



Lamoni Community Schools Alumni Association

202 NORTH WALNUT, LAMONI, IOWA 50140

All School Banquet

The LHS Alumni Banquet will be held May 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the high school gym. Tickets for the banquet are \$25.00 and tickets for Sunday morning breakfast will be \$8.00. The school will be open at 9:00 am Saturday morning to register, pick up tickets and gather with friends. If you would like a tour of the high school arrangements can be made for a morning tour.

We will be honoring the class of 1974 as they celebrate their 50 year reunion. The class of 74 has met several times in planning for their 50th. Tara McFarland, Lisa McLain and Dale Hardin can fill you in on their reunion plans for Memorial Day Weekend.

We will honor any other classes at the banquet who are planning reunions. The banquet dinner and breakfast are attended by all alumni. At the dinner, tables are set up by class years, so you can sit with your class mates and enjoy the evening. Get your classmates together for a fun and reminiscing weekend.

This years theme is *"Inspired by Memories"* and we hope all of these classes will take time to gather, as we all celebrate the good old days, of our time at Lamoni High School. Look for the table with notecards at the registration table and share your *"Inspired Memories"* of days at LHS to be shared at the banquet.

Email pambarth131@gmail.com for any further information or help with reunion plans.

Distinguished Service Award

LAURA!! LAURA!! This can be heard over and over in any school hallway, playground, gym, or community athletic event. Everyone who hears this knows whose name is being shouted, Laura Prall Jeanes ('77). Laura will receive the Distinguished Service Award at the Alumni Banquet on May 25. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes outstanding service to Lamoni Community Schools. Laura exemplifies this through her tireless commitment to the school and students. Laura has been a fellow teammate, coach, umpire, and mentor to Lamoni youth for many years. Not only will you find Laura in school hallways but you will also find her at community events. She can be found behind the plate at ball games, on the bench coaching, or behind the scenes making things happen. Laura has taught generations of young people life skills such as responsibility, teamwork, perseverance, and discipline. Laura has a long family history in Lamoni with parents, husband, and children all graduating from Lamoni.



Pictured: Laura Prall
Jeanes from the 1986
LHS Yearbook

2023 Reunion Housing

Cobblestone Inn & Suites - Lamoni

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

Rodeway Inn

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

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

Alumni Association Scholarships

Each year the Alumni Association provides the Alumni Scholarship 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. Last year's graduating class, the Class of 2023, had 15 students who met the criteria for an Alumni Scholarship. Of these, 14 students accepted the scholarship which was awarded to each student on senior awards night. The recipients included: Calvin Brown, Hailey Burton, Paul Eason, Elizabeth Ferber, Dawson Hensley, Owen Jackel, Cody Jones, Trevor McDole, Tyson McDole, Elijah Owen, Heiatua Paredes, Kameryn Phelps, Cannon Rivera, and Emma Shields.

LHS Brick Garden Update

The new addition to the LHS memory garden brick walk is coming along nicely and is nearing completion, bringing the total brick count to 280. The class of 1962 purchased a beautiful bench and pavers with the names of their entire class engraved. Additionally there is a new area to the right of the bench with plenty of room for future memory bricks, and already includes a good number of recently purchased bricks. There are a few changes coming to the offerings available for purchase. Due to availability difficulties, the 12"x12" brick is being discontinued. The 8"x8" and 4"x8" bricks will still be offered with lettering as before, but in addition we will be offering an 8"x8" with one line of text and a logo of your business, family farm with a clip art logo of your breed of livestock, tractor, etc., favorite school organization, or almost any LHS memory you can imagine. Some logos with a lot of detail may require modification to work with the engraving process. Check out the two logo bricks currently placed in the new garden while you're at the banquet and order yours. An updated price list, and order form will be available then. All designs will be subject to approval by the Alumni Committee and the School Administration.



Class Reunion Corner

Class of '74

The class of '74 will celebrate their 50th year reunion over the Memorial Day weekend. There will be an evening event on Friday at the Lamoni Golf Course Club House. Saturday morning there will be a breakfast of donuts and coffee at the high school. They are the honorary class at the Banquet Saturday night. Sunday morning, the LHS Reunion Committee will have a breakfast at the high school where everyone can visit and say their farewells.

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!

Hall of Fame Inductee: Laura Benedict Scott

Laura Benedict Scott, Class of 1979, was inducted into the Lamoni High School Hall of Fame during the 2023 All School Reunion over Memorial Day weekend. Laura has graced many stages of rock and pop for more than 40 years and was inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



Pictured: Ray Beaty, Class of 1972, presenting Laura with her Hall of Fame certificate!

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
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rjbixby@grm.net

LCS Alumni Association Board of Directors 2024 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: _____

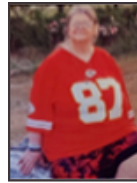
Voter 2 _____ Graduation Year: _____



Raymond Beaty '72

Voter 1 Voter 2

Hi. I am Ray Beaty, a member from the Class of '72. I am currently serving as the Alumni Board Treasurer. I have served as a past President on the Board. I would like to continue serving all of you, the Alumni members, and continue to serve the Alumni Board



Leta Stevens '82

Voter 1 Voter 2

Leta Stevens graduated from Lamoni High School in 1982. She is still living in good ole Lamoni. She is Iowa proud and a great fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes. Leta also likes to cheer on the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. As an active member in this community, Leta would enjoy serving on the LHS Alumni Board and represent her class. Leta still has the LHS Demon spirit!



Alex Burnette '13

Voter 1 Voter 2

My name is Alex Burnette. I am a Lamoni native that graduated from Lamoni Schools in 2018. I attended Graceland University to become an Art Teacher and am now the K-12 Art teacher at Lamoni Schools! I am married to my wife Faye and we have two daughters, Evie and Navi!



Jeanette Hartwig Calipetro '82

Voter 1 Voter 2

Jeanette graduated in 1982, at which time she attended Graceland University to become a Music teacher. She earned her Master of Education at Avila University and has taught for over 20 years. Jeanette has 4 grown children, Kasey, Nick, Dakota and Dalton, and currently resides in Lee's Summit, MO with her husband.



Linda Perkins '77

Voter 1 Voter 2

Linda was raised in Lamoni and graduated from LHS in 1977. She received her BA in Elementary Education from Graceland in 1981 and did Masters work through Drake University. She taught in Kansas and South Dakota before returning home to Lamoni where she taught for 35 years, retiring in 2023 after a total of 40 years of teaching. Linda and her husband Tom live in Lamoni and have two grown children, Tiffany Prom and Sterling Perkins.

LCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET REGISTRATION

May 25 – 26, 2024

The banquet will be held in the Lamoni High School Gymnasium

Persons attending the banquet:

_____ Graduating Class _____
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_____ Graduating Class _____
_____ Graduating Class _____

Total number (Adults & Children) attending:

_____ Saturday Banquet X \$25.00 = _____
_____ Sunday Breakfast X \$8.00 = _____

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](#) page

Email or Phone: Shirley Kessel at 641-414-8093 or lskessel@grm.net by May 14, 2024

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**

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

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

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 \$250 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

Current Lifetime Members

274

New Lifetime Members

Don Armstrong '62
 Angela (Barr) Joseph '72
 Ted Smith '73
 Tracy Bridge '76
 Linda (Hynden) Perkins '77
 Tyra Tripp '78
 Ruth (Nowlin) Smith '84
 Trevin Schall '90

Weight Room Upgrades - Dekko Grant

Larry (JR) Johnson (Class of 1998) and current Lamoni Business Teacher/ HS Football Coach, and Chris Cougill, Middle School Resource Room Teacher and multisport coach, wrote and received a \$40,000 grant from the Dekko Foundation for upgrades to the Weight Room and further development of the Fitness Program in Lamoni Schools. The current Weight Room is in the elementary building (old lunchroom or old elementary gymnasium depending on when you attended school in this building). The grant awards \$20,000 up front and an additional \$20,000 on a 1 to 1 match from donations toward this project to make a total of at least \$60,000.

Decatur County is so grateful to be one of thirteen counties in the United States where Mr. Chet Dekko had manufacturing plants, producing wire harnesses. The original Lamoni plant is on South Smith Street across from Big G Lake, and is currently owned by Industrial Hardfacing. A Foundation established in Mr. Dekko's name awards grants to increase economic freedom through education for youth ages birth to eighteen. Lamoni has been privileged to receive Dekko Foundation grants including a grant when the new high school was built to help continually work to make the school the center of our community with outreach and connections to many community partners and youth serving organizations.

If you would like to add your support to this project, checks could be written to Lamoni Community Schools, 202 North Walnut, Lamoni, IA 50140, and note that the money is to be used for the fitness room.



Pictured to the left is a design concept of what the weight room may look like when finished.

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/3YcRkr9>
- Lamoni History: <http://www.iagenweb.org/decatur/>

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Notes From The President

Spring is here and your Lamoni Community School Alumni Association Board members are excitedly preparing for the 2024 Alumni Reunion weekend in May! Planning for "*Inspired by Memories*" is well underway by our Banquet Chair, Pam Lewis Barth!

The Alumni Board is requesting your payment for membership dues. The annual fee is \$15.00; however, you can become a lifetime member with a \$150.00 donation. Memberships contribute toward providing scholarships each year for Lamoni Community School graduating seniors. You can submit your payment along with your Banquet Registration. If you are unable to join us this year, your Membership is still welcome.

I hope you have seen the updated information in the Alumni Brick Garden article. Alumni Board Members, Raphael Coulthard and Mike Morris, have worked diligently to place bricks that have been purchased. Be sure to visit the Brick Garden when you are here!

We are always looking for Committee members. You are not required to be a Board member to volunteer for one of these positions. We have opportunities for you on the Hall of Fame, Scholarship, Nominations, Publicity, and Banquet Committees. Please mark your preferences on your Banquet Registration, and we will be sure it gets to the chair of the appropriate committee.

If you have any questions or concerns for the Alumni Board, feel free to let us know. The Board and I look forward to seeing you in May.

Joyce (Starnes) Lighthill '71
President, 2023-24 LCS Alumni Association