

LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Newsletter

LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, ALTAMONT, KANSAS

MAY 2008

Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 10, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Meal in New Cafeteria with program to follow

Menu:

Smothered Steak
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans, Coleslaw
Hot Rolls, Jello, Coffee, and Tea

\$7.50 per Ticket

Purchase your ticket by May 2nd from the following locations:

Labette Bank	Parsons Main Bartlett Altamont Oswego
Altamont	Eichhorn's Station
Coffeyville	Coffeyville Feed Store
Edna	The Woodshed
Parsons	Ace Hardware

Tickets may be obtained by sending your money to:

Marjorie Falcon
PO Box 382

Altamont, KS 67330

Email: mfalcon@altamontks.com

We will have your ticket available for you at the cafeteria door the night of the banquet. Make checks payable to LCHS Alumni Association.

2007-2008 LCHS Alumni Officers

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Would you be willing to help out your Alumni officers?

Let us hear from you!

If you have questions concerning how your money is spent, please contact one of the officers.

Suggestions are always welcomed.

Scholarships Presented at the 2007 Alumni Banquet

LCHS Alumni Association - 5 Scholarships at \$250.00 each

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

Jim Crumpton (Class of 1963) Memorial Scholarship - \$250.00

Jim was a 1963 graduate of LCCHS. Because of his enthusiasm for his Alma mater, he was lovingly nicknamed "Mr. LC."

Quincy E. Hicks (Class of 1956) Memorial Scholarship - \$260.00

Quincy was a 1956 graduate of LCCHS. This scholarship is given to a young man showing interest in continuing his education in the mechanics field.

Laura Huneycutt Kuykendall (Class of 1984) Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00

This scholarship is given to a young lady showing interest in attending K-State University and majoring in horticulture or science.

The Homer & Marchie Phillips Family Scholarship - \$1000.00

Given by the children of Homer & Marchie Phillips, all of whom are graduates of LC. Because of their education at such a fine high school, all of them had opportunities for careers without going to college - which they couldn't afford.

Natalie Neal Scholarship - \$250.00

Mrs. Neal taught Home Economics at LC for several year. Mrs. Neal is retired and spends most of her time in sunny California. Given by her children in her honor.

Ronald A. Tullis (Class of 1966) Memorial Scholarship - \$520.00

Given in his memory by his parents and brother.

Music Scholarship in Memory of Imogene North - \$250.00

Made possible through the generosity of her former students who wanted to honor her. She was a fascinating, impressionable, and upbeat person.

Music Scholarship in Memory of Alma Lee Shell - \$250.00

Mrs. Shell was the Piano Teacher at LC for many years, beginning in the 60's. She was not only a wonderful teacher but a true friend to all her students.

Ruby Steeby Ellison (Class of 1933) Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00

Given by Mr. Alvah Ellison, Class of 1933, of California, in memory of his wife.

The Gene and Daisy (Mourning) White (Class of 1957) Scholarship - 2 Scholarships at \$250.00 each

Given by Mr. & Mrs. White, "We are honored to have God's blessing and be able to do this."

Class of 1966 Memorial Scholarship - \$250.00

Given by the class in remembrance of those classmates gone before us.

Arthur Adamson Scholarship - 2 Scholarships at \$500.00 each

In honor of his classmates, and this great school. Mr. Adamson lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated in 1936.

David M. Graham (Class of 1963) Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00

Was attending Pittsburg State University majoring in Engineering when he was killed in an automobile accident.

Fern Witwer Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00

Given to a student attending a Christian College.

Class of 1953/1954 Scholarship - \$1000.00

Class of 1979 Scholarship - \$300.00

This class wants to challenge other classes to start their own class scholarships!

**These next 3 were given by Fred Cunningham who wrote, "I was not a good student - I wasn't focused, nor did I care, but I will never forget all the good things that did happen for my sisters and I. I will always be truly grateful for Mr. Katterjohn and all the great teachers we had."*

Mary Kathryn Cunningham Christianson (Class of 1940) Scholarship - \$150.00

Gertrude M. Cunningham Krueger (Class of 1938) Memorial Scholarship - \$150.00

Fred W. Cunningham (Class of 1936) Scholarship - \$150.00



You can purchase a Grizzly Alumni license plate by contacting Marjorie Falcon. They are \$10.00 if picked up at the Alumni Banquet or she can mail you one for \$15.00.

FROM YOUR TREASURER

MARJORIE FALCON

I am so pleased that I can report that contributions are UP! The total amount received since the last newsletter mailing is at \$12,804.00! Great Job Alumni. Following is how the money received was earmarked: Designated Scholarships \$5755.00; Scholarship Fund \$2700.00; General Fund \$2649.00; Sunshine Fund \$1700.00. I also received \$614.00 for The 506 Foundation, Inc. which I turned over to them. And spent \$11,785.18 as follows: Designated Scholarships \$5870.00; Scholarship Fund \$2250.00; General Fund \$2617.13; Sunshine Fund \$1048.05. Thank you Alumni for making all this happen. Our checkbook balance as of Dec. 31, 2007 was \$7575.14, and we still have a \$5000.00 CD.

The Alumni Banquet was held in the new cafeteria on May 12, 2007. 430 meals were served - a big THANK YOU to our cook, Elaine Phillips and her 'crew'! The Class of '42 met in the Guidance Office, Class of '47 met in the Library, and the Class of '52 met in the Band Room. The Class of 1957 had a great turnout for their 50th class reunion. They started on Fri. night with a Get Together in the Commons Area and continued on Sat. in Haury Hall. The new cafeteria is wonderful, much brighter and bigger. We served 28 Seniors and their parents as our guests. These are the 28 that received scholarships through the Alumni Association, receiving \$12,180.00 in scholarship money.

The Sunshine Fund is going strong. This fund is used to help students who are experiencing hardships through family loss of income, illness, and/or death. Just paying off a lunch bill (in some cases, this is the only hot meal the student gets), or getting to go on a school activity trip, to a little extra cash at Christmas so they can buy Mom a present. This fund also helps the Seniors with those added expenses of cap and gown, pictures, yearbook and announcements. We appreciate and depend on the teachers, counselors, and administration who keep us aware of the needs. I am amazed at how this works. The objective of this Sunshine Fund is to help the student feel 'equal' among his peers, being able to afford Senior pictures, a yearbook, football shoes, etc.

Don't forget to clip out the Contribution Form, write your check, and drop it in the mail! We depend on you. Drop us a note and tell us about your experiences at LC, and where you have gone since graduation and your accomplishments. Our students today need to hear about their Alumni!

Thanks for all your help,
Margi '66

THE VISION PROJECT

The L.C.H.S. alumni have been actively involved with the high school's appearance. Currently, we have an artist working on a project for the gym and the lobby of Harrison Auditorium. This project should be unveiled in late February. The words "Lafayette County High School welcomes you to the Den" will be posted on the South wall in the gym, and an eight-foot by eight-foot portrait of a grizzly head will be posted in the lobby. Future projects are being planned to show our pride for our school colors.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

FROM THE DESK OF MARTY ANDERSON

Partnerships are the key to any successful organization. The capacity of any one individual is multiplied with every partnership created/maintained, thus expanding the potential exponentially. Lafayette County High School has been built upon building and maintaining strong relationships of its community, industries and alumnus. This tradition continues today.

These (Vocational) Career Technical Education programs are expanding their partnerships with industries and colleges in order to provide even more opportunities to our students. We have added several partnerships with industries such as Aerodyne of Wichita, John Deere Manufacturing of Coffeyville and Tank Connections of Parsons.

These corporations/industries have all communicated the quality of our school and programs. This quality is evident based upon our history of producing productive employees and citizens and continues today.

Our college partners continue to grow which includes, PSU, Butler County, and Wichita State University. Our partnership with Lafayette Community College is also expanding in the area of concurrent course offerings, (L.C.C. credit and High School Credit offered on L.C.'s campus) are poised to include: English Comp 1, Literary Analysis, Speech, College Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, College Chemistry, History, Psychology and Multiple off campus offerings as well. In both partnerships we are providing an employee/student with specialized skills and in return our students are provided scholarships, employment opportunities, and experiences to enhance their future success.

Our faculty, staff, students and parents continue to work very hard to live up to the great tradition the alumni of LCHS has established throughout the years. This is truly a great school with strong partnerships. Our Alumni play a vital role within our key partnerships. It is the communication and support you can provide which impacts the perception and reality of how great we are and want to be. I believe that this partnership should be reciprocal as well. What can we do for you? Please communicate your needs so that we may be supportive of your desires. We look forward to an occasional visit or a note of your successes that all LC Grads experience. Keep the wind to your back and the sun in your face, until again we meet friend hold your head high and show your Grizzly Pride.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

CHRIS KASTLER—CLASS OF 1979

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

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

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

Just this last year a group got together saw a need and raised money to replace the old countertops in the Harrison lobby. It looks great and is much appreciated.

Remember, Alumni can make a difference.

THE 506 FOUNDATION, INC.

An avenue for you to invest in the education of future generations has been established in The 506 Foundation. There are several ways to contribute. One can write a check to the Foundation, include the foundation in your will, buy a life insurance policy naming the foundation as the beneficiary, establish a trust naming the foundation as the beneficiary, or donate property, stock, or real estate to the foundation. Each of these actions will benefit the youth of USD 506 and may provide tax advantages to you at the same time. The object of this program is to build an endowment and establish a repository for memorial and honorary contributions, as well as distribute grants for specific educational projects not ordinarily provided for in the school district budget.

GIFT GIVING CLUBS

March 1, 2008

CORPORATE CLUB \$10,000 & Higher

Russell & Velma Hoseney
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FOUNDATION CLUB \$5,000 to \$9,999

DIRECTORS' CLUB \$1,000 to \$4,999

Boeing Gift Matching Program
Steve Bogner
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SCHOLARS' CLUB \$500 to \$999

Robert & Nancy Thygerson
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Gene & Kathy Alloway
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Eldon & Betty Huffman
Dr. Mark Johnson
Paul & Evelyn Johnston
Cindy (Stottman) Jones
Demple Kastler
Glen Likins
Jeff Norris
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Carol Trollope

GENERAL DONATIONS (UNDER \$49)

Michele Aldwir
Sheila Attia
Juan & Karen Barnett
Frankie & Wymetta Barnett
Tony Blackwell
Jerry Bolen
David Brader
Johnia Brown
Jim & Bev Browne
Rick Carnahan
W. J. & Wendy Charles
Eileta Creekpau
Terry & Sherry Dunlay
Mona Garrett
Marilyn Griffin
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Head
Russell Hines
Jerry Jones
David Junken
Chris Kastler
Terri Lawrence
Laverne & Helen Leininger
Debra Lorenz
Lisa (Giefer) Mailes
Rev. Richard McCandless
Rick McKinzie
Vincent & Sharon Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Moody
David Myers
Daniel & Amanda Nelson
Betty Neville
Lorie Nutter
Paul & Sharon Price
Nina Ross
Raymond & Linda Semrad
Tommie & Arlene Shelton
Donna Smith
Paul Sprenkle
John Steeby
Denise Steig
Annette Tanner Titworth
Tim Traxson
Robert Umbarger
Glenn & Phyllis Walker
Becky Warren
Darvin & Ruth Ann Weaver
Frank Westhoff
Tonya Zwahlen

Outstanding Alumni

STEVE DAVIS ENTREPRENEUR

LCHS graduate Steve Davis of Fort Collins, Colorado spoke to students December 7, 2007 about his journey from growing up a poor boy in Labette City to becoming a multimillionaire and owner of three businesses - Care Research Inc., Feathertech Inc., and Colorado Quality Research Inc.

Davis explained that managing and overcoming fear is essential to success. He noted that by exploring his options at LCHS, he found his niche in poultry judging. He participated in this activity in high school and at Kansas State University.

JOYCE BRIDGES STORYTELLER

Joyce Bridges, class of 1960, is a professional storyteller. After a 31-year career as a dispatcher for heavy construction, she now does what has always been near and dear to her heart - sharing the gift of oral storytelling.

Joyce has performed as a guest storyteller on "The Storyman", Bob Eustis' show on educational television and is scheduled to perform again in the coming year. She has conducted workshops for the Jackson Gold Country Authors Forum and San Joaquin Storytellers Guild.

It is Joyce's desire to promote the ancient art of oral storytelling by performing and teaching.

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The Alumni Association would like to thank Par Forms in Parsons for printing this newsletter.

Wichita Reunion Get-Togethers

Thanks to Charlotte (Phillips '65) Houck and her husband Larry who own Bigs Bar and Grill, L.C. alumni can enjoy a weekend get-away. It has been held in the fall for the past 3 years and will be again in 2008. The exact date will be set soon. If you are interested, give them a call at (316) 945-5820 (home) or (316) 942-3131 (Bigs), or you can email Charli at Bigs1994@aol.com.

Class of 1943 will be meeting at the school before the banquet. Contact Carmen Spencer (620) 784-5718 for more details.

Class of 1949 will meet in the Library during the afternoon of May 10th.

Please Note: If you have updated your class mailing list, please send a copy to Donna Strickland, 11058 Wallace Road, Oswego, KS 67356 or email to dstrickland@labettecounty.com.

All Alumni! Have you registered on classmates.com? www.classmates.com

Also, check us out on www.usd506.k12.ks.us - Click on LCHS and find our newsletter on the pull down menu.

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Contribution Form

Please help out if you can. If each Alumni sent only \$5.00 we could build a tremendous scholarship fund! This is a tax deductible donation.

Name _____
Address _____
Email Address _____
Class of _____
Comments _____
Scholarship _____
General Fund _____
Sunshine Fund _____
Foundation _____

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