

Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association

All-school Alumni Reunion Events for 2015!

Last year the Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association hosted an all-school reunion dinner and dance at the American Legion hall in town. This was done in response to many alumni who had suggested we have it somewhere other than at school. Reflecting on it afterwards, the Association's planning committee agreed we have a "winning formula" which we plan to continue annually.

Plans have recently been finalized for the annual all-school reunion during Colorfest weekend. On Saturday, October 17th the high school/middle school complex will be open for tours from 3 – 5 p.m. Interested alumni will be able to take a walk "back in time" and see the recent improvements to the campus.

From 5 – 6:30 p.m. a social hour / mixer will be open to all alumni and friends at the American Legion hall located at 420 Kelly Lane. This will allow alumni from various classes to visit and see how many from their high school days they recognize years later. A dinner for only those with reservations will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion. The meal will be catered by the American Legion members and tickets are \$20/person. This ticket will include admission to the dance which starts at 9 p.m. (see below).

During the dinner, the special reunion classes (those with their graduation year ending in 5 or 0) will be recognized. Also, a brief annual business meeting required by our by-laws will be held.

Later that evening at the American Legion hall, there will be live entertainment / a dance featuring the band Country Soul. This will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A \$5/person cover charge will be required to enter for the dance (unless you attended the dinner earlier). During all events at the American Legion a cash bar will be available.

A Message from our President...

As new administrators move into their new roles within the District (see pg. 7), we look forward to working with them to make Louisiana R-II the best district possible.

This past year our Association awarded scholarships to graduates, provided \$500 toward a new football scoreboard, and made three different donations to the elementary school. It should give us all a "warm, fuzzy" feeling to know we are able to help in these ways. Without the generosity of many we would not be able to support the district in the ways we do. We hope this support will only continue to grow as we introduce our new financial support system (see pg. 3) in lieu of membership dues.

Your Association's planning committee needs and wants your input. Whether you wish to serve as a board member or just have an idea you've seen be successful elsewhere, please let us hear from you. Feel free to contact me (see pg. 3), if you wish to become involved or have a suggestion for us to consider.

Walter Logan, Class of '70



P.S. We hope many of you will participate in our all-school reunion events!

Danette DeBourge, Cindy Blaylock and Linda Beer working at the 2014 All-school reunion



Pictured at the 2014 All-school Alumni Reunion are LeRoy Edwards '74, Carol Haddock Hansbrough '75, Sally Harmon Haddock '72, Roger Keller '71

New event being planned in 2016!

The date for the 2016 LHS Alumni & Friends Association all-school reunion dinner and dance will be Saturday, October 15th. Mark your calendar now to save that date. While you're at it, save Friday, October 14th too. That is the date on which the inaugural LHS Alumni & Friends Association fundraiser golf tournament will be held. Proceeds will go toward our Scholarship Fund which helps LHS graduates further their education. Details for the event will be in the newsletter you receive next year. It is thought this would be a nice event to add to our all-school reunion events. It will be a fun day of golf and socializing to get the reunion weekend off to a great start.

Anyone interested in being on the planning committee for this golf tournament should contact Walter Logan (see pg. 3).

New Football Field Scoreboard

Last year we shared about the project to upgrade the entrance to the football stadium. It was completed and looks very nice. By next season, there will again be something new in the stadium.

This spring the LHS Athletic Director, Curtis Hendrickson, began a campaign to raise funds to replace the 30-year old scoreboard. The old one was requiring more and more repairs. Worse than that, the parts and bulbs for it were getting quite expensive if you could even locate them.

Hendrickson attended the Association's planning committee meeting in March to share information and answer questions about the campaign. The anticipated cost of the new scoreboard (installed) and therefore the goal of the campaign was set at \$30,000. The group made a commitment for our Association to donate \$500 toward the new scoreboard.

It was mentioned this was something we should let individual alumni know about should they wish to make a donation. It was agreed we would post the information which Hendrickson shared with us on our website. Mike Pratt, our membership chair, suggested sending an email to those alumni for whom we have an email address telling them of the campaign. All agreed and an email was sent and over \$2,500 was received from alumni. Our Association was responsible for raising / donating a total of over \$3,000 toward the new scoreboard. As a result, the LHS Alumni & Friends Association will be recognized with a 4.5' by 2' sign beneath the scoreboard recognizing us as a major contributor.

A check for \$3,038 was presented to Hendrickson and the new LHS principal and LHS alum, Derrick Branstetter, in early June. They were also given the list of individual donors and the amount each donated. These individuals will be receiving any "Thank You item" due them as spelled out in the campaign literature.

Hendrickson reported in June the campaign exceeded the \$30,000 goal. Any funds remaining after delivery and installation of the new football scoreboard will be put aside for use toward a new scoreboard in the school's gymnasium.

Those alumni who made donations and the category into which their donation fell were:

Silver - David Mitts, John Word

Bronze - Marshall Bishop, J. Lance Calvin, Jon & Sally Cunningham, Debra Campbell Durk, Patty Sturm Marquitz, Fred Meloan, John Minihan, Mike Pratt, J. Randall Schmitt, Dawne Stafford

Patron - Carolyn Creamer Allen, Dorothy McCune Sansing (in memory of Joe McCune)

Donors - Carolann Haddock Hansbrough, Laura Turley Alfeldt, Kevin & Vicky Keely, Cynthia L. Moore, Christy St. Pierre, Dale Kindred, Casey Wommack, Dr. George Luther



LHS Principal Derrick Branstetter, Alumni President Walter Logan and Activities Director Curtis Hendrickson

Trivia Night Planned—Save the Date!



As a fundraiser for the LHS Alumni and Friends Association, our 2nd annual trivia night is being planned for Saturday, November 14th. If you haven't attended a trivia night before, it's great fun! You don't have to be a "brainiac" as you may believe. You are a part of a team allowing you to pool your collective knowledge of various facts. Ask others who have participated. It really is a great way to spend an evening socializing and having fun.

It will be held at Seton Center (next to the Catholic Church) on Third St. beginning at 7 p.m. Bring your own beverages and snacks. (Coolers are allowed.) We hope many in the area mark their calendar and get a team of their friends together for a fun-filled evening together. Challenge others to form a team and try and beat yours. Remember, this is a fundraiser with the proceeds benefitting the students of the Louisiana R-II district. If interested, contact Walter Logan at 573-754-5355 or waltercl2@att.net.

Moved? Changed your email

If you move or change your email address, please 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.

New Financial Support System

Last October at the Association’s annual meeting, members voted on a few changes to our by-laws. One approved change makes all who attended Louisiana schools automatic members of the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association. The same holds true for those who have served the district as administrators, teachers, or support staff in Louisiana, even if for only one year.

Another change added a financial support system to replace annual and lifetime membership dues. The details of this financial support system were approved by our planning committee in late May. This now is part of our Standing Rules (items which may change periodically so are placed here rather than in the by-laws to avoid having to ask the membership for a by-law change as often). It reads as follows:

FINANCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEM

In lieu of annual dues, each member of the Association is asked to make a regular, tax-free donation as their situation permits. These donations will help provide on-going operating funds to cover the cost of regular expenses such as printing and mailing our alumni newsletter, web site maintenance, 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.

The suggested donation categories are as follows:

White	\$5.00 - \$24.99
Red	\$25.00 - \$49.99
Bulldog	\$50.00 - \$99.99
Super Dawg	\$100 and up

In the past the Association depended on annual and lifetime dues, donations and fund-raisers to support the students and staff of the Louisiana R-II district. To continue to be able to provide the financial support, the Association will be dependent strictly on donations and fund-raisers. So we ask you to consider making a donation and/or support our fund-raisers throughout the year.

How about making a tax-deductible donation now! See the Reservation Form with this newsletter which has a space for such or on our website at http://www.louisianaalumniassociation.org/use_paypal.



Contact Information

Below is the contact information of LHS alumni serving our Association in key roles. Feel free to contact them directly as the need arises.

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LHS ALAMO Scanning Project Update

The Association is sponsoring a project to digitize all Louisiana school yearbooks, formal class photographs, and class composite pictures and put these online for viewing at both the Louisiana High School and Alumni Association's websites. Thus far there are six ALAMOs, those from 1924, 1951, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1968, scanned and available for viewing. You may access these from the ALAMO yearbook link from the school district's site at www.louisianarii.org/yearbook or from our website under the Services tab.

The local tech professional, who has previously received the scanned ALAMO pages and formatted them into a viewable format and uploaded them onto the sites above, was elected Louisiana's mayor in 2014. He no longer has available time to handle our technical needs. Clay Logan, who is overseeing this project for the Association, has asked Mike Pratt to consider taking over that role going forward. Mike has agreed to do so but is in the process of understanding how it's been done thus far. He hopes to streamline the process.

Mike recently purchased a hand-held, digital scanner for personal use which he believes will simplify the scanning process. If so, there may be many more ALAMOs scanned and added to the list within the next year.

We have not located ALAMO publications to scan for the following years: 1945 & 1944 (none printed due to WWII?), 1943, (1942 & 1941, we have paperback ALAMOs only), 1940 to 1926, 1923 or earlier. If you know where an ALAMO from a missing year may be located, please contact Clay Logan at 573-754-2117 or cslogan@sbcglobal.net.

Alumni Association Scholarships Awarded

During our Association's first two years, two \$500 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors each year. The next two years, based on the scholarship fund balances, our Association voted to award four \$500 scholarships to eligible graduating seniors who applied. In 2013, 2014 and again this year it was voted to award four \$750 scholarships. The winners were announced at the annual Awards Night in May. They are listed along with their plans after graduation:

Emily Francis, attend Missouri State University in Springfield and study Entertainment Management to pursue a career as an Event Coordinator; Morgan Murry, attend Moberly Area Community College and major in elementary education; Samantha Pedersen, attend Missouri State University with plans to become a pediatric neurosurgeon; and James Rubino, Jr., will continue his education with plans to pursue welding as his career choice.

This brings the total amount of scholarships awarded by our Association to LHS graduates since 2009 to \$15,000! This has been made possible only with the support from many of you. THANK YOU! It's our hope the Association will be able to continue to make these and even greater awards in the years to come.

The Association wishes these students and the entire Class of 2015, which was 57 strong, the very best in the years ahead!

The recipient of this year's Ellen Morrow Memorial Math Scholarship, administered by our Association and in the amount of \$1,000, was Jesus Ramos. He plans to attend Missouri S & T in Rolla to pursue a degree in biomedical and biogenetical engineering. A quote from Jesus' scholarship application reads "I want to write my name on to the pages of history; to be remembered for centuries."



Pictured are left to right, James Rubino, Jr., Samantha Pedersen, Morgan Murry, and Emily Francis

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 or patronize them thinking it is the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association.

Gierke Scholarship to be administered by Alumni Association

Jim and Brenda Gierke raised three sons who all attended LHS. Their oldest, Brent, graduated in 1982. Christian graduated in 1990 and Jacob, their youngest, was killed in an automobile accident during the summer of 1989 at the age of 16.

As the Gierke family came to terms with Jacob's passing, his parents decided to establish a memorial scholarship in his name. The first scholarship was awarded in 1991, the year Jacob would have graduated.

Six years ago, his brother Christian was also killed in an automobile accident. In December 2011, their father Jim Gierke passed away.

For 2015 Brent Gierke changed the name to the Gierke Family Memorial Scholarship and formally asked the LHS Alumni & Friends Association to administer the scholarship. Beginning in 2015 it will be awarded to one student each year in the amount of \$2,000.

The recipient of the Gierke Family Memorial Scholarship this year was Jesus Ramos (see left).



Jesus Ramos receiving the Gierke Family Memorial Scholarship from Alumni President Walter Logan

Calling all recipes!!

At the planning meeting in late May, different fund-raising options were discussed. It was mentioned that many requests are still being made for the "Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association Cookbook" published in 2012. Sandy Sitton Niemeyer chaired that endeavor, along with several volunteers who also typed and proofread the contents prior to sending it to the publisher. Sandy volunteered to serve as chair for another cookbook given sufficient lead time.

It was decided to solicit recipes from our alumni in this newsletter and set a deadline of **January 1, 2016** for submission to the Alumni Association for the new cookbook. They will then be compiled and submitted to the publisher. Pre-orders will be taken in next year's newsletter. "The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association Cookbook - Volume Two" will then be available for sale and distribution in October, 2016.

From our earlier experience, it's helpful if the recipes are typewritten. It worked very well for the recipe(s) to be e-mailed either to cookbook@louisianaalumniassociation.org or to Sandy at sandybobniemeyer@gmail.com. If, however, someone wants to submit recipes and can't type them or doesn't have a computer, handwritten recipes will be welcomed. We ask they be printed rather than written in cursive to avoid errors.

These may also be mailed to the Alumni address at P. O. Box 404 and will be forwarded to Sandy and the committee. To "give credit where credit is due", we ask that the contributor's name (including maiden name) and relationship to LHS be included (i.e. Sandy Sitton Niemeyer, Class of 1960 or Sandy Sitton Niemeyer, Parent of Stephen and Susan Orf, or Sandy Sitton Niemeyer, Friend of LHS). We look forward to receiving your recipes, however many you wish to send, for the 2016 version of "The Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association Cookbook - Volume Two" and thank you in advance. If you have questions, contact Sandy at 573-324-3470 or at the email address above.



Class Reunion Plans

Class of 1945 – Class members gathered in June for a luncheon at Piker's Restaurant to reminisce and to stay updated on friends' lives. Members came from Missouri, Florida, California and Texas for their 70th anniversary reunion gathering. Non-graduates also attending included Rik Halberstadt, Janet Thayer, Amy Nixdorf, and Rev. D. Randall Cone.

Class of 1950 – Class members routinely gather for lunch on the third Thursday of each month. There are no plans for any special reunion events for the class as of late July. Some might choose to attend the all-school reunion dinner. For information, contact Cleo Rubemeyer Ransdell at 573-754-4919.

Class of 1955 – This class is planning to gather at the all-school reunion social hour and dinner on Saturday, October 17th. Those who are interested will gather for breakfast on Sunday morning. The contact person for this class is Donna Smith Pitzer. She may be reached at pitzerfarms@yahoo.com or 573-754-5621 and cell 573-754-0856.

Class of 1960 – A reunion social hour and dinner is being planned for their class on Friday, October 16th. It is hoped many will also attend the all-school reunion social hour and dinner on Saturday night, Oct. 17th. Sandy Sitton Niemeyer, their contact person, can be reached for more information at sandybobniemeyer@gmail.com or 573-324-3470.

Class of 1965 – The 50-year class had their reunion the weekend of July 24-26. They gathered at the St. Louis University Henry Lay Center outside of Louisiana on Friday, Saturday evening and again for a picnic at noon on Sunday. Many in the class plan to attend the all-school reunion dinner on Oct. 17th. The contact for the class is Shirley Gillett Penrod who may be reached at 573-754-6323.

Class of 1970 – They are hosting an LHS alumni mixer from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 17th at Pike Pioneer Senior Center at 521 Georgia St. in Louisiana (across from the post office). Many classmates will be attending the all-school reunion mixer and dinner earlier that evening. For more info, contact Ira Oliver at 573-754-6128 or oliverib@big-river.net.

Class of 1975 – This class is planning to attend the all-school reunion social hour and dinner at the American Legion on Saturday, October 17. The contact for this class is Lindy Pitzer Wood who may be reached via email at lindywood@att.net or 573-754-2403 or 573-754-6773.

Class of 1980 – The LHS Class of 1980 will hold its 35th Class Reunion on October 16 & 17, 2015. The class plans to attend the all-school reunion. The deadline for reservations is September 25, 2015. Call Karen Barbano at 573-754-2331 for information.

Class of 1985 – This class is having their reunion the weekend of October 16th and 17th. They will gather at Bill Sterne's home beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday to work on decorating a float and eat. On Saturday morning the class will ride their float in the Colorfest parade. Later they will gather for a class picture and then join in the all-school reunion social hour, dinner and dance at the American Legion. For more information, contact Becky Pitzer Chitwood at rechitwo13@gmail.com or 573-754-2452.

Class of 1990 – Their reunion plans are still being formulated as of early July but will include attending the all-school social hour / mixer, dinner and dance. For more information as details are finalized contact Kim Dewey Ressler at 949-929-5647 or kimkressler@hotmail.com.

Class of 1995 – The plans call for this class to have their reunion on October 17th and participate with other classes at the all-school reunion social hour, dinner and dance. For further information, contact Ashley Ince Skirvin at 217-430-0164 (cell) or ashley_m_23@hotmail.com.

Class of 2000 – As of early July, no plans had been finalized for this class. A contact was unable to be located.

Class of 2005 – As of early July, no reunion plans had been finalized for this class. The contact is Donnie Jenkins at djenkins@mecoengineering.com.

Class of 2010 – They held a reunion on Saturday, July 18th. Brett Bolton, who shared that information, can be contacted at brett.bolton@wustl.edu or 636-248-0492.

Post pictures from your class reunions on our Facebook page at Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association and identify those in photos!

Helping Our Schools



Louisiana Alumni President Walter Logan presenting check to LES Counselor Kathleen Booth

Last winter our Association was approached by Tracy Dillender Kingsley, a teacher at the Louisiana Elementary School (LES). She indicated they regularly conduct a book swap to encourage student reading. They lacked a good means of displaying the available books for this purpose. The request was for a display unit in which they could display the books. It was expected to cost approximately \$300. After confirming there was no money available elsewhere in the school's budget, the Association donated the full amount to the district for this purchase.

In March we were approached by the LES librarian and counselor. Loretta Woodward, the LES librarian, shared how important reading during the summer months is for student learning. Therefore, for the first time the elementary school library was going to be open during summer school. A reading program, in conjunction with the Louisiana Public Library, was being implemented for students. If the student met established targets (number of books or pages read) they would receive a reward / prize. Woodward asked the Association and other organizations to assist in funding the purchase of these prizes and provide ice cream at a May gathering where they would "talk up" the summer reading program and their celebration of reading.

The LES counselor, Kathleen Booth, told us how many days of testing students at the elementary school would be in state-mandated testing. Third and fourth graders were going to be tested over two days while fifth graders over seven days! She stressed how it was critical the students attend school on those days and put forth good effort. An incentive program was developed where students could earn two tickets per day of testing, one for attendance and one for effort. Each day they would draw tickets for small prizes (soda, candy, gift cards) and at the end of testing a drawing from all tickets would be made for one large prize (Kindle, portable DVD player or similar). Our Association and other organizations were approached to assist in funding the prizes.

Our planning committee donated \$400 to the district, \$200 earmarked for each of the two requests.

Tidbits from the 2014-2015 school year...

Last fall, the girls' softball team reached the championship game of districts taking second place. Eight team members were selected to the Academic All-State team.

The boys' basketball team earned their second consecutive Clarence Cannon Conference championship this year. Coach Derrick Branstetter was voted Coach of the Year in the CCC. They also took the boys' championships in the Clopton and Monroe City tournaments.

This spring, the baseball team won the district championship. This was a first for the baseball program in school history!

Four LHS track athletes qualified for the state track and field championship. Denise Blackwell won the 300 meter hurdles at state making her the best in the state! Gabe Henderson in the 110m hurdles and Abricion Ivey in the high jump and long jump both earned all-state honors.

Dallas Castagna took 10th place at the state Class 1 golf championship earning all-state honors shooting 166 over the 36 holes.

Jeff Love won the state SkillsUSA competition in diesel technology earning the right to compete at Nationals. He did so recently, finishing 7th nationally. He was fine with that as it was higher than his brother placed when he went to nationals also in diesel tech.

The LHS Academic (Quiz Bowl) Team, comprised of 18 students, completed a full CCC schedule. Mason Haddock, a junior, was top Varsity scorer. With the recent addition of a middle school team, the future is looking up.

The LHS trap team missed winning at districts by 10 clays. At the state meet, they hit 80% of their clays.

Many LHS student-athletes were named to all-academic teams in a variety of sports.

Additionally, four LHS student-athletes signed letters of intent to play their respective sport at the college level. Kaitlyn VanHooser, softball, Lindenwood; Elijah Oblinger, football, Missouri Baptist; Brandon Holland, baseball, Mineral Area College; Collin Stark, baseball, Hannibal-LaGrange.



Louisiana R-II District Selects New Administrators



Pictured are LHS Principal Derrick Branstetter and Activities Director Ryan Griffin

In January Dr. Richard Basden, who has served the district as its superintendent since 2010, announced his retirement. His 41-year career in education will come to a close on August 31st. Dr. Basden has served the district well but he now has seven grandchildren and realizes it's time to step down and spend more time with family. "Time is the one commodity in life we often take for granted," said Dr. Basden.

The district's board of education didn't have to look too far or too long for a replacement. In February they hired Todd Smith, who has been the LHS principal for the last 7 years. Smith started with the district in 2002 in the alternative school as an aide, teacher, then as director. He taught at the high school for two years before being named principal in 2008. "This is a dream and what I aspired to when I started. This position is the best fit for my skills," said Smith who ran hotels before entering education. He will take over the reins of the district on August 15th.

A search for Smith's successor was begun. In April it was announced that Derrick Branstetter, a business teacher at LHS and head coach of the LHS boys' basketball team, would take over as LHS principal effective July 1.

Also, Curtis Hendrickson, who has served the district as Activities Director since 2007, has decided to return to his wife's and his home in Iowa to be closer to family. He made it his goal to raise the funds for the new football scoreboard before he left. He has agreed to return in early September to dedicate the new addition at LHS's first home football game.

Ryan Griffin, who has and will continue to serve as the LHS baseball coach, has taken over the Activities Director duties.

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From the desk of Michael "Mike" Pratt ('70) - Membership Chairman

Another year has passed and while working on this article, I realized that I have been membership chairman for about 3 years now. I paused and thought about what has been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished.

The LHS Alumni Contacts Database continues to be updated. Sixty-one members of the Class of 2015 have been added. Over 100 alumni have been identified as being deceased. Mailing addresses and email addresses are being added, updated, and flagged as being undeliverable. That means the annual newsletter is getting to more alumni each year.

What still needs to be accomplished? We have over 1,900 alumni with no contact information for them. Over 800 of these are alumni are in the classes of 1990 - 2010. We do not have email addresses for over 1,800 alumni with 400 of them from the Class of 1990 thru 2015. We need YOUR assistance in getting contact information for all alumni. You as LHS Alumni are our best resource in locating them. Here is an example: An LHS alum recently provided me a current city and possible employer for an alumnus without contact information. With these two pieces of information I was able to find the alumnus and get his home address and work email address in 15 minutes of research. Some of the most difficult alumni to find are the females. Our records have their maiden names and we do not know their married names. Any piece of information can be helpful, parent's names, sibling's names, married name, current location, etc.

On a different topic, for the past two years, I have been using the email accounts of PrattML@charter.net and LHSAlumni@charter.net to communicate with LHS Alumni. Because of some new limitations implemented by Charter Communications, I have created a new email address, LHSAlumniLouisianaMO@gmail.com, which I will begin to use in the next few months. Please add all 3 email addresses to your Safe Sender list so the email will not be flagged as Junk or SPAM.

Why do we ask for your email address?

The cost of printing and mailing newsletters is one of the largest expenditures of the Alumni Association each year after the scholarships. If you received this 2015 newsletter via USPS mail and you have an email address, please let us know your email address.

REMINDER: We do not make our LHS Alumni Contacts Database available to anyone except the class coordinators planning a reunion and they will be provided a list of their classmates only.

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2015 REUNION SCHEDULE

School Open House	3-5:00 pm
Social at American Legion	5-6:30 pm
Dinner at American Legion	6:30 pm
Dance by Country Soul	9-1:00 am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! - OCTOBER 17, 2015 - ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

New sport added at LHS



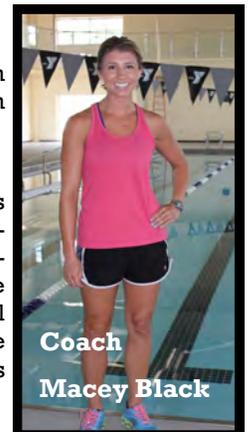
This spring, with the new aquatics center with indoor swimming pool nearing completion at the local YMCA, the idea of adding a girls' swimming team at LHS was floated (pardon the pun). Nearly 30 girls in grades 8 - 11 expressed interest. The matter was taken to the R-II Board of Education in March. Our Activities Director had spoken to Hannibal's and Lutheran-St. Charles' about the possibility of scheduling home and away meets during the '15-'16 winter sports season. (Those are the two closest schools offering that sport.) They were both agreeable.

The board tabled the matter until April to delve further into the cost of adding the program.

In April, with many interested students attending their meeting, the board voted unanimously to add the sport. The total cost of the program per year is anticipated to be \$12,000. The Bulldog Boosters agreed to underwrite \$4,500 each year for two years to help cover some of the start up expenses.

Other meets have been scheduled with Principia HS in St. Louis and Hickman HS in Columbia. Others are pending.

MSHSAA, the state high school activities association, combines swimming and diving but LHS will only be doing the swimming component. Macey Black, who is the YMCA's aquatics center manager, will serve as the coach for the swim team. She has coached the Y's swim team many years and, therefore, will know many of the girls.



Memorial Scholarship Donations

Remember friends and loved ones by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association Scholarship Fund. Donations should be sent to P. O. Box 404, Louisiana, MO 63353-0404 or visit our website at www.louisianaalumniassociation.org where memorials can be made through Pay-Pal. Contact Martha Sue Zook Smith, Scholarship Committee co-chair at msues@sbcglobal.net or call 573-754-4443 for further information regarding scholarship donations. The following contributions have been received from June 2014 to June 2015.

In memory of Mary Akers

By Class of 1947

By Robert & Annette Conrad

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of Warren Kuntz

By Class of 1947

By Robert & Annette Conrad

In memory of Class of 1958 Deceased Classmates

In memory of Bruce Penn

By Robert & Sandy Niemeyer

In memory of Ronnie Starman (Class of 1977)

By Bryce & Doris Love

In memory of LouBelle Kuntz

By Class of 1950

In memory of William (Bill) Niffen

By Class of 1953

In memory of Ellen Morrow

By Henry Pierce

By Philip R. Ogle

In memory of Class of 1950

By James & Doris Brown

In memory of Class of 1942

By Grace Jane Catlett

In memory of Alice & Earl Salmons

By Willetta Medley Hudson

In memory of Glenn Holland

By Sam & Roberta Kilby

In memory of Class of 1955

By Sam & Roberta Kilby

By Donna Pitzer

In memory of Class of 1962

By Joyce Love Robey

In memory of Ed & Anita Ludwig

By Tom Turley

In memory of Dr. Robert (Bobby)

Schroeder

By Tom Turley

In memory of Irene Howes Ebers

By Bea Goodin

In memory of Louise Ince Martin

By Donald R. Ince

In memory of Sue Ince Noah

By Donald R. Ince

In memory of Wayne & Chattie Sue

Smith

By Sherry Sitton Miederhoff

In memory of Stumpy & Dasarene Sitton

By Sherry Sitton Miederhoff

In memory of Raymond Riley (Class of

1953)

By Joyce & Bob Findley

In memory of Gerald Beer

By Henrietta Beer Robinson

In memory of Dexter Barbano

By Brent & Sue Gierke

In memory of Class of 1962 Deceased

Classmates

By Georgina M. Chappell

In memory of Pauline Muff Grimm

By Dorothy Ferguson Reid

In memory of Carolyn Price Dooley

(Class of 1962)

By Sue Price Reynolds

In memory of Eddie "Chick" Branstetter

By Sue & John Sitton

In memory of Paul Neuman

By Junior & Sharon VanHooser

In memory of Harold White

By Edward White, Sr.

In memory of Royce Allison

By Dorothy Webb

In memory of Jefferson Brown

By Ted & Lori Brown

In memory of Bill & Imogene Behringer

By Gail Love Shaw

In memory of Fred Hallows

By Louise Carlberg

In memory of Mark Hallows

By Louise Carlberg

In memory of Marian Hallows Woods

By Louise Carlberg

In memory of William Forrest Turner

By Dorothy Turner Hoelscher

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of Charles Griffith (Class of 1943)

By Lucille Griffith Meyer

In memory of Tony Campbell

By Quentin Richardson

In memory of Edward & Peggy Behrens

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of Jim Ross, Sr.

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of Frank Cash

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of William Sheppard

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of Anna Shiffman

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of Lael Abel

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of Don Thompson

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of Leroy Sevier

By Lona & Tom Wallace

In memory of John Branstetter

By Gregg & Cindy Blaylock

In memory of Ray Trost

By Sandy & Bob Niemeyer

In memory of Class of 1955 Deceased Classmates

By Class of 1955

In memory of Isaac "Newt" Bryson

By Cheryl McCurtain

In memory of Valerie Love Shriver

By Pam Todd Watts

By Katherine Todd

By Katelyn & Michelle Watts

By The Ray & Sharon Love Family

In memory of Joe Henderson

By Ray & Sharon Love

By Katherine Todd

In memory of Ara Lewellen

By Karl & Tina D3ewey

In memory of Martha Stark Grote

By L.H.S. Class of 1946

In memory of Marilyn Sapp

By Don & Sherry McCarty

By "The Rat Pack"

By Averon & Mary Lou Love

In memory of J. Ray Love

By American Legion Auxiliary #370

By L.H.S. Class of 1949

By Charles & Mary Ann Brown

By Robert & Mona Brown

By John & Mary Ann Lovell

By Jimmie & Brenda Wells

By Karl & Tina Dewey

By David & Wanda Hunter

By Dan & Danette DeBourge

By Abel Oil Company, Inc.

By Carquest of Louisiana

By Randy & Patty Meyers

By Rodney & Diane Todd

Donations

By Dale Kindred

Honorariums

In honor of the Cunningham Family

By Grace Jane Catlett

In honor of Ollie Parker

By Junior & Sharon VanHooser