

Lewiston Consolidated Schools Foundation

NEWSLETTER

Memories of the Past!

The Class of 1965 would like to issue a challenge to other Lewiston classes. They will match donations of up to \$10,000 total, in honor of their former teacher and coach, Mr. Wilson Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Wilson Fitzpatrick will be attending this year's alumni banquet. Gene Steinmeyer, author of a book about Wilson Fitzpatrick and his 5 years as a Lewiston coach and teacher, will also be in attendance. Steinmeyer will release his book, "I'm Not Irish", for sale at the banquet for \$12 each. The books can also be pre-ordered by contacting:

Gene Steinmeyer/Steins Books
 PO Box 202 • Maryville, MO 64468
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Wilson Fitzpatrick will tell you he isn't a Martin Luther King Jr. You can tell he admires what Rosa Parks did by simply not giving up her bus seat, but Wilson says he is no civil rights activist. In fact, Wilson may be a reluctant civil rights activist, but make no mistake, by leading with humility and example, he promoted equality for African Americans in the smallest of rural settings.

This is the journey of Wilson Fitzpatrick. It begins in Kansas City, Kansas where he was born during the depression. His family moved to Marshall, Missouri when he was still a baby. He had strong parents, but Marshall offered far less for African Americans than Kansas City, including school segregation.

His athletic skills gave him opportunities in the Air Force and at the University of Nebraska. He found that Populism was not ready for a black coach, but he found acceptance in the small, rural community of Lewiston.

His journey continues to this day. Listen to the stories his grateful students tell. All these years later, they still celebrate this outstanding educator and civil rights activist.



About the Author

The author, Gene Steinmeyer, spent 39 years in education as a teacher and coach. The last 28 years were spent as a college women's basketball coach. Since his retirement in 2012, Steinmeyer has written two books. The first was *When the Nets Came Down* for Brenda and the second was *27, Two Tales of Perfections*. Both were true stories from his experiences in coaching.



Steinmeyer is pictured here with his 18-year-old son, Sam.

I'M NOT IRISH

Last time out Jolley was successful against Sterling

The Incredible Journey of Wilson Fitzpatrick
 By: Gene Steinmeyer

You are invited.....to attend the annual Lewiston High School Alumni Banquet, which will be held Saturday, June 9, 2018. Guided tours will begin at 4:30 and a social gathering with refreshments provided at 5:00 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

"Back Alley BBQ" of Beatrice will be providing the meal this year with a price of \$10.00 per plate. Meal will include: Pulled Pork & Chicken, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, and Dinner Roll as well as Iced Tea and Water.

Honored classes this year will be the classes of 2018, 2013, 2008, 2003, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1978, 1973, 1968, 1963, 1958, and all classes prior to 1958.

To reserve a place at the Alumni Banquet, please complete and detach the form below and return with your check by June 1, 2018. In the event you are unable to attend, please consider using the form below to continue your alumni dues or consider joining the Alumni Association to help fund the ongoing alumni banquet expenses, postage, and alumni scholarships.

BANQUET RESERVATIONS

NAME: _____ (MAIDEN) _____ Class of: _____

GUEST/SPOUSE: _____ (MAIDEN) _____ Class of: _____

OTHER GUEST(S):

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

_____ NUMBER OF MEAL RESERVATIONS X \$10.00 \$ _____

_____ ALUMNI DUES AND SCHOLARSHIPS X \$10.00 \$ _____

Total Check Enclosed \$ _____

(Make check payable to Lewiston Alumni Association)

Return by June 1, 2018 to: Gary Sunneberg, P.O. Box 162, Odell, NE 68415

Notes: _____

Lewiston School Foundation To Kick Off Fund Raising Activities For New Ag Education Facility

Dear Patrons.....Every month we look forward to articles dedicated to the activities, projects and accomplishments of this group of kids. Our students have demonstrated significant success recently in area and State FFA competitions. FFA is about developing personalities, character, and a sense of values that will serve its members for the rest of their lives.

The majority of the education these kids receive takes place in our current Ag Education building located to the east of the main building. This building has served us well, however, has become outdated. The perimeter walls and the roll up door on the north side are no longer tall enough to accommodate Ag equipment in use today. The building is somewhat out of place now that we have completed the aesthetically pleasing preschool, art and science addition to the school.

At a recent Lewiston School Foundation meeting, we discussed the possibility of building a new Ag Education facility. The addition would not only provide more space and updated facilities but would also be connected to the school, providing a more secure environment for our students and would not force them to go out in inclement weather to get to class. This concept was well received, by the Board of Education. As happy as we are with results of the new addition, we are all aware of the increased financial burden the new addition and the current economy have on all of us.

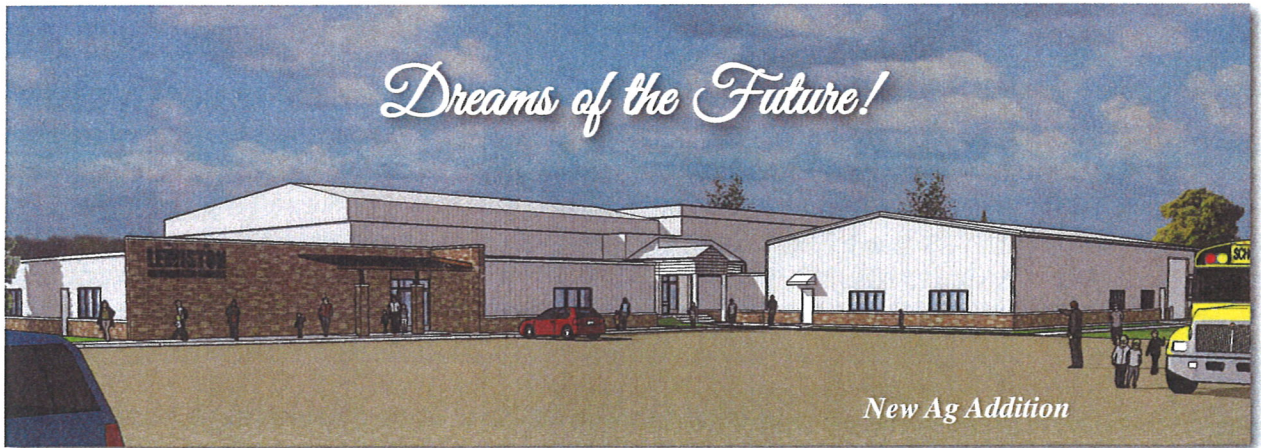
As we set out to pursue this endeavor, it was determined that we will have to seek funding through fund raisers and private donations. We have contacted the Nebraska Community Foundation, who provided \$250,000 from an anonymous donor in the Preschool, Art and Science rooms addition, and they are

very interested in the construction of the new Ag Education facility. I might add that the NCF is encouraged and supportive when the community participates and demonstrates enthusiasm in the sponsorship of the project. The School Foundation has spent a significant amount of time discussing ideas for raising funds for the new building as well and will be kicking off these initiatives in the fall of 2018.

The School Foundation has received several donations that have been earmarked for the new Ag Education facility. The Foundation Board hired local architect Michael Fakler to create conceptual drawings illustrating the new building as it would reside next to the school. These drawings have been completed and the building has been dimensioned at 56' x 100.' The building provides modern class room facilities as well as adequate space for welding and wood shop activities along with a 16' high roll up door to accommodate modern ag equipment. An anonymous donor has awarded the school 20 thousand dollars to assist with the construction drawings required for this project. If you wish to contribute to the new building, you may contact any Foundation Board Member or you can log on to the school website, click on the Foundation link and "Donate Now". You may specify your donation to be used for the Ag Education building.

We are highly encouraged with the activities of the Ag Education and FFA programs and feel we need to give the students and their educator the tools they need to continue to be successful. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Ag Building project, your School Foundation would welcome your input.

Steve Knoche
President, Lewiston School Foundation



- - - Hall of Fame Members - - -

| Name/Grad Yr. | Year Inducted | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|-----------|
| Dr. Ronald Joekel '52 |2002 | Judith (<i>Shuey</i>) Libal '62 |2005 |
| Dr. Arlan Richardson '59 |2002 | Howard Wilkinson '48 |2005 |
| Dr. Dean Shuey '67 |2002 | Lyle Thompson '40 |2005 |
| Clarence Kunc '29 |2003 | David Morris '72 |2006 |
| Lou Ann (<i>Lovitt</i>) Lineham '73 |2003 | Robert Steininger '39 |2006 |
| Dr. Keith Shuey '57 |2003 | Dr. Curt Wischmeier '65 |2006 |
| Merna Wischmeier |2003 | Adelaide (<i>Lovitt</i>) Kinghorn '57 |2007 |
| Earl Albers '39 |2004 | Delmar Bohlmeier '54 |2008 |
| Rev. Clarence Buehler '38 |2004 | Donna (<i>Kunc</i>) Knoche '47 |2008 |
| Glenn Heideman |2004 | Joan (<i>Ruzicka</i>) Christen '70 |2009 |
| | | Elaine (<i>Morton</i>) Bohlmeier '58 |2010 |
| | | Gayle Ellison |2010 |
| | | Dr. Wayne Morton '64 |2011 |
| | | Dwight Morehead '69 |2011 |
| | | James Kinghorn '55 |2012 |
| | | Conrad Parde '66 |2013 |
| | | Harold (Bud) Jeffery '38 |2014 |
| | | David Dougherty '65 |2015 |
| | | Clarence Tegtmeier '30 |2015 |
| | | James Shuey '62 |2017 |
| | | James Reierson '59 |2017 |

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2017-2018 Contributors LEVELS OF GIVING

(S) Silver, \$100-\$499 (G) Gold, \$500-\$999
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Adrian Conradt Scholarship (S)

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2017 Alumni Association Scholarships Recipients

Karen Keys • Shelby Piening

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Merna Wischmeier Scholarship

Cari Howell • Shelby Piening

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Dear Alumni:

On behalf of the Lewiston Consolidated Schools Foundation Board of Directors, I would like to invite you to the Alumni Banquet to be held Saturday, June 9, 2018. Graduating seniors that are receiving a foundation scholarship will be available to guide alumni around the facilities at 4:30 PM on Saturday prior to the social.

The Foundation and the school are working hard to improve every year in hopes of attracting new students and providing scholarship money for seniors. Again this year, the Foundation would like you to consider making a donation to the Foundation's general scholarship fund or preferred area of interest. If you are interested in contributing, please mark your preferred donation on the enclosed contribution form and mail to the school, along with a check to the Lewiston Foundation or go on-line to make a donation electronically.

It goes without saying that the Alumni Banquet at Lewiston Consolidated Schools, each June, is a memorable event and your continued attendance and support are greatly appreciated.

PLEASE USE THIS PAGE AS YOUR CONTRIBUTION FORM

YES, COUNT ME IN. BELOW IS MY CONTRIBUTION PLAN.

CASH CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RECOGNIZED AT THE LEVELS BELOW:

_____ TIGER LEVEL (\$10-\$99)

_____ SILVER LEVEL (\$100-\$499)

_____ GOLD LEVEL (\$500 - \$999)

_____ BENEFACTOR LEVEL (\$1000 +)

_____ OTHER (Memorial, Real Estate, Securities, Life Insurance, Wills, Trusts, Etc.- call school at 402-865-4675 to discuss.

Preferred Area of Assistance (if applicable):

Scholarships _____ Technology _____ Academics _____

New Ag Facility _____ Other (specify what you'd like to see) _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION!

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

____ I prefer that my contribution remain anonymous.

Mail to: Lewiston Consolidated Schools Foundation
C/O Rick Kentfield, Superintendent
306 Tiger Ave
Lewiston, NE 68380

Contributions to Lewiston Consolidated Schools Foundation can now be made ELECTRONICALLY.

You can donate by using the Link on the Foundation Tab on the School website www.lewistonconsolidated.org. It is labeled Donate Now!! The link provided will take you to the e-funds for Schools website.

Once on this page, please either login or register as a new user.

Once you are registered on the site you can contribute to one or more of the following categories (Scholarships, Technology, Academics, New Ag Facility and Undesignated). A receipt will be emailed directly to you for your tax deductible donation.

Go Tigers!

2017 Hall of Fame Inductees

James Shuey - Class of 1962

Jim credits his education at Lewiston Consolidated Schools and its dedicated teachers for providing him the framework for the wisdom, knowledge and insight that served him well his entire adult life. Jim credits LHS educators such as Mr. Wilson Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Merna Wischmeier and Mr. Glenn Heideman for preparing him for his at then unknown future with an invaluable work and moral ethic.

Jim served in the United States Air Force until 1966 as an Autopilot and Avionics Specialist. The skills he learned in the Air Force served him well in his professional career, working for the electronics, aircraft and communications companies HyGain Electronics, Lincoln Aerospace, Boeing, AT&T and Lucent. He has received many professional awards in his career including the Distinguished Service Award from the Communications Workers of America.

While Jim was stationed with AT&T in Lyons, Nebraska, he started their first Jaycee Chapter, was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for 14 years and a city council member. Jim is a member of the Masonic Organization.

Dedication to the military and veterans continued as Jim worked in support of the Disabled American Veterans and has served in positions such as State Adjutant, State Legislative Director, Nebraska Veterans Council, Veterans Service Officer, National Committee for Hospital and Voluntary Services. He is currently on the National Executive Committee representing the states of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

James parents were the late Shannon and Viola Shuey. He has a twin sister Judy and brothers Dave and Harold. Jim is married to wife JoAnn and are the parents of daughter Mychelle (Galen) Fada, have two granddaughters (Whitney & Morgyn) and two great-grandsons (Jaxsyn and Madyx).

James Reierson - Class of 1959

Jim grew up on a farm near Crab Orchard where he attended grade school with his brother Jerry. He came to LHS as a freshman in 1954 and graduated from Lewiston Consolidated School in 1959 as Valedictorian. James mother, Mary Lou, taught grade school, and father (Vern) farmed until 1959 when he owned/ran Lewiston Grocery.

Jim attended UNL where he received a Bachelors degree in Physics in 1963. He received his Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics from Iowa State University in 1969 and his Master's in Business Administration from Marymount College in 1984.

From 1973-1975, Jim was a Peace Corps volunteer serving as a Lecturer in Physics in Fiji. He taught courses in physics and mathematics and help design and install terminals for the USP Satellite Communications Project.

Jim joined the MITRE Corporation (a nonprofit that manages Federally Funded Research and Development) in 1978, serving as Lead Staff, working on the design of computer software for Air Traffic Control for the FAA. He also worked on systems engineering in support of the FAA Oceanic Systems manager, helped develop and test a Flight Data Processing Prototype. He has received two certificates of commendation for his contributions. Jim has also worked for the Raytheon Systems Company (formerly Hughes Aircraft) as Senior Scientist & Engineer.

Dr. Reierson retired in 2006. He worked on a part-time basis from 2009-2015 for Nobilis, a nonprofit science, technology and strategy organization. In retirement, Jim has been a volunteer mentor for high school students. Jim is married to his wife Polly and lives in Arlington, Virginia. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.