

LaCrosse Dollars for SCHOLARSSM

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Auction Is Going To Be A "Dream"



The biennial LaCrosse Dollars for Scholars auction banquet will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at the LaCrosse Gymnasium. Drawing on the theme of Shakespeare's comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the stage and gymnasium will be transformed into a moonlit garden com-

plete with fairies and magical flowers.

This year we are opening the doors a little earlier at 5:15pm to give people more time to preview items and visit with friends.

Live auction items will be auctioned by award-winning auctioneer, Butch Booker. Nancy Meise will cater the dinner meal featuring your choice of two main courses.

One generous LHS alum has donated a seven-day condominium stay at the destination of the winning bidder's choice—including Alaska, Hawaii or Mexico!

Tickets to the auction are available by advance purchase only. A reservation form is available on the following page of this newsletter or locally at the Bank of Whitman and Startin's Repair.

If you would like to donate an item or if you have questions about the auction please contact any board member or Jennifer Broeckel, Auction Coordinator, at (509) 549-3355.

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- Carol Audet
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LaCrosse Schools Rated Excellent

For a second year in a row, LaCrosse High School and LaCrosse Elementary have earned recognition based on the Washington State Board of Education's Accountability Index. The state board rates all schools in the state according to a variety of accountability factors. This highly selective award is based on each school's performance according to the School Accountability Index,

a comprehensive measurement of how schools in Washington are performing over time.

LaCrosse Elementary earned the honor of "Overall Excellence – Multilevel" for the second year in a row. LaCrosse High School received an Exemplary rating with a perfect score of 7 for a second year in a row.

This excellent level of achievement accorded our

schools over the last two years is a result of each member of the school staff working continually to improve instruction and student learning. It is the process of continual improvement that makes a difference in the lives and education of our students. The LaCrosse School Board, staff and administration are pleased and honored to receive this recognition.

Farmer's Festival 2011 Schedule and Information

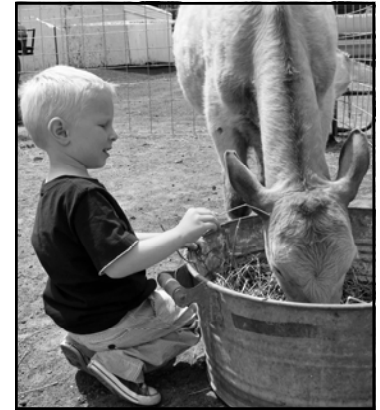
We are gearing up for a fun-filled day on June 18th! The theme for the town celebration is "Building Dreams, Friendships and Memories."

Friday evening will start off the weekend with the traditional Teapot Café spaghetti feed. On Saturday, the Kiddie Parade will begin at 10am on Main Street. The Grand Parade begins at 10:30. LaCrosse Community

Club will serve BBQ beef sandwiches at noon at the City Park. Other Saturday activities include: breakfast, car wash, craft show, petting zoo, chalk art, face painting, kid races, and the money and prize scramble. Bring your family to enjoy free swimming at the city pool from 1 to 5pm. The Mud Bog will start at 1pm at the south end of town. Ending the day's activities is the

LaCrosse Dollars for Scholars auction banquet. The Pastime Tavern will have music beginning at 9pm.

We hope to see all of you there to build more friendships, memories and help us fulfill dreams for our community. For more information please contact Angela at LaCrosse City Hall 509-549-3330 or email la-crosse@pionnet.com.



Zachary Cooper gets to know one of the animals at the 2010 Farmer's Festival Petting Zoo.

Area Accommodations

Since our inception in 2000, LaCrosse Dollars for Scholars has awarded 109 scholarships totaling \$96,130!

If you need a place to stay in the area so that you can attend the fun weekend events, below are a few suggestions.

Wheatland Inn, Colfax, has reserved a block of rooms for the LaCrosse Dollars for Scholars auction banquet. Reservations must be made by April 15, 2011. Special room rate is \$89.99 per

night. Please mention the auction when making a reservation to get the special rate. 509-397-0397

Siesta Motel, Colfax, rooms range in price from \$50 to \$75 per night. 509-379-3417

St. John Inn, St. John, a one-room inn a short drive away. 509-648-3759

Palouse-Empire County Fairground RV Park, Colfax, numerous spaces, \$15. 509-397-3753

LaCrosse RV Park, LaCrosse, contact Don Payne for information. 360-770-0178

Mud Bogging Returns

For those not familiar with Mud Bogging, it is side-by-side, four-wheel-drive drag racing in a 200-foot-long, prepared mud pit. Drivers are separated into classes based on driver age and vehicle modifications. Each driver gets multiple runs and the times are averaged for placement. We use automatic timers to reduce human error. Trophies and prizes are given in each class.

When it's over, we allow the kids to get in the pit itself and "fish" for a prize. No child goes away empty handed and all end up covered in mud. It's safe, it's loud, it's muddy, and it's just good clean fun for all!!!! We also have the best concession stand in all of Washington State.



LHS Alum Grant Kelso (Class of 2010) pictured following a run through the mud bog pit.

Memorials and Foundation Contributors

Contributions from 10/08/10 through 03/04/11

In Memory of Tollie Wise

Lynn & Sharon Bruce
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Family
Franklyn Barry Family
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Donald & Marie Ping

In Memory of William Hallett

Gene & Lola Aune

In Memory of Khristin Kylo

Dick & Greta Stueckle

In Memory of Norman Flerchinger

Andy McGregor

In Memory of Laurie Zimmer - Class of 1975

Steve & Wendy Ping
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In Memory of Helen Lowry - Former 3rd Grade Teacher

Suellen Lowry

In Memory of Jim Black - Class of 1956

Linda Bell Brison

In Memory of Ray Mackleit - Class of 1950

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In Memory of Leona Mackleit

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In Memory of Richard Roberts - Class of 1966

Wallace & Alice Roberts

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Wallace & Alice Roberts

In Memory of Yvonne Enzweiler Weed - Class of 2001

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Mary Scheideman

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Linda Bell Brison

In Memory of Robert Schweiger - Class of 1936

Linda Bell Brison

In Memory of Edna Wigen

Linda Bell Brison

In Memory of Max Pierce - Class of 1933

Linda Bell Brison

In Memory of Donald Dorman Jr. - Class of 1940

Linda Bell Brison
Scott Osborne
Glenda Thie

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Class of 1962

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Class of 1951

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Beulah Hemmer

Where Are They Now?...Dr. Scott Osborne



Dr. Scott Osborne was a member of the LHS class of 1964. He has taught in the Mathematics Department at the University of Washington since 1975.

I have been contributing to LaCrosse Dollars for Scholars for some time now, and was recently asked to write a short essay about why. The simple answer is that I am an education fanatic. (It has also provided a venue to pay tribute, through memorials, to some LaCrosse people who I highly respect.)

First, a bit about who I am. My dad was a Methodist minister, who was posted to LaCrosse in 1950. He died in 1952 after surgery to remove scar tissue on his lungs. My mother decided to stay on in LaCrosse, where she taught piano and organ, and I graduated from LHS in 1964. (My sister Florence graduated in 1961.)

I was always interested in the physical sciences and math, and wound up pretty good at it. I eventually got a Ph.D. in math (after a Bachelor's in physics), and I have been a Mathematics Professor at the University of Washington for the past 35 years.

When I was a youngster, the school was universally known as Lacrosse [small c] High School, and was a bit of a basketball powerhouse, routinely doing well in the county and district championships. (Now, it appears to be football that gets the honors.) Nevertheless, LaCrosse was not so single-mindedly "Jock-oriented." My mother once told me about a commencement speaker brought in during the mid-1950's. Every member of that graduating class had registered for college or some form of post-high-school education, and the speaker had never heard of that happening in a town the size of LaCrosse.

In that connection, my favorite High School teacher was Mr. [DeWayne] Lebow, who taught my favorite class (plane Geometry) as well as being the coach. He also taught U.S. History and Contemporary World Problems, which (in me) blossomed into an interest in Military History.

Anyway, education has provided both hobbies and a way of making a living that scarcely seems like work--except during committee meetings. And it started...well, in grade school: I still remember the 3rd grade explanation of subtraction:



Bob wants to find the weight of his dog, but he can't get the dog to stand on the scale. So he weighs himself carrying the dog, then weighs himself without the dog, and subtracts.

Gift Form

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Check here if you wish to use your check as acknowledgement of your donation and not receive a separate acknowledgement letter. We will still notify the family of any current memorial donations.



P.O. Box 258
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Notification of your gift is sent. The amount is kept confidential. All gifts are tax deductible in accordance with the law (Tax ID #91-2104619). Make checks payable to: **LaCrosse Dollars for Scholars**. Mail forms to: **P.O. Box 258, LaCrosse, WA 99143**

Meet The Grad—Buggy Startin Class of 2004

It is hard to believe that it has been almost seven years since I became a graduate of LaCrosse High School. After high school I attended Bates Technical College in Tacoma pursuing a degree in small engine repair. Later I transferred to Spokane Community College where I spent three years, the first two years earning my degree in Automotive Technology and the last year studying the basics of Fire Science.

In 2007, I became a full-time mechanic for the family-owned and operated

business, Startin's Repair. During these past few years I continue to learn more each day. It is an honor to be able to work alongside two of the greatest teachers in my career, my grandpa & my dad.

In the spring of 2008 I spent three months in Denver, Colorado attending Associated Training Services to become a licensed heavy equipment operator. I am now currently living in Colfax with my fiancé, Chelsey Leinweber.

This is my opportunity to share how grateful I am

for the Dollars for Scholars program and its supporters. Receiving the Dollars for Scholars Scholarship was a remarkable help in paying for college expenses. It is an honor to be able to work for the people in the community that got me where I am today! Thank you to all of the Dollars for Scholars supporters and the Dollars for Scholars committee for all your hard work and dedication to our community.



Mathew "Buggy" Startin is the son of Eric and Lois Startin.

Thank you both for your contributions to our students. We wish you well in your retirement.

Two Employees Leaving LHS

At the end of the 2011 school year, we will bid farewell to two LHS staff members. Mr. Ernie Kimble's first year in the district was the 2007-08 school year. He has been our Vocational Teacher and FFA Advisor. Mr.

Kimble is retiring from teaching.

Mrs. Marion Bay has been on the LHS staff since the 1990-91 school year. Her duties have included bus driver, librarian, technology manager, and yearbook advisor. She

has also been in charge of the bulletin boards in the cafeteria and library. She organized an art show at the school the last two years. She has been invaluable as the district's "go to person" for technology.

Meet the Grad—Bailey Weekes Class of 2005

Hello, I am Bailey Weekes and I am a LaCrosse graduate of 2005. After graduating from high school, I attended Central Washington University to pursue a degree in Education. At Central, I completed my basic requirements within a couple of years and was then admitted to Central's teachers preparation program. My next step was to declare my major in Special Education with a minor in Reading. For the purpose of the educational programs I chose, not only did I have to complete and pass all of my education classes, I also had to successfully complete two practicums and a student teaching experience.

I completed my reading practicum in a fifth-grade classroom at Lincoln Elementary in the Ellensburg School District the winter of 2010. The spring of 2010, I completed my special education practicum at Morgan Middle School (6th, 7th, and 8th graders) also in the Ellensburg School District. Right after summer vacation, the fall of 2010, I began and finished my student teaching experience in a Special Education resource room at Warden Middle School (6th, 7th, and 8th graders). Finally, after four years and a quarter, I reached my goal! In December of 2010, I received my degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education. Shortly after, I also received my teaching certificate with endorsements in Special Education and Reading for Preschool through Twelfth grade.

Currently I am back in Whitman County gaining as much teaching experience as I can as a substitute teacher for LaCrosse, Washtucna, and St. John/Endicott School Districts. In the future, I hope to have a classroom of my own! Although, I do have to admit I'm still trying to get used to being called Miss Weekes.

I would like to thank the community for their support throughout the years. It has been a blessing being a part of the LaCrosse Community. I know that without your support I would not have been able to be as successful as I am today!



Bailey Weekes is the daughter of Seth & Michelle Weekes.

Martin Returns to Hero's Welcome



Matt Martin is the son of Glenn & Layne Martin

After spending four years in Cheney taking Eastern Washington University to the top of the college football world, LaCrosse native Matt Martin returned home to a hero's welcome.

One week after taking the NCAA Football Championship Series trophy with a 20-19 win over Delaware in Frisco, Texas, Martin returned home to speak to an auditorium full of wide-eyed LaCrosse students.

"It's kind of hard to believe, being back here, how big a deal it all actually is," said Martin. "It still hasn't quite set in yet."

Winning is not new to Martin.

As a student athlete at LaCrosse High School who graduated in 2006, Martin was a member of the ferocious Tiger cat football team that won four straight state championships.

Later, Martin was the starting tight end for the Eastern Washington University football squad.

Even with all his experience winning, the big-time stage of a national championship was a little overwhelming for a kid from LaCrosse.

"I'm sorry if I stumble over my words," he told students. "I'm still pretty giddy."

Martin said teachers, friends and others in the close knit LaCrosse community instilled in him a drive to constantly push himself.

"They were always pushing me, always making sure I did my best," he said. "And that has always pushed me."

During the assembly, LaCrosse students, many looking up in awe at their former schoolmate, grilled Martin on his chances in professional football,

what it was like to play on the new red turf at Cheney, his marital status and his toughest opponents.

For the record, Martin said he has no chance in the pros, grew to love the red turf and is single. But, while the University of Nevada squad may have been the hardest hitters Martin played, he said his toughest opponents were his LaCrosse classmates.

Throughout their years growing up in western Whitman County, the class of 2006 prodded each other through constant competition in all phases of their lives.

"Even with the times tables in Mrs. Bafus' class we wanted to be the best," he remembered. "We competed at everything."

Martin played as a kick returner and receiver in high school. His class, the 2006 graduates, led LaCrosse/Washtucna to four straight state championships and a 47-game winning streak.

Martin started 18 games at Eastern and was the only senior on this year's team to play in all 50 games over his four-year playing career.

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LaCrosse Grocery Store Update



The new roof on the store is complete! The committee is in the process of obtaining bids on other phases of construction including insulation, wiring, lighting, windows and flooring. The old outside awning has been removed and the exterior of the building is beginning to take on its original historical look.

The entire main part of the store has been cleared of all shelving and equipment allowing for

the insulation and ceiling projects to begin. Electrical, energy-efficient windows and flooring projects will follow.

We want to thank all of you who have made donations and ordered tiles to date. But, we need much more financial help to complete this much-needed project for LaCrosse and the surrounding areas.

We are continuing to seek donations and sell tiles for permanent dis-

play inside the store. Donations and tile sales will be an ongoing project for many months to come.

Sample tiles can be seen in LaCrosse at Jasper Trucking, Bank of Whitman, McGregor Co. office, Startin's Repair, and in the store window as well as in Colfax at the Bank of Whitman. Tile order forms are available at all of these locations.

We have recently started advertising for a grocery store operator to

take over when the remodeling project is complete.

Questions about this potential business opportunity, or to make donations, obtain tile order forms, or any inquiries concerning the store project may be directed to the group's Vice-President, Jerry Townsend, at 509-549-3912 or mailed to LaCrosse Community Pride, P.O. Box 321, LaCrosse, WA 99143.

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"I greatly appreciate the help in financing my college education and I am grateful for everything you do for the community."

- Kirsten Stubbs, '10

"Thank you so much for the scholarship. I really appreciate it. Thank you also for all of your hard work that you do just to help high school students."

- Kaelynn Audet, '06

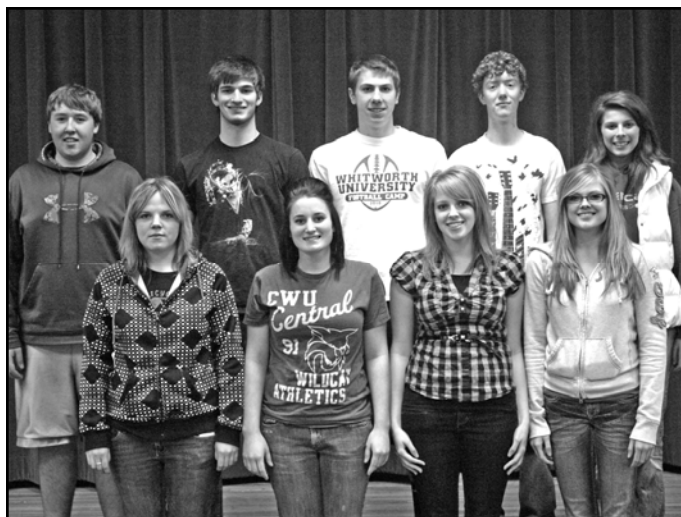
"Thank you for the scholarship. It will help a lot. You have done a lot for us graduates."

- Jeff Bafus, '06

"Thank you and this wonderful program for helping my dream of a great future come true."

- Jana Jackson-Stiller, '06

Graduating Class of 2011



Back row left to right: Trevor Bennett, Chris Wargo, Jeff Zimmer, Wesley Hinderer, Teresa Casey

Front row left to right: Ashley Goolsby, Taylor Weekes (Salutatorian), Hillary Bennett (Valedictorian), Jessica Hardy

**Congratulations Seniors, you made it!
Graduation will be held on Saturday,
June 11, 2011.**