



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



Spring 2024

Labette County High School Alumni Association

Altamont, KS

Announcement

Alumni Awards will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Senior Awards will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Meal will be served starting at 6:00 pm.

Meeting will start at approximately 7:00 pm.

Reunion Annouement

Class of 1974 will be having our 50th reunion October 12,2024.

If you have not been contacted via facebook, mail, or email please contact

Janie Stice 620-330-0048 or Rhonda Heston 515-724-2124

2023-2024 LCHS Alumni Officers

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Would you like to help out your Alumni Officers? Let us hear from you!

From Your President

Dear Alumni,

It's an honor to serve as President of our Alumni Association for another year. As time passes since my graduation, the memories of my Grizzly years remain as vivid as ever. What I cherish most about high school memories is the feeling of youth, vitality, and the belief that I could conquer the world when - college seemed more affordable.

However, times have changed, particularly with the rising cost of college. Many students accumulate significant debt to earn degrees, making education a financial challenge. Fortunately, our passionate alumni play a crucial role in supporting the next generation through their generous contributions to the Alumni Association.

Your faithful donations sustain our scholarship fund, cover operational and mailing costs, and support the Sunshine Fund, aiding students facing financial difficulties. Your contributions uphold the tradition of excellence at our alma mater.

While it may seem like everyone is seeking your support, we acknowledge that your hardearned dollars are valuable. To sustain and enhance our schools and provide scholarships, we rely on your assistance.

Recently, I came across a news story about an alum donating a million dollars to his college. This made me wonder why such significant contributions often go to universities and not to our high schools or elementary schools. So, if you're contemplating a substantial donation to your university, don't forget about us. The impact such a contribution could have on our students would be truly remarkable.

In the past, our alumni have shown generosity by providing scholarships or contributing to specific projects. If you are interested in learning about district needs or projects that need funding, please reach out. We'd be delighted to offer you opportunities to make a meaningful difference. Remember, alumni have the power to make a difference. Thank you for your continued support!

Alumni, you can make a difference.

Chris Kastler
Class of 1979

LCHS Trap Shooting Team

In 2019 Labette County High School Students had a new extracurricular activity option added, Trap shooting. We currently have over 30 high school students and a third are female participants. We have joined over 1,400 students from across Kansas to compete at the state contest each June. Between the three divisions, we have come home with medals every year.

We are striving to construct a building at the trap field that will include restrooms,

a concessions area, and a meeting room. The LCHS Trap Shooting Team is responsible for raising money for the building. We have half of the funds raised and will pour the concrete this spring. If trap shooting is something that interests you, watch for the upcoming spring fundraisers. If you are interested in donating, checks can be made to the LCHS Trap Shooting Team and mailed to Community National Bank, Attention: Vicki, PO Box 250, Edna, KS 67342.

Principal's Message

Greetings LC Alumni:

It is with great joy that I sit down to write this letter to all the faithful LC alumni that have walked these sacred halls and continue to support the students that follow in their same footsteps. As each year passes and our buildings age a little more, we are more and more aware of the depth of our foundation at LCHS. I like to think that the cracks in the walls give us aged character; the blemishes that start to show with age are the reflections of stress from the efforts given to withstand the high expectations that exist on our beloved campus. I tell people to never be fooled by those things, because behind the walls and the age is some of the strongest history and tradition that exist for many miles, and I am so grateful to continue to be part of this Grizzly Nation family and history. Over the past twenty-six years here, the one thing that never ages or weathers is the support from our formers and their desire to make forward progress for the betterment of our students' lives, the community, and LC's future as a whole. It is with that mindset that I am excited to share updates about our campus and educational programs.

As many of you may have seen on social media, we are building a much needed auxiliary gymnasium. This new build is very exciting and will provide a climate-controlled, spacious facility for both athletics and events; this new addition will serve in many different capacities for our district. The Haury Hall gymnasium, with all its years of glory, will not become a desolate area. It will continue to be a viable space that accommodates students, patrons, and community members in many different formats. Haury Hall is and will be forever respected for the many years of memories it holds.

Our CTE programs continue to evolve and grow with the changing times in technology, but still maintain the strong core values and depth of foundation they were built on. We have added many new pieces of equipment that allow our students to continue current training, and they will be prepared for either post-secondary education or to go straight into the workforce. Each of our CTE programs continues to contribute to the community and teach their students the value of hard work and how it impacts their community directly. When you drive along the north side of Altamont Grade school, you will see the direct impact our Building and Trades program has with the new home that is being constructed. And when you drive down Main Street, you will see the old gas station across from the bank, which is the site of the soon-to-be Grizzly Grind coffee shop, founded by our LC Business Department. Our students continue the tradition of making our community great, and for that, we are fortunate.

To be honest, I could share pages of accolades of all that we continue to accomplish in our classrooms, on the court or field, and in competitions at the local, state, and national level, but more important than all of those, is the fact that LCHS continues to produce quality young individuals who sincerely strive to be strong community members and contributing citizens with sound morals and values.

I look forward to seeing, meeting, and visiting with you at the Alumni Banquet in May and officially introducing our new Assistant Principal Trey Thompson, also a proud LCHS alum. It truly is Grizzly pride that connects us all.

Sincerely,

Stacy M. Smith
LCHS Principal

2023 LCHS Alumni Scholarships Awarded

506 Foundation Scholarship, \$500.....	Lillian Zylstra
Ad Astra Scholarship.....	Mia Howard, Ava O'Brien
Alex Ybarra, Class of 1966, Memorial Scholarship, \$250.....	Mia Howard
Arthur P. Adamson, Class of 1936, Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.....	Mackenzie Willey
Bobby and Reba Roberts Scholarship, \$400.....	Taylor Elsworth
Class of 1953/54 Trade Scholarship, 3 @ \$1,000.....	Molly Leonard, Lakin Giager, Linsey Dickerson
Class of 1955, \$150.....	Molly Leonard
Class of 1958, \$200.....	Anthony Pearson
Class of 1959, \$400.....	Noah Wiley
Class of 1962, \$250.....	Kail Smith
Class of 1966, \$250.....	Madalynn Houston
Class of 1968, \$300.....	Emily Black
Class of 1969, \$100.....	Sidni Meister
Class of 1972, \$250.....	Chaney Carr
Class of 1972 Technical School Scholarship.....	Tristan Johnson
Class of 1975, 2 @ \$250.....	Griffin Eaton, Aubrey Lassen
Class of 1986, \$200.....	Grant Morris
Delbert and Carolyn Bracken Scholarship, Class of 1954, 2 @ \$500.....	Mackenzie Willey, Emily Black
Don & Bobbi Raymond Living Scholarship, 2 @ \$500.....	Haley Thompson, Josie Hayward
Gary L. Stice, Class of 1972, Memorial Music Scholarship \$150.....	Paighton Hall
Helen R. (Willems) Rice "Pay It Forward" Scholarship, Class of 1974, \$1,000.....	Kylie Garner
James L. Pontious Scholarship, Class of 1956, \$500.....	Grant Morris
Jessie "Louise" Schneickert, Class of 1938, Memorial Scholarship, 2 @ \$500.....	Lakin Giager, Madisyn Helwig
Jim Crumpton, Class of 1963, Memorial Scholarship, \$250.....	Shelbi Wilson
Kathy Foster-Cochran, Class of 1976, Memorial Cross Country Scholarship, \$400.....	Natalie Carson
LCHS Alumni Association a 4-Year Scholarship, \$2,000.....	Ridley Lynn
The Lois Jean Frederick Shrum (1950) & Susan Kay Shrum (1973) Scholarship, \$3,000.....	Hunter Schaplowsky
Mabel (Utley) Layton, Class of 1925, Memorial Scholarship, \$500.....	Lukle Ryan
Marvin Foster Cave '31 and Mary Louise (Cave '35) Allen Memorial \$.....	Ceccillia Newby
Music Scholarship in Memory of Imogene North & Alma Lee Shell, \$200.....	Klete Keller
Natalie Neal-Lattimore Scholarship, \$500.....	Kylie Garner
New Life Clothing and More Scholarship, \$250.....	Tristan Johnston
Quincy E. Hicks, (Class of 1956) Memorial Scholarship, \$250.....	Brynn Acuff
The Raymond & Donna Kline Family Scholarship, \$800.....	Charli Alloway
Robert B. "Bobby" Jones Memorial Scholarship, \$400.....	Chaney Carr
Roy L. Surridge, Class of 1950, Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.....	Shelby DuVall
Ryan Wayne Kasson, Sr. Memorial Music/Theatre Scholarship, \$500.....	Shelbi Wilson
The Traxson Family Memorial Scholarship, \$400.....	Snowden Davis

The 506 Foundation Inc.

The Purpose: We are a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster excellence in education by funding programs that enhance the capabilities of USD 506 schools to stimulate students' academic achievement and enrich the learning environment.

The Goal: We shall engage in programs and activities benefiting the education of the youth in Labette County, Kansas, and to endow funds to enhance the quality of education provided by USD 506.

The Objective: We will concentrate on building endowment and serving as a repository for memorial and honorary contributions, as well as distributing grants for specific educational projects not ordinarily provided for in the school district budget.

An avenue for you to invest in the education of future generations has been established in the 506 foundation. There are several ways you can contribute. One can write a check to the foundation, include the foundation in your will, buy a life insurance policy naming the foundation 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.

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Contribution Form

Please Note- the LC Alumni Association is NOT 501(c)(3). For contributions to be used for tax purposes, write your check to The 506 Foundation, Inc. and make a notation on your check "LC Alumni." Please select one of the following:

Scholarship General Fund
 Sunshine Fund 506 Foundation Other _____

Name _____ Address _____
Class of _____ Email Address _____
Comments _____

Please use the Contribution Form to designate where you want your funds to go.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

We need your opinion on how you would feel about moving the Alumni Banquet 2025 to the First Saturday in May, and serving a lunch rather than supper. You can email Margi or Chris, text, write us a note or call. Reason being so many of us older alumni do not like to drive at night, and moving to the First Saturday would eliminate the conflict of Graduation and Graduation Celebrations. Lunch at 12 noon and then leaving the afternoon for visiting and reunions.

Yes, Afternoon _____; No, keep in the Evening _____

TICKETS

Due to so many tickets being reserved and not paid for we are unable to reserve tickets without payment in hand by May 1st, 2024. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THIS DATE.

Ticket Cost \$12

Purchase tickets by May 1, 2024 from the following locations:
Labette Bank, Parsons and Altamont and Ace Hardware, Parsons

Tickets may also be obtained by sending to:

Janie Stice
5175 CR 5800
Cherryvale, KS 67335
620-330-0048

YOUR PAID TICKETS will be available at the cafeteria door the night of the banquet.
Make checks payable to : LCHS Alumni Association.