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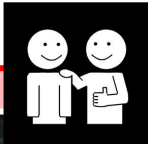
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**ALUMNI "PAT ON THE BACK"**



**Joan (TeKrony 54) Bjorklund** (above) started playing organ in the Estelline Christian Reformed Church in 1950 until moving to Volga where she continues to accompany Sunday worship services at the Volga Christian Reformed Church. Yes, that is 68 years of sharing her talents! Estelline Mayor **Don Zafft (65)** served on "pooper scooper" duty at the end of the parade held on Rodeo and Reunion Days. We salute both of you with an Alumni "Pat on the Back!"

## CLASS NOTES

**JAMES BAKKE (77)** of Watertown retired May 8, 2017 after 35 years of service as a motor carrier inspector for the State of South Dakota.

**BRET BUCK (former teacher)** of Bryant was named the Girls Basketball Official of the Year by the NFHS Officials Association at the 2017 State Girls Basketball Tournament.

## WEDDINGS

**MELISSA ZEMLICKA (2009)** and Derek Nelson were married April 15, 2017 at the Tabor Lutheran Church, Stranburg, SD. Melissa is employed at Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown as a Claims Specialist. Derek is a farmer. They make their home in Milbank.

## BIRTHS

Feb. 28, 2017 ~ boy, Cohett Lee to Joe and Kirsten Hutt. Grandparents are David and Mavis Hutt and great-grandparents are Helen and **DON HUTT (54)**, all of Boyd, MN.

April 10 ~ boy, Maverick Robert-John to **KELSEY (WARD 2004)** and Ben Fujan, Sioux Falls. Grandparents are **KIM (WERMERS 79)** and **SHON WARD (80)** of Estelline.

April 19 ~ boy, Connor Lee to **CHRISTY (RUNIA 2001)** and Steve VanHeerde of Estelline; joins siblings Riley, Leah, and Bailey.

April 27 ~ girl, Hannah Mae to Amber and **RUSTY BRANDSRUD (2001)** of Estelline; joins siblings Allison and Tanner. Grandparents are **DEB (DEBOER 79)** and **WADE BRANDSRUD (81)** of Estelline.

May 4 ~ boy, Lawson Allen to **LINDSEY (FUGERE (2004))** and Landon Vetter of Castlewood; joins siblings Liyah and Laken.

May 11 ~ girl, Willa Marie to Chanda and **ERIC KLINKER (97)**; joins brother Max.

May 25 ~ girl, Taya Jo to Kelsey and **ANDY HANSEN (2004)**, Estelline; joins siblings Aiden and Tenley. Grandparents are Ellen and **KEN HANSEN (73)**, Estelline.

June 5 ~ boy, Declan John to Kaitlynn and **JAKE KILLORAN (2004)** of Sioux Falls; joins sister Emery. Grandparents are Nancy and **DOUG LINNEMAN (77)** and great-grandparents are **SHIRLEY (LAMBERG 45)** and Don Linneman, all of Castlewood.

June 5 ~ girl, Allie Mae to Allison and **JESSE SAATHOFF (2007)** of Estelline; joins sister Becca. Grandparents are **BETTY (SEEKLANDER 74)** and Lenny Saathoff, Estelline.

June 13 ~ boy, Carson Orris to Leslie and **ZACH BUSCH (2007)** of Mankato, MN. Grandparents are **PAULA (PAPKA 87)** and Stuart Busch, Estelline. Great-grandparents are **MAUREEN (LINNEMAN 68)** and John Radtke of Brookings and **DENNIS PAPKA (68)** and Connie Glines of Estelline.

June 13 ~ boy, Bennett Brandon to Kelsi and Brandon Houge, Huron. Grandparents are Tammy and **JEFF FOSTER (80)**, Watertown, and great-grandma is **JEANETTE (HUTT 56)** Foster of Estelline.

July 4 ~ girl, Caydee Jo to Caitlyn and **CODY STEFFENSEN (2011)** of rural Bruce. Grandparents are LeAnne and **TRACY JOHNSON (93)** of rural Bruce. Great-grandparents are **AMAINE (MOHAN 58)** and **GARY JOHNSON (66)** of Estelline.

## COLLEGE GRADUATIONS

### SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

**CECE GORDER (2012)** ~ Elementary Education; **DUSTY GORDER (2013)** ~ Ag and Biological Sciences;

**MIKAYLA (SAATHOFF 2012)** Langseth ~ Nursing; **TREVOR WARD (2013)** ~ Mechanical Engineering/Sustainable Energy; **ABIGAIL LICHT (2012)** ~ Nursing

### MITCHELL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

**NATALIE GORDER (2014)** ~ Agricultural Technology/Business

### AUSBURG COLLEGE

**CHEZNI RANG (2012)** ~ Master's in Social Work

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**AMBER ARCHER (2006)** ~ Nursing

### LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

**SAM WATT (2015)** ~ Agriculture; **BRETT VOHLKEN (2015)** ~ Diesel Technology; **ETHAN KURKA (2015)** ~ Precision Machining; **DEVIN BLACK (2008)** ~ Electronic Systems Technology and Robotics; **BENJAMIN BREMMON (2011)** ~ Robotics; **KELIN RANG (2015)** ~ Ag Production

## ANNIVERSARIES

Barb and **JIM LINNEMAN (55)** of Fort Dodge, IA celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6, 2017.

**MARILYN (JEFFERIS 63)** and Wayne Thue of Hayti celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8, 2017.

**LANA (SWEEN 67)** and **RONALD SAATHOFF (64)** of Estelline celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 26, 2017.

**JUDY (ANDERSON 51)** and Paul Hauffe of Sioux Falls celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 27, 2017.

**VICKI (MULDER 64)** and **GARY WATTNEM (64)** of Mason City, IA celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2, 2017.

## DEATHS

**KRISTI (COLBERG 82)** Dobbs of Twin Valley, MN died April 10, 2017. Services were held April 15 at Preston Christian Church with burial at Hillcrest Cemetery, Estelline. Riley Lee Malli, husband of **MARY LOU (GASPER 62)** of Arvada, WY, died May 8, 2017 at the Sheridan VA Medical Facility. He was buried on his ranch on the couple's 50th wedding anniversary.

**ROLAND RUST (67)**, husband of **CINDY (PAPKA 69)**, died May 11, 2017. Services were held May 16 at Trinity Lutheran Church with burial at Hillcrest Cemetery, Estelline.

**MARLYS (CUNNINGHAM 59)** Hoffelt Schutt died May 29, 2017 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls. Services were held June 2 at Eidsness Funeral Home in Brookings.

Lee Holden, husband of **ARLA (BROWN 63)** of Brookings, died June 23, 2017. Services were held June 29 at St. Francis deSales Catholic Church, Estelline.

**BETTY (BLUMEYER 53)** Juntunen died Aug. 5, 2017 at the Estelline Care Center. Funeral services were held Aug. 14 at St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watertown, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Estelline.

**BERTIL BRANDSRUD (56)** died Aug. 14, 2017 under hospice care. Funeral services were held Aug. 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Estelline.

**RUSSELL SEEKLANDER (68)** died Sept. 14, 2017 at the Avera Morningside Heights Care Center in Marshall, MN.





## ALUMNI PROJECTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In Memory of Jeanne Hausman: **LIZETTE (DEVILLE 83)** and Dennis Aanenson

In Memory of **DARLENE (MIDDLETON 56)** Allen: **HARRIET (JOHNSON 56)** and **DON SCOTT (57)**; **JOAN (STEWART 56)** and George Kjellsen

In Memory of **JAN (FREESEMANN 60)** Huber: Linda and **RON BEARE (64)**; **DIANA (JOHNSON 90)** and Paul Calkins

In Memory of **KRISTI (COLBERG 82)** Dobbs: **MARLENE SEEKLANDER (80)**; **TAMMY (VANDYKHORST 83)** and **ROBERT GILLIGAN (72)**; **SANDY (MOORE 88)** and **TIM WULF (82)**; **LISA (WARBORG 90)** and **MATT HAUSMAN (89)**

In memory of **TEACHER/COACH OLIVER J. NICHOLAS** and **THE BEEKMAN BOYS (BERNIE BEEKMAN 51, MARWIN BEEKMAN 52, MARTY BEEKMAN 53, and DARWIN BEEKMAN 53)**: Lynda and **DARWIN LUNDBERG (51)**

In Memory of **MARCELLA "PAT" (GILLIGAN 28)** Johnson: **LOIS (JOHNSON 46)** Wales

In Memory of **ROBERT WALES (40)**: **LOIS (JOHNSON 46)** Wales

In Memory of **DORLA (LINNEMANN 48)** Alseike: Marga and **DARYL ELSEIKE (49)**

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

In Memory of **RONOLD FOSTER (55)**: **RUSS SCHWARTZ (75)**; **LISA (WARBORG 90)** and **MATT HAUSMAN**

In Memory of Norm Zafft: **LISA (WARBORG 90)** and **MATT HAUSMAN**

In Memory of **MARLYS (CUNNINGHAM 59)** Hoffelt Schutt: Betty Veneklasen and Michelle and **KELLY VENEKLASEN (92)**

In Memory of **HELIA TRAUTMAN (teacher)**: **LARRY TRAUTMAN (61)**

Sharon and **DUANE BARNES (65)**; Gladys and **ERROL JOHNSON (former superintendent)**; **MAUREEN (LINNEMAN 68)** Radtke; **STEVE WATTNEM (67)**; **CINDY (PAPKA 69)** Rust; **RUSS KUEHN (66)**; **JEANNE (DAVIS 49)** Forman; **PHYLLIS ARCHER (48)**; **CYNDI JOHNSON (65)**; Elaine and **WILLIAM McATEE (contributor)**

## PAINING LINES

Patti and **MIKE WARD (73)**; **PAULA (PAPKA 87)** and Stuart Busch

In Memory of Arthur Gwynne: Patti and **MICHAEL WARD (73)**, **CARLA (FOSTER 77)** and **TOM CLARKE (78)**

In Memory of **KRISTI (COLBERG 82)** Dobbs: Patti and **MICHAEL WARD (73)**; **LIZETTE (DEVILLE 83)** and Dennis Aanenson

## FOOTBALL/TRACK SCOREBOARD

In Memory of **ROLAND RUST: MILDRED (RUNGE 55)** and Robert Kilborn

Mary and **DON BORSTAD (67)**; Karen and **GLEE MULDER (56)**; **RUSS SCHWARTZ (75)**; **PAUL WYCHOWSKI (former teacher)**; Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**

## SHOT CLOCKS

Karen and **GLEE MULDER (56)**; Kaitlyn and **JAKE KILLORAN (2004)**; Mary and **DON BORSTAD (67)**

## BACKPACH PROGRAM

Chanda and **ERIC KLINKER (97)**

In Memory of **JAN (FREESEMANN 60)** Huber: Patti and **MIKE WARD (73)**; **CARLA (FOSTER 77)** and **TOM CLARKE (78)**

In Memory of **KRISTI (COLBERG 82)** Dobbs: **CARLA (FOSTER 77)** and **TOM CLARKE (78)**

In Memory of **ROLAND RUST (67)**: **CARLA (FOSTER 77)** and **TOM CLARKE (78)**

## HILLCREST CEMETERY

**DELORES (HORSWILL 40)** Antonen; Helen and **DONALD HUTT (54)**; **STEVE WATTNEM (67)**; **BONNIE (PETERSON 65)** Fjerestad; Norma and **DARRYL GANTER (59)**; Mary and **DON BORSTAD (67)**; **ARNOLD GORDER (58)**; Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**; **CAROL (GILLIGAN 62)** and Glen Olson; **PHYLLIS ARCHER (48)**; **JOAN (TEKRONY 54)** and Lyle Bjorklund; Joan and **HARLEY SAATHOFF (53)**; **LADONNA (WATTNEM 69)** and **MIKE RASMUSSEN (68)**; **ROSALIE (SEEKLANDER 56)** Cook Ryan; **MARY ANN (LILJEGREN 64)** and Darwin Rector

In Memory of **ROLAND RUST (67)**: **VICKI (MULDER 64)** and **GARY WATTNEM (64)**; **JUDY (FENNIG 61)** and Richard Lagro

In Memory of Wayne Bjorklund: **SHERRY BJORKLUND (80)**

In Memory of Doris and Ray Fasbender: Bebe and **VERNON FASBENDER (53)**

In Memory of Charles and Elsie Cook and Verle and Lorraine Janssen: Karen and **CLAYTON COOK (60)**

In Memory of **PAT (COLBERG 75)** Hess and **KRISTI (COLBERG 82)** Dobbs: **LINDA (COLBERG 71)** and **JOEL MULDER (71)**

## RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM

**STEVE WATTNEM (67)**; Mary Ann and **PHIL FORCE (62)**; Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**; **PHYLLIS ARCHER (48)**; **LADONNA (WATTNEM 69)** and **MIKE RASMUSSEN (68)**

In Memory of **JAN (FREESEMANN 60)** Huber: Tom and **SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)**

In Memory of **KRISTI (COLBERG 82)** Dobbs: Tom and **SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)**

In Memory of **ROLAND RUST (67)**: Tom and **SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)**



# GOLFING & GALLOPING



**1st Flight Champs 2017 Golf Fundraiser:**  
James Benning (teacher), Su Benning, Nolan Clarke (2010) and Jameson Clarke (2004)

# PIES AND PARADES



At left: Phyllis Krenz Ohnstad (1952), Delores Horswill Antonen (1940), and Sheryl Smith Yrjanson (1954).  
Below: Ice Cream Social



**Gazebo Gallop Winners 2017:**  
(back) Bill Henrichsen, Boyd Brandsrud (91) Paul Peterson, Brock Rose; (middle) Zach Loomis (2018-overall 5K winner male), Jamie Foster Cronin (81) Hallee Cronin, Leannah TeKrony (2017-overall 5K female winner), Colleen Pedersen (86); (front) Hunter Steinhaus; unidentified; Macee Faehnrich; Heather Bergquist

Class of 2017  
Motto:  
**Chase your DREAMS but always know THE ROAD that leads you HOME**



Class of 1957 float



Mary Jane and Bob Foster (1979)

Proceeds from the Gazebo Gallop were donated to the families of (pictured below from left: Corey (2006), Megan and Taisley Fugere, and Phillip, Noah, and Veronica Bremmon Knotts (2005)



Neil Rasmussen (1962)



**Scholarship Recipients 2017 (from left):** Leannah TeKrony, Molly Watt, Kaitlyn Steffensen, Makensie Saathoff, and Cece Gorder







1967—Back row: Steve Kalsbeck, Larry Rust, Gary Foster, Steve Wattnem, Cheryl Mennenga Jongeling, Jim Watt, Don Borstad. Middle row: Rod Rust, Larry Dahl, Carlene Nelson Rust, Sherry Olson Walma, Diana Licht Buchholz, Lana Sween Saathoff, Linda Watt Mennenga. Front row: Kayleen Buchholz Hansen, Linda Linneman Hemmer, Susan Nelson Zafft, Jean Schnell Pletcher, Linda Oines Mannerud, Rita Morris Linneman.  
We had a class of 42 with 6 who have passed on so with 21 present it was great.

1977—Back row: Steve Johnson, Gale Swift Jordan, Sheila Colberg Gerhold, Curt DeBoer, Henry Nelson, Bob Boone. Front: Mike Gorder (kneeling), James Bakke, Roxane Rossman Clarke, Carla Foster Clarke, Myron Linneman, Russ Linneman, Mike Dahl. Also attending but absent from the photo were Doug Linneman and Dan McKay.



**REUNIONS**

1962—Back row: Arlene DeYoung Ihnen, Cedar Park, TX; David Bersagel, Onalaska, WI; Marlene Linneman Bauer, Beresford; Neil Rasmussen, Estelline; LeRoy Warborg, Estelline; Doug Foster, Santa Barbara, CA. Front: Carol Gilligan Olson, Minnesota City, MN; Marjean Goodroad-Nolan, Rancho Mirage, CA; and Charlotte Spade-Goldstein, Denver, CO.



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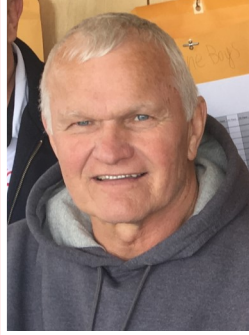
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 \_\_\_\_\_ ALUMNI PROJECTS \_\_\_\_\_ RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM  
 \_\_\_\_\_ REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK

The 2018 all-school reunion will be held at the Legion Hall after the parade on June 16. We will be serving grilled hamburgers, salads, chips, ice cream, and beverages. Everyone is welcome to attend. If your class wants to sit together, you are encouraged to make a reservation. Another newsletter will be mailed in April with all the final details!  
 \_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be attending the picnic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER attending



## Gordon Gross serves as Honorary Referee at 2017 Pat Gilligan-Alumni Track Meet

Gordon "Gordie" Groos was born and raised in Sisseton, SD. During high school, he participated in basketball, football, and track. Gordie attended Northern State College in Aberdeen where he played basketball and football. He received his BA degree in 1970 and then accepted a teaching position in Estelline. Mr. Groos also acted as an assistant coach in football and head coach of the boys basketball team. He left in 1976 to return to Sisseton where he taught until 1981. He then worked in the private sector until retirement in 2005.



Gordie and his wife Judy have three sons, Adam, Jared, and Jason. The family still has close connections to the Estelline/Castlewood area. Son Jared married Sarah Gerhold in 2011. Sarah is the daughter of Estelline graduate Linda (Ching 1973) and Dan Gerhold of Castlewood.

Gordie stays busy substitute teaching and keeping up with the grandchildren. He enjoys following the Sisseton basketball team especially since son Jared assumed the head coaching position.

During the five years spent in Estelline, many great relationships were developed not only with students, staff and athletes at EHS, but also with community members. He and his wife will always remember their time spent in Estelline and the wonderful people they came to know and respect.

## Sharon Delzer named Grand Marshal of 2017 Homecoming Parade

Sharon Delzer, retired Estelline Elementary School principal, grew up on a farm southwest of Arlington and graduated from Arlington High School and then continued her education at Dakota State University where she earned a degree in Elementary Education. Her career included teaching positions at Franklin, SD, followed by moves to Colorado Springs, Sioux City and Custer before coming to Estelline in 1978. The 32 years at Estelline were the highlight of her 44 years in education and she states she will always be grateful to Bruce Carson, Superintendent, and the board members for giving her a chance to be a part of the Estelline School District.



After retiring in 2010, Tom and Sharon moved to Lake Poinsett and are enjoying life at the lake. They look forward to visits with their three children and their families, including five grandchildren. Retirement activities include lake activities, some travel, volunteering for AARP projects in the Estelline community and spending time with family and friends. "The 32 years with the staff and wonderful families in the Estelline School District were memorable and it is my privilege to continue to be a part of the school family, now from the sidelines," Mrs. Delzer said.

## 2018 RODEO & REUNION WEEKEND JUNE 15, 16 & 17

Honoring Classes  
Ending 3 & 8

**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.**

**Friday, June 15:** 9:00 am ~ Golf Fundraiser at Lake Region Golf Course, 18 holes, cart, lunch included, hole in one prizes courtesy of Skoglund Insurance, \$60. Jason Skovlund, 605-695-6032 (sheik555@yahoo.com); Jameson Clarke, 605-690-3739 (jameson.clarke@k12.sd.us); Tom Clarke, 605-690-7783 (clarke@itctel.com); or Andy Hansen, 605-695-5386.

5:00 pm ~ Ice Cream Social, serving walking tacos, pies, desserts and ice cream with musical entertainment by Second Opinion, Gazebo Park

6:00 pm ~ Rodeo

9:00 pm ~ Firemen's Street Dance follows Rodeo

**Saturday, June 16:** 7:00 am ~ Gazebo Gallop Registration begins at City Library

8:00 am ~ Gazebo Gallop 5K /One mile fun run. James.Benning@k12.sd.us, 605-873-2341 or Marci.Saathoff@k12.sd.us, 605-690-4186. \$15 includes t-shirt. All proceeds will benefit local Special Olympics athletes.

10:00 am ~ Parade

11:30 pm ~ Alumni Picnic, Legion Hall, with annual meeting to follow

6:00 pm ~ Rodeo

**Sunday, June 17:** 7:00 am to 12:30 pm ~ Pancake Feed at Legion

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**