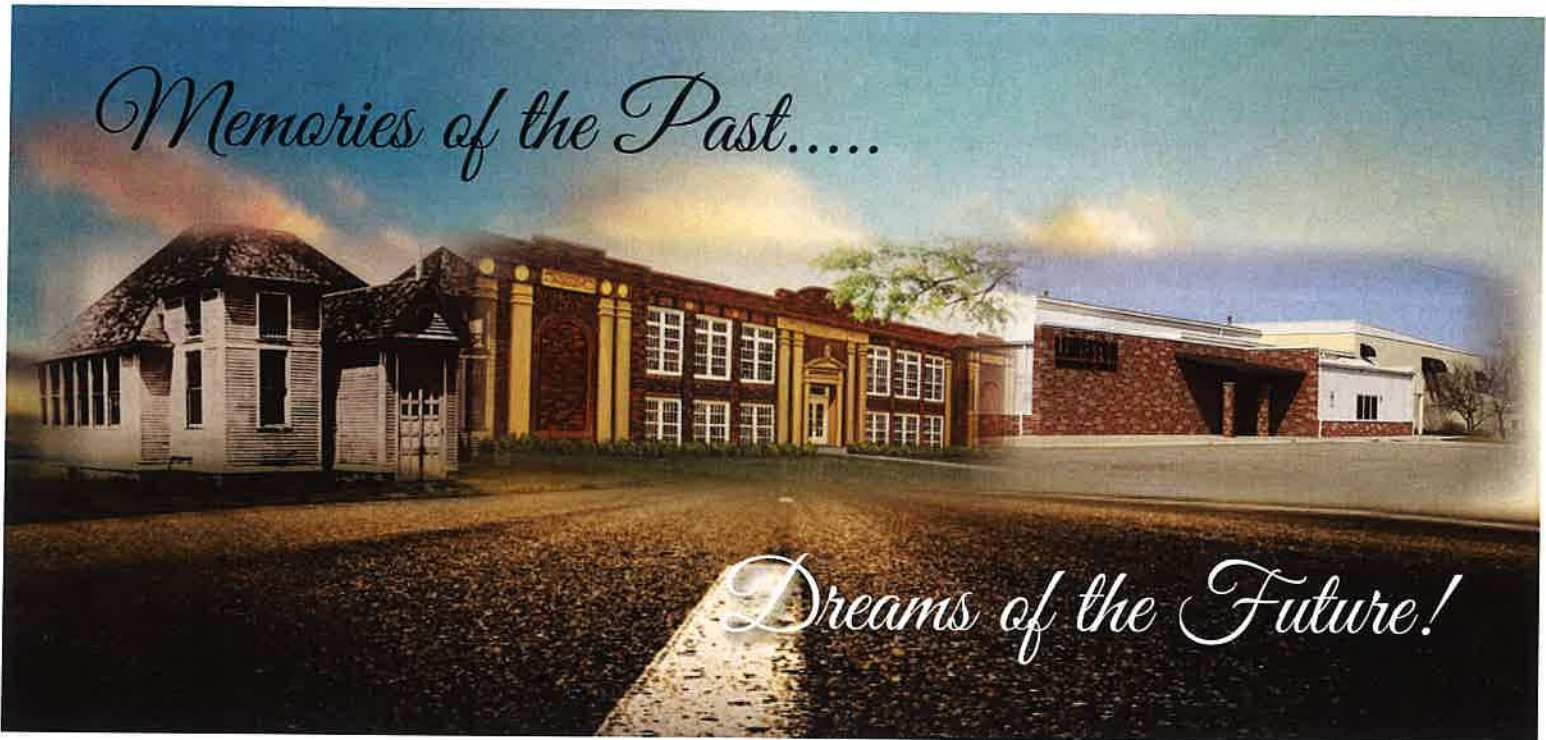


# Lewiston Consolidated Schools Foundation

## NEWSLETTER



**You are invited....**to attend the annual Lewiston High School Alumni Banquet, which will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021. Guided tours will begin at 4:30 and a social gathering with refreshments will be provided by Lewiston Public School at 5:00 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. **Masks will be optional.**

Ricky's cafe will be catering the meal this year with a price of \$12.50 per plate. Meal will include choice of: ham, chicken breasts, roast beef, BBQ beef brisket, potato, vegetable, salad, desert and beverage.

Honored classes will be doubled this year due to the banquet being cancelled last year. Honor classes will be the classes of 2020 and 2021, 2015/2016, 2010/2011, 2005/2006, 2000/2001, 1995/1996, 1990/1991, 1985/1986, 1980/1981, 1975/1976, 1970/1971, 1965/1966, 1960/1961, 1955/1956, and all classes prior to 1956.

To reserve a place, please complete and detach the form below by June 4, 2021. In the event you are unable to attend, please consider using the form below to make a donation to help fund future alumni banquets, 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 \$12.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ALUMNI DONATION (banquets, expenses, postage, scholarships) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Check Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Make check payable to Lewiston Alumni Association)*

Return by June 4, 2021 to: Rick Kentfield, Superintendent, 306 Tiger Avenue, Lewiston, NE 68380

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

# VIOLA MAY NELSON EXACT DILIGENCE

## A LIFE NEAR THE END

Viola May Nelson, founder of the Nelson Family Scholarships at Lewiston Consolidated Schools, was very particular about how she wanted to depart life. Exact and measured is one way to describe Viola, but also as very considerate and mindful of how she was raised, lived and wanted continuation of those values carried on in her absence.

## The Will

Viola left behind an exact, organized, detailed description of how she wanted possessions, animals, land, and her house dealt with. Specific items were to be returned to the givers, others items were to be sold, medals earned were to be displayed at the Virginia, Ne Legion. Viola wanted friends and acquaintances to have certain plants, photos, a blue lamp, a Kitchen Aid mixer, pots and pans, along with a white ceramic cat, to mention some of those specifics. With no close relatives, after sale of the farm, the 74 acres in Pawnee county, the 80 acres in Gage county, paying off bills including funeral expenses, Viola stated, all money left over was to be split equally between Lewiston Consolidated Schools for Nelson Family Scholarships in the amount of \$500 and the Liberty Cemetery, for upkeep on the Nelson graves with flowers at Christmas and Memorial Day.

## Death Cleaning

Death Cleaning is derived from the Swedish word, "döstädning." (Forbes.com) It is defined simply as being the mess or clutter that families have to attend to when a relative dies and leaves all their possessions, material things, bills and affairs still to tend to. Viola did the work many do not in life, that is, plan for the world to be without her living in it. She thought out her absence for others. She was mindful of her worldly life, possessions, family, friends, and pets, who would no doubt have to attend to the death cleaning of her life's accumulation. Viola didn't want to leave things to chance or burden others with sifting through her personal things and deciding to toss or keep, or sell. Viola was exact, precise and planned everything out.

So often after a family member dies, families have no idea what to do with all the stuff left behind, things they don't know anything about, value of possessions, what sentimental values to place on objects, or what debts were still outstanding, if any. Death cleaning by the person still living is one last tribute to their character, morals, thoughtfulness, while giving resolution to others, leaving no regrets or doubts about their intentions regarding their estate. Viola was benevolent enough to provide scholars at Lewiston Consolidated Schools an opportunity to keep learning

after high school with the Nelson Family Scholarships. She also had the foresight to keep the Nelson family graves maintained after her passing, due to no close relatives, she paid for Nelson Family upkeep at the Liberty Cemetery.

## Legacy

What people leave behind, lasting impressions, belongings, family, friends, the things they are remembered for the most, what impact they left on others, those are indelible things that define one's legacy. Death is the end for the living, but before her passing, Viola created 2 things specifically to take care of the living and the dead. The funds that created the Nelson Family Scholarships at Lewiston Consolidated Schools are used by students to make an impact on the world with an emphasis towards scholastic achievement. Keeping Liberty Cemetery cared for with flowers on Christ's birthday (Christmas) and the day proclaimed to remember people (Memorial Day) have provided an insightful look at Viola's life, her character, her values, her thoughtfulness, and her zest for life to maintain values she valued. Viola's legacy is that her life, her decisions, her considerations, those things, are still making an impact on others, even after her life has passed, made possible due to Viola's exact diligence in life.

## — — — Hall of Fame Members — — —

Name/Grad Yr.	Year Inducted
Dr. Ronald Joekel '52	2002
Dr. Arlan Richardson '59	2002
Dr. Dean Shuey '67	2002
Clarence Kunc '29	2003
Lou Ann (Lovitt) Lineham '73	2003
Dr. Keith Shuey '57	2003
Merna Wischmeier	2003
Earl Albers '39	2004
Rev. Clarence Buehler '38	2004
Glenn Heideman	2004
Judith (Shuey) Libal '62	2005

Howard Wilkinson '48	2005
Lyle Thompson '40	2005
David Morris '72	2006
Robert Steininger '39	2006
Dr. Curt Wischmeier '65	2006
Adelaide (Lovitt) Kinghorn '57	2007
Delmar Bohlmeier '54	2008
Donna (Kunc) Knoche '47	2008
Joan (Ruzicka) Christen '70	2009
Elaine (Morton) 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 Reiersen '59	2017
James Shuey '62	2017
Kevin Reiman '88	2018
Don Ulrich '65	2019
Clarice Jean Tegtmeier '60	2019

## Board of Directors

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 ..... Aaron Rule '99  
 ..... Eric Bledsaw

## 2021 Alumni Association Scholarships Recipients

**Kelsey Bledsaw • Jonathan Janssen**

## 2021 Foundation Scholarships Recipients

**Lewiston Consol. School Fndn. Inc.**  
 Kelsey Bledsaw • Hayden Christen

### Doris Johnsen Memorial

Kelsey Bledsaw • Johnathan Janssen

### Nelson Family Scholarship

Masyn Arena • Johnathan Janssen

### Merna Wischmeier Scholarship

Masyn Arena • Hayden Christen

### Learn to Dream Scholarship

Kelsey Bledsaw



## 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 12, 2021. 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 SECTION AS YOUR CONTRIBUTION FORM

YES, COUNT ME IN. BELOW IS MY CONTRIBUTION PLAN.  
 CASH CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 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](http://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.

## 2020-2021 Contributors

### May 1, 2019 – May 1, 2020

\$50 and Under ..... Connor Buss  
 Myron Lieneman  
 J.J. Libal  
 James J. Libal  
 Gary Paul  
 Arlan Richardson  
 \$51 - \$100 ..... Wayne Andreesen  
 Dianne Ebmeier  
 Kevin Reiman  
 \$101 - \$250 ..... Don Ulrich  
 Kay Wehrbein  
 \$251 - \$500 ..... Rick Kentfield  
 \$501 - \$999 ..... Keith Knoche

Clarice J. Tegtmeier  
 Gene & Rose Wissenburg  
 Over \$1000 ..... Steve Knoche Family  
 Wayne Morton  
 Nelson Family  
 John A.S. Pfister  
 Scott & Sherry Thomas  
 Doris Johnsen Vonderstrasse  
 Merna Wischmeier Memorial

### May 1, 2020 – May 1, 2021

\$50 and Under ..... Keith Hippen Memorial  
 Network for Good  
 David Shuey  
 Donna Swanda

Clarice J. Tegtmeier  
 \$51 - \$100 ..... Blackbaud Giving Fund  
 Pam Norton  
 Wells Fargo  
 \$251 - \$500 ..... Steve Knoche  
 Rick Kentfield  
 Over \$1000 ..... Bayer Fund  
 Farmers Co-op  
 Farmers Credit Services  
 John Pfister  
 Steve Knoche Family  
 Land O Lakes  
 Curt & Susan Wischmeier  
 Merna Wischmeier Memorial

**Go Tigers!**

## Lewiston Hall of Fame Inductees 2019

**Don E. Ulrich**, grew up on a farm near Steinauer and graduated from Lewiston in 1965. He joined the arm in 1966 and graduated from the Army Warrant Office Rotary Wing Aviator Course in 1967. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a combat helicopter pilot in 1967-68 and also 1971-72 where he received numerous decorations including 2 distinguished Flying Crosses, 50 awards of the Air Medal, one for valor, 2 Army Commendation Medals, one for valor, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Mr. Ulrich received a direct commission in the army. Upon leaving the Army in 1973, he continued his aviation career as a part time helicopter pilot with the Nebraska Army National Guard, including 3 years as Commander of the 24th Medical Air Ambulance Company. He retired from the Guard in 1989 as a Major after 22 years of military service and 4000 helicopter flight hours.

After leaving the Army in 1973, Mr. Ulrich earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska and served as a soil scientist at the university for 5 years followed by a career as a Resource Conservationist for the natural Resources Conservation Service for 26 years, retiring in 2009.

Don's biography includes extensive detail of his history in the military and a lengthy list of various community, religious, and civic service.

**Clarice Jean Tegtmeier**, graduated from Lewiston in 1960 and went to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska in Music Education. She later returned to UNL to receive a Master Degree in Educational Psychology with an endorsement as a Media Specialist. She worked as a music teacher at Pawnee City, Lewiston, Barnston, and Odell. In addition, she provided private piano and voice lessons to scores of students. After taking time off to raise a family, she returned to Lewiston as a Librarian and Guidance Counselor. She also sold World Book Encyclopedias as well as selling text books to schools. She also served at Roper Elementary in Lincoln as a Media Specialist while working part time for Lincoln Public Libraries.

Almost a decade ago, Mrs. Tegtmeier added a dining room to her home in Lewiston and has been serving home cooked meals to the public ever since. Her business is called "Jeannie's Place" and earned a 5-star rating on TripAdvisor and has become a destination point in Southeast Nebraska. The business has been featured on Channel 10/11's Pure Nebraska and was recently featured on Facebook as one of the top places to eat. Jeannie has maintained her interest in the Lewiston School District and coincidentally serves on the Hall of Fame committee, which made surprising her with her Hall of Fame Award somewhat of a challenge.