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~ We Are The ~
REDHAWKS
Over 820 votes for the new mascot were received from the students, community and alumni. An artist is working on logo designs and will be revealed as soon as available.

THANK YOU

What a privilege it has been to serve as secretary of the Estelline Alumni Association over the past 29 years. A lot of things changed during that time, but the one thing that never wavered was the support the alumni association received from our members.

The most important thing I will take away from serving in this position is the friendships I made with so many alumni that I never would have had otherwise. Those relationships mean the world to me. I have met a lot of EHS graduates and their families who love Estelline and our school. It amazes me how generous you are and how you want to see our Estelline students succeed and our hometown prosper.

Thank you to my husband, Tom; sons, Justin, Jameson, and Nolan; and my parents, Ron and Jeanette Foster. Without them, I could not have done this as long as I did.

Past treasurer, Linda Mennenga, served with me for most of those years. She was one of those people I didn't know very well but the alumni association brought us together. Joanne Foster has served on the nominating committee since the beginning in 1982. Thank you Linda, Joanne, and all the other officers who served with me and those who served before me. I learned a lot from each and every one of you. We were able to complete several big and small projects with teamwork from association and community donors, administrators, staff and school board members.

One of the highlights over the years was the construction of Beckman Field. I mention that project because of Pat Gilligan's message at the ground breaking ceremony. He im-

plored the students to "remember Mr. Beckman's act as a guide for your own futures as well as your roots in the Estelline community." I hope everyone who ever went to school, taught, or lived in Estelline would know they will always belong here. As Bon Jovi's song lyrics go, "There's only one place they call me one of their own. Who says you can't go home?"

Our new secretary is Hilary (Gorder 2009) Suther. Hilary's background in technology and her teaching position at the school will serve the association well. Pam remains as treasurer, Jenny has moved up to president, and Mike will serve as vice president so there aren't two new officers. I will be sticking around to edit the newsletter and I thank the officers for allowing me to stay involved. Thanks again everyone!

Carla (Foster 1977) Clarke

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STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

By Jim Lentz, Superintendent, Class of 1978

WELCOME BACK ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

I look forward to this gathering every year because I get to see many faces from the past and get to share stories about not only what happened when people went to school here, but the many stories of children and grandchildren and the travels many of you have taken.

The school board suggested we do a state of the school address every alumni gathering to let the alumni know what is happening in our school.

This school year was a very unique one in my career. I can honestly say, I have never had a year go by as fast as this one. There were very few in-school distractions that made coming to work cumbersome. Let me tell you just a few things that have happened this year.

In January of 2017, I asked the school board to tell me what they wanted their children to be like when they graduated from Estelline. I told them to forget academics because that is a given. Before the beginning of the next school year, the policy committee had fleshed out seven ideals. They thought our students should display these characteristics:

Honesty – tell the truth, mean what you say.

Responsibility – carrying out their obligations and duties and answering for their own actions.

Respect – treat everyone, including yourself with dignity.

Self-Control – being able to control your own actions.

Promise Keeping – keep your word.

Equality – understand that all people are equal and have the same rights.

Social Justice – treating all people fairly – being a people builder.

This list is really pretty good. If you wrap your life around those principles, you will probably have a good life. In fact it was so good, we wrapped our whole discipline policy around it. If ever a student was sent to my office, we looked through which of those their behavior was not in alignment with. What was really great about that philosophy is that it ran school wide, including staff.

Before school started in August, the staff asked for a tradition to continue

that had been done here for some time – Jeans Day on Friday. We agreed that every staff member who paid \$35 could wear dress jeans on Fridays. The money we raised from that went into a discretionary fund to help pay for any number of things students needed. We paid for clothing, college entrance exams, Christmas presents, food from time to time, and several other things that helped our students live their lives a little more normally.

I also asked that every teacher take on one student they knew was struggling either with behavior, academics or just needed someone to talk to from time to time. They chose their students and worked all year with them. Sometimes it was visible; most of the time it was behind the scenes. I am pleased to report that there were a record low number of student issues. We don't want anyone to fall through the cracks in our school and this was the first step.

In the middle of the year we were approached by the Hendricks, MN school district to see if we would consider co-oping in sports. They are a smaller school and have few sports for the boys in their school. We investigated it thoroughly and made the decision to work with them. This spring was a trial. We melded track teams. The girls won the region track meet right here on our home track. The greatest thing about it was neither team would have even come close to winning the meet without each other and they worked so well together. It was a good life lesson for the adults.

Next year we will be participating in all sports together, along with a couple of sports we did not have this year, golf and gymnastics – both of which will be hosted by Hendricks. Let me tell you this – these things are never easy, but the end results are usually good for everyone. I cannot tell you how positive it has been for our students already.

As all of you probably know – the Redmen mascot is no more. We are now the Redhawks. When the school board looked at what they asked the students to be in terms of **Equality, Social Justice and Respect**, the board realized the mascot had to change. It was simply time, with some of the most in-

spiring speeches to the committee coming from students. We never sought media coverage for doing this. We were doing it because it was the right thing to do – but the New York Times and US News and World Report ran the AP story. Local TV stations and SD Public Television all did stories on it.

Money is always very tight in schools and next year will be no exception. Paying for salaries, buying computers, buying a bus and rewiring the building are all things that will happen this summer. When we pay for things like that, we have little left over to work on developing new curriculum or new programs. The next best place to get money is from grants. We wrote several grants this past year totaling over \$700,000. So far we have been awarded grants to start a music composition class and an aviation block of classes. We also have a \$371,000 grant pending for an after school program.

Regarding the aviation grant, the state came back with the statement that there were no weaknesses in the grant and the most compelling part was the letters of support. I told them at that time these were all alumni of the district. They were shocked that we could find alumni to write letters of support like they did. There will be over 1.3 million jobs in aviation over the next decade and they will be good high paying jobs. It is our hope we can spring board many students into them.

This year, your association took part in the programming for our students as well. You sent all of the 7-12 students and their teachers to the movie "Wonder." If you have not seen the movie, you need to see it. It is about a young man named Augie Pullman who has a facial deformity. This movie helped our students understand human differences. They came away from the movie understanding this, "If you have a choice between being right and being kind, always choose kind."

There is another thing I would like to talk about. When I first arrived back in Estelline and addressed this group two summers ago, I talked about the Kalamazoo Promise. This is where any student who graduated from Kalamazoo Schools got a full ride to local colleges in Michigan. It was sponsored by corporations as well as private dollars. I told you we should do that for all of our graduates. I don't know if we can do that yet, but I have a proposition for you.

In SD, we have something called dual credit. It is where a student can take a college class on line and get both college and high school credit for it. What is great about it is that it costs that student only about \$50 per credit. Most classes are three credits, so a student ends up paying \$150 for three credits. Completing these same credits in college would run about \$1800. There are certain stipulations on the ability of students to take these classes.

As a junior, a student must have:

- ~ ACT Composite score of 24 or higher
- ~ Rank in the upper 1/3 of their class
- ~ Or have a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale

As a senior, a student must have:

- ~ ACT Composite score of 21 or higher
- ~ Rank in the upper 1/2 of their class
- ~ Or have a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- ~ Or meet the required scores on the Aspire or Accuplacer Test.

A student must be serious about their schooling to take these classes, because they pay for them out of their own pocket.

I would like to suggest a pay-back scholarship – maybe call it the Early Entrance Incentive Scholarship. It is simply this: The scholarship fund would be set up within the alumni association. Any student eligible could take a dual credit class, and if they got a C or above in the college class, they would be refunded their tuition money through this scholarship, \$50 per credit after completion and grade.

This is only a refund for them and only if they do well. They can take as many credits as they want in their junior and senior years. They would be responsible for books themselves.

If a student gets 15 credits over two years, they have saved themselves about \$12,000 and half a year of college. If they get 30 credits, they save themselves \$24,000 and a full year of college.

It is important to know:

- ~The school district takes no financial hit for having a student in these classes.
- ~ It raises the bar for our students.
- ~ It raises the bar for our staff. We have to get them to where they need to be sooner.

I would like all of you to consider giving some money to the alumni association in the name of the Early Entrance Incentive Scholarship. I would love to come back with a report to you next year at this time on what happened because of your generosity.

One final thought – 25 years ago I worked on something called the Annenberg Rural Challenge. Our thoughts were to make schools more viable through community/school interaction. It went well when the leaders were in place. As with so many schools and communities, the faces change so much that communities become unrecognizable to those who lived there before. In all the writing we did, in all the thinking and challenging communities that we did, there was always one missing piece. It never quite fit together until now.

What all of the writers, professors, what everyone forgot about were those people who had all that past connection and love for the school. That is you folks, the alumni - and I cannot tell you how blessed this school, community and these children are to have this organization working this hard on their behalf.

I want to thank all of you from the students, school board, teachers and myself. Keep up the great work and we will work our tails off to make you very proud.

COLLEGE GRADUATIONS

South Dakota State University:

- WHITNEY MILLER (2011)** ~ nursing
- BRADY MILLER (2013)** ~ ag and biological sciences
- TERRA (RIECKMAN 93)** Suelflow ~ sociology

Southwest Minnesota State:

- MATTHEW KONRAD (2013)** ~ exercise science
- DANIELLE THOMPSON (2014)** ~ business

University of South Dakota:

- AJ RIECKMAN (2012)** ~ communications

Lake Area Technical Institute:

- MADISYN MOORE (2014)** ~ cosmetology
- ABIGAIL BENNING (2015)** ~ physical therapy assistant
- TREVOR GORDER (2015)** ~ marketing and management

Black Hills State University:

- MAHYLE HAUSMAN (2014)** ~ elementary education (Cum Laude)

Dakota State University:

- SHELBY REED (2014)** ~ elementary education (Summa Cum Laude)

Northern State University:

- KATIE COSMAN (2014)** ~ elementary education (Magna Cum Laude)

2018 Scholarship Recipients

A total of \$26,750 was awarded to several members of the Class of 2018 and two EHS alumni and recent college graduates who have secured their first teaching positions in the state of South Dakota.

Aislynn Bortnem ~ Jan Winkelman Scholarship ~ Mitchell Technical Institute

Kerry Cosman ~ Gail Harrenga Scholarship ~ University of Mary

Marissa Golas ~ Alumni and Roth Scholar-Athlete Scholarships ~ Lake Area Technical Institute

Anna Jongeling ~ Reese Burge Family and Alumni Scholarships ~ Lake Area Technical Institute

Samantha Ludwig ~ Gail Harrenga Scholarship ~ Lake Area Technical Institute

Maria Martinez ~ Roth Scholar-Athlete Scholarship

Marco Walker ~ William E. Beckman Scholarship ~ University of South Dakota

Mariah Williams ~ Alumni Scholarship ~ Lake Area Technical Institute

Mahyle Hausman ~ Dorothy Whittemore Krull Scholarship ~ teaching in the Hamlin School District, rural Hayti

Shelby Reed ~ Dorothy Whittemore Krull Scholarship ~ teaching in the Hamlin School District, rural Hayti



~ DONATIONS ~ ALUMNI PROJECTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

CARMEN SCHWARTZ (2000); BETTE GERBERDING (former teacher); Mary Ann and PHIL FORCE (62); Patti and MIKE WARD (73); MAUREEN (LINNEMAN 68) Radtke; Harold Christianson; KAREN (BARNES 70) and James Petros; Margareta and DARYL ELSEIKE (49); JEANNE (DAVIS 49) Formann; DELREAN (VOHLKEN 71) Gilligan; SUSAN (SWIFT 72) and DAVID LINNEMAN (71); DARLENE (PAPKA 54) Colberg; RAY LUNDE (53)

~ In Memory of SHARON JOHNSON (68): CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE

~ In Memory of BERT BRANDSRUD 56): LINDA (WATT 67) and Laverne Mennenga

In Memory of HELIA TRAUTMAN (teacher) to Trautman Scholarship Fund: LARRY TRAUTMAN (61); SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and DENNIS EISNACH (54)

~ In Memory of ROLAND RUST (67): Maki and JAY SONNENBURG (82)

~ In Memory of Ron Bruna: ANN (retired teacher) and MIKE GORER (77)

~ In Memory of ART DEYOUNG (52): CLASS OF 1952

~ In Memory of VERNON KOLL (54): SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and DENNIS EISNACH (54)

~ In Memory of MUREL COULTER (52) to the Roth Scholarship: Connie Coulter

~ In memory of RICH BEARE (64) to the BachPach Program: Tianna and MIKE BEARE (94)

~ In Memory of KRISTI (COLBERG 82) Dobbs and DIANE (BESTE 82) Lenards: Maki and JAY SONNENBURG (82)

~ In Memory of JEFF FOSTER (80): CLASS OF 1980; JEANETTE (HUTT 56) Foster; Greg and Jennifer Starnes; Joe and LOUANN JENSEN (EHS teacher); Su and JAMES BENNING (EHS teacher); LIZETTE (DEVILLE 83) and Dennis Aanenson; LORRI (COLBERG 78) and STEVE JOHNSON (77); CINDY (GORDER 74) and Terry Sundvold; Jim and Nancy Effling; Rhonda and MIKE DAHL (77); LANA (SWEEN 67) and RON SAATHOFF (64); Carol and TOM HAGSETH (73); JEREMY HAGSETH (92); MELINDA HAGSETH (2000); AMY (HAGSETH 95) and Jerry Kjenstad; MARILYN (JEFFERIS 63) and Wayne Thue; Patti and MIKE WARD (73); LINDA (WATT 67) and Laverne Mennenga; JOAN (STEWART 56) and George Kjellsen; Mary Yoder; ANNALISA (KALSBECK 82) and Shawn Reed; Evelyn and LARRY BAKKE (73); Sue Gorder; SHIRLEY (HUTT 61) and Al Watland; Linda Kampmann; BETTE GERBERDING (former teacher); Duane and Bev Poppen;

DeeAnne and GREG MILLER (80); NANCY (LINNEMAN 80) and MARK HAUSMAN (78); GEORGIA (OVEROCKER 61) and Don Miller; Julie and Chuck Caron; DEB (KRAUSE 73) and RONALD SCHWARTZ (70); DELREAN (VOHLKEN 71) Gilligan; Valerie and DAN FOSTER (64); Lynn and John Schneider; JANET (NORMAN 78) and Reed Caldwell; MARY ANN (GRATZ 48) and LAURENCE NORMAN (40); DARLENE (PAPKA 54) Colberg; TODD WERMERS (80); Peg and MIKE CLARKE (84); Arlene and RON FREESEMAN (64); Doug and Janice Kampmann

~ In memory of Anna Taylor: CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78); Patti and MIKE WARD (73)

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

~ In Memory of SHERYL (SMITH 57) Yrjanson: SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and DENNIS EISNACH (54)

~ In Memory of DAWN (SMITH 54) Lee: SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and DENNIS EISNACH (54)

~ In Memory of DOUG DOHRER (former teacher): Evelyn and LARRY BAKKE (73); Janice and JAMES BAKKE (77)

HILLCREST CEMETERY

~ In memory of Monroe and Eva Hendrickson: MONA HENDRICKSON (75), MIKE HENDRICKSON (71), and KRISTI (HENDRICKSON 83) Eich

~ In memory of Edwin Borstad: Bev and TED BORSTAD (68)

MILDRED (RUNGE 55) and Robert Kilborn; Marilyn and RICHARD LINNEMAN (55); Louise and CURT SONNENBURG (64); LEAH (WELK (73) Luken; JOAN (TEKRONY 54) and Lyle Bjorklund; Helen and DONALD HUTT (54); Bebe and VERNON FASBENDER (53); GLORIA (PAPKA 47) Vaughn; LINDA (COLBERG 71) and JOEL MULDER (71); GARNET (BALL 49) and Herbert Birner; NICOLE (RIECKMAN 2001) and Garret Dulaney; RAY LUNDE (53); Lisa and DALE VENEKLASEN (89); SUSAN (SWIFT 72) and DAVID LINNEMAN (71); Joan and HARLEY SAATHOFF (53)

RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM

Mary Ann and PHIL FORCE (62); LADONNA (WATTNEM 69) and MIKE RASMUSSEN (68); SUSAN (SWIFT 72) and DAVID LINNEMAN (71)

~ In memory of SHARON JOHNSON (68): STEPHEN WATTNEM (67)

~ In memory of JEFF FOSTER (80): Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)

~ In honor of BONNIE PIERCE (retired elementary teacher): GALE (SWIFT 77) and Michael Jordan

~ In honor of Margaret Borstad: Bev and TED BORSTAD (68)

REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK

LEAH (WELK 73) Luken; Lisa and DALE VENEKLASEN (89); RAY LUNDE (53); SUSAN (SWIFT 72) and DAVID LINNEMAN (71)

~ In honor of DONALD BORSTAD (67): Bev and TED BORSTAD (68)

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CLASS NOTES

JESSICA HOBKIRK-(2006) Burrows has been commissioned an officer after 10 1/2 years of serving in the U.S. Air Force. She is a Logistics Readiness Officer at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, AZ.

WEDDINGS

LINDA STROSCHEIN (2009), daughter of **SHAWNA (STURM 82)** and **TODD STROSCHEIN (83)** of rural Clear Lake, and Kevin Dvorak were married June 2, 2018. Linda is a realtor at Premier Real Estate and Kevin is a business manager at Gilleland Chevrolet and Cadillac. They live and work in St. Cloud, MN.

BIRTHS

Sept. 27, 2017 ~ girl, Blake Young to Kaley and Justin Pedersen of Omaha; joins sister Leah. Grandparents are **JULIE (ELLEFSON 80)** and Jim Mjelde of Omaha. Great-grandparents are **ROYLYNN (TARRELL 59)** and **ROBERT BRUINSMA (58)** of Castlewood.

Sept. 28 ~ boy, Maverick Ford to **JENNIFER (BJORKLUND 2006)** and Mitch Loban of rural Arlington; joins siblings Coleman and Maya. Great-grandparents are **JOAN (TEKRONY 54)** and Lyle Bjorklund, Volga.

March 3, 2018 ~ boy, Weston Darrel to Carly and Duane Pochop. Grandparents are **NANCY (SWEEN 79)** and Bill Conlon of Watertown.

March 8 ~ boy, Rowan Oliver to Adam and Carly Ellsworth, Sioux Falls; joins brother Finnick. Grandparents are Cindy and **BOB ELLSWORTH (71)** of Madison.

March 27 ~ girl, Hazel Faith to Josie and Matthew Arends. Grandparents are Blaine and **JENNIFER SIMON-(89)** Radtke of Luverne, MN.

March 30 ~ boy, Felix James to Laura and **TIM LICHT (2001)** of Fedora; joins brother Sullivan.

April 12 ~ boy, Baxter Owen to **LISA (RASMUSSEN 2000)** and Matt Wall, St. Paul, MN. Grandparents are Lois and **NEIL RASMUSSEN (62)** of Estelline.

April 17 ~ boy, Fischer Lee to **KALI (BEGALKA 2009)** and Brock Herren of Minco, OK. Grandparents are **STACY (GORDER 85)** and **DONNIE BEGALKA (84)** of rural Castlewood.

April 18 ~ girl, Kaisa Joan to **AMANDA (BJORKLUND 2004/teacher)** and **JASON SAATHOFF (95)** of Estelline; joins siblings, Karsten, Kori, and Paxten. Grandpa is **RUSS SAATHOFF (73)** of Estelline. Great-grandparents are **JOAN (TEKRONY 54)** and Lyle Bjorklund of Volga.

April 30 ~ boy, Beckett James to Jamie and **JASON APPEL (1999)**, Sioux Falls; joins siblings Briggs and Jorja. Grandparents are **JULIE (SAATHOFF 80)** and Mark Johnston and **LYNN APPEL (78)**, all of Sioux Falls.

ANNIVERSARIES

Patt and **DENNIS GERMANN (former high school principal 1977-1980)** of Faribault, MN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. Their sons, **PAUL (1986)** and **PHIL (1992)** and their families joined their parents on a trip to Wisconsin Dells to celebrate. The Germanns now spend winters in Austin, TX where Phil and his family live. Paul and his family reside in Rosemount, MN.

Louise and **CURT SONNENBURG (64)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 27, 2018 at Bisbee, AZ while wintering in Mesa, AZ.

Karen and **ROGER ELLSWORTH (64)** of The Villages, FL celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 6, 2018 along with their 11 grandchildren.

SHIRLEY (LAMBERG 45) and Donald Linneman of rural Castlewood celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on May 24, 2018.

Nancy and **RICK SONNENBURG (72)** of Brookings celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 5, 2018.

SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and **DENNIS EISNACH (54)** of Pierre, SD celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2018. They have eight biological grandchildren and six via international adoption from China, Uganda, and Colombia.

MILDRED (RUNGE 55) and Robert Kilborn of Sioux Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a June 17 open house. They were married June 15, 1968.

CHERYL (MENNENGA 67) and Ron Jongeling of rural Castlewood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 21, 2018.

DEATHS

JEFFREY FOSTER (80) died April 11, 2018 at his Lake Kampeska home, Watertown, after a four year battle with ALS. Funeral services were held April 17 at Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery.

DEBRA ARCHER (75) of Brookings died April 30, 2018. Memorial services were held May 12 at First United Methodist Church, Brookings, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Keith Bullock, husband of **BARB (PETERSON 69)** of Brookings, died May 6, 2018 at the Estelline Care Center. Family will celebrate his life this summer in Colorado.

DAWN (SMITH 54) Lee died May 30, 2018 at the Wind River Health Care and Rehab Center, Riverton, WY. Funeral services were held June 5 at the United Methodist Church with interment at Mountain View Cemetery, all in Riverton.

SHERYL (SMITH 57) Yrjanson died June 3, 2018 at SSM St. Clare Hospital, Fenton, MO. Funeral services were held June 9 at Leesman Funeral Home, Dupou, IL with burial at a later date in Hillcrest Cemetery.

OLGA (GORDER 38) Lenander died June 15, 2018 in a care center in Watertown. Funeral services were held June 24 at Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, all in Watertown.

All-School Reunion 2018

The banquet format of the all-school reunion was changed to a picnic this year and everyone was welcome to attend. It was held following the parade at the Legion Hall on Main Street. Approximately 240 people registered for the event, up from 125 that attended in 2017. It worked out well so we will have a picnic again at the Legion on June 22, 2019. Honored classes will be those ending in 4 and 9. We knew there would be issues with seating the first go around and we will be working on how to make adjustments for next year. Thanks to everyone for understanding as we did ask people to move around.



Leona Petershagen Fahey, a 1938 graduate of EHS, celebrated her 80th class reunion! She participated in the parade and attended the all-school reunion afterwards. Not surprisingly, she was the oldest graduate in attendance, and is also our oldest living alum. Leona lives in her own home in Castlewood and celebrated her 98th birthday in June. She has two daughters, five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. She also has four step-children, 17 step-grandchildren and numerous step-great-grandchildren. (Q-Why the yellow rose? A-Class flower!)



School spirit is alive and well as the Redmen and Redhawks Pride was displayed in the parade by the classes of 1988 and 1978. ❤️



All ages attended the alumni picnic this year, from the young at heart, Joan TeKrony Bjorklund (1954), to one of the youngest, her great-grandson Maverick Loban (2036).



James Benning, EHS head cross country coach and the Gazebo Gallop's organizer, gives Dennis Linneman (1973) his medal for winning his age category in the annual 5K. Denny challenged his family to either run or walk and there were 24 Linneman's who participated this year. Proceeds were donated to local Special Olympics athletes.

HELLO
my name is

**2018
CLASS
REUNIONS**



Pictured from top photo down



CLASS OF 1958

Back: Bert Hansen, Robert Hutt, Kenneth Foster, Harlan Brandsrud, Gary Heisler, Robert Bruinsma, Arnold Gorder, Ronald Brown, Ronald Timmer.

Front: Ron Asher, Barb McClard Rossman, Karen Mitchell Warborg, Joan Johnson Gilligan, Amaine Mohan Johnson, and Janice Begalka Hansen. Fifteen of 20 attended. Seven are deceased.

CLASS OF 1968

From left: Darwin Hemmer, Julie Dahl Squires, Mark Laberee, Maureen Linneman Radtke, Pat Selken Dotter, Terry Spilde, Ted Borstad, Kurt Kaiser, Mervin Fjerestad, Stanley Bruinsma, Denny Pappka, Bob Hansen, Gregg Stroschein, Cheryl Jefferis, Mike Rasmussen. Also attending- Larry Saathoff. Eleven have passed away.



CLASS OF 1973

Back: Tom Jongeling, Ken Hansen, Rod Geringer, Lynnette Colberg Erstad, Dan Norman, Mike Ward, Dave Gilligan, Tom Hagseth, Russ Saathoff.

Front: Don Jongeling, Mike Zafft, Mike Hausman, Karola Schwartz Peterson, Denny Linneman, Wanda Wheelhouse Poppe, Michele Hemmer Linneman, Arlene Davis, Mary Ellen Harrenga Black, Bob Hawley, Larry Bakke. Also attending- Linda Ching Gerhold.



CLASS OF 1978

Back: Tom Clarke, Brian Linneman, Tom Caron, Howie Harrenga, Jim Lentz, Terry Linneman, and Lorri Colberg Johnson.

Front: Dave Skovlund, Julie Francisco Ruddocks, Lori Kalsbeck Caron, Myrna Archer Schamber, Mike Berwald, Julie Warborg Crawford, Sarah Lundberg, Mark Hausman, Rob Gorder. Also attending- Sue Pedersen IntVeld, Wayne Sween. Three have passed away.



CLASS OF 1988

Lance Sonnenburg, Deanna Simon Stelter, Sandy Moore Wulf, Sheila Berwald Gross, Kris Gorder Lilla, Doug Simon, Pat Ching.

Golfing and Galloping

GAZEBO GALLOP WINNERS:

Over 100 runners, walkers, strollers, bikers, and wagons participated

Front Row—Sadie Johnson, Kaylee Johnson, Riley Benning and Heather Bergquist. Middle Row—Michele Linneman, Jesade Siverson, Donna Thompson and Gannon Gilligan. Back row—Dennis Linne- man, Hilary Suther, Tim Fryer, James Benning and Brock Rose. Fryer was the overall men’s 5K winner. Sadie and Kaylee tied for overall women’s 5K win- ner.



GOLF WINNERS:

Eighty golfers participated and several more alumni joined in golf carts to enjoy the fun like Jim Roth (50), picture above.

1st Flight Champs were Mike Dahl (77), Rhonda Dahl, Damian Freudenthal (2010), Dillon Freudenthal (2011).

Winners of the 2nd Flight were Andy Licht (2003), Mackenzie Hamann (2009), Josh Licht (2010), and Miranda Clarke.

Top photo: Mike, Kevin Holter (80), Rhonda, Damian, Dillon, Brian Johnson, Randy Thompson, and Troy Benson.

Bottom photo: Andy, Josh, Miranda, Mackenzie, Jameson Clarke (2004), Nolan Clarke (2010), Su Benning, James Benning (teacher), and Chelsea Hamann, caddy (2003).

But the best dressed team was (bottom photo): Travis Fritz, Jeremy Bachman (teacher/athletic director), Andy Hansen (2004), and Kyle Ward (2006).

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