



Brave Talk

Lompoc High School Alumni Association

515 West College Avenue Lompoc, CA 93436

June, 2010

Lompoc High Beauty



In 1947, when Beverly Morehart was attending Lompoc High, she posed for a photo while holding an armful of Lompoc flowers and carrying a basket full of vegetables. That photo was used both as a poster and magazine advertisements. The Seed World Magazine ran this ad in it's October 17, 1947 issue. The National Garden Bureau of American Seed Trade Association used the picture to encourage Americans to plant flowers and grow their own vegetables. The government encouraged people to plant Freedom Gardens.

Quoting from the ad-it read "No one can look at this charming, sun-kissed young gardener, with her two arms full of natures bounty without feeling an urge to follow her example".

Beverly Morehart graduated from Lompoc High in 1949. She lives in Lompoc with her husband Jim Preece.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Jamie Valla Johnson, class of 1991, was recently elected President of the Lompoc High School Alumni Association for the coming term. She served as vice president and worked closely with Paul Bommersbach, who is stepping down as president. Jamie is employed with the Lompoc School District as the Program Specialist. She is also the membership chairperson for the alumni association.

Debbie Schuyler Manfrina, class of 1961, was elected Vice President. Continuing as Treasurer is Carrie Chambers Guerra, class of 1974 and Teresa Martinez-Baker, class of 1996 will continue as Secretary. Tracy Bruns Schriver, class of 1983 was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Alumni Association Scholarship Program

The Lompoc High School Alumni Association has been awarding scholarships to graduating seniors since 1986. Since then \$30,500 has been awarded in scholarship money. In 2007 the association began awarding scholarships to college students as well as high school students. The amount of the scholarships has increased from \$500. to \$1,000 each.

Criteria for high school seniors is: they must have attended Lompoc High for all 4 years and a parent or guardian must belong to the Lompoc High School Alumni Association-a \$20.00 one time fee. Applications are available in the counseling office at the high school. Membership forms to join the association can be found in this issue of Brave Talk, or by going on line or by contacting Jamie Johnson (see contact people article in this issue).

For the college scholarship the student must be a Lompoc High graduate, be attending a jr. college, a tech school or a four year college, be carrying at least 12 units and they must belong to the Lompoc High School Alumni Association. Applications for this scholarship can also be picked up in the counseling office at the high school. Recipients can only win this scholarship one time.

Lompoc High Alumni Assn. Contact Info

To contact someone regarding joining the Lompoc High School Alumni Association, the membership person is Jamie Valla Johnson She can be reached at valla_lhsalumni@hotmail.com.

For class reunions contact Bob Manfrina at (805) 735-6006 or e-mail him at anirfnam.rw@verizon.net.

For information regarding Brave Talk, or to donate articles for the newsletter, contact Debbie Schuyler Manfrina at (805) 736-9504 or e-mail her at anirfnam.dj@verizon.net or Coleen Houk Valla at (805) 736-0326 or e-mail her at cvalla@verizon.net

You can also call Lompoc High School's Activities office at (805) 736-2899

The address for the Alumni Association is Lompoc High School 515 West College Ave. Lompoc, CA 93436. All inquiries can also be sent there.

Any of the above people can answer any questions you may have regarding the Lompoc High Alumni Association.

Class Reunion Contact Information

Are you interested in contacting someone regarding your class reunion?
The Lompoc High School Alumni Association maintains a listing of who to contact for each class reunion as well as a list of reunion schedules.

Reunion Contact: **Bob Manfrina at 805-735-6006 or his e-mail address anirfnam.rw@verizon.net .or Brave Talk 805-736-9504 or e-mail anirfnam.dj@verizon.net.**

Class representatives take note! Please contact Bob and give him your phone and e-mail address when planning a reunion.

The following reunions are scheduled:

1950—60 Year Reunion: Labor Day Weekend Friday evening September 3, 2010 Historical Society Dinner at the Elk's Lodge. 6:00 PM Friendship Hour—7:00 PM Dinner.

Saturday, Sept 4th— Class Reunion at the La Purisima Hall, 337 South I Street.

6:00 PM Friendship Hour—7:00 PM Dinner catered by Del Clement.

Sunday, Sept 5th Brunch at 10:00 AM at the home of Tony and Alice Domingos.

Sunday 12:00 BBQ with the Historical Society at Ryon Park.

For more information, contact Alice George Milligan at (805)736-4005 or amill2@verizon.net

1955—55 Year Reunion: Labor Day Weekend. Friday Night, September 3, 2010 Those who wish to go to the Historical Dinner at the Elk's Lodge can meet their classmates there.

Saturday, September 4th, Schuyler's River Bottom—corner of Barton and Riverside Drive.

Sunday, September 5th Those who wish can join the Historical Society at Ryon Park for a chicken BBQ at 12:00.

For times, further information and reservations contact Gail Benson at (805)736-4687. Her e-mail address is gpbenson@verizon.net.

1960—50 Year Reunion: Labor Day Weekend. Friday Night, September 3, 2010 The class will be honored by the Lompoc Valley Historical Dinner at the Lompoc Elks Lodge.

Saturday, September 4th Undecided at press time.

Sunday the class will join the Historical Society for a chicken BBQ at Ryon Park at 12 o'clock. For further information and reservations contact Marian Dennis Puppe, at (805) 736-1832. Her e-mail address is Puppem@verizon.net; Tilly Espino Gutierrez at (805) 736-7434 or email viejatg@aol.com or Gloria Lopez York at (805) 736-4904—Her e-mail address is kgyork@best1.net.

1990—20 Year Reunion: Flower Festival Weekend: June 25th, 26th, and 27th. Meet and Greet at the Beer Garden in Ryan Park on June 25th. Saturday evening, June 26th, at the Lompoc Elk's Lodge. Sunday-family picnic.

Contact people: Stacey Morales at (805)588-5660 or Shaleen Holloway at (805)736-0151. Anyone wishing to help with the reunion please call one of these people. For more information go to lhsclassof1990@verizon.net

2000 The class of 2000 seeks graduates' contact information for upcoming reunions. To register, e-mail Tivona Hargrove Betz at misstivona@hotmail.com or Christina Reck Haggerty at tinababina1021@aol.com.

Class of 1961: Save dates now for the 50th reunion during Labor Day Weekend in 2011.

Any address changes you know of send to Barry Manfrina at anirfnam.bl@verizon.net

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Have you moved? Is your address correct and current with us? If you have moved please send us your new address. The membership chairperson who keeps track of all 1756 alumni members is Jamie Valla Johnson Send your new information to her via the Lompoc High School Alumni Association 515 West College Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436 or e-mail her at:

valla_lhsalumni@hotmail.com.

Keeping track of nearly 1800 alumni association members is a huge undertaking, mainly because people move and don't think to let the alumni association know their new address.

100 years ago, the class of 1910 had one graduate, Esther Carson

50 years ago, the class of 1960 had 135 graduates

This year, the class of 2010 had 307 graduates

Do You Need A Gift Idea For A New Grad - Or An Old One?

Two great gift ideas for a Lompoc High graduate are a membership to the alumni association or a Lompoc High Graduate license plate cover.

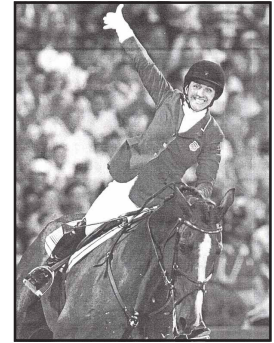
A membership is \$10.00 for life for a recent grad (within 60 days of graduation) and \$20.00 for a lifetime membership for other new members. \$20. for life—What a Deal!

Below is a membership form that can be filled out and sent to the high school at 515 West College Avenue Lompoc, CA 93436, or go to the web site, www.lompochsalumniassn.org, and click on alumni membership application. If you have any questions contact Jamie Valla Johnson at valla_lhsalumni@hotmail.com

The license plate covers are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at the Lompoc High Activities Office.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Gina Ostini Miles, daughter of 1964 LHS graduate **Robert Ostini**, and the granddaughter of Raymond Ostini, earned a silver medal in equestrian individual competition at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The photo at right shows Gina being named the silver medalist.




Another Olympian from the Beijing Olympics, silver medalist Kami Craig, daughter of 1972 grad **Steve Craig** and '73 grad **Dale Winecoff Craig**, is doing extremely well in women's water polo at USC. She is a finalist for the top national collegiate water polo player. Last year she won the award.

Kami led the Trojans to a 25-3 record and the NCAA Championship this season with 36 goals. She was voted NCAA Tournament MVP after helping USC edge Stanford 10-9 in the title game in May.

SSgt Crystal D. Trezza, class of 1997, daughter of **Debra Bruzdowski Trezza**, class of 1973 and Walter Trezza, is currently attending the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, California. SSgt Trezza is a Persian-Farsi linguist in the United States Air Force and she is now learning a second language and has begun studying Dari. Crystal is the sister of 1996 grad **James Trezza**.

Join Us!



LOMPOC HIGH SCHOOL

Alumni Association

515 West College Avenue • Lompoc, California 93436

LOCATOR CARD

Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

LIFETIME DUES ARE:

New Member \$20

Associate Member \$20

New Graduates \$10 (within 60 days of graduation date)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ONLY:

Address Change Information

Name Change Information



ALUMNI WEBSITE

The Lompoc High School Alumni Association website is up and running. For information on class reunions, membership application, submitting address changes, the class representative list, the entire membership list of the Alumni Association and Brave Talk-go to www.lompochsalumniassn.org

~ In Memoriam ~

ALUMNI, CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS

Sylvia Colli Hinman	1931	John S. Siemsen	1964
Edwin "Bud" Jenks	1931	Salvador D. Vega	1964
Joe L. Manfrina	1933	Christie Claycamp Stanley	1966
Evelyn Murray Brandon	1934	Steven T. Lewis	1966
Wilma Harvie Twissleman	1935	Mary Jo Turnbull Hartz	1966
Glenn A. Schuyler	1935	Paul Ziesche	1966
Shirley Stahl Cowan Merino	1937	Shirley Clark Henry	1967
Thelma Donelson Freeman	1938	Kathy Schucknecht Campbell	1968
Betty Kolding Dittman	1938	Charles "Charlie" Wilks, Jr.	1968
Joseph Thomas Grossini	Classmate	Kenneth Wayne Buttram	1969
Theodore "Ted" Bisi	1939	Cynthia Speers Cole	1969
Lawrence Louis Rivaldi	1939	Leroy F. Grijalva	1970
Thursie Dill Pensa	1942	Robert Ray Apodaca	1971
Walter Elliott	1943	Edward J. Bruzdowski, Jr.	1971
Edward J. Rodriguez	1943	Daniel B. Johnson	1971
Louis John Poloni	1944	Ronald Wayne Trammell	1971
Frank Fred Silva	1944	Shelley Brooks Zimmerman	1972
William "Bill" Perry, Jr.	1947	David Farnum, Jr.	1973
Louise Hurt Signorelli	1948	Richard David Diaz	1973 classmate
Carmen Arambula Scotti	1951	Timothy P. Grothe	1974
Nick Gonzalez	1952	Susan Hopkins Lara	1974
Joan Rhodes King	1952	Darla Jean Whelchel Baney	1975
Charles "Charlie" J. Escovedo	1953	Judith "Judy" Lara-Reitmeier	1976
Golda "Goldie" Autry	1955	Arthur "Art" Vargas, Jr.	1976
Paula Sickels Calvert	1956	Paul Allen White	1976
Leah Stadley McCoy	1956	Ken J. Foster	1977
Shirley Dodd Dalcerci	1958	Jeffrey Lynn Mock	1977
Marta "Martha" Pasquini Gilbert	1958	Cheryl Denise Maltman	1978
Frank Angel, Jr.	1959	Daryl Eugene Faulkner	1980
Mary Showers Walker	1959	Kent David Steffen	1983
James "Jim" Sumter	1959	Kellie Ann Matzie Limas	1987
Benny Castillo, Jr.	1961	Jason Allan Borry	1991
Raymond "Micky" Clifford	1962	Nicki L. Manzo Oestereich	1991
Anna Harvey Stevenson	1963	Martin George Stephens	2002
Zane M. Paumen Hansen	1964	Evelia S. Nava	2004

Teachers and Staff

Elizabeth Ann Read Bilingual liaison for the district and in the computer lab at
Hapgood Elementary for 18 years.

*Our condolences are extended to families and friends of our deceased classmates.
We have attempted to include all names of deceased alumni of which we have knowledge.
If we have omitted any names, please accept our sincere apologies.*

Reunion Poem

Pat Balaam Coyes, a 1945 alum, sent this poem to Brave Talk. Her husband had attended his 60th class reunion at Cal Poly and this poem was given to him. I gave the poem to Dennis Headrick to read at the Lompoc Historical Society/50th Class Reunion Dinner in September. I hope other classes will use it at their reunions. The author is Unknown.

Class Reunions

Every ten years, as summertime nears,
An announcement arrives in the mail,
A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand;
Make plans to attend without fail.

I'll never forget the first time we met;
We tried so hard to impress.
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,
And wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair; the whole class was there.
It was held at a fancy hotel.
We wined, and we dined, and we acted refined,
And everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about who had been first
To achieve great fortune and fame.
Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses
And how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen, who once had been lean.
Now weighed in at one-ninety-six.
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,
And the cheerleaders could no longer do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd
Who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon;
Or poor little Jane, who's always been plain;
She married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we'd decreed "most apt to succeed"
Was serving ten years in the pen,
While the one voted "least" now was a priest;
Just shows you can be wrong now and then.

They awarded a prize to one of the guys
Who seemed to have aged the least.
Another was given to the grad who had driven
The farthest to attend the feast.

They took a class picture, a curious mixture
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.
Tall, short, or skinny, the style was the mini;
You never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no one cared whether
They impressed their classmates or not.
The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal
By this time we'd all gone to pot.

It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores;
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw, and beans.
Then most of us lay around in the shade,
in our comfortable t-shirts and jeans.

By the fortieth year, it was abundantly clear,
We were definitely over the hill.
Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed,
And be home in time for their pill.

And now I can't wait as they've set the date;
Our sixtieth is coming, I'm told.
It should be a ball, they've rented a hall,
At the Shady Rest Home for the old.

Repairs have been made on my old hearing aid;
My pacemaker's been turned up to high.
My wheelchair is oiled, and my teeth have been boiled;
And I've bought a new wig and glass eye.

I'm feeling quite hearty; I'm ready to party,
I'll dance until dawn's early light.
It'll be lots of fun; and I hope at least one
Other person can make it that night.

FIFTY YEAR BAND REUNION

Glen Newcomb is organizing a 50 year reunion of the 55 Lompoc High School band members who marched in President John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade in Washington, D.C. on January 1961.

Glen needs current addresses of those band members. If you know where any of the members are, please let Glen know. He can be reached at (805) 733-3811 or his e-mail address is maryglen65@verizon.net

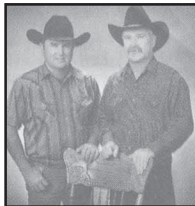


Drum Major—Glenn Newcomb
Head Majorette—Pat Scaggs

ALUMNI RAMBLINGS

Santa Barbara County Fair Honors Denis and Tommy Hayes

Lompoc Valley brothers **Denis and Tommy Hayes** were recognized at last years Santa Barbara County Fair as Livestock Persons of the Year.



The brothers are third generation cattle ranchers, following in their fathers and grandfathers footsteps. The family ranch, which was purchased by Thomas James Hayes, is off Highway 246 in the area originally called the Four Corners.

Their operation includes 300 head of cattle and calves.

Their father, the late Thomas Joseph Hayes, graduated from Lompoc High with the class of 1932. Denis graduated in 1970 and Tommy in 1975. Brother Jerry graduated in 1978 and their sisters, Josie in 1968 and the late Mary Jean Hayes in 1972

Tommy and his wife Lisa Crompe Hayes have two children who are third generation Lompoc High grads-Marissa in 2003 and Tommy in 2006.

Peter Thermos, class of 2003, graduated from Marine Corps Officers Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, VA in 2007. He graduated from UCSB with a double major (Law and Geography with an emphasis on Global Satellite Positioning and a minor in History also in 2007. Peter was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Marine Corp at the Reagan Ranch Center in Santa Barbara in 2008. He graduated from Marine Officer's The Basic School (TBS) in 2008 and also graduated from MOS Logistics Training, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He is currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA. Peter is married to **Jackie Jacobs**, LHS 2003 grad. Jackie also graduated from UCSB in 2007.

Katie Thermos, class of 2006, is currently attending Fresno State majoring in Graphic Arts. She is still riding and training horses for English riding and jumping events in Fresno. Katie is engaged to **David Work**, class of 2005, who is majoring in Science and Biology at Fresno State.

Nolan Thermos, class of 2008, has transferred from Hancock College to Masters College in Santa Clarita on a full scholarship, majoring in Communications Media and minoring in Biblical Studies.



Hanging out after school at Lind's Cafe, 100 block of E. Ocean Ave., 1949

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Lompoc High School Alumni Association awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at Senior Awards Night. Those receiving the scholarships were **Kaitlin Munoz, Stephani Olsen and Kayla Short.**

Kaitlin Munoz is attending Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA. majoring in Food Science. She is the daughter of Richard Munoz, class of 1979, and Juanita Munoz. Kaitlin ranked number 1 in the class of 305 seniors. She had a 4.0+ GPA, taking advanced placement classes. She received a scholar letter all 4 years, was a scholar athlete all 4 years, and in Renaissance all 4 years. She received a physical education achievement award, science achievement award, mathematics achievement award and Elks Student of the Month, just to name a few.



In her senior year, she was elected ASB president, CSF president, varsity tennis captain and was master of ceremonies for all school assemblies and school events. She belonged to ASB, CSF, Renaissance, FFA and was on the yearbook staff as well as the varsity tennis team.

Outside of school, Kaitlin belonged to the Lompoc Valley 4-H Club where she was involved with community service activities.

Stephanie Olsen is attending Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria majoring in criminal justice. Stephani is the daughter of Arlette Felix Olsen who graduated in 1986.



Stephanie was captain of the volleyball team and captain of the basketball team. She was on the yearbook staff, School Site Council, and ASB representative. She was in CSF, and the Black Studies Club where she was the treasurer. She was on the Principals list

and was names Brave of the Quarter. Stephani received the ROP Criminal Justice Award and an English Achievement Award. She also performed in school dramas.

She was a scholar letter recipient, played on the volleyball team, the basketball team and was on the track team. She was named MVP in volleyball.

Kayla Short is the daughter of Teresa Allen Short, class of 1985 Kayla is majoring in psychology at the University of California Santa Barbara.

Her GPA was 3.74 taking honors classes. She was in honors English, honors Biology, and honors World History all four years. She was also in advanced Physics. Her SAT score was very high.

Kayla was on the Principals List, in CSF, Renaissance and was a school tutor. She was also in the concert band She played junior and senior tennis.



EDITORIAL

by *Debbie Schuyler Manfrina*

This is my last issue, as editor, of Brave Talk. I have been editor for 10 years and it is time for someone with fresh ideas and new enthusiasm to take over.

But before I go, I want to tell you about the person who gave me my Blue and White Lompoc High Brave spirit.

My dad, Glenn Schuyler, was a true Lompoc Brave. He wasn't a top student and since his true love was sports, he knew, even back in the 1930's that he had to keep his grades up if he wanted to play Lompoc High Sports. Being 6'4", basketball was a natural for him. He played center on the varsity squad in his jr. and sr. years. His senior year, 1935, their record was 9 wins and 3 loses.

He also was on the track team and on the baseball team for awhile, before switching to Lompoc City League Softball.

He graduated in 1935 and continued to attend Lompoc High sporting events and followed the accomplishments of friends and classmates' children and grandchildren. He helped organize all of his class reunions.

He hired ball players during the summer months so they could help him farm and hoe beans in the morning and attend Babe Ruth practice and games in the afternoon. These same Babe Ruth's were the Lompoc Braves baseball teams in the early 1970's. He traveled all over to attend Babe Ruth, and CIF baseball and football games.

A few years ago I wrote an article about the 25th anniversary of the Lompoc High Alumni Association. Dad told me I had made a mistake. The first alumni association was begun many years before, but because of a lack of success in fund raising the association ceased to exist when the officers had to pay for the band at a dance. For many of you early graduates, you may remember this first alumni association. I apologized to Dad for not making sure of my facts.

Luckily, fund raisers in recent years have been successful, and the alumni association is growing and able to help out at Lompoc High and give scholarships to graduating seniors and college students.

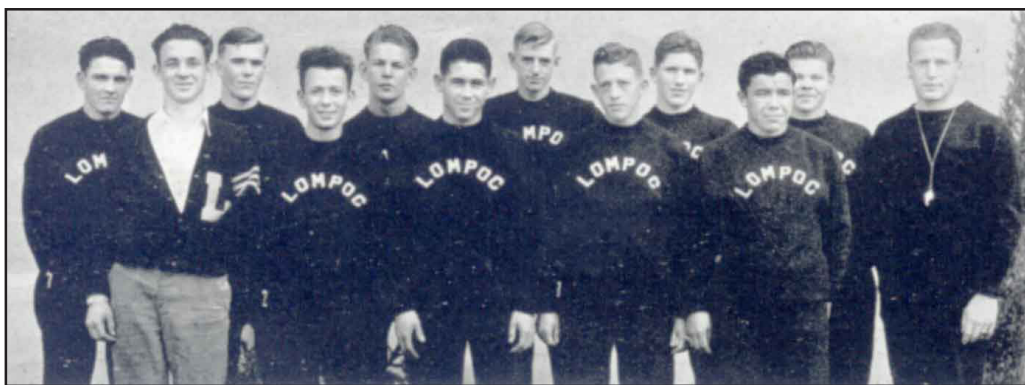
One of Dad's proudest moments in life was when he was inducted into the Lompoc High School Hall of Fame. Lompoc City Council, community service and protecting Lompoc History and teaching Lompoc History to grade school children at the Historical Society were important contributions he made to Lompoc.

Dad passed away this past November at the age of 93, He still loved watching sports on TV and hearing about the Lompoc Braves.

One of the most important lessons Dad taught Jack, Lorraine and I was that if you were going to be on a committee, in an organization or offer to do a job, you don't even volunteer unless you could give it 100% of your time and effort. For the past two years, while caring for Dad, I was not able to give Brave Talk 100%, so I know it is time to let someone else take over.

There are a number of people to thank—Dennis Headrick deserves a huge thank you for formatting the newsletter every year; my husband, Barry Manfrina, for teaching me about computers, answering a million questions and coming to my rescue when I yelled Oh-No; Coleen Houk Valla for all her work getting the newsletter ready for mailing; Alan Hunt for keeping us up to date on our athletic alumni; and to the parents and alumni who sent information for Brave Talk. I also would like to thank the Lompoc Valley Historical Society for all their help in answering question and for allowing me to use their extensive collection of annuals/yearbooks.

If you are interested in being editor of Brave Talk or helping please contact a member of the board or myself at (805) 736-9504. My e-mail address is anirfnam.dj@verizon.net



1935 Basketbball team. L-R: Andy Pico, Clarence Lair, Eldon Gilkeson, George Morehart, Franklin Swanson, George Davis, Glenn Schuyler, Alfred Batkin, Larry Main, George Higgins, Bud Parker, Chet Shirk

2009 Alumni Hall Of Fame Inductees

Two outstanding alumni were inducted into the Lompoc High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame this past September. They were William “Stormy” Short and James Surch

While attending Lompoc High, **William “Stormy” Short** was on the varsity football team for four years, varsity basketball team four years and was on the baseball team and track team for two years. He was a member of the Lompoc High band and jazz band.

After graduation, in 1954, he attended San Francisco State, but went into the service before graduating. Following the service he returned to SF State to earn his degree in education.

He taught in the Byron, California school district for 32 years, teaching 4th, 5th and 6th grades. He also coached football, basketball, and baseball for 7 years. He worked part-time as a probation counselor at the Byron Boys Ranch, a juvenile rehabilitation facility. Just before retiring in 1997, he was chosen Teacher of the Year by the Byron School District.

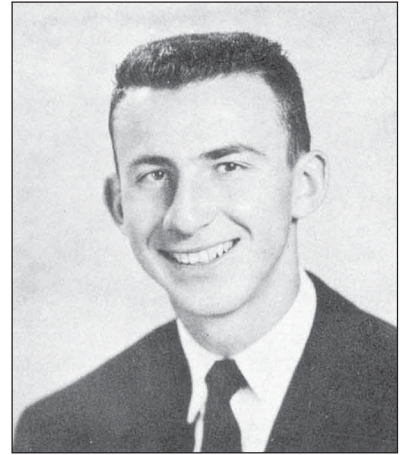
Following retirement, he took a full-time counseling position at the Byron Boys Ranch.

Stormy’s Dad, Jim Short, trained harness racing horses up in Stockton. Pretty soon the Short family from Byron was helping Jim train and race harness horses after school and on weekends. They raced all over California for ten years.

Stormy also liked trap shooting and metallic silhouette shooting. Metallic silhouettes are scaled down metal cut-outs of animals. In competitions, the cut-outs are shot at from different distances with a variety of rifles. He competed in matches all over California and participated in two national championships. He placed second in California State air-rifle and Calif. State 22 rifle championships and won the Calif. state muzzle-loading championship.

He and his wife Charlene raised 3 children. Sadly, Charlene passed away in 1998. An old flame from Lompoc High days, Kathryn “Katy” Allen from the class of ’59 contacted him on classmates.com. They were married and now travel extensively on his Harley motorcycle.

Present to witness his induction into the Hall of Fame was Stormy’s mother Lena “Babe” Lair Short from the class of 1932, his wife Katy who was celebrating her 50th class reunion with the class of 1959 and his sister-in-law Eileen (Mrs. Charles Short).



At Lompoc High, **James “Jim” Surch** was an outstanding student academically, as well as in sports. He was on the Principals List all four years and in CSF for four years. He was chosen as one of the outstanding high school football players in southern California in both in junior and senior years. He was named a member of the Helms Foundation All Southern Interscholastic Football Team. In his senior year, he was chosen “All-League Linebacker and Fullback as well as MVP at Lompoc High.

James was contacted by more than 30 institutions of higher learning across the nation, including Cornell, Yale and Harvard. He graduated from Lompoc High in 1972.

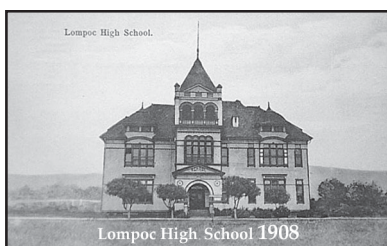
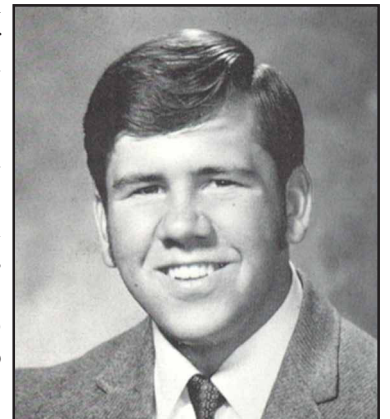
He graduated from the US Naval Academy Prep School in Bainbridge, MD and received a full scholarship upon entering the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD as a member of the class of 1977.

In April 1983, as a member of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines he was attached to Battalion Landing Team, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. They deployed to Beirut, Lebanon to serve as the American Contingent to the Multinational Peacekeeping Force.

On October 23, 1983, 241 US military personnel were killed and 80 more wounded in the bombing of the BLT Headquarters. One of those killed was Lompoc High grad from the class of 1972 Navy Lt. James “Jim” Surch.

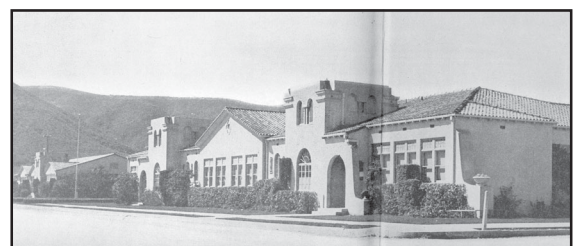
Lt. Surch was awarded a Purple Heart, a Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Citation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, W/ FMF Combat Operations Insignia and a Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

The LHS Alumni Association presented a Hall of Fame plaque posthumously to Lt. Surch. Accepting the plaque was Jims’ sister, Patty Surch Barnett and his brother Billy Surch and his 2 nephews. Parents of the Surch children are the late Gail and James Surch, Sr. Mr. Surch taught English at Lompoc High for 20 years.



The first Lompoc High School, near L St. and Cypress Ave., served local students from 1896-1927 (left)

The second building (right), located directly on the corner, with the auditorium and Jr. High Building to the south, housed the High School from 1922 - 1962



LOMPOC HIGH SPORTS NEWS

Robin Luken has resigned after 19 years as Lompoc High's varsity football coach. Under Lukens's coaching, the teams had 168 wins, 4 appearances in CIF championship games and 2002-2003 CIF titles.

Andrew Jones, 2003 LHS grad, has been hired as the new varsity football coach at Lompoc High. Lompoc will be moving back to the Los Padres League in football this next year.

Jones was quarterback for the Braves in 2002 when they won the schools last CIF Championship. He then played baseball and football at Hancock College in 2003 and 2004 and then transferred to Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. At Iowa Jones threw for 2,215 yards and 12 touchdowns and rushed for 211 yards and scored 3 touchdowns.

In 2007, following graduation, he played professional football for the Italian League of American Football.

Last year he coached freshman football at Lompoc to a 9-1 record, and assisted with the varsity team.

Jesse Davis is retiring from the Lompoc School District. He has been with the district since 1979. He coached at both Lompoc High and Cabrillo High and was the athletic director at Lompoc High.

BRAVES IN ACTION

Lompoc High Athletes who were nominated for outstanding achievement by the Northern Santa Barbara County Athletic Roundtable were: **Ashley Fabing** (Female Athlete), **Brandy Machado** (Female Scholar Athlete), **Daniel Dunaetz** Male Athlete, and **Trae Vernon**, (Male Scholar Athlete).

FOOTBALL

Jake Morehart was named to footballs All-Pac-7 First Team and All County as an end/linebacker.

BASEBALL

The Braves ended their season 10-2 and were Co-Champions of the Los Padres League with Cabrillo High. Braves season record was 20-9.

First round of CIF Lompoc beat Serra of Gardena 8-1. Second round they beat Sierra Vista of Baldwin Park 4-0. Third round the Braves faced top seeded Woodcrest (who had a 25-1 record and had won 25 games in a row), and lost 3-1.

The Varsity team is coached by Jim Allen

BOYS SOCCER

The 2010 Boys soccer team ended the season as the Los Padres League Champions. They lost in the first round of CIF play to San Gabriel Valley League.

WRESTLING

Junior, **Marcell Blow**, qualified for the Masters in the 145 pound category.

BASKETBALL

Senior Basketball Center, **Sherman "Trae" Vernon**, son of former LH basketball coach Sherm Vernon, has received a scholarship to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Trae is a straight A student. He led the Braves in scoring with 19.5 points a game and led the team in rebounds with 11.3 per game.

He set the school record in career rebounds (720) and finished second in scoring with (1,216) behind Joel Smith

BOYS TENNIS

Alex Jensen and Joel Martin were the Los Padres League doubles champions and also the leagues doubles MVP's

COLLEGIATE SPORTS

Chelsea Cassulo, the 2008 Santa Barbara County Athlete of the Year, is attending Bakersfield College where she is excelling in the javelin, the hammer, the discus and the shot put. She recently finished in 6th place in the javelin throw at the community college state meet.

Courtney Dosa, 2009 grad, is having a terrific year playing softball at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Miss.

Jani Carmona, who graduated in 2007, has signed to play soccer at Cal State University, San Bernardino. While at Lompoc, Jani was named to the All League Team.

2009 grad, **Jordan O'Byrne**, who was the Los Padres Leagues Basketball's Most Valuable Player last season is attending Yuba College.

Lauren Lopes, who was named to the Los Padres First Team in her senior year is attending College of the Sequoias. She plays catcher and was named to the 2nd Team All Conference. College of the Sequoias was the Conference Champions with a record of 18-0.

Lompoc graduates who were nominated for the Northern Santa Barbara County Athlete Roundtable honors were: **Alyssa Ray**, 2007 graduate, who is attending Hancock College, was nominated in the Top Female Athlete Category. She was named to the Western State Conference Gold Division; and **Chris Malloy**, 2008 grad, who was nominated in the Top Male Athlete Category. Chris played 2nd base and was named to the 1st team All Conference Gold Division. He is also attending Hancock, but will transfer to Fresno State in the fall.

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Sports (continued)

Shortstop, **Dalton Rouleau** and pitcher, **Cody Berryman**, both 2009 LHS grads were named to the Western State Conference All Conference Team.

Joey Green pitches for Oklahoma Baptist University. He received the University's Hal Nance Pitching Award. Joey graduated in 2006.

Kirk Fridrick, class of 2007, pitches for Wesleyan, in Salina Kansas. He is an Elementary Education major.

At Santa Barbara City College, three Lompoc 2009 grads are playing softball. **Elicity Fabing, Jena Carrillo and Paty Martinez.**

Junior infielder, **Corey Dotzler**, is playing baseball at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

2005 graduate, **Boo Jackson**, who was the quarterback for Ohio University in Laramie, Wy., is recovering from shoulder surgery. He is majoring in Health Services Administration.

Julia Heath Puscheck, class of 2006, earned All-Big West second team honors with the Cal Poly women's golf team.

PROS

Ryan Church, 1996 grad, was traded by the New York Mets to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Joel Smith, is now with the Bakersfield Jam an NBA Development League. He previously played at Chaminade in Hawaii and the University of Washington. He has the all time scoring record at Lompoc High.

OTHER

1968 grad **Michael Leck**, was recently named to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Michael coached wrestling at North Fremont High to 11 state championships. He also coached football to a couple of state championships.

Brad Lilley, announced the snowboarding events at the Vancouver Olympics.

Lompoc High School Alumni Association Hall of Famer and 1973 grad **Mike Bratz**, was inducted into the Northern Santa Barbara County Athletic Hall of Fame. Mike played basketball at Lompoc High and graduated with honors. He was on the state championship team at Hancock College.

At Stanford he set an All-time career record in assists. In 1977 he was named Academic All American and elected to the All-Pac-8 1st team. He has been inducted into the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was a third round pick by the Phoenix Suns as a point guard and played for them from 1977-1980. From 1980-81 he played for the Cleveland Cavaliers, averaging 10 points a game and led the team in assists, steals and 3 point field goals. He tied the NBA record for consecutive free throws with 57. He played for 9 more years with the Golden State Warriors and then the Sacramento Kings.

He is currently Director of Collegiate Scouting for the Denver Nuggets.

ALUMNI IN THE MILITARY

If you are in the military or are the parent of a Lompoc High graduate who is in the military, please send the information to the Lompoc Alumni Association address on the front of this newsletter.

This page was inadvertently left out of last years Brave Talk and we would like to apologies for the error. This may be old news, but we would like to honor their achievements.

1977 graduate, Bill M. Robertson has returned to the 1st Battalion, 143rd Field Artillery in Santa Maria, after being deployed to an overseas forward operation base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a cannon crewmember with 13 years of military service.

Air Force Airman **Chester R. Nelson-Class of 2000**, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Special Forces Boys from Lompoc: Three Lompoc graduates from 2001 are serving in Special Forces. **Matthew Church** has served two tours in Iraq. He is married to **Courtney Deanley Church** (also from the class of 2001). **Brett Grossini**, also serving in Special Forces is the son of 1975 grad **Leroy Grossini**. Brett is the grandson of **Roy and Alice Silva Grossini**, who both attended Lompoc High. The third member of the Special Forces group from Lompoc is **Anthony Alonzo IV**.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Alicia M. Saikoe** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Alicia graduated from Lompoc High in 2001.

2003 graduate, Joseph A. Gastelo, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Marine 2nd Lt. **Peter Thermos**, who graduated from Lompoc High in 2003 and from UCSB recently completed The Basic School (TBS) training with Delta Company 4th Platoon at Quantico Marine Corps Base, Va. TBS is where newly commissioned Marine officers are sent to learn the art and science of being an officer in the Corps. After graduating TBS, Thermos will receive 12 weeks of additional training at Camp Johnson, N.C.

Air Force Cadet **Bryce W. Luken** has graduated from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He received a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Luken is scheduled to work in acquisitions for Military

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Satellite Communications Wing at Los Angeles Air Force Base. The 2004 graduate of Lompoc High School received a degree in business management at the academy.

2004 LHS graduate, Jonathan N. Starks, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Army Private **Adalberto Zamora**, has graduated from the H-8 Tracked Vehicle Recovery Specialist Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Zamora graduated from LHS in 2006

Air Force Airman **Jesse B. Kertatos** has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Kertatos graduated from Lompoc High in 2006.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Cheyenne Gutierrez** recently completed U.S. Navy Basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. She is now stationed at a Naval Facility in Bahrain. Gutierrez is a 2008 Lompoc High graduate.

2008 graduate, Olivia Kronick, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

2010 Military News

Senior Master Sergeant Jeff Hahn has retired after a 26 year career in the Air Force. Hahn joined the Air Force in 1983 after graduating from Lompoc High in 1982. He served in many locations around the world and numerous deployments overseas. In 2003, he graduated from the Senior Non-commissioned Officer Leadership Academy at Maxwell AFB, Ala. While there he earned both the James C. McCoy Academic Achievement Award and Distinguished Graduate honors. Upon retiring, he began working as a civil servant with the U.S. Southern Command in Miami.

Army Sgt. **Donald Holmdahl**, has returned to Iraq for his fourth deployment in seven years. He is a senior wheel mechanic attached to the 1-30th Infantry Battalion. Holmdahl graduated from Lompoc High in 1982 and joined the Army in 1995.

1990 Lompoc grad, **Lila M. Gaitan**, has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant in the Air Force. She is a family medicine flight chief with 16 years of military service. She received her associate degree in 2004 from Community College of the Air Force.

Air Force Airman **Nicolette A. Carpio** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. She graduated from Lompoc High in 2002.

2007 Lompoc High graduate, Air Force Airman **Alex P. Berry** is on duty at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

Air Force Airman **Gabriel Morales** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is a 2007 graduate of Lompoc High School.

Also graduating from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas is 2008 Lompoc graduate Air Force Airman **John E. Laney**.

Air Force Airman **Howard M. Whitaker III**, a 2008 graduate has completed his basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Jesse A. Hale** recently completed U.S. Naval basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Hale graduated from Lompoc High in 2008.

Another 2008 graduate is Navy Seaman Recruit **Zachery A. Kozlowski**, who also completed Naval basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air Force Airman **Matthew A. Kronick**, who graduated from Lompoc High in 2009, has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Lompoc High 2009 graduate, Air Force Airman **Jacob M. Dyer** recently graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Rudy Joseph Yruegas** recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is currently undergoing advance training at Pensacola Naval Station, Fla, to become an aviation electronics technician. Yruegas graduated from Lompoc High in 2009.

Three Lompoc High grads from the Root Family are serving in the Armed Forces:

Staff Sgt. Christopher Miller-Root, class of 1999, has served two tours in Iraq. He is now an Army recruiter in Santa Maria

Airman James Root, 2006 graduate, is a F-15 fighter jet mechanic at Mountain Home AFB in Idaho.

2008 grad, **Pvt. Rebekah Root**, is studying computer systems analysis at Fort Gordon, GA.

The current campus of Lompoc High School opened in September, 1962. The first graduating class from the new High School was the class of 1963



Aerial view of Lompoc Senior High shows its circular construction.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Paul Bommersbach, President	1986
Jamie Valla Johnson, Vice President	1991
Teresa Martinez-Baker, Secretary	1996
Carrie Chambers Guerra, Treasurer	1974
Coleen Houk Valla, Corresponding Secretary	1968

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gloria Grijalva Bermudez	1981
Angela Philbrook Brooks	1994
Carol Hilderbrand Calvert	1957
Rosebel Scolari Cameron	1956
Rosie Terrones Chavez	1967
Loretta Stanich Hannah	1957
Susan Burton Harlow	1967
Bob Holloway	1957
Bob Manfrina	1965
Debbie Schuyler Manfrina	1961
Mary Anne Costa Rios	1975
Lynn Benedict Romine	1964
Tracy Bruns Schriver	1983
Jerry Scolari	1959
Arlen Sechrest	1954
Lyla Farlow Sechrest	1958
Domenico Signorelli	1946
Donna Campbell Starbuck	1956
Gail Fredricksen Wolpert	1966
Leigh Taylor Johnson Alt	1991

LOMPOC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

The following is a complete list of LHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame Inductees, listed by graduation year.

Dr. Albert Larsen	1906	David Herdman	1935	Tony Domingos	1950	Joyce Roberts Howerton	1961
Elwyn Wakefield	1907	Clarence Lair	1936	Wallace "Tyke" Grider	1950	Gary Seymour	1961
Harold Dimock	1913	William Ed Larsen	1936	Ronald Williams	1950	Bob Mange	1962
Weston Learned	1916	William Morgan	1937	Doug Adkins	1950	Fred Lopez	1963
Harry Arkley	1917	Ray Anderson	1938	Roland Chesser	1951	Dr. Darlene Garcia Suarez	1964
Harry Kelliher	1918	Mary Dettamanti Fairbanks	1938	Jim Dutra	1951	Dennis Grossini	1965
Nick Carter	1921	Ed Everett	1938	Eugene Huseman	1951	Gunther Cunningham	1965
Elsie Sperber	1922	Myra Huyck Manfrina	1939	Larry Navarro	1951	Rick Candaele	1965
Anne Scolari Calvert	1924	Beverly Mello Thoman	1941	Joe Hernandez	1951	Christy Claycamp Stanley	1966
Forrest Hibbitts	1924	Dee Davis Sudbury	1942	John "Bink" Olson	1951	Dennis Headrick	1967
Dean McHenry		Virginia Horn Morehart	1943	Ethel Cass Bell	1951	Bob Campbell	1968
Cecilie Glidden Larsen	1924	William Proud	1943	Carol Ann Fair Chambers	1952	Monte Bolinger	1971
Earl Calvert	1925	Harold Begg	1943	Bill Rule	1952	Charlie Jackson	1971
Larry Heiges, M.D.	1925	Jim Sloan	1943	John Huyck	1952	Roy Thomas	1971
Ray "Pooley" Jacobs	1925	Harry Brooks	1945	Bob Feeley	1952	George Perry	1971
Ed Negus	1925	William Alexander	1945	Walter Alves	1953	Marvin Cook	1972
Cesarina Loustalot	1926	Forrest Staffan	1946	Erlan Calvert	1953	Johnny Gray	1972
William Perozzi	1926	Lenora Hoag Mulryan	1946	Peter Sousa	1953	Roy Howell	1972
Bert Howerton	1927	Domenico Signorelli	1946	Peter Aguilar	1953	James Surch	1972
Ernest Brooks	1928	Bob Robinson	1946	Sherman Hansen	1954	Dave Stegman	1972
Perry Dean Martin	1928	Robert Hapgood	1946	Doris McCoy Cross	1954	Russ Bolinger	1972
Bill Schuyler	1929	Chuck Deering	1947	Pat Lower Brady	1954	Mike Bratz	1973
Fenton Holloway, M.D.	1930	Roger Westmont	1948	Rudy Martinez	1954	Terry Williams	1973
Edwin "Bud" Jenks	1931	Charlie Grossini	1948	Frank Signorelli	1954	Dr. Janet Jeffers Lo	1977
Winnie Taylor Eckert Massey	1932	Doug Hitchen	1948	William "Stormy" Short	1954	Rick Aguilar	1977
Albert Bodine	1932	Isadore Triguero	1948	Anna Triboli Sorenson	1955	Dr. Edward Taylor	1977
Mary Morehart Miller	1932	Jerrie Patton Domingos	1949	John Hoag	1956	Casey Candaele	1979
Walter Manfrina	1932	Ron Hooker	1949	Richard Newcomb	1957	Sheldon Canley	1986
Lawrence J. Huyck	1933	Leroy Scolari	1950	Jim Wafer	1957	Tommy Thompson	1990
Mimi Pensa Main	1934	Jack Anderson	1950	Rodney Eckert	1958	Napoleon Kaufman	1991
Ken Stillman	1934	Alice George Milligan	1950	Teddy Grossini	1958	Scott Morgan	1991
Elsa Horn Wygal	1934	G.W. Moore Family		Larry Rheams	1960	Kim Wuest	1994
Glenn Schuyler	1935	Frank Romero	1950	Jim Bohl	1961		