



# Lamoni Community Schools Alumni Association

202 NORTH WALNUT, LAMONI, IOWA 50140

## All School Banquet

Excitement is building for the 2026 annual all-school reunion! This year our banquet will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 6:00 P.M. in the high school gym. Tickets for this event will be \$25, and this will include a complimentary breakfast being served Sunday morning in the Commons area from 8:00 to 10:00.

The high school doors will be open at 9:00 A.M. Saturday so you can register, pick up your tickets, and meet with friends. Tours of the school may be arranged upon request throughout the morning, and yearbooks will be on display for your perusal.

This year's honor class ('76) has been busy planning their weekend, and we look forward to celebrating with them. At the banquet, class member Tracy Bridge will speak about "Lessons Learned Growing Up in Lamoni", and we will enjoy a few songs by Laura Benedict ('79) whose many accomplishments include singing at the White House and being inducted into the Iowa Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



1976 Yearbook Cover

## Banquet Itinerary

### Saturday, May 23, 2026

- 9:00 A.M. -6:00 P.M. - Pick up banquet tickets, visit with friends, tour the school
- 6:00 P.M. – Banquet dinner in the gymnasium and entertainment
- Tickets are \$25. You may register online at <https://bit.ly/26LCSAlumniBanquet>

### Sunday, May 24, 2026

- 8:00-10:00 A.M. – Breakfast pastries and beverages in Commons

## Lamoni School Fight Song

Lamoni High School Hats Off To Thee  
To Our Colors, True We Shall Ever Be  
Firm And Strong, United Are We  
Rah, Rah, Team, Team, Team  
Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah  
Rah For Lamoni High  
Hey  
Hey  
Hey  
Beat 'Em Up, Beat 'Em Up  
Rah, Rah, Rah



## 2026 Reunion Housing

### Cobblestone Inn & Suites - Lamoni

226 Spruce Dr, Lamoni, IA 50140  
(641) 784-4000

### Lamoni Inn & Suites

2013 E Main St, Lamoni, IA 50140  
(319) 315-0080

### Little River Inn Motel & Guest House

708 W 1st St Leon, Iowa - 50144  
(641) 446-4884

### Super 8 by Wyndham - Bethany

811 S 38th St, Bethany, MO 64424  
(660) 240-0597

### Lakeside Hotel Casino

777 Casino Dr, Osceola, IA 50213  
(641) 342-9511

### AmericInn by Wyndham Osceola

111 Ariel Cir, Osceola, IA 50213  
(641) 342-9400

## Historian's Update

If anyone is missing their LCS or LHS Yearbook and would like a copy, or a copy of any other year, I can send you a digital copy on a USB drive. Cost is \$20 for postage and the USB drive. Scanned and available are years 1914 thru 1917 and 1940 thru 2018.

Bob Bixby, LCS Historian  
21875 Pleasanton Rd, Leon Iowa 50144  
[rjbixby@grm.net](mailto:rjbixby@grm.net)

## Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame committee is reviewing the scoring system for selecting new Hall of Fame nominees. If you would like to be a part of this Committee, please contact Ray Beaty at [rnlbeaty@gmail.com](mailto:rnlbeaty@gmail.com) or text 515-401-8275. Current Committee members are Bob Bixby, Kenny Starnes, and Ray Beaty.

Please let us know if you know of a person that you feel should be nominated for the Hall of Fame. We have not had any new nominees for a few years now.

## Class Reunion Corner

This year we welcome the Class of 1976, in honor of their 50 year graduation. Plans are being made for a great reunion, with time spent as a class as well as the All School Alumni banquet.

The Class of 2006 is planning for their 20 year reunion at a later date in the year.

If your class is planning a reunion, please let us know by sending a message on our [Alumni Association Facebook page](#) - we would love to help spread the word!

## Have You Moved?

Please remember if you're changing addresses contact us at: LCS Alumni Association, Lamoni Community Schools, 202 North Walnut, Lamoni, IA 50140 or update your information online at <https://forms.gle/VWh4aLBQFx12xvsv8> Help us to keep our mailing charges to a minimum!

## Class of '76 Itinerary

- Friday 6:30 P.M. - Dinner & visiting at Golf Course (bring your own food & drink)
- Saturday:
  - 8:30 A.M. - Breakfast on your own
  - 9:30 A.M. - Meet at Golf Course to enjoy chatting
  - 11:30 A.M. - Lunch at Maid-Rite
  - 1:30 P.M. - Scavenger Hunt - Meet at Golf Course; return at 3:30
  - 6:00 P.M. - Banquet in the gymnasium
  - 8:00 P.M. - Visiting at Golf Course
- Sunday:
  - 8:30 A.M. - Breakfast in the Commons
  - 9:30 A.M. - Time with classmates at Golf Course
  - 11:30 A.M. - Lunch at LaBota in Leon
  - 1:30-4:00 P.M. - Golf Course
  - 6:00 P.M. - Dinner and charity auction at The Stag Inn, Garden Grove
- Monday:
  - 9:00 A.M. - Breakfast on your own
  - 10:00 A.M. - Honor sites at Rose Hill Cemetery
  - 11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - Brunch at Rich Higdon's house

## Alumni Association Scholarships

The LCSAA has been giving scholarships annually since 1991 to LHS seniors who graduate and meet the criteria outlined by the association. The criteria includes possessing, at time of graduation, a 3.5 GPA.

The LHS Alumni Board is pleased to announce that we supplied a total of eight \$250 scholarships totaling \$2,000 to the graduating Class of 2025. We look forward to keep helping the graduating students with these scholarships.

For the upcoming graduation year we were able to raise the amount of those scholarships from \$250 to \$500. How can you help provide for scholarships? When you pay your dues - you're helping. When you make an individual donation you're helping.

As we know, the cost of attending college - anywhere - is expensive. The LCSAA enjoys helping make financial burdens a little easier.

# LCS Alumni Association Board of Directors

## 2026 Official Absentee Ballot

Vote for five (5) of the candidates below by placing an "X" in the appropriate boxes. You may vote for fewer than five. The directors are elected for a term of three (3) years.

Return the ballot to: **LCS Alumni Association, Lamoni Community Schools, 202 North Walnut, Lamoni, Iowa 50140**

You must be a current member of the association to vote. Mark your ballot in the following manner:

Voter 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_



### Micah Elefson '99

Voter 1     Voter 2

Micah Elefson is a 1999 graduate of Lamoni High School. He currently lives in Buckner, Missouri with his wife and their children. He has worked in the welding industry for over 20 years and currently works as a Welding Subject Matter Expert for Project MFG.



### Kyle Leonard '06

Voter 1     Voter 2

Kyle graduated from LHS in 2006. In 2010 he received his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Social Science Education from Northwest Missouri State University and in 2017 his Master of Education Graceland University. Kyle taught Social Studies at LHS from 2010 to 2023. He lives outside Lamoni with his wife, Michelle (Bjorland), daughter, and son.



### Karen McFarland '76

Voter 1     Voter 2

I graduated from LHS in 1976 and then attended Graceland University for a couple of years before moving away, getting married and having a daughter in 1982. In Kansas City I started my career as a Flight Attendant for TWA. Throughout my career, I worked on private aircraft, charter planes and returned to commercial airlines for my final years. After retiring, I returned to Lamoni to be near my family.



### Mike Morris '79

Voter 1     Voter 2

Mike Morris class of 1979. Born and raised in Lamoni. Attended K-12, as well as extracurricular activities at Lamoni Community Schools. Moved to Florida after graduating and began a career in the construction industry. Returned to Iowa after several years in South Florida, and continued working in construction in Des Moines, operating my own business, before moving into sales and sales management in the same industry. Currently retired, and living in Lamoni.



### Amanda Beaty Crandall '97

Voter 1     Voter 2

I am a 1997 graduate of Lamoni High School and 1999 graduate of Indian Hills CC. For nearly 10 years now, I have worked as an Office Professional/Sales Assistant at Tom James of Des Moines. I live in Waukee, IA and enjoy traveling with my husband, Bill, and our daughters, Kealee and Rhayne.



### Randi Elliott '06

Voter 1     Voter 2

I am Randi Elliott, a 2006 graduate of Lamoni High School. My father, Roger Elliott ('68), and my grandparents, Keith ('49) and Charlotte ('48) Elliott, are also graduates of LHS. After graduation, I attended Graceland University, where I earned a double major in Business Administration and Accounting in 2011. I am grateful to still be part of the Lamoni Community and currently work at American State Bank as a Personal Banker Officer. I am the proud mom of three boys—Ethan (17), Masyn (13), and Kaden (9)—who keep me busy with sports, 4-H, and FFA livestock shows.



### Kim Parkhurst Lame '06

Voter 1     Voter 2

Kimberly J Lame graduated in 2006 from Lamoni High School. She currently lives in Lamoni and is the Kitchen Manager at Casey's. Her family has been part of the Lamoni community for a long time.

# LCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET REGISTRATION

May 23 – 24, 2026

The banquet will be held in the Lamoni High School Gymnasium

Persons attending the banquet:

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_

Total number (Adults & Children) attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Banquet X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Breakfast - Free Will Donation

Please register in any of the following ways:

**Mail:** Lamoni Alumni Association 202 N Walnut St, Lamoni, IA 50140

**Facebook:** Register online at [Lamoni Alumni Association Facebook](#)

**Email or Phone:** Shirley Kessel at 641-414-8093 or [lskessel@grm.net](mailto:lskessel@grm.net)

## LCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Class of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last) Maiden

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year if attended LCS: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors or one of the following committees:

- Board of Directors    Hall of Fame    Nominations  
 Scholarship    Banquet

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 per LCS Alumni for Annual Membership  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$150.00 Lifetime Membership  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Gifts  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Spouses are eligible for Associate membership.  
Let's increase our membership by adding spouses!

Pay Online!



<https://bit.ly/4kCDo6m>

Send to:  
LCS Alumni Association  
Lamoni Community Schools  
202 North Walnut  
Lamoni, IA 50140

## Why Should I Join the LCS Alumni Association?

Lamoni Community Schools Alumni Association was established in 1990 with the mission to support Lamoni Community Schools and current students and to provide support and connections for Lamoni Alumni. Accomplishments through the years have included building a brick garden; building the base to remount the victory bell; mailing an annual newsletter to all alumni on the mailing list; planning an All-School Reunion over Memorial Day weekend; choosing Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service recipients; awarding a \$500 scholarship to all seniors with a 3.5+ GPA; providing gifts to the school; and keeping an updated database of Alumni addresses as supplied by each class. Regular Annual Memberships are only \$15 or you can become a Lifetime Member for \$150. This is a chance to continue giving to an organization with a high level of community involvement and one that continues to keep giving back to the school we all love. We hope you begin taking advantage of this opportunity.

## Lifetime Members

We currently have 157 active Lifetime Members.

New lifetime members are:

- Linda Perkins '77
- Kyle Leonard '06

If remembering to renew your membership each year is a challenge for you, you may want to consider Lifetime Membership-its convenient and a great way to boost our Scholarship Fund.

If you are unsure of your Lifetime Membership, check Lamoni Community School:  
<https://bit.ly/LCSAlumniLifetimeMembers>

## LCS Alumni Association Board Members

<b>President</b> .....	Mike Morris '79
<b>Vice President</b> .....	Linda Perkins '77
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Jeanette Hartwig Calipetro '82
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Ray Beaty '72
<b>Banquet</b> .....	Linda Perkins '77
<b>Hall of Fame &amp; Distinguished</b>	
<b>Service Award</b> .....	Ray Beaty '72
<b>Newsletter</b> .....	Kyle Leonard '06
<b>Nominations</b> .....	Shelly Morris '72
<b>Scholarships</b> .....	Michelle Noe '02
<b>Brick Garden</b> .....	Raphael Coulthard '10
<b>Board members</b> .....	Joyce Starnes Lighthill '71
	Pam Lewis Barth '70
	Pam White '70
	Leta Stevens '82
	Martha McDaniel Palmer '72
	Beverly Robinson Francis '75
	Alan Condit '65
<b>Coordinator</b> .....	Shirley Mickelson Kessel '67
<b>Historian</b> .....	Bob Bixby '57

## The Alumni Brick Garden

The Alumni Brick Garden was introduced in 1999 and has since grown to 263 bricks. The garden is located at the entrance to the high school building with plans for expansion as more bricks are added. The proceeds of the campaign are dedicated to the Lamoni Alumni Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance to qualifying graduates.

Check out the brick garden when you come to the Alumni Reunion Banquet and see how many of your classmates, friends and relatives are represented.

For more information, please contact Raphael Coulthard ([rcoulthard@lamonischools.org](mailto:rcoulthard@lamonischools.org)). To view and print the order form, and to read more about each brick, go to <https://bit.ly/LCSAABrickGardenForm>.

## Stay In The Know

Facebook Pages:

- Lamoni Alumni Association: <https://bit.ly/3YcRq1Z>
- You Know You Grew Up In Lamoni, IA If You Remember...: <https://bit.ly/3mmkKpg>
- Decatur County Historical Museum: <https://bit.ly/3IMF374>

Websites:

- Lamoni CSD: <https://www.lamonischools.org>
- LHS Alumni Association Page: <https://bit.ly/LCSAlumni>
- Lamoni History: <http://www.iagenweb.org/decaturl/>

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## **Notes From The President**

Winter has officially ended and spring will soon be upon us. I know many of you have been wondering, "what are all the cool kids doing Memorial Day weekend?" The answer is simple, they'll be attending the 35th annual LHS All School Reunion! We have heard from the honor class of 1976, and they have big plans and are expecting a large turnout for their 50th. I encourage all the other classes, young and not so young, to come & join us!

The alumni group, with your help and the hard work of the committee members, has also been able to provide annual scholarships and assistance for projects at the school such as the new weight room, memorial brick garden, etc. This year we are considering adding some banquet tables to be used throughout the year. You can easily sign up to attend, purchase a membership or even purchase a brick for your class or loved ones on the alumni website.

I hope to see you there and if you've been dying to sing the Lamoni Demon fight song complete with cheerleaders, you're in luck!

So in closing I'd just like to say GOOOO DEMONS!!

Mike Morris, Class of 1979