz Scoggins, Marcia Kuntz Collins,
Valerie Kuntz Talley, Beverly Lucas
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Suddarth, John & Charlotte Wood, Alice
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bell Moore, Betty Wagner, Paul & Melinda
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Marilyn Taliaferro, Jerry & Stephanie
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Robyn Robinson Brown, Pam Todd-Watts,
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Sheppard Brennick

In memory of **Kernelle McFarland Henry**
From Sharon Love

In memory of **Cindy Hoskins**
From Pam Todd-Watts

In memory of **Sally Hostetter Hunt**
From Class of 1974, Pam Todd-Watts,
Jeri Smith, Janet L. Miller

In memory of **David Hunter**
From Class of 1973, John Allen, Stephen
& Carolyn Allen, Bea Goodin, Sharon
Love, Sandra Orf, Sharon Thomas, Pam
Todd-Watts, Rebecca Wood, Tom &
Teresa Turley

In memory of **Raymond Hunter**
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In memory of **Larry Keithley**
From Class of 1973

In memory of **Elizabeth Travis Lame**
From Kenneth D. Lame

In memory of **Jeffrey A. Luck**
From Janet L. Miller

In memory of **John A. Luck**
From Janet L. Miller

In memory of **Linda Hall Meier**
From Rose Ann B. Hamilton

In memory of **Dixie Holliday Nixdorf**
From Fannie Watson

In memory of **Lawrence Poyser**
From Jeri Smith

In memory of **Jerry Lewis Reed**
From Sharon Love

In memory of **Gary E. Robinson**
From the LHS Class of 1974

In memory of **Becky Raney Sanderson**
From Sandra Orf

In memory of **Donald Sanderson**
From Rita Bland

In memory of **Kenny Sencenbaugh**
From Connie Walden Mowen

In memory of **John Shade**
From Ernie & Lee Ann Painter

In memory of **Loren Sloppy**
From Bea Goodin, Connie Walden Mowen

In memory of **John Stuerman**
From Sandra Orf

In memory of **Sarah Stuerman**
From Sandra Orf

In memory of **Judy Smith Suddarth**
From Rebecca Wood, Pam Todd-Watts

In memory of **Lois Turnbaugh**
From Annette Parsons, Rita Bland

In memory of **Debbie Walker Wagner**
From Sherry Martin Ewers

In memory of **William (Bill) Wunderlich**
From Phil Eastman

In memory of **Deceased Members Class
of 1965**
From Larry Lamberson

In memory of **Deceased Members Class of
1967**
From Patricia Biggerstaff

In memory of **Deceased Members Class of
1970**
From Walter Logan

**The following Honorariums have been
received:**

In Honor of Phil & Marilyn (Johns)
Arenzberg
From Virgil & Linda Beer

In Honor of **Don Giltner**
From J.E. Woods, Cindy Campbell Moore

In Honor of **Bea Goodin**
From Steve & Cheryl LaRue

In Honor of **Jase A. Luck** (New School
Record-Javelin) From Janet L. Miller

**The following donations to the Ellen
Morrow Math Scholarship Fund**
(administered by the LHS Alumni & Friends
Association) have been received
From Mark Kucera, Robert Shields, Henry
Pierce, H. Pierce/Shell Oil Match, Kathleen
Fernald Miller-Johnson

**The following donation to the Elizabeth
Travis Lamé Scholarship Fund**
(Administered by the LHS Alumni & Friends
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From Kenneth D. Lamé

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& Ruth Dodge Lamé STEM Scholarship
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Simmons, Walter Logan, Bea Goodin, Don
Crapnell, George (Rick) Allen, Edward
Jennings, Denny & Melody DeWeese, Ken
Somes, Eric Dolbeare, Mark Kucera, Charles
Ludwig, Charles C. (Butch) Elgin, Sally
Campbell Dinwiddie, Jerry & Gail Smith,
Kathleen Fernald Miller-Johnson, Mary
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Payments may be made by check or through PayPal on our website.

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(Please return this form along with your payment by October 5 !!)

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SAVE THE DATE! ➡ OCTOBER 19, 2024 ⬅ ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Special Class Reunion Plans

Class of 1969 – This class will gather at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19th at Pat Naxera Vallar's house at 815 Georgia for coffee and to watch the Colorfest parade (BYO lawn chair). Afterwards they'll visit the vendors downtown. From 1 to 4 p.m. classmates and friends will gather at Riverview Park (BYO food). Then they will attend the all-school reunion events at the American Legion from 5 p.m. till the music stops. For more info, contact Pat Vallar at patvallar@icloud.com or 573-560-8297.

Class of 1974 – The 50-year reunion class will gather at the American Legion for the all-school reunion social, dinner, and dance starting at 5 p.m. They have reserved the "back room" at the Legion for their classmates to use during the dance, etc. A simple float with the classmates riding on it may be entered in the Saturday morning parade. More details will be coming from Terri Wood Sperry, the contact person. She may be reached at 573-754-2661 (cell) or 573-754-5913 (home) or tsperry1956@gmail.com.

Class of 1979 – This class will join the all-school reunion social and dinner on Oct. 19th. Following the dinner, class members will reconvene at the 4th Street Event Center (121 N. 4th St.) to visit. Classmates should make reservations for the dinner (see Reservation Form inside back page) but there'll be no charge at the Event Center. Contact Tom Ince for further info at 618-534-4695 or tubsurgeon.biz@gmail.com.

Class of 1984 – The 40-year reunion class will participate in the Colorfest parade and then attend the all-school reunion social, dinner and dance starting at 5 p.m. at the American Legion. More information will be coming from Jeri Smith, the contact person who may be reached at 636-626-0100 or sudztub@gmail.com.

To the best of our knowledge as of late-June, the other special reunion classes (those with graduation years ending in 4 or 9) listed below have no plans for a special reunion. It is hoped many from those classes will return to town and attend the Alumni Association's all-school reunion events on Saturday, October 19 (see page 1 for details).

Classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019