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Though the school shut down and was replaced by Galt in '69, one thing is for sure; the friendships formed at Lennoxville High School have endured. After the success of the 2013 25year reunion, Jane Wilson and a small group of her peers are putting the finishing touches on yet another get-together for all LHS students.

“It was lots of fun. LHS seemed to breed a lot of good memories and friendships,” reminisced Wilson of her old high school. “Most graduating classes were only of 25 to 30 people and there were about two classes of grads a year. So, we got to know each other quite well.”

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“It’s going to be a weekend-long affair, starting August 3 until August 5,” said Wilson of the reunion. “Friday there will be a meet and greet at the Bishop’s University pub, then Saturday there will be a dinner dance, and finally we’ll have a big Sunday brunch at the Hut here in town.”

Last time, over 200 LHS grads showed up for the reunion and everyone had a blast reconnecting and remembering the good times spent together. According to Wilson, who was part of the last graduating class in 1969, students from graduating classes as far back as 1946 showed up for the occasion. She decided to have yet another reunion to allow those who missed out on the 2013 festivities to see their old peers.

“Last year many of them came from a distance,” she added, listing destinations such as the Middle East and South America. “It shows that the connections have been maintained, even overseas. People have stayed in touch.”

On Friday, well-known retired family doctor Curtis Lowry celebrated his 100th birthday.

A party was held in the afternoon among friends and family at Grace Village Pavilion.

Born and raised in Sawyerville, Lowry started a practice in 1948 and served the community for 55 years, retiring in 2003 at the age of 85.

Referred to by locals as a legend, Dr. Lowry’s motto was always, ‘If you see my

“We had a good mix of rural and town kids, not like today at Galt where your best friend lives 72 miles away,” she continued with a laugh. “Everyone was close. The school was very active sportswise and socially too. We were very competitive, we’d travel all over for tournaments.”

Wilson said that she has compiled a list of over 2000 past students from LHS, many, however, have since passed away. In fact, in the five years since the last reunion, the LHS crew has sadly lost over 50 classmates.

Gone though they may be, they have certainly not been forgotten. According to Wilson, at the last reunion they held a memorial ceremony in front of their old school, now Lennoxville Elementary, and placed a plaque in their honor. This year, a park bench will be placed to go with the plaque in a memorial service on Saturday.

Though organizing reunions is not a small task, Wilson said the effort is more than worth it.

“It’s a lot of work, and often when the big day comes I’m more tired than I’d like to be,” she chuckled. “A lot of my class won’t be able to come, which is too bad, but it’s always nice to see everyone and reconnect with one another.”

The Lennoxville High School 2018 reunion has a website, www.lhsreunion2018.com. There, past students can register for the reunion (for a fee) and see pictures of the 2013 event. Don’t miss out- RVSP quickly!