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ALL-SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION EVENTS FOR 2014!

Over the years many alumni have suggested the Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association host a dinner somewhere other than the high school. They've spoken and the Association has listened!

Plans have recently been finalized for the annual all-school reunion during Colorfest weekend. On Saturday, October 18th the present 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. (Read elsewhere in this newsletter about enhancements being made this summer to the entrance to the football stadium.)

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).

After dinner, in lieu of an alumni speaker, the special reunion classes (those with their graduation year ending in 4 or 9) 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 as your dinner reservation includes admission to the dance). During all events at the American Legion a cash bar will be available.

By the way, the LHS Bulldogs play a home football game on Friday, October 17th. It will be senior recognition night but not homecoming. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. and the Bulldog Boosters host a great concession stand. The Bulldog Store will also be open so you can buy the latest in LHS Bulldog apparel and support the Boosters at the same time. This would be a great place for alums to meet Friday evening to mingle with others and to cheer on their alma mater. You could see first-hand the new entrance to the stadium and make post-game plans.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



We had a dream of an Alumni Association that was able to support the school district, teachers and students. In a few short years we have done just that. We are giving scholarships, buying needed supplies and participating in district events. You can help us continue to support Louisiana R-II! If you are nearby, we would be happy for you to attend our planning meetings. New ideas are always welcome! It is an electronic age and we'd love to involve you in any way. We have an occasional work day, volunteer to man a concession stand or two, and even prepare a meal for the football team. Monetary support of course is always welcome. We just wrote a check to the school district to help with the purchase of a new sound system in the middle school auditorium for \$3,000. They have budgeted another \$3,000 for it and the Music Boosters are going to plan fundraising to offset the balance of the projected \$8,000 purchase!

Participation in YOUR Alumni Association at any level is appreciated. Contact me personally if you have questions. I am happy to visit with you about our structure, projects or plans. My cell phone is 573-754-2109 or you may email me at President@LouisianaAlumniAssociation.org

I look forward to seeing everyone October 18th at our annual events!

Cindy Sitton Blaylock

FOOTBALL STADIUM ENHANCED



A project to upgrade the entrance to Cunningham Field (the football stadium) was begun in late June. It is a joint effort between the Bulldog Boosters and Louisiana R-II School District. It is believed this will show more pride in our facilities while giving those visiting from other communities a much better impression of our school.

The existing ticket booth and chain-link fence will be replaced. The new ticket booth will feature front facing windows (see elevation) while the black, aluminum 6-foot fence will provide a new look for our already excellent facilities. It's anticipated it will be completed in time for the first home football game late in August.

Much of the work is being done by volunteers. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

HELPING OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

This spring we approached Dr. Basden, the Louisiana R-II school district superintendent, about the needs of the district. We were looking for a need(s) their budget would not be able to cover but something that was rather important. At an earlier Association planning meeting, it was mentioned how poor the sound system was in the middle school (former high school) gym. The comments from those who attended were "At the school play you couldn't hear any of the performers... It was as if the sound system was turned off... It's a shame after all the hard work the students had put in practicing...".

When this was brought up to Dr. Basden as a possibility, he replied "Yes, I view that as the 'weakest link' in the district's facilities. It is used not only by the school for various events but also for community gatherings such as Veteran's Day observance, etc. It would be a great project for the Alumni Association to assist with." The district asked the music/band director to research costs. He learned a new basic sound system will run about \$8,000. Adding on some lapel microphones and other add-ons deemed necessary, the total cost may approach \$10,000. Dr. Basden indicated it would be great if the Alumni Association could cost-share with the district on it. When the Music Booster president was approached to see if they might be able to participate, they said their funds were very low but they would see what they could do. In June, Dr. Basden shared he had built \$3,000 in the district's initial 2014-15 budget for this project.

At the Association's June 21 planning meeting, it was approved to make a \$3,000 donation to the school district designated for use toward the middle school sound system upgrade. It is hoped Music Boosters' fundraisers, the school district and/or other source of funds will allow this much-needed project to be completed this fall.

It was learned just before press time the Louisiana Rotary Club is donating \$1,000 toward this much-needed project.

Dues Are Due

The Association's modest annual membership dues of \$5 are now due. (If you are a lifetime member, obviously this does not apply to you.) Your dues help cover the costs of newsletter printing and mailing, the cost of maintaining our website, and miscellaneous postage. Please support your Association by joining!



Alumni Association President Cindy Sitton Blaylock presenting a \$3,000 check from the Association for the middle school sound system to LMS Principal Chuck Tophinke

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT PLANNED SAVE THE DATE!



As a fundraiser for the LHS Alumni and Friends Association, a trivia night is being planned for Saturday, November 8th. If you haven't attended a trivia night before, it's great fun! You don't have to be a "brainiac" as you might think as you are a part of a team allowing you to pool your collective knowledge of trivial facts.

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 and alcoholic beverages 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. 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.

Alamo Scanning Project

The Association is still trying to digitize all Louisiana school yearbooks, formal class photographs, and class composite pictures and put these online for viewing. 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.

If you have a good flatbed, color scanner or photo-quality printer/scanner/copier and would like to help, contact Clay Logan at 573-754-2117 or cslogan@sbcglobal.net for standards and instructions. Visit our website for more related information.

DID YOU KNOW??

We all have seen many LHS letter jackets. Go ahead, admit it, you still have your letter jacket hanging in the closet. Over the years the cardinal red color, the white block 'L' and Bulldog on the back have been mainstays.

At least for one year, the Bulldog head on the back took on a feminine look on girls' jackets. It had red lipstick and long eyelashes as shown in the photo of Sandy Sitton Niemyer's letter jacket from 1960. She also shared that the girls' basketball team was known as the Bullettes at that time. We thought that was an interesting, little-known bit of Bulldog history of which many were unaware.



Moved? Changed your email address?



If you move and/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 USPS and have an email account which you check regularly, please send your email address with your full name (ladies please include maiden name), and graduation year to LHSAlumni@charter.net.

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

PROPOSED BY-LAW REVISIONS TO BE PRESENTED

At the Association's annual meeting to be held during the All-School Reunion Dinner on October 18th, members will be asked to vote on a few changes to our by-laws. The proposed changes 1) automatically grants membership in the Association to anyone who ever attended Louisiana public schools, as well as any administrators, teachers and support staff who ever served the District; 2) renames the current Article IV from Dues to Financial Support; 3) replaces the sections of Article IV referring to annual and lifetime membership dues with sections regarding a new financial support system.

The specific changes will be posted to our website for viewing 30 days prior to our annual meeting. If you do not have internet access, you may request a copy of the proposed changes by contacting the Association's secretary, Linda Beer, at 573-754-6495 or mail a request for a copy to the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association, PO Box 404, Louisiana, MO 63353-0404. Copies of the proposed changes will be posted at the American Legion during the social hour and dinner for viewing as well.

GIERKE SCHOLARSHIPS

In March, alum Brent Gierke (Class of '82) approached the Alumni Association about taking over the administration of the Jacob Adam Gierke (Class of '91) Memorial Scholarship. Though his family has been grateful to the Missouri Press Association for their dedicated support in handling the scholarship, he believes the Alumni Association will be in the best position to manage it moving forward.

He asked the Association this year to select the three 2014 winners who were each awarded \$1,000. They were: Melissa Powers who plans to attend Truman State or Missouri Western State Univ. and study psychology, earn her Master's and become a professor; Zach Reeve and Shelby Renner, see article about alumni scholarship winners for their plans.

Brent's request suggested, with some reservations, renaming it the Gierke Family Memorial Scholarship for 2015. This would allow it to also honor his brother, Christian (Class of '90), and dad, Jim (Class of '65), who have passed away since Jacob died in an auto accident in 1989. To prolong the life of the scholarship, Gierke asked the Association to award one \$2,000 scholarship each year beginning in 2015.

In April, the Alumni Association approved Brent's request to serve as administrator of this scholarship going forward.

CLASS REUNION PLANS

Class of 1944 – No special reunion is being planned. Many plan to attend the all-school reunion dinner. Betty Swisher Smoot is the contact person at bsmoot@sbcglobal.net or 573-754-5900.

Class of 1949 – They are planning to have classmates attend the Association's all-school reunion dinner on Saturday, October 18th. The contact is Joyce Steers Findley at 573-754-4353 or jf3131@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1959 – A reunion dinner is planned for their class on Friday, October 17th at Eagles Bluff Golf Course just south of Clarksville. Many will also attend the all-school reunion dinner on Saturday night, Oct. 18th. Nancy Love Jensen, their contact person, can be reached at nancyjensen12@charter.net or 573-221-4569.

Class of 1964 – The 50-year class is planning their reunion over Labor Day weekend. An informal gathering will take place at Piker's Restaurant in Louisiana on Friday, August 29th at 7 p.m. On Saturday the 30th they will have a social hour/dinner at the Elks beginning at 6 p.m. Those able are encouraged to attend the all-school reunion dinner on Oct. 18th. For more information, contact Glenda Richardson Pitzer at 573-754-5719.

Class of 1974 – A reunion dinner is planned for Saturday night, October 18th. Time and location are to be determined. There is discussion about having a float in the Colorfest parade that morning but that is still uncertain. Many from this class expect to be at the American Legion for the social hour/mixer and at the dance that evening. Terri Wood Sperry is the class contact at sperryrt@att.net or 573-754-5913.

Class of 1979 – Tentative plans call for a reunion to be held Oct. 17-19 including a Saturday evening dinner (separate from the All School reunion dinner) and possibly an informal Friday evening gathering. For further info, contact Tommy Wallace at 573-754-6009 or Lisa Quattroacchi Ray at 573-754-3289.

Class of 1994 – There is a committee working on plans for their reunion to be held on the weekend of Oct. 18. Tentative plans call for the classmates to meet at Sunset Park Saturday morning the 18th for the Colorfest parade. They will be attending the Alumni Association all-school reunion Sat. evening. For more information, contact Tara Allen Young at 702-499-7975 or allen.tara3304@att.net.

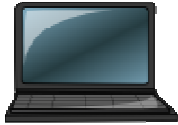
Class of 1999 – The class is going to attend the LHS home football game on Friday night, Oct. 17, then adjourn to the Spanish Room at the Twin City Bowl. Saturday the classmates with their families/kids will gather at North Veterans Park (by elementary school and city pool) at 11 a.m. for a BBQ lunch around noon. (Class to provide the meat and a few sides and having a carry-in for the rest.) After the BBQ they will join the Alumni Association activities for the evening. For more details, contact Jennifer Guthrie Asquith at jgluck_y13@hotmail.com, 573-795-1454 or through Facebook and Brooke Asquith Frazier at bfrazier6@frontier.com or 217-430-5024.

Class of 2004 – This class held their reunion on Saturday, June 21. Megan Penrod is the contact person at 573-795-3865 or meganpenrod@yahoo.com.

Class of 2009 – On August 16th this class is having an informal five-year reunion at Next Door in Louisiana (next to KC's Place Restaurant). Emily Kinkade Clemons is the contact person at 573-629-8433 or emily.dawn09@gmail.com.

NOTE: Those classes whose graduation year ends in a 4 or 9 and are not listed above have no plans for a reunion as of mid-July. Their members are encouraged to attend the all-school reunion dinner on October 18th.

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



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

In the fall of 2012, I volunteered to help the Alumni Association find 150 alumni with invalid mailing addresses. In January 2013, this morphed into becoming the membership chairman for the Alumni Association. One of my first tasks was to expand the alumni master list to include entries for everyone that attended LMS or LHS. The table below provides statistics on this progress.

LHS Alumni Contacts Database - Number of alumni ...	Count as of Oct 2012	Count as of Jul 2013	Count as of Jul 2014
Deceased (does not include Classes 1875-1929)	0	594	943
Email Addresses (with confirmation in current year)	Unknown	376	886
Email Addresses (NO confirmation in current year)	756	608	335
Valid Mailing Addresses (excluding email addresses)	1,905	1,918	1,854
Invalid Mailing Addresses	150	98	165
Foreign Mailing Addresses	3	13	7
Do Not Mail Addresses	0	2	8
No Contact Information	6	2,146	1,635
Total Entries	2,820	5,755	5,833

What is the purpose of the LHS Alumni Contacts Database?

- Maintain contact information for everyone that attended LMS or LHS in order to send newsletters.
- Assist classes planning reunions by providing them with contact information for their classmates.

Why are we asking 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 2014 newsletter via USPS mail and you have an email address, please let us know your email address.

The bottom line is that we need your help. You are the best resource for contact information about fellow alumni. Any information about a fellow alumni may be enough for us to find them.

Classes with contact information for less than 50% of the class are:

'32-'33, '35-'36, '38, '43, '56, '83, '89-'91, '94, '96-'01, '03, '05-'09, and '11.

REMINDER: We do not make our LHS Alumni Contacts Database available to anyone except the class coordinator(s) planning a reunion. They will only be provided a list of their classmates with their contact information.

Mike Pratt, the Association's membership chairman, can be reached via:

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Memorial Report: Remember friends and loved ones by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association Scholarship Fund. Donations should be sent to PO 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 2013 to June 2014.

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LHS Year in Review



Greetings!!

I appreciate this forum to keep you abreast of the great things that are happening at LHS. I have been the Principal at the high school for six years now. My mother was in the LHS class of 1958, Martha Sue Zook.

The 2013-14 school year at LHS brought great accomplishments in the areas of academics, athletics, and service to our community.

We continue to offer students a wide variety of course selections. Each year we increase offerings in dual credit coursework. Students have the potential to leave LHS with 24 hours of college credit. 2013-14 was our first year as an A+ school. Twelve seniors fulfilled the requirements and took advantage of the free and/or discounted tuition offered to A+ graduates by Missouri community colleges and universities.

Athletically, the Bulldogs had an outstanding year. LHS is fortunate to have motivated student athletes and a great group of dedicated coaches. Some highlights include: Boys Basketball team won the Bowling Green Tournament, had four All-State athletes, 31 All-District athletes, 23 All-Conference athletes, 7 Academic All-State athletes and 2 band members were All-Conference.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication of the athletes and coaches; the support of the Bulldog Boosters and parents; and the commitment from the Louisiana R-II Board of Education.

Whenever possible, we give the students at LHS opportunities to give back to the community that makes everything possible. LHS has an active chapter of the National Honor Society. This year, as in the past, they provided services to the Pike County Memorial Hospital, the Twin Pike Family Y, the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, as well as donations and drives on behalf of area non-profits. Our students volunteered with the Department of Conservation at Eagle Days and Duck Days. Our A+ students enroll in a Student Outreach and Community Service class. In that class, they have opportunities to serve as classroom aides and peer tutors in the Louisiana Middle and Elementary Schools. Students on both sides find the class rewarding.

Our music program received some wonderful gifts this year. The Community Foundation of Quincy awarded a \$4,000 grant for new instruments, and the District was able to match that amount! Additionally, the Alumni and Friends Association donated \$3,000 to upgrade the sound system for the annual musical.

Last year LHS began a Trap Shooting team sponsored by our FFA chapter. Participation and interest has been exciting. We were able to secure grants from various organizations to outfit the team and they are active in local and State competitions.

Our Interact Chapter (a high school arm of the Rotary Club), raised funds throughout the year to provide the materials to build a school in Haiti. With outstanding support from the Rotary Club, 5 students and a faculty sponsor travelled to Haiti to assist in the construction. The Interact Club also maintains a community garden on campus and donates hundreds of pounds of fresh produce to local food pantries.

One final note – The Bulldog Boosters have partnered with the District to upgrade the curb appeal of the football complex. They are installing a beautiful black aluminum fence across the entire home side of the complex. In addition, they are building a new ticket booth. Their goal is to have it ready for the first football game of the season. This is a great example of just one more way that the community supports our efforts at LHS.

Our doors are always open to Alumni and Friends. If you are in town, please stop by for a tour of our campus. Depending on how long it has been, you may notice significant changes. All of our facilities are top notch in the area and in the Clarence Cannon Conference. I would enjoy giving anyone interested a tour of the grounds. It is all of your hard work, contributions, and accomplishments that make LHS what it is today.

Todd Smith

Principal, Louisiana High School

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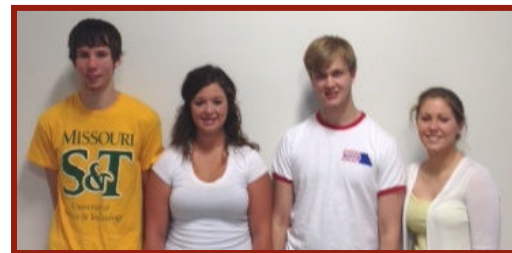
- 3-5:00 pm School Open House**
- 5-6:30 pm Social at American Legion**
- 6:30 pm Dinner at American Legion**
- 9-1:00 am Dance to Country Soul**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! - OCTOBER 18, 2014 - ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

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. Last year 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:

Caitlyn Bolton, attend Fontbonne University then transfer to Washington Univ. to study occupational therapy and work in the field of Pediatrics; **Sydney Bronson**, attend St. Charles Community College on A+ scholarship then transfer to Lindenwood Univ. to major in education and history planning to teach high school history; **Ethan Helkey**, attend Webster Univ. to study wig and makeup design and work behind the scenes for a theater company; and **Zachary Reeve**, attend MU of Science & Technology in Rolla to study aerospace engineering with plans to design aircraft.



2014 Alumni Scholarship Recipients pictured left to right , Zachary Reeve, Caitlyn Bolton, Ethan Helkey and Sydney Bronson

This brings the total amount of scholarships awarded by our Association to LHS graduates since 2009 to \$12,000! It is only with the support from many of you this has been made possible. THANK YOU! It's our hope the Association will be able to continue to make these and even greater awards for years to come.

The Association wishes these students and the entire Class of 2014, **33** strong, the very best in the years ahead! (No, that's not a typo. This year's senior class has been quite small since middle school. For comparison, Clopton graduated 39 this year.)

The recipient of this year's Ellen Morrow Memorial Math Scholarship, administered by our Association and in the amount of \$1,000, was **Shelby Renner**. She plans to attend Culver Stockton College and study nursing with plans to become a nurse practitioner.

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Alumni Dinner and Mixer Date—Saturday, October 18, 2014

(Please Print)

Name _____
First Maiden Last

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____
(current email addresses save postage by sending this Alumni Newsletter via email)

LHS Graduation Year _____

Please find enclosed:

\$ _____ \$5 Annual Membership Dues (\$10 for two Alumni)

\$ _____ \$100 Lifetime Membership Dues

\$ _____ Alumni Dinner Reservation(s) \$20 per person (Due by October 1)
(includes admission to dance following the dinner)

No. & name(s) attending dinner _____

\$ _____ Scholarship Donation in Memory of (deceased) _____

\$ _____ Scholarship Donation in Honor of (living) _____

\$ _____ TOTAL

Payments may be made through PayPal on our website or by check.

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(Please return this form along with your payment by October 1 !!)

NOTE: No confirmations or tickets will be sent. Nametag at check-in will serve as your dinner ticket.

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