

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES WINNER OF 2016 ESSAY CONTEST



The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Andrew S. Peterson (118,241,116,533,23) is the winner of the 2016 scholarship essay contest!

Andrew is currently a graduate student at North Dakota State University and a full-time Social Studies Teacher / Athletics

Cochair at Ashby Public Schools in Ashby, MN.

Besides classroom teaching, Andrew is involved in various community events and extracurricular activities for the Ashby Public Schools. He coaches Mock Trial, football, wrestling, and golf for his school while also serving as a Career Counselor, helping students make postsecondary decisions.

Andrew received his undergraduate degree as a Secondary Education/History major in May 2010 from Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN. He was a member of the Augsburg Wrestling Team (2006-2010) and was honored as a member of the Wrestling Team's Augsburg College Academic National Team. Some of Andrew's other achievements include serving as a Legislative Page at the Minnesota House of Representatives, competing in the Down-under International Games (Australia 2005), Team Captain and All-Conference selection for his football team (2005), and recognition as a member of his wrestling team (2005).

Andrew's essay included some personal family history, which many cousins along the (118,241,116,...) genealogical line may be familiar with. Here are some sections of his essay:

"My mother's name is Margaret Peterson (118,241,116,533,2) but her maiden name was Smith. She was an elementary school teacher in Royalton,

Minnesota for over thirty years. She is a mother of three and was always an active parent." "Margaret's mother, Nona Smith (118,241,116,533), is my grandmother. Nona was the third child of nine living siblings. Nona's maiden name was Bockovich and she lived in Mineral Center as a child. She was one of the last generations to grow up there. Mineral Center was part of the Grand Portage Indian Reservation and all non-native Americans were forced to leave. I attended the Linnell Family Reunion just a few years ago and had the chance to tour the old homestead. It is a ghost town now, but Nona shared several fond memories from her childhood as we walked the old grounds together." Andrew describes his Grandmother, Nona Smith as "one of the most impressive women I have ever met." She is close to 100 years young and according to Andrew, "she never stops moving. She is a daily regular at the Senior Center and even works the phone every Tuesday." "Many of Nona's descendants describe her as a fun-loving prankster. Many of the stories describe her as being young at heart. She has always been willing to go hiking or head to the lake. Her door is always open and she is one of the most sincere people when she asks how life is." "My favorite cookies are hers and she always has them right next to her door. She is a huge Minnesota Twins fan and I know that I can always call her if I need a scouting report." "Nona has lived her entire life on the North Shore and doesn't like to leave it. Since her husband died in 1970, Nona has lived independently and has raised five children."

"Nona's mother was Theresa Bockovich (118,241,116,53) but her maiden name was Linnell. Born and raised in Wisconsin, she moved as a teenager to Mineral Center. Theresa lived a rugged life at Mineral Center before they moved to the now famous Bockovich Farm when she was thirty six. I call the farm famous because it is a popular photograph destination for the Northern Lights. I personally have fond memories of the farm as we always gathered there for Independence Day. I always looked forward to seeing all the animals and swinging in the hay barn. I can hardly fathom how she raised so many children in one of the harshest climates in the United States. My grandmother tells stories of her toughness and describes her with great pride."

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

by Jerry Linnell

Greetings, cousins.

Tis time to tell you a little about what the LFA steering committee has been doing and what we are looking to accomplish in the near future. I think all of its members would say that one of our top efforts has been to find a cousin who will offer to take on the newsletter position. My daughter Katie Linnell Breiner has stepped in for us the last two publications but now, with baby No. 2 on the way, she has advised us that she will no longer be able to work with us further in this truly important endeavor.

(BULLETIN: Just received word that my daughter Heather Linnell Spina will be stepping in for her sister as the newsletter editor so that is good news.)



We also have the position of Secretary open on the committee and will be looking to find a volunteer to help us.

I know the question is: What work is involved and how much time is needed. The secretary position

involves keeping minutes of important decisions by the steering committee in its phone conferences, which occur probably six times a year. And then of course that person along with the many other committee members attends the previous year's (2017, e.g.) reunion planning meeting and then the LFA reunion itself the following year.

As I have said repeatedly over the years, the steering committee positions are paid well; however, it seems that all of the members want to give it all back to the association, thus saving us many, many dollars. I know once somebody offers to fill my position as chair I will go out a very rich man – new Pings, guys, new Pings.

Also, as you may know, we have determined that the 2018 reunion will be on the west coast but we yet have not found a setting that would enable us to put on our triennial event. Any suggestions by any of you cousins will be greatly appreciated. Time is of the essence in this regard as our planning meeting would take place fairly early in 2017.

At this time in this writing, because of my efforts to cajole one or more of you into joining our steering committee team, I again take this opportunity to thank the steering committee members who have given of their time so generously over the years. I just don't know that the association would survive without some of these very kind and generous cousins – all in an effort to continue the work of our dear founder Rachel Wynn. We must not let her down; I know it is a fond wish of hers that we keep the association alive and well. So again I plead with you to find some time in your busy schedule to take on some of the workload of the steering committee.

Before I bid you adios, I extend a thank you also to Paul Linnell, Jr., who is now working assiduously to put together a west coast reunion in July of this year. And to Doug Roberts who is travelling from Texas to Oregon to attend the event. Paul and Doug, we want to hear from you about the gathering of our west coast cousins.

Gosh, I get on a roll and type forever, but now I will close with a wonderful thought, that is, of going to God's country – the North Shore of Lake Superior and Grand Marais, MN – for our yearly Pike Lake music party. I am sure Bonnie Featherstone would agree with me when I say that we hope to see you on Friday, August 12th for a fun evening of catching up and good music and singing.

Safe travels in the summer months, gang. Love to all of you.

Jerry

PS See you on Facebook? Talk to or contact Lori Linnell about it.

LINNELL FAMILY RECORD UPDATE

Birth Announcements

Aubrey Paige Linnell 117,7-10-1,435,112,3

Born to Jesse Allen Linnell 117,7-10-1,435,112 and Lindsey Linnell on May 9th 2016 in Concord, MA

Luke Julian Hartgrove (RWL 118,241,116,231,311,3)



Rachel Celeste Roberts Hartgrove (RWL 118,241,116,231,311) and Matthew Hartgrove announce the birth of their son Luke Julian Hartgrove (RWL 118,241,116,231,311,3). Luke was born Tuesday May 3rd at Baylor hospital in Dallas, TX. He weighed 10 lbs, 4 oz and was 22 inches long. Yes, we grow big babies

here in Texas. Luke, his mother, father, and sisters are doing well. Grandpa Doug Roberts (RWL 118,241,116,231,31) and great grandpa Glen Roberts (RWL 118,241,116,231,3) are ecstatic. The middle name Julian is in honor of his paternal great grandfather. It also happens to be the middle name of his great-great grandfather, Lyman Julien Roberts (RWL 118,241,116,231).

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“Theresa’s father, my great-great grandfather, Peter Linnell (118,241,116,5), was one of the original homesteaders. He played a major role in bringing the Linnell family to the North Shore of Minnesota. Peter came to Grand Portage area aboard the famous Lake Superior passenger boat, America, which can still be viewed at its final resting place just off the shores of Isle Royale. Peter was one of the original homesteaders of the Mineral Center area and was known for running the general store. Nona’s fondest memory of Peter and the general store was his pet bear he kept at the store.”

Andrew is obviously proud of his family’s history. We wish him congratulations on his winning essay and good luck in the years ahead.

CORRECTION WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

New LFA Life Time member should read “Maria Linnell Murphy, Lewisberry, PA”.

THE LINNELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Steering Committee 2016 The purposes of the Association are to promote fellowship among Linnell Family members through reunions, the publication of the Linnell Family Newsletter, and the preservation of family records.

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The graphic features the word "thank" in a large, elegant, black cursive font. Below it, the word "YOU" is written in a bold, black, hand-drawn style font. The text is flanked by two symmetrical, black line-art illustrations of leafy branches with small leaves. A long, thin, curved line extends from the top of the "thank" word across the top of the graphic.

We want to thank all of you that are supporting the Linnell Family Association (LFA)
by renewing your 2016 LFA Annual Membership Dues.

We also want to thank and welcome our new LFA Life Time member, **Amy Hall,**
Framingham, MA. Many thanks for your support.