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Promoting
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**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 courtesy of Estelline Coop Grain, 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); Andy Hansen 605-695-5386 (adhansen5784@gmail.com); or Tom Clarke 605-690-7783 (clarke@itctel.com)
 7:30 am ~ Queen and Princess Pageant begins (Robin 701-220-9840)
 11:00 am to 1:00 pm ~ Reliabank Hot Dog Days, Legion Hall
 4:00 pm ~ Little Miss Estelline, Gazebo Park (Cheyenne Krein 605-690-2392)
 4:30 pm ~ **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** serving walking tacos, pies, desserts and ice cream with musical entertainment by Second Opinion, Gazebo Park (inclement weather location will be the Arena)
 5:30 pm ~ Mutton Bustin' followed by Rodeo at 6:00, Rodeo Grounds (special feature miniature bull riding ages 8-12)
 9:00 pm ~ Firemen's Street Dance follows Rodeo, Music by HickTown Mafia; Buffet after the dance at Main Street Cafe
SATURDAY, JUNE 16: 7:00 am ~ **GAZEBO GALLOP 5K and ONE MILE RUN** Registration begins at City Library; Gallop begins at 8:00. 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. Registration form found back page of this newsletter.
 10:00 am ~ Parade (Michaelle Gilbertson 605-690-4394); Rodeo Slack at Rodeo Grounds; Vendors in Gazebo Park with inflatables for kids; Youth Football Walking Taco Fundraiser
 11:30 am—1:00 pm ~ **ALUMNI PICNIC**, Legion Hall, Everyone Welcome (grilled burgers, salads, beans, chips, ice cream, beverages), followed by the **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**
 11:00 am to 2:00 pm ~ Tractor/Bike/Car Show, Main Street (Trish Schwartz 605-690-1299)
 5:30 pm ~ Mutton Bustin' followed by Rodeo at 6:00, Rodeo Grounds
 9:00 pm ~ Randy Burghardt Band, Beer Garden at the Buckin' Chute
SUNDAY, JUNE 17: 7:00 am to 12:30 pm ~ Pancake Feed at Legion Hall
 10:00 am ~ Cowboy Church, Rodeo Grounds

ANNIVERSARY

SUSAN (NELSON 67) and DON ZAFFT (65) of Estelline celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 11, 2018.

BIRTHS

July 11, 2017 ~ girl, Marissa Ann to **SHERRY (RUNIA 2008)** and Cory De Wit of Hull, IA.

Aug. 17 ~ boy, Parx Kota to Tiffany and **JOSH LICHT (2010)** of Mesa, AZ.

Aug. 23 ~ girl, Chloe Grace to Beth and **JUSTIN CLARKE (2001)** of Sioux Falls. Grandparents are **CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78)** and great-grandma is **JEANETTE (HUTT 56)** Foster, all of Estelline.

Sept. 25 ~ girl, Ellis Rae to Tressa and Matt Clarke of Sioux Falls. Grandparents are **ROXANE (ROSSMAN 77) and TIM CLARKE (76)** of Sioux Falls.

Great-grandparents are **BARB (McCLARD 58)** and Lyle Rossman, Watertown.

Oct. 4 ~ boy, Iver Lee to **DENISE (CHING 2007)** and Nick Hall, Arlington. Grandparents are Vicki and **DOUG CHING (74)** of Estelline.

Nov. 1 ~ boy, Gus Maxwell to **MARNE (GORDER 2006)** and Tyler Fleming of Lawrence, KS. Grandparents are **ANN (former teacher) and MIKE GORDER (77)** of Estelline.

Nov. 2 ~ girl, McKenna Jane to Nikki and **ADAM FOSTER (2004)** of Sioux Falls. Grandparents are Mary Jane and **ROBERT FOSTER (79)** and great-grandpa is **KENNETH FOSTER (58)**, all of Estelline.

Nov. 5 ~ boy, Dean Richard to Lindsey and **JEREMY GORDER (2010)** of Estelline. Grandparents are Kathy and **RON GORDER (81)** of Estelline.

Dec. 11 ~ girl, Josey Elaine to Chelsea and Tyler Mellenthin of East Grand Forks, MN. Grandparents are **LORI (KALSBECK 78) and TOM CARON (78)** of Marshall, MN.

Dec. 14 ~ girl, Jentry Jean to **JENNIFER (FUHR 2004)** and Jason Tolzin of Lake Preston; joins sister Jailey.

Dec. 27 ~ girl, Lola Mina to **JENNY (COLEMAN 2002)** and Andrew Eide, Sioux Falls; joins sister Ever.

Feb. 7, 2018 ~ boy, Jack Jeremiah to Julia and **RYAN YODER (95)** of Estel-

line; joins sister Anna.

March 1 ~ girl, Millie, to **MEAGAN (HALL 97)** and Darren Schnoor, Hastings, IA; joins sisters Kennedy Hall-Schivitz and Hazel. Grandparents are Kristi and **TERRY HALL (69)**, Tea, SD and **SHERRI (GERINGER 70)** and Scott Minor, Brookings.

March 12 ~ boy, Carson Michael to **MEGAN (WARNE 2009)** and Darren Sinner of Brookings; joins brother Sawyer.

WEDDINGS

MACKENZIE MOORE (2011) and Brock Rose were married May 30, 2017. Mackenzie is employed at the Warner School District in Warner, SD as the elementary special education teacher. Brock is employed at the Chrysler Center in Aberdeen where they make their home.

LISA RASMUSSEN (2000), daughter of Lois and **NEIL RASMUSSEN (62)** of Estelline, and Matt Wall were married June 25, 2017. Lisa is a civil engineer for Kimley-Horn and Associates in Minneapolis and Matt is an actor in the Twin Cities.

JEFF RIEGER (2009), son of Pam and **JIM RIEGER (EHS teacher)** of Estelline, and Rachel Krogman were married June 9, 2017. They make their home in Aberdeen.

GREG OLSON (2007) and Brittany Jones were married June 10, 2017. Greg is employed at MetaBank as a loan analyst and Brittany is employed at Discovery Benefits, both in Brookings.

JASON GERINGER (2004), son of **DONNA MOELLER (77) and DOUG GERINGER (75)** of rural Bruce, and Amanda Metzger were married July 8, 2017. Amanda is a NICU nurse at Sanford and Jason is a biomed technician at Avera, both in Sioux Falls where they live.

MEGAN TAYLOR (2012), daughter of **GWEN (teacher/assistant principal) and JIM TAYLOR (68)** of Estelline, and Trapper Goltz were married July 22, 2017. The couple recently moved to Pierre where Trapper is an aerial gunner for SD Game, Fish, and Parks.

DAVID RUNIA (2011) and STEPHANIE ENGLESTAD (former teacher) were married July 29, 2017. They are both teaching in Willmar, MN for the

Willmar School District. David teaches high school math and coaches junior high football and 9th grade boys basketball. Steph is teaching 3rd grade.

BRANDON KREIN (2010/4th grade teacher) and ANGELA KOECK (5th grade teacher) were married Aug. 12, 2017. They live in Estelline and are teaching at Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School. Both are graduates of Northern State University in Aberdeen.

MACKENZIE (HAMANN 2009), daughter of **GORDON HAMANN (74)** of Estelline, and Nathan Barrett were married Aug. 19, 2017. Mackenzie is a pharmacy technician at Sanford USD Medical Center. Nathan is the wholesale superintendent at American Fence Company in Tea, SD. They make their home in Sioux Falls.

CHELSEA TAYLOR (2010), daughter of **GWEN (teacher/assistant principal) and JIM TAYLOR (68)** of Estelline, and Matthew Dunbar were married Sept. 9, 2017. Chelsea is an account executive for Lynden International Shipping. Matthew is a pilot for Endeavor, a company of Delta. They make their home in Volga.

ELLEN HOLLMANN (2009) and Daniel Ordal were married Oct. 7, 2017. Ellen is a special education teacher at Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls. Daniel is an applicator at Farmers Ag Center. They make their home in Colton.

ABIGAIL LICHT (2012) and Kaleb Artz were married Oct. 14, 2017. Abby is a registered nurse and Kaleb is a maintenance technician, both at Avera St Luke's in Aberdeen where they make their home.

TRAVIS KRAUSE (2008), son of **SHIRLEY (BUSCHENFELD 87) and DAN KRAUSE (76)** of Estelline, and Melinda Anderson were married Oct. 14, 2017. Melinda is an SDSU graduate and is employed at Avera Clinic in Brookings. Travis is a graduate of LATI with a degree in diesel technology. He is on the family farm, farming with his father and brother.

AMBER ARCHER (2006) and Dane Peterson were married Feb. 3, 2018. Amber is a registered nurse at Sanford and Dane is a welder at Case New Holland. They make their home in West Fargo, ND.

DEATHS

DOUGLAS INTVELD (69) died Jan. 22, 2018 at Mayo Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. Funeral services were held Jan. 27 at Eidsness Funeral Home in Brookings with burial in the Toronto Cemetery.

ORISKA (GRAVNING 41) Stroschein died Feb. 6, 2108 at the Estelline Care Center. Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Estelline.

DOUG DOHRER (former teacher) died Feb. 13, 2018 at Milbank Care and Rehab Center in Milbank from complications of Parkinson's. Funeral services

were held Feb. 19 at the American Lutheran Church, Milbank.

Donald Hanson, husband of **JANICE (BEGALKA 58)** of Clear Lake, died Feb. 15, 2018 at Sanford Clear Lake Medical Center from complications of Parkinson's. Funeral services were held Feb. 20 at the Trinity Lutheran Church with burial in Lakeview Cemetery, all in Clear Lake.

PHYLLIS ARCHER (48) of Marshall, MN died Feb. 22, 2018 at the Minneota Manor Care Center. Prayer services were held March 3 at Geise Funeral Chapel with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, all in

Estelline.

SHARON JOHNSON (68) died March 8, 2018 at the Estelline Care Center. Graveside services here held March 13 at the Dempster Cemetery.

Ron Bruna, husband of **PATRICIA (OSTRANDER 76)** of Sioux Falls, died after a courageous battle with cancer on March 20, 2018. Funeral Mass was held March 26 at St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Church in Sioux Falls.

ART DEYOUNG (52) died March 26, 2018 at Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance in Edinburg, TX. A memorial service will be held in South Dakota at a later date.

DONATIONS

Alumni Projects and Scholarships



Rhonda and **MIKE DAHL (77)**; Kay and **CLEYON MULDER (54)**; Darvin and **TRUDY MOBERG (retired 5th grade teacher)**; **CHAR-**

LOTTE SPADE (62) Goldstein; **DEANNA (WULF 69)** and Merle Niemann; **AMY (business manager)** and **RYAN MILLER (91)**; Sharon and **DUANE BARNES (65)**; **CHEZNI RANG (2012)**; Tom and **SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)**; **TENNYSON FAMILY FOUNDATION (BONNIE NELSON 69)**, Mike, Sonja, Jerad, Kali and Angel Jill); Darlene and **DUANE RASMUSSEN (62)**; Jacalyn and **KEVIN KALSBECK (90)** for shot clocks; Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**; Patt and **DENNIS GERMANN (former high school principal)** ~ **CLASS OF 1982** in memory of **DIANE (BESTE 82)** Leonard and **KRISTI (COLBERG 82)** Dobbs ~ **JULIE GERBERDING (73)** Rose to the Helia Trautman Scholarship ~ Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)** and Louis and Karen Bonnet to the Roth Memorial Scholar-Athlete Scholarship ~ **LARRY BAKKE (73)** and **JAMES BAKKE (77)** families in memory of Minnie Bakke Moeller ~ **DELREAN (VOHLKEN 71)** Gilligan in memory of **RUSSELL SEEKLANDER (68)** ~ **HARRIET (JOHNSON 56)** and **DON SCOTT(57)** in memory of **BERTIL**

BRANDSRUD (56)

~ Harold Christianson in memory of **GERALDINE (ELLEFSON 48)** Christianson

~ Janice and **JAMES BAKKE (77)** in memory of **GARY BJORKLUND (75)**, **DELORES (BALL 52)** Dugdale, **BILL LICHT (76)**, **BOHN PETERSON (68)**, **ROLAND RUST (67)**, **LENNY VENEKLASEN (62)**, and Loren Dean and Angie Bjorklund

~ In memory of **ROLAND RUST (67)**: **JOAN (FOSTER 67)** and **DOUG DOOP (66)**; **GEORGIA (OVEROCKER 61)** and Don Miller; **LINDA (WATT 67)** and Laverne Menenga

~ In memory of **DOUG DOHRER (former teacher)**: **LORRI (COLBERG 78)** and **STEVE JOHNSON (77)**; **LORI (KALSBECK 78)** and **TOM CARON (78)**; **JIM LENTZ (78)**; **NANCY (LINNEMAN 80)** and **MARK HAUSMAN (78)**; **CARLA (FOSTER 77)** and **TOM CLARKE (78)**; **ANN (former teacher)** and **MIKE GORDER (77)**; Janice and **JAMES BAKKE (77)**

~ In memory of **SHARON JOHNSON (68)**: Arlene and **RON FREESEMANN (64)** to the Helia Trautman Scholarship ~ In memory of **DEAN HAWLEY (56)**: Karen and **GLEE MULDER (56)**

Hillcrest Cemetery

ROBERT SCHEETZ (53); **MARY LOU (GASPER 65)** Malli; **HARRIET (PEYTON 49)** and **BILL SCHMIDT (49)**; Darlene and **DUANE RASMUSSEN (62)**; Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**; **JUDY (FENNIG 61)** and Richard Lagro; Norma and **DARRYL GANTER (59)**; **DELORES (HORSWILL 40)** An-

tonen; **JANET (SONNENBURG 56)** Brandsrud; **ARNOLD GORDER (58)** ~ **LARRY BAKKE (73)** and **JAMES BAKKE (77)** families in memory of Minnie Bakke Moeller, Morris Bakke, Marvin Moeller, Tena and Albert Rieck, Henry Rieck, Ernest and Alice Rieck ~ **BUNNY (McFARLAND 63)** and Dennis Graham in memory of **DORIS (POPPEN 38)** and Harold McFarland and John and Esther Poppen

~ **PHYLLIS ARCHER (48)** in memory of Bill and Birdie Archer and children ~ Karen and **CLAYTON COOK (60)** in memory of Charlie and Elsie Cook and Verle and Lorraine Janssen

~ **SUSAN (NELSON 67)** and **DONALD ZAFFT (65)** in memory of **PHYLLIS ARCHER (48)**

Rural School Museum

~ In memory of **ROLAND RUST (67)**: **PHYLLIS ARCHER (48)**; **ROLAND RUST (67)** Family; **MARLENE SEEKLANDER (80)**; **BARBARA (HENDRICKSON 67)** and Lee Solsaa

~ In memory of **SHARON JOHNSON (68)**: **VICKI (MULDER 64)** and **GARY WATTNEM (64)**

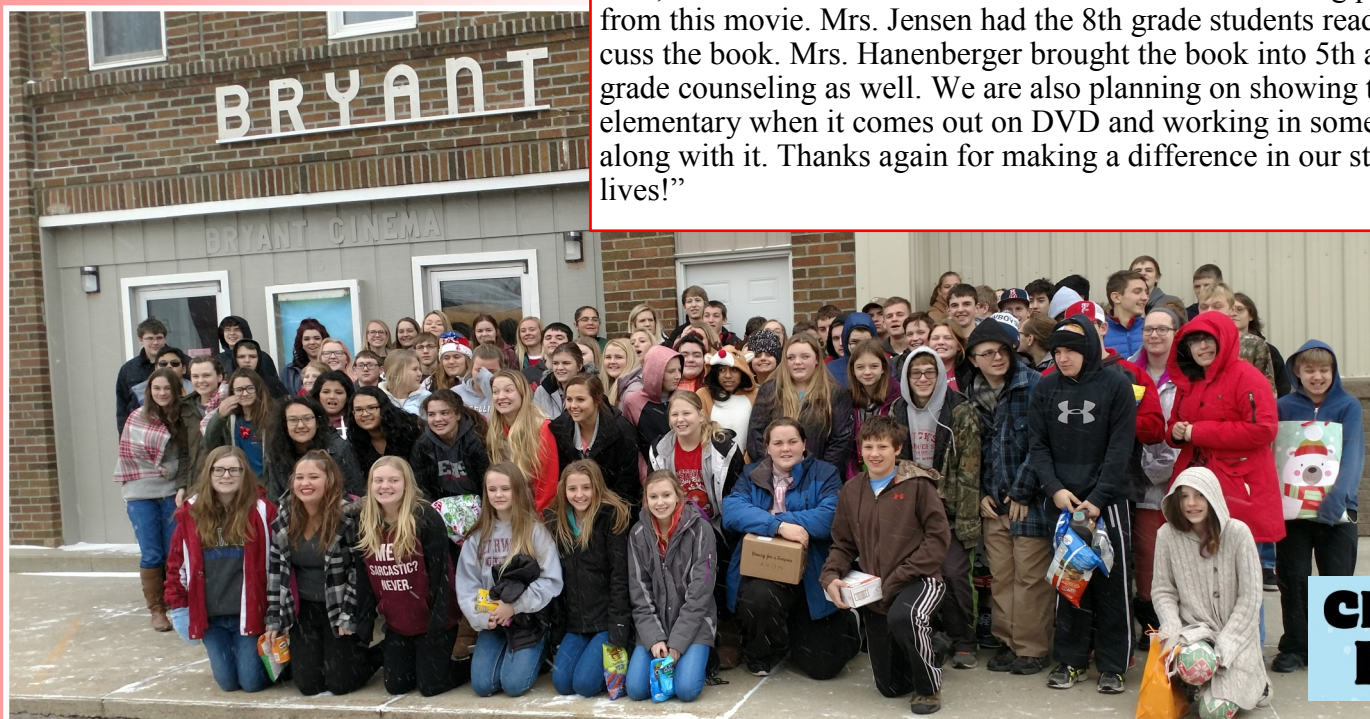
~ In memory of **PHYLLIS ARCHER (48)**: Junior Pereboom Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**

Reflections Memorial Park

STEVE WATTNEM (67); Mary and **DON BORSTAD (67)**; Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**; **PHYLLIS ARCHER (48)**; Joan and **HARLEY SAATHOFF (53)**; **CHARLOTTE SPADE (62)** Goldstein; **RAY LUNDE (53)**

ALUMNI PROJECT: 7-12 Students Attend Movie "Wonder"

The Alumni Association, along with two anonymous donors, paid for movie tickets, pop and popcorn to the movie, "Wonder" at the Bryant Theatre in December. Mrs. Gwen Taylor, Estelline 7-12 Assistant Principal, said, "This movie provided staff with some language that we can use when talking to students about their behavior and how they treat others. One of the main thoughts that was expressed by the teacher in the movie was 'When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.' Choose Kind is the theme that is being promoted from this movie. Mrs. Jensen had the 8th grade students read and discuss the book. Mrs. Hanenberger brought the book into 5th and 6th grade counseling as well. We are also planning on showing this in the elementary when it comes out on DVD and working in some activities along with it. Thanks again for making a difference in our students' lives!"



**Choose
Kind**

ALUMNI PROJECT: K-6 Students Perform "Bard of Ballyfiddle"



Back by popular demand, The Dakota Players returned to Estelline for the second time. Thanks to a generous donation by **DIANA (JOHNSON 90)**, Paul and Taya Calkins and a grant from the SD Arts Council, their return was possible. Diana, who served as the project manager, and Paul also hosted the directors in their home. Students auditioned for parts, then spent a week rehearsing. They presented their production to the school in an afternoon matinee and to the community in an evening performance.

Thank you, Estelline Alumni Association, for giving us this wonderful opportunity of performing in a musical play. We learned a lot and had a lot of fun.

Thank you for sponsoring the Dakota Players this year.

Sincerely, The Cast and Stage Crew of "The Bard of Ballyfiddle"

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE HISTORY LESSON AT THE RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM ~ ALUMNI REMINISCE ~

Students in grades 1-4 experience a classroom history lesson when they visit the Rural School House Museum, located on the Estelline School campus. The students learn the many ways school has changed over the years and they learn the history of this schoolhouse, which was the last rural school in the Estelline School District before it was moved to Estelline and restored as a museum. The students, hosted by Sharon Delzer and Marj Warborg (pictured in the bottom photo at the back), also have the opportunity to view the pieces of memorabilia from EHS, spanning many years of history.

The museum is available for students, the public and alumni to visit and such visits are encouraged as they are an enjoyable step back in time. The museum is open after the all-school banquet as well and alumni enjoy reminiscing.

Many thanks to Sharon and Marj for all the work they have done to make the museum possible and updating and maintaining the structure and items on display. We also want to thank everyone who supports the rural school museum with monetary donations as well.



~ Suggestions for mascot released and voting begins ~

NEARLY 450 mascot suggestions were received, garnering over 190 unique ideas. The mascot committee members narrowed the list down to six choices, keeping in mind the characteristics of the mascot and features of our school. The six were presented to the Estelline Board of Education at their April 9th meeting. With the board's approval of the final list of names, open voting to community, alumni, students, and staff begins immediately.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

~ The school colors will REMAIN THE SAME, regardless of what new mascot is chosen.

~ The change will be at little or no cost to the school district. Almost all imagery has previously been removed and uniforms, school attire, flooring, letterhead, etc. already only bear the name "Estelline" or "E."

~ Effective Fall 2018, Estelline will begin an all-sport cooperative with the Hendricks, MN School District. Our teams will be announced as "Estelline-Hendricks." Hendricks is agreeable to the new mascot we chose. Although a long-term agreement is planned, should the cooperative ever dissolve, we will not be changing the mascot again.

TIMELINE AND VOTING:

~ Only ONE vote per individual will be counted.

~ The individual's name *must* be included and *must* be legible for their vote to be counted.

~ A window of opportunities to vote include online on the school website and via mailed-in ballot (enclosed).

THE SIX CHOICES, in alphabetical order, are:

~ **EAGLES:** Chief over all the winged creatures. Conveys the powers and messages of the spirit. Man's connection to the divine because it flies higher than any other bird.

One of the strongest and most fierce birds of prey. Our national bird. Great connections to the Native Americans.

~ **EXPRESS:** Fast, accelerated, quick, velocious. Visualize speed. Provides a mascot (train/engine/conductor).

Lots of possibilities for cheers. The book "Track's End" was set in Estelline so there is a basis of history with it. Loved the sound of the train rolling through town. Horn has a sound of power and strength. Goes with "Top of the Line-Estelline." No other school in SD has this mascot.

~ **PIONEERS:** Any mascot has to represent or symbolize South Dakota's rich history. In that history, meaningful pride has to be a cornerstone. With that said, the Pioneers who came to South Dakota in the mid-19th century did so with significant risk, adversity, and danger attached. Their sacrifices are realized today in relation to the creation of foundational elements of South Dakota society: perseverance, faith, and courage. Pioneers would be a great fit for Estelline's future sports heritage. No other school in SD has this mascot.

~ **RAPTORS:** Definition is birds of prey, which includes eagles and red hawks, both popular suggestions. This name takes a modern, forward thinking approach while retaining history of two birds important to Native American culture. Strong and mighty. Many ideas for a mascot. No other school in SD has this mascot.

~ **RED HAWKS:** Keeps "red" in the name. Serves as a cultural bridge and a respectful next step. Native Americans see the hawk as the earth's guardian. Used in their ceremonies and dress with high regard due to their spiritual meaning, power of focus, taking the lead when the time is right, clear vision, higher level perspective. Our school provides insight through quality education. No other school in SD has this mascot.

~ **RED HORNETS:** Keeps "red" in the name. Hornets aggressively guard their nesting sites when threatened and can mobilize the entire nest to sting in defense (unity and teamwork). Stings are dangerous. Lots of possibilities of cheers/logos. Nod to the Bruce Bees. No other school in SD has this mascot.

~ Social media sites being updated ~

Internet users will need to update their bookmarks to www.stellineschools.com or estelline.k12.sd.us. Technology Coordinator Tina Belden and K-8 Technology Teacher Hilary Suther launched the updated website over this past Christmas break. The website is designed and maintained in-house now, allowing up to the minute additions and financial savings.

One of the more exciting links on the new website for us falls under the Alumni menu. Information that can be accessed will include newsletters, dates of the all-school reunion, classes planning reunions, scholarship recipients, homecoming grand marshals, alumni track meet honorary referees, friends of alumni awards, alumni officers, and contact information.

Another great link on the new website falls under

the Activities menu where visitors can access a link to the schools YouTube channel. All activities will be livestreamed to YouTube for remote access.

Social media sites to keep up with school and alumni activities can be found at these locations:

Facebook ~ Search Estelline Alumni Association and Estelline School District

YouTube Channel ~ Search Estelline HS Live Stream

Twitter ~ @EHSGoBigRed

Snapchat ~ estellineshs

Website ~ [stellineschools.com](http://www.stellineschools.com) or [Estelline.k12.sd.us](http://estelline.k12.sd.us)



~ All-School Picnic will be held at the Legion Hall ~

At the Estelline Centennial and Homecoming Celebration in 1982, 670 people gathered for an all-school reunion and the idea of an alumni association was launched. The next year, the banquet was attended by 68 people. Overall, the banquet has seen steady numbers since then, but we have received some comments such as, "Is this thing dying out?" or "How about a less formal atmosphere, like a picnic?"

Here are the attendance numbers over the years: 1983-68; 1984-132; 1985-170; 1986-177; 1987-259; 1988-244; 1989-400; 1990-280; 1991-300; 1992-268; 1993-250; 1994-218; 1995-240; 1996-220; 1997-253; 1998-274; 1999-273; 2000-275; 2001-270; 2002-unavailable; 2003-233; 2004-291; 2005-211; 2006-249; 2007-532; 2008-181; 2009-210; 2010-214; 2011-196; 2012-217; 2013-202; 2014-196; 2015-160; and 2016-125.

The bylaws of the Alumni Association state that one of our purposes is "to continue and promote a friendly relationship among former students."

At the 2010 annual meeting, the members voted to adopt a resolution to expand membership. During the discussion it was explained that spouses of alumni, as well as parents of current and former students, usually have a great interest in supporting the activities of the Alumni Association. Additional discussion led to a similar desire to include area residents and all individuals who support positive efforts to promote the betterment of the Estelline

School District.

Holding a picnic at the Legion Hall following Saturday's parade will provide a positive change for the association's original intention of "continuing and promoting" relationships among alumni, families, and community members.

Everyone is welcome to attend the picnic following the parade on Saturday, June 16, where we will be serving grilled burgers, salads, beans, chips, ice cream and beverages.

Pre-registration is recommended for those who wish to sit with their classmates so that seating can be reserved for that purpose. There may be some bumps along the way with this new idea, but we will work hard for a smooth transition.

The annual business meeting is also necessary to elect officers to manage the business affairs of the association, approve minutes and financial reports, award scholarships, and to conduct any business which may be on the agenda. The business meeting will start at approximately 1:00 pm.



ALUMNI OFFICERS

Mike Dahl, President
Jennifer Bjorklund Loban, Vice President
Carla Foster Clarke, Secretary
Pam Colberg Schwartz, Treasurer

Classes are encouraged to enter floats in the parade.



REUNION PLANS: (that we have been notified of)

1968 ~ June 15, 6 pm, Stuart & Paula Busch home, 708 4th St N, Estelline. Maureen Radtke 605-690-3432; Pat Dotter 410-279-6725

1973 ~ June 22 and 23 at Dakota Ringneck Lodge, 46005 194th St, Estelline. Kenny Hansen 605-695-5379; Karola Peterson 605-690-8282; Larry Bakke 605-690-2301. We hope you can make it for both weekends!

1978 ~ June 15 at Sioux River Hunt Club, 46646 200th St, Bruce. Jim Lentz 507-215-4621

ESTELLINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 108, ESTELLINE SD 57234 ~ Dues \$5/year

Name Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____ Year Grad: _____

Number Attending Picnic _____ \$10 each. Mail in reservation to above address

or contact: Carla at clarke@itctel.com or 605-873-2334 or Pam at carmen@itctel.com or 873-2392. **DEADLINE: JUNE 9**

GOLF FUNDRAISER: \$60 _____ I will have a 4-person team _____ Put me on a team

GAZEBO GALLOP: \$15 registration ~ registration form on another page _____ Donation to the Special Olympics athletes

____ SCHOLARSHIP FUND _____ HILLCREST CEMETERY _____ RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM _____ REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK

~~~~ Send in your items for the newsletter to the above mailing or email addresses ~~~~



# ~ Gazebo Gallop will benefit local Special Olympics athletes ~

**"Let me win, but if I can't win, let me be brave in the attempt."**

Estelline Alumni Association's Gazebo Gallop 5K run/walk and one mile run/walk is set for Saturday, June 16, at 8:00 am. The event is co-sponsored by Reliabank Dakota and A&D Graphics. All proceeds from this year's event will support activities for five local Special Olympics athletes.

Morgan Squashingroff was born Nov. 14, 2000 to Trish and **REX SCHWARTZ (81)** and **LYNNE (KOEPEKE 90)** and Jerry Squashingroff, all of Estelline. She has cerebral palsy with development delays and autism and is non-verbal. Morgan competes for the LifeScape Bulldogs in track, soccer, bowling, basketball, and swimming, which is her favorite. Morgan started participating in Special Olympics in 2011. She's been very successful at coming home with gold and silver medals. Morgan loves her iPad to watch movies and listen to music. Going for golf cart, 4-wheeler, and ranger rides and eating pop tarts, corn chips and cheese balls make her happy.

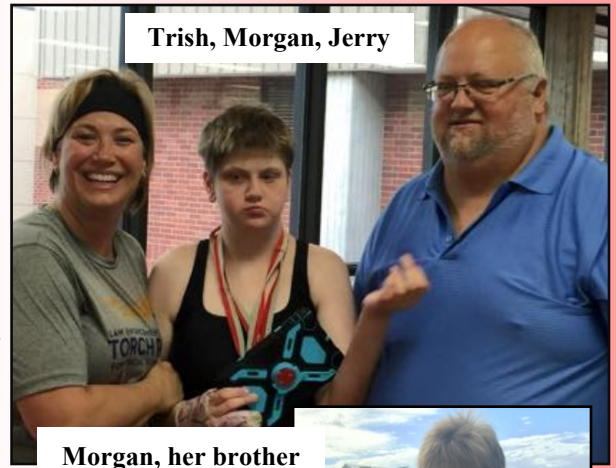
Estelline athletes that presently compete for the Northeast Educational Cooperative (NESC) include: Kolton Reitz, Hezikiah Kreger, Luisa Alvarado, and Katrina Riter. The students participate in basketball, cheerleading, track and field, soccer, and bowling.

This is Estelline's first year participating in the Special Olympics. The students and their teacher, Angie Scotting, travel to Hayti once a week, usually on Friday's, to practice with the rest of the NESC athletes. The NESC teams consist of Hamlin, Estelline, Castlewood, Lake Preston, and Clark students.

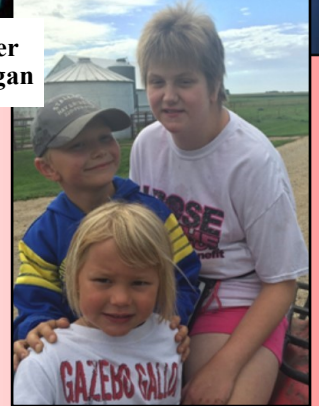
Mrs. Scotting said, "I'd like to expand the Special Olympics into other grades in the Estelline School System next year. It is such a great opportunity for students to participate in sports, learn basic skills, and how to be supportive of one another. It is so much fun to see the students interact and make friends from other schools as well."

Trish added, "We are so thankful for the volunteers, coaches, staff and administration for all their hard work and dedication to these kids that make this all possible. If you've never attended a Special Olympics event, we strongly encourage you too. You'll never forget it!"

Entrants can either run or walk the 5K or one mile. Registration begins at 7:00 am at the City Library, Main Street, Estelline. Cost is \$15. Email/call James Benning (873-2341) at james.benning@k12.sd.us or Marci Saathoff (605-690-4186) at marci.sdaathoff@k12.sd.us. The registration form is found below or go to www.estellineschools.com to obtain a registration form. A t-shirt will be given to each entrant both youth and adult sizes are available.



Trish, Morgan, Jerry



Morgan, her brother Regan and sister Logan



Kolton Reitz, Hezikiah Kreger, Luisa Alvarado, Katrina Riter

## GAZEBO GALLOP ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Day of Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ 5K \_\_\_\_\_ 1-Mile \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: (Circle) ADULT: S M Lg XL XXL XXXL YOUTH: S M Lg

Legal Waiver: IN CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING THIS ENTRY, I HEREBY, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL RIGHTS AND CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES I MAY HAVE AGAINST THE ESTELLINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND ITS RACE SPONSORS, FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES AND DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY ME AT THIS EVENT AND I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING.

Signed (Participant) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Parent of Guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Estelline Alumni Association. Return entries to James Benning, PO Box 72, Estelline SD 57234.**