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2017 RODEO & REUNION WEEKEND JUNE 16, 17, & 18

Honoring Classes Ending 2 & 7

THE ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL REUNION WEEKEND COINCIDES WITH THE RODEO DAYS CELEBRATION, PROVIDING A TIME WHEN ALUMNI CAN GATHER TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS AND ENJOY OUR HOMETOWN CELEBRATION.

Wednesday, June 14: Set up for banquet, 6:00pm, High School Gymnasium.

Thursday, June 15: Little Miss Estelline, 7:00 pm, Gazebo Park. Set up for rodeo at rodeo grounds.

Friday, June 16: 9:00 am ~ Golf Fundraiser at Lake Region Golf Course, 18 holes, cart, lunch courtesy of Estelline Coop Grain and Land 'O Lakes, hole in one prizes courtesy of Skoglund Insurance, \$55. Jason Skovlund, 605-695-6032 (sheik555@yahoo.com); Jameson Clarke, 605-690-3739; Tom Clarke, 605-690-7783 (clarke@itctel.com); or Andy Hansen, 605-695-5386.

11:00 am to 1:00 pm ~ Reliabank Hot Dog Days

3:00 pm ~ Ice Cream Social and musical entertainment, Gazebo Park

6:00 pm ~ Dakota Thunder Drill Team, Queen and Princess Coronation, and Rodeo

9:00 pm ~ Firemen's Street Dance follows Rodeo, Music by HickTown Mafia

Saturday, June 17: 7:00 am ~ Gazebo Gallop Registration begins at City Library

 $8:00 \text{ am} \sim \text{Gazebo Gallop 5K}$ and one mile fun run. James Benning, James.Benning@k12.sd.us, 605-873-2341, Tracy Struwe, 605-873-2171 or Tracy.Struwe@k12.sd.us, \$15 includes t-shirt

10:00 am ~ Parade (Contact person Michaelle Gilbertson 605-690-4394)

11:00 am to 2:00 pm \sim Show and Shine Car Show, Main Street (Contact person Trish Schwartz 605-690-1299). Alumni encouraged to bring your high school cars or cars you have redone.

11:30 pm ~ Registration for Alumni Banquet begins with serving to start at 12:30 pm, High School Gym 6:00 pm ~ Dakota Thunder Drill Team and Rodeo

Sunday, June 18: 7:00 am to 12:30 pm ~ Pancake Feed at Legion Hall

BIRTHS

Oct. 21, 2015 ~ girl, Emery Marie to Kaitlyn and JAKE KIL-LORAN (2004) of Sioux Falls. Grandparents are Nancy and DOUG LINNEMAN (77) and great-grandparents are SHIRLEY (LAMBERG 45) and Don Linneman, all of rural Castlewood.

Dec. 17, 2015 ~ girl, Abigail Lynn, adopted by Derrick and Renae Ost on Jan. 22, 2017. Grandparents are Denny and RON WULF (79) of Kulm, ND.

May 9, 2016 ~ girl, Charlotte Rae to Tavin and Caitlyn Sonnenburg; joins sister Ayra. Grandparents are Lisa and **TODD SONNENBURG (81)** of Minneota, MN. Great-grandparents are Judy and **LEROY SONNENBURG (62)** of Estelline.

June 27 ~ boy, Bodyn Jay to LACEY (WARD 2007) and JER-EMY BACHMAN (teacher) of Estelline; joins brother Braeyn. Grandparents are Patti and MIKE WARD (73), Estelline.

June 29 ~ boy, Waylon James to Catherine and RYAN JOHN-SON (attended w/2000) of Yankton; joins siblings Blake and Laney. Grandparents are Gladys and ERROL JOHNSON (retired superintendent) of Yankton.

June 30 ~ girl, Quinn Damaris to Kaye and REID SQUIRES (2003) of Elkton; joins brother Ryder.

July 25 ~ girl, Emersyn Leigh to Scott and Danielle Reeves; joins sisters Harper and Kennedy. Grandparents are AMY (NELSON 84) and Brian Shimon of Havelock, IA.

July 26 ~ girl, Magdalena July to CARA DELZER (2000) and Andrew Stadlen of San Francisco, CA; joins brother Sullivan. Grandparents are Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal) of rural Lake Norden.

Aug. 3 ~ girl, Taisley Hope to Megan Kuipers and COREY FUGERE (2006) of Estelline; joins sister Skyler and Angel Easton

Aug. 15 ~ boy, Ayden James to STEPHANIE (TEKRONY 2007) and Sean Estenson, Fargo, ND. Grandparents include RITA (BERWALD 82) and Eli Hofer, Estelline.

Aug. 17 ~ girl, Halli Ann to Megan and Nolan Wiese; joins siblings Cooper and London. Grandparents are LIZETTE (DEVILLE 83) and Dennis Aanenson and great-grandma is VYE (JANSSEN 46) DeVille Callesen, all of Sioux Falls.

Sept. 21 ~ twin boys, Logan Allen and Landon Joseph, to **JENNIFER** (**SAATHOFF 2002**) and Joel Zweep of Garretson, joins sisters Jordyn, Avery, and Kinley. Grandpa is **RUSS SAATHOFF** (73) of Estelline.

Oct. 2 ~ girl, Ellie Marie to Chad and Cyndi Hengel. Grandparents are **ROSE** (GILLIGAN 75) and Ron Hengel, all of Rollingstone, MN.

Oct. 8 ~ boy, Aiden Gamora to Michelle and ANDREW GORDER (2002) of Dubai. Grandparents are Lynette and DUANE GORDER (74) of Estelline.

Oct. 23 ~ boy, Maverick James to JESSICA (HORMANN 2004) and Mark Tesch of Watertown.

Oct. 24 ~ girl, Lydia Marie to Emily and JORDAN ECKERT (2008) of Estelline; joins sister Maci.

Nov. 6 ~ boy, Brody Winston to HOPE (BOHN 94) and Jason Elbert of Big Stone; joins siblings Tyler, Trent and Leland and Angels Trevor and Brooke.

Nov. 14 ~ girl, Bryer Ann to **HILARY (GORDER 2009)** and Austin Suther. Grandparents are **ANN (retired teacher) and MIKE GORDER (77)**, all of Estelline.

Dec.9 ~ boy, Landry Matthew to **HOLLY (SAATHOFF 2001)** and Matthew Tasker; joins siblings Lincoln and Leighton. Grandparents are **BETTY (SEEKLANDER 74)** and Lenny Saathoff, all of Estelline.

Dec. 22 ~ girl, Madelynn Jo to Jourdan and Tommy Torok; joins brother Carson. Grandparents are **LIZETTE** (**DEVILLE** 83) and Dennis Aanenson and great-grandma is **VYE** (**JANSSEN** 46) DeVille Callesen, all of Sioux Falls.

Dec. 28 ~ girl, Jaelynn Ann to CAMILLE (GILLIGAN 2002) and RALLAND JANSSEN (84), rural Castlewood; joins siblings, Raechel, Grayson, and Coltynn. Grandparents are DONNA (FOSTER 83) and Scott Thomspon, MINDY (NICOLA 79) and BOYD GILLIGAN (81) and greatgrandpa is KENNETH FOSTER (58), all of Estelline.

Dec. 30 ~ girl, Tessa Jo to Geona and JOHN KRAUSE (2008); joins sister Hope. Grandparents are SHERRI (MOORE 85) and GARRY KRAUSE (81), all of Estelline. Jan. 6, 2017 ~ girl, Cora Jean to Zach and Melissa Lorenzen. Grandparents are SHEILA (COLBERG 77) and Doug Gerhold, Castlewood. Great-grandparents are Shirley and EARL COLBERG (50) of Estelline.

Jan. 8 ~ boy, Levi Reid to RACHEL (LINNEMAN 2005) and Todd Swanson, Brookings. Grandparents are SUSAN (SWIFT 72) and DAVE LINNEMAN (71), rural Bruce. Greatgrandparents are SHIRLEY (LAMBERG 45) and Don Linneman, rural Castlewood.

Jan 24 ~ girl, Reagan Marie to Jessica and Reid Strain, Maple Grove, MN; joins brother Gavin. Grandparents are Sandy and BRYAN PEDERSEN (83) of Hayti. Great-grandparents are Darlene Pedersen and BOB HUTT (58) of Estelline.

Feb. 2 ~ boy, Bryston Paul to Leah and Brandon Hope, Volga; joins brother Westin. Grandparents are Evelyn and **LARRY BAKKE** (73), Estelline.

Feb. 21 ~ boy, Layton Neal to Kendra and JUSTIN PITTS (elementary principal), Brookings; joins brother Westin. March 8 ~ boy, Kipp Robert to Jo and Gene Acker, Thornton, CO; joins brother Keith. Grandparents are BARB (PETERSON 69) and Keith Bullock, Brookings. March 14 ~ girl, Gracelynn Elizabeth to Stephanie and ROG-ER BEARE (2000) of Estelline; joins brother McQuade. March 21 ~ boy, Carson Todd to ELIZABETH (MILLER 2007) and John Waring of Miller; joins sister Samantha. Grandparents are Tammy and BRETT MILLER (83) and great-grandparents are GEORGIA (OVEROCKER 61) and Don Miller, all of Estelline.

The Estelline High School Band has been busy fundraising for their May 2017 trip to New York City and Washington D.C. They will travel by bus, leaving May 24 and returning to Estelline May 31. For many Estelline Band students, this experience is a once in-a-lifetime trip. In addition to performing on the trip, the student-musicians will visit many historical sites, attend a Broadway show, and attend the Memorial Day concert at the National Mall. If you would like to make a donation toward the May 2017 Band trip, please make your check payable to EHS Band, PO Box 326, Estelline, SD 57234. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Membership in the Estelline Alumni
Association is open to all persons who
attended elementary or high school in Estelline
and anyone who is interested in the
betterment of the school and community.

CLASS NOTES

DAVID EBBERS (80) has been named president of Reliabank and will now be located in Watertown to oversee all of the Reliabank locations. Ebbers joined Reliabank in 1994 and had been serving as president in Estelline.

GLENN INTVELD (1999), VP/Ag Lender at Reliabank Estelline, has been promoted to branch manager in Estelline. IntVeld joined Reliabank in 2007.

Chief Master Sargeant JIM CARSON (84) retired after 30 years in the U.S. Air Force. He resides at Mascoutah, IL, outside Scott Air Force Base.

JAMIE LANTGEN (2004) graduated from the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy in March 2016. He currently serves the citizens of Hamlin County as a deputy sheriff.

TODD FOSTER (82) was named 2017 Assistant Principal of the Year by the South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals. Todd is the assistant principal at George Mickelson Middle School in Brookings.

GRADUATIONS

CHEZNI RANG (2012) ~ University of Minnesota/Duluth ~ Social Work. Chezni is now attending Augsburg College, Minneapolis, to earn her Master's in Social Work.

ALAINA STRUWE (2011) ~ University of North Dakota ~ Kinesiology

BRANDON FOSTER (2004) ~ Sioux Falls Seminary ~ Master of Divinity

ERIN BEGALKA (2014) ~ Lake Area Technical Institute ~ Agriculture

LINDSEY GROON (2013) ~ Lake Area Technical Institute ~ Physical Therapist Assistant

BROOKE BEGALKA (2012) ~ Oklahoma State University ~ Apparel Merchandising with a minor in Marketing. Brooke is a product development assistant in sweaters at Anthropologie in Philadelphia, PA.

MEGAN TAYLOR (2012) ~ University of Minnesota/ Crookston ~ Animal Science

JORDAN BUSCH (2011) ~ South Dakota State University ~ Sociology major with a minor in Criminal Justice

NATASHA LUCHTENBURG (2010) ~ University of South Dakota ~ Master's degree in Technology in Education. Tasha is teaching Kindergarten at Flandreau Elementary School.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

BETTY SEEKLANDER (74) and Lenny Saathoff of Estelline celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2, 2016.

JOAN (**TEKRONY 54**) and Lyle Bjorklund of Volga celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7, 2016.

WEDDINGS

and BYRON HENDRICKSON (84) of Estelline, and Brooke Keenan were married Sept. 3, 2016. Mitchell is a graduate of Wyoming Tech. They make their home in Sioux Falls. JENNIFER REITAN (1999) and Anne Klimek-Jones were married Dec. 31, 2016 in Omaha, NE where they make their home. Jennifer is a Field Consultant for CCC Information Services of Chicago, IL. Anne is a Creative Presentation Special-

MITCHELL HENDRICKSON (2011), son of Mary Beth

DEATHS

LEO MCGUIRE (50) died Sept. 20, 2105.

ist at Gordman's home office in Omaha.

Norman Zafft, husband of **CHARLOTTE (VENEKLASEN 52)** of Estelline, died July 11, 2016 at the Brookings Hospital. Services were July 15 at Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, all in Estelline.

William "Bill" Angle, husband of **LOIS** (**NELSON 57**) of Volga, died July 11, 2016 in Sioux Falls. Services were held July 19 at First Lutheran Church, Volga.

RICK GOEHRING (71) died July 15, 2016 in Orlando, FL.

KAREN (PAPKA 58) Mohan died Aug, 16, 2016 at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center. Services were held Aug. 20 at Trinity Lutheran Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, all in Estelline.

DORLA (LINNEMANN 48) Alseike of Wichita, KS died Dec. 6, 2017. Services were held at Reformation Lutheran Church on Dec. 10.

OLIVER "O.J." NICHOLAS (former teacher/coach) died peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 8, 2016 in Huron. Services were held Dec. 13 at the First United Methodist Church, Huron, with burial in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Watertown.

LORETTA (GRATZ 40) Lentz died Dec. 20, 2016 at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center. Services were held Dec. 27 at St. Francis deSales Catholic Church with burial in the church cemetery, all in Estelline.

MUREL COULTER (52) died Jan. 26, 2017. Services were held Feb. 18 at Faith Lutheran Church in Marysville, WA. Lyndon Hoseck, husband of CHERYL (PETERSON 64), died Feb. 12, 2017 at Sanford Clear Lake Medical Center. Services were held Feb. 21 at First Presbyterian Church in Canby, MN with burial at a later date at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, rural Estelline.

JANICE (FREESEMANN 60) Huber died March 3, 2017 at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center after a short battle with leukemia. Services were held March 7 at the Estelline School Gymnasium with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

DARLENE (MIDDLETON 56) Allen died March 29, 2017

in Watertown. Services were held April 3 at Geise Funeral Chapel in Estelline.

The Estelline School District recently set up a Facebook page to post school happenings. By searching Estelline School District, one can expect a page that gives students and teachers recognition, promotes events and activities, and celebrates the school.

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT COMPLETED

The recent collaboration between the Estelline School and the Estelline Alumni Association to put more technology into the classroom has come to fruition. With the help of alumni donors, the Estelline School District purchased 60 iPads, cases, and screen protectors. Each student in grades K-2 has been assigned a tablet for the year. During the course of fundraising, changes to the project were made when the school board was able to make purchases for technology in the upper grades. "As a staff, we discussed our needs in terms of technology and where the money could be best utilized.' said Sharon F. Delzer Elementary Principal Justin Pitts.

Pitts said the iPads have many uses, especially in the Accelerated Reading Program. They also use them in grades 1 and 2 for STAR Reading/Math testing which gives quick snapshots of academic growth throughout the year. Kindergarten has shown a correlation between phonetic awareness and the use of iPads. They're also used for math, sight words, and spelling. "Technology isn't a cure all but anything we can do to keep students engaged is great," Pitts said. Second grade teacher Shawnalisa Reed said, "Students are responsible for keeping their iPad charged and putting it back on the correct spot on the shelf." Lisa Hausman, kindergarten teacher added, "The iPads are easy for the students to handle and navigate to the set apps individually" while she works with another group.

"We're very appreciative of the Estelline Alumni and all the donors. You have given our students a head start in their use of technology as it is a useful tool in their current and future education." ~ Justin Pitts

From top: First Grade, Second Grade, and Kindergarten







ALUMNI PROJECTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL

The Estelline Alumni Association is always ready to support projects that help the students and the school. With the help of members of the community, school administrators and school board members, several new projects have been identified from athletics to nutrition to drama and music. This provides our alumni with many opportunities to support their interests, their school, and their hometown. We will also continue to provide the avenue for donations to scholarships, Hillcrest Cemetery, Rural School Museum, and Reflections Memorial Park.

~ DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS ALLOWED BY LAW ~

Athletic Equipment:

As with everything, equipment and facilities also need to be updated. The school has identified three projects where funding would be appreciated. The South Dakota High School Activities Association voted to phase in the use shot clocks in both boys and girls basketball. Shot clocks were first used in Class AA, followed by Class A, and now will be used in Class B in the upcoming year. Repainting the lines on the track at Beckman Field

Two shot clocks ~ \$3,453
Repainting lines at the track ~ \$6,500
Football/Track Scoreboard ~ \$10,000 to \$12,000

 $5/pack \times 22 packs =$

was also recognized as a priority and needs to be done this summer. The scoreboard for football and track at Beckman Field has also reached the end of its life. The actual structure was installed when the field was built in 2000. Over the years, software and other updates have been made but now replacement parts are becoming obsolete.

BackPACH Program: People Against Child Hunger

Hunger is a huge health problem in the U.S., and researchers and advocates tell us the impact goes well beyond a child's stomach. Childhood hunger affects a student's health, academic performance and behavior. Hungry children don't perform as well in school, because they are not well-prepared and cannot concentrate. Malnutrition can have a detrimental impact on a child's ability to grasp basic skills and diminishes concentration and overall learning potential. In addition, hunger can result in behavioral issues—it can increase absences, tardiness and disciplinary actions—and it's also associated with a higher risk of suspension among older students.

The Estelline School District will be continuing a program to combat child hunger. The BackPACH program is dedicated to ensuring that students who may need an additional food resource over weekends during the school year receive a bag of food that is nutritious, child-friendly, and nonperishable. Included in the pack is breakfast, morning snack, lunch and an afternoon snack for each day of the weekend. Morgan Hanenberger, school counselor, and Justin Pitts, elementary principal, coordi-

nate the program. Cost of each bag of food is \$5.00 and approximately 22 bags of food per week are provided to Estelline students, although numbers can vary week to week. The program is a partnership between the Estelline, Hamlin and Castlewood school districts. The Hamlin School District orders all of the food and packing also happens at their school. Not only does this program combat childhood hunger, it provides a valuable opportunity for volunteers who are needed to pack the bags, many of them students in our district who need community service hours. Donations from individuals, businesses, community and faith-based organizations are appreciated.





The Estelline Alumni Association donated \$1,100 to help support the BackPACH Program. Vice President Jennifer Loban (center) presented the check to Mr. Pitts and Mrs. Hanenberger.

lumni Presents, a series that aims to provide educational opportunities in the school and community, will again be sponsoring the Dakota Players. Dakota Players provides a week long residency that will culminate in a musical production using up to 50 elementary children with suitable parts designed for every age, skill and experience level. The residency is designed to offer voung people the opportunity to learn in a dynamic, fun and challenging way. The musical is entitled "The Bard of Ballyfiddle" and will take place in Feb. 2018. Diana (Johnson) Calkins has applied for a grant through the SD Arts Council and is also seeking a donor or several donors to provide additional funding to cover costs. Donors can use this as an opportunity to honor a family member, friend, or teacher. Past donors have included the Family of Coletta Braet, the Family of Gloria (Rymerson) Johnson, and Calkins and her husband, Paul.



ong-time, loyal Redmen fans, Ralph and Donna Jean Schwartz of Estelline, were chosen as Grand Marshals to lead the 2016 Homecoming Parade last September. Ralph is a graduate of Brookings Ag School and Donna graduated from Bruce High School, but they have supported the Redmen since their marriage almost 68 years ago, rarely missing a sporting event. Their seven children all graduated from Estelline High School: Richard (1967), Kathleen (1969), Ronald (1970), Roger (1972), Karola (1973), Russell (1975), and Rex (1981). Roger's daughters, Cari and Carmen, graduated from EHS. Rex's children, Regan and Logan, presently attend Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School along with two of Ralph and Donna Jean's great-grandchildren, Peyton and Camden, Karola's grandchildren.

THANKYOU

RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM

In Memory of **DAVID TILLGREN** (61): WILMA TILLGREN (retired teacher)

In Memory of KAREN (PAPKA 58) Mohan: Tom and SHA-RON DELZER (retired elementary principal)

In Memory of HELIA TRAUTMAN (teacher): DR. JULIE GERBERDING (73)

In Memory of JIM FJERESTAD (64): MERVIN FJERESTAD (68)

In Memory of **DORLA** (**LINNEMANN 48**) Alseike: Tom and **SHARON DELZER** (retired elementary principal) In Memory of **MARCELLA** "PAT" GILLIGAN (28) John-

son: LEONE (OTTEN 50) Mix

In Memory of Rita Kerr: Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal

In Memory of Mary Skovlund: Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)

GALE NITTEBERG (68); PHYLLIS ARCHER (48); Bente and JIM ROTH (50); Beverly and TED BORSTAD (68); CARLENE (NELSON 67) and LARRY RUST (67); RAYMOND LUNDE (53)

REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK

GALE NITTEBERG (68); Bente and JIM ROTH (50); LINDA (COLBERG 71) and JOEL MULDER (71); CAR-LENE (NELSON 67) and LARRY RUST (67); RAYMOND LUNDE (53)

KHURUM LODGE SCHOLARSHIP

Bente and JIM ROTH (50)

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

Tianna and MIKE BEARE (94)

REUNIONS PLANNED

CLASS OF 1957 ~ Meet at the Community Center on Friday, June 16, at noon. Contact albertlang2016@gmail.com or 410-916-1765 (Albert Lang).

CLASS OF 1962 ~ Friday, June 16. Classmates will meet at Noon at the Pheasant Restaurant, South Main and 8th St., Brookings. Contact Marjean Goodroad-Nolan (760-567-9476) or Charlotte Spade-Goldstein by email: charspade@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1967 ~ Contact person is Linda Oines Mannerud (605-690-1804).



Class of 1962 at the 50th reunion. Ready to celebrate the 55th!

CLASS OF 1972 ~ Meet at the ice cream social at Gazebo Park on Friday, June 16.

Class OF 1977 ~ Friday, June 16. Classmates will meet at Mike and Ann Gorder's home, 530 Northridge Rd, Estelline, at 5:30 pm. Bring your own lawn chair and your own hard liquor. Tap beer, pop, ice, cups, and water will be furnished. Chips, dips, and miscellaneous finger food will be served. RSVP to Jim Bakke (605-520-5459 or 605-886-9551), Mike Gorder (605-690-7123) or Sheila Colberg Gerhold (605-881-8770). Ideas are needed for a float for the parade. Steve Johnson in charge. CLASS OF 1997 ~ Ryan Bevers has started a class Facebook page. Details being worked out.

CLASS OF 2007 ~ Friday, June 16. Classmates will meet at Emily Warne Schaefer's house, 606 Gould Ave East, Estelline for a potluck beginning at 5 pm. Bring your own drinks and brats/burgers for grilling. Also bring yard or card games and an extra lawn chair if you have them.



GIFTS TO ALUMNI PROJECTS AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

PAULA (PAPKA 87) and Stuart Busch; Darvin and TRUDY MOBERG (retired 5th grade teacher); Dianne and GARY FOSTER (67); NAOMI (POPPEN 94) and DAVID COLBERG (87); GALE NITTEBERG (68); William and Elaine McAtee; Bente and JIM ROTH (50); Margareta and DARYL ALSEIKE (49); BEVERLY (MCCLARD 62) and Myron Petersen; Mary and DONALD BORSTAD (67); Lisa and DALE VENEKLASEN (89); Patt and DENNIS GER-MANN (former EHS principal); LINDA (COLBERG 71) and JOEL MULDER (71); TENNYSON FAMILY FOUN-**DATION (BONNIE NELSON 69, Mike, Sonja, Jerad, Kali** and Angel Jill); Beverly and TED BORSTAD (68); Vivian and **ROBERT HANSEN 68)**; Patt and DENNIS GERMANN (former high school principal); KAREN (BARNES 70) and James Petros; Jacalyn and KEVIN KALSBECK (90); JEANNE (DAVIS 49) Forman; CARLENE (NELSON 67) and LARRY RUST (67); RAYMOND LUNDE (53); MARLYS (SMITH 54) Marlow

In Memory of Norm Zafft: SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and DENNIS EISNACH (54); Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal); DELREAN (VOHLKEN 71) Gilligan; CHARLOTTE (VENEKLASEN 52) Zafft; Shirley and MARTY BEEKMAN (53); MAUREEN GILLIGAN (60) and Jim Barnwell

In Memory of KAREN (PAPKA 58) Mohan: SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and DENNIS EISNACH (54); CLASS OF 1958; DIANA (JOHNSON 90) and Paul Calkins; AMAINE (MOHAN 58) and GARY JOHNSON (66)

In Memory of LORETTA (GRATZ 40) Lentz: Family of LORETTA LENTZ; DELORES (HORSWILL 40) Antonen; MAUREEN (GILLIGAN 60) and Jim Barnwell; Sue Gorder; CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78)

In Memory of **GERALDINE** (**ELLEFSON 48**) Christianson: Harold Christianson

In Memory of MARTY BEEKMAN (53): MERLAINE (BEEKMAN 49) Eisnach

In Memory of MARCELLA "PAT" (GILLIGAN 28) Johnson: TAMMY (VANDYKHORST 83) and ROBERT GILLIGAN (72); DELREAN (VOHLKEN 71) Gilligan; Jim and MAUREEN (GILLIGAN 60) Barnwell; ROSIE (GILLIGAN 75) and Ron Hengel; CAROL (GILLIGAN 62) and Glen Olson

In Memory of MUREL COULTER (52): CLASS OF 1952; CHARLOTTE (VENEKLASEN 52) Zafft

In Memory of HELIA TRAUTMAN (teacher): DR JULIE GERBERDING (73)

In Memory of RICK GOEHRING (71): Cindy and ROBERT ELLSWORTH (71)

In Memory of RONOLD FOSTER (55): MARLENE SEEK-LANDER (80); CONNIE (WINKELMAN 87) and SCOTT WARD (89); DeeAnne and GREG MILLER (80); ANN (retired teacher) and MIKE GORDER (77); BEVERLY (GILES 54) Ross; DIANA (JOHNSON 90) and Paul Calkins; LORRI (COLBERG 78) and STEVE JOHNSON (77); Gladys and ERROL JOHNSON (retired superintendent); Lisa and ABBY LICHT (2012); Dan and Jackie Skordahl; Mike Kjenstad Family; LeeAnne and Jay Dufek; ROXANE (ROSSMAN 77) and TIM CLARKE (76); Lisa and ERVIN GEBHART (former teacher); HARRIET (JOHNSON 56) and DON SCOTT (57); CINDY (GORDER 74) and Terry Sundvold; Gary and Jeanie Kjenstad; Mary Saathoff; MIL-DRED (RUNGE 55) and Robert Kilborn; JUDY (OINES 72) and DAN NORMAN (69); DELREAN (VOHLKEN 71) Gilligan; SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and DENNIS EIS-NACH (54); Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal); JANET (NORMAN 78) and Reed Caldwell; WANDA (WHEELHOUSE 73) and Larry Poppe; AMY (NELSON 84) and Brian Shimon; VICKI (MULDER 64) and GARY WATTNEM (64); LINDA (WATT 67) and LaVerne Mennenga; CYNDI JOHNSON (65); Cindy and ROGER KALSBECK (72); Shirley and MARTY BEEK-MAN (53); NANCY (LINNEMAN 80) and MARK HAUS-MAN (78); Judy Ritchie; Lori Mennis; Greg and Jennifer Starnes; Brad and Francel Graham; Kay and CLEYON MULDER (54); MAUREEN (GILLIGAN 60) and Jim Barnwell

HILLCREST CEMETERY

In memory of Charles and Elsie Cook and Verle and Lorraine Janssen: Karen and CLAYTON COOK (60)
In memory of Alvin and Gertie Hansen: Vivian and ROBERT

HANSEN (68)

In memory of CAROL (BROWN 73) Geringer: Nancy and RONALD BROWN (57)

KAY (CARNAHAN 52) Martin; HARRIET (PEYTON 49) and BILL SCHMIDT (49); JOAN (TEKRONY 54) and Lyle Bjorklund; GALE NITTEBERG (68); ARNOLD GORDER (58); PHYLLIS ARCHER (48); DUANE RASMUSSEN (62); Bente and JIM ROTH (50); Karen and JIM SELKEN (64); Mary and ROBERT SCHEETZ (51); Mary and DONALD BORSTAD (67); CAROL (GILLIGAN 62) and Glen Olson; Lisa and DALE VENEKLASEN (89); LINDA (COLBERG 71) and JOEL MULDER (71); LEROY MUSOLF (62); BONNIE (LEE 55) Wakeman; Beverly and TED BORSTAD (68); CARLENE (NELSON 67) and LARRY RUST (67)

GAZEBO GALLOP: Run or walk for Taisley and Noah

The Gazebo Gallop 5K and 1-mile fun run/walk is set for Saturday, June 17, at 8am. All proceeds from this year's event will be donated to Noah Knotts and Taisley Fugere. Registration information is on page one of the newsletter. The entry form is also found below. A t-shirt will be given to each entrant who pre-registers.



Taisley Hope, daughter of Megan Kuipers and **COREY FUGERE** (2006) of Estelline, was born on Aug. 3, 2016 at 24 weeks. She weighed 15.5 oz. Due to her early arrival and small size, she was placed in the NICU to help support her underdeveloped lungs and to help her grow. Taisley was in the NICU for a little over 5 months. The first two months, she could not be held and could only be touched using firm pressure for short periods of time. During her time in the NICU, she overcame many obstacles, including two eye surgeries and one bowel surgery. Taisley came home Jan. 12, 2017. Since being home she has returned to the hospital for another bowel surgery and for RSV. Due to her eye surgeries and being diagnosed with microphthalmis (small eye) of her right eye we are unsure how much vision she has. She will be getting contacts to help bring things into focus for her. Taisley continues to have a long journey ahead of her due to issues with lungs, eyes and reaching milestones that will cause her ongoing doctor visits. We are constantly in awe of far she has come, and what she is capable of doing.



Noah David, son of **VERONICA** (**BREMMON 2005**) and Phillip Knotts of Sioux Falls, was born March 10, 2016. A newborn hearing screening, which is standard for all newborn babies, was performed in the hospital. He failed his screening but about half of all babies fail the test initially; many will pass it later. When Noah was 3 weeks old, an audiologist performed a second test called an OAE, which he also failed. Another test, called an ABR, which required him to be asleep while little electrodes on his head measured his brain's response to auditory stimuli, was performed. This test confirmed that Noah is severely-profoundly deaf. At around 2 months old, Noah was fitted for hearing aids. You could see an immediate response from him. While he does not have full hearing with the aids, they do improve his hearing. Unfortunately, a lot of the hearing tests, ear molds, and hearing aids themselves are not covered by insurance. The ear molds need to be replaced as he grows so that they continue to fit snug in his ears. The molds cost up to \$95 per mold and we have replaced them 4 times in his first year. The lifespan of

his hearing aids is about four years, and cost over \$4500 for the pair. We decided that we wanted to have him keep using hearing aids and American Sign Language. We have been enjoying learning ASL for the past 6 months and Noah already uses a few signs. The SD School for the Deaf has been very helpful to us with providing ASL classes and an Outreach Consultant to answer any questions we may have. Attending events from the school has also helped us meet other families in similar situations.

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