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**OCTOBER 2018**



**PROMOTING  
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**ALUMNI HOMECOMING PORK FEED**

**WE. ARE. THE.  
 REDHAWKS.**



**S**tudent Council members take turns welcoming elementary students to school every morning. Kate Wegner, Faith VanMeveren, and Chandelle Thompson took their turn at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year which began on Aug. 21.



# CLASS NOTES

## ASHLEY SEEKLANDER (2002)

was selected as the 2018 South Dakota School Counselor of the Year. Ashley has been a school counselor since 2009 and has been at Groton Area Middle and Elementary School since 2013. Prior to working at Groton, she worked at the Sully Buttes School District for four years. Ashley's practice includes classroom guidance, individual counseling, and group counseling. She has been a member of the SDSCA for ten years, a member of ASCA for nine years, and has served as SDSCA President, Special Projects Chair, Government Relations Chair, and as a counselor mentor. She was selected as the recipient of the Mavis Booze Mentorship award in 2015. The SD School Counselor of the Year award recipient must be a certified and credentialed school counselor who has made an outstanding contribution to the counseling profession or the community served. The nominee must have excellent rapport with students, parents, and school personnel and must be working towards the development or maintenance of a comprehensive school counseling program. The SD School Counselor of the Year is the SD nominee for the American School Counseling Association School Counselor of the Year award.



**LARRY SAATHOFF (68)** donated the metal structure, supplies and labor for the new Beckman Field/Estelline School sign on the county road on the west edge of town. The original sign had come loose and blown down several times leaving it damaged. Larry volunteered to design a more secure, permanent pole for the new sign. Larry was the president of the Estelline School Board when Beckman Field was built. His professional background in construction and project management helped ensure the completion of a top notch facility. Since the fall of 2000, many student-athletes and fans have enjoyed football games and track meets at Beckman Field. The dedication of the complex and the first football game was held on Homecoming 2000. No one will forget that night. The lights went out twice during the game which was completed on the practice field. The Redmen beat the Elkton Elks and the lights have worked ever since!



**DAVE JOHNSON (71)** sang the National Anthem at the Minnesota Twins baseball game on July 14. Dave says he can thank the American Legion Post 184 in Estelline that put him front and center at the Twins game. He sang at the state baseball tournament in Estelline about 25 years ago. Ever since that debut decades ago, Dave has made it a hobby to ask if he can sing at sporting events. He's performed at Augustana games and last year the university invited him to an alumni event that included spring training for the Twins in Florida. Augustana staff members offered to ask the Twins if he could sing the National Anthem there. They said yes, without having him audition. He was scheduled to sing at the last spring training game, until a player's daughter asked to sing on the same date. The Twins made it up to him though.



Musical ability is in Dave's genes. His grandmother, Idella Rymerson, was the town's music teacher, instructing in piano and violin and his mother, Gloria Johnson, was a choir director for more than 45 years. Dave sang in the choir while attending Augustana. There were about 50 family members at the game for Dave's performance.



**RON GORDER (81)** was honored by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota for his 21 years of service on the Estelline School Board. During his more than two decades on the board, Ron was instrumental in the development and culmination of countless district endeavors, including the construction of a new school building. Thank you, Ron!



**BOB ELLSWORTH (71)** of Ellsworth Funeral Home in Madison, SD was appointed to serve as Policy Board Representative to the National Funeral Directors Association representing the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association. Bob has been a funeral director for 39 years. He took over the Hallenbeck Funeral Home in Madison in 1979.



## BIRTHS

Dec. 28, 2017 ~ girl, Ellie Grace to Danielle and **TYLER SKOGLUND (2004)** of Woodbury, MN; joins brother Gavin.

May 9, 2018 ~ boy, John Jay to **KRISTIN (FRANCISCO 2004)** and Matt Ryan of Thermopolis, WY; joins siblings Gabe and Nora. Grandparents are Kathy and **RON GORDER (81)** of Estelline.

May 17 ~ girl, Kayla Grace to **ELISA (CRUZ 95)** and Brian Williams, Fargo, ND; joins siblings Isaiah and Brenna.

May 31 ~ boy, Vincent Harley to **JESSICA (HORMANN 2004)** and Mark Tesch, Watertown; joins brother Maverick.

June 16 ~ boy, Maddex James to **ROSE HERVAGAU (2005)** and Jeff Stanley of Palo Cedro, CA.

June 17 ~ girl, Madelyn Irene to **TORI (GROON 2010)** and Shane Moberg, Estelline. Grandparents are Darvin and **TRUDY MOBERG (retired 5th grade teacher)**, rural Bruce.

Aug. 1 ~ girl, Peyton Avery to Chris and Robin Sklar of Estelline. Great-grandma is **JEAN (TIMMER 55)** Foster of Cary, IL.

Aug. 31 ~ boy, Draper Paul to **MELISSA (ZEMLICKA 2009)** and Darren Nelson of Milbank.

## DEATHS

**BETTY (DAHL 40)** Bunde, age 94, died Oct. 22, 2017 at a care center in Watertown. Funeral services were held Oct. 25 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, all in Watertown.

**CHARLOTTE (FOSTER 44)** Krueger died June 18, 2018 at the Western Home Communities Elizabeth Martin Health Center. Funeral services were June 23 at Trinity Bible Church with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, all in Cedar Falls, IA.

**DELORES (PEYTON 51)** Marden died June 18, 2018 at her home in Kingman, AZ. Funeral services were held July 23 at the VA Cemetery at Fort Snelling, MN. Delores was the sister of **HARRIET (PEYTON 49)** Schmidt of Rapid City, SD.

**SHANE KNUTSON (2006)**, son of Betty and **LARRY KNUTSON (64)** of Estelline, died June 29, 2018 at his home near Estelline. Funeral services were held July 6 at the American Legion Hall with burial in Hillcrest Ceme-

## ANNIVERSARIES

**LISA (WARBORG 90)** and **MATT HAUSMAN (89)** of Estelline celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 3, 2018.

Mary and **BOB SCHEETZ (53)** of Des Moines, IA and Pharr, TX celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 5, 2018.

Gladys and **ERROL JOHNSON (retired superintendent)** of Yankton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10, 2018.

**PAT (PECH 66)** and Bill Intermill of Lake Poinsett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17, 2018

**BARB (MCCLARD 58)** and Lyle Rossman of Watertown will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 25, 2018.

## WEDDINGS

**NATALIE (CHING 2007)**, daughter of Vicky and **DOUG CHING (74)** of Dempster and Jason Cariveau were married June 30, 2018. Natalie is a registered nurse at Sanford Health. Jason is a captain with the West Fargo Fire Department. They live in West Fargo, ND.

**ASHLEY RIEGER (2009)**, daughter of Pam and **JIM RIEGER (EHS teacher)** of Estelline, and Josh Stricherz were married Aug. 3, 2018. Ashley is a wellness advocate for Doterra and works in the Brookings School District. Josh is employed at Watertown Box Corporation. They make their home in Watertown.

**CECE GORDER (2012)**, daughter of Kathy and **RON GORDER (81)**, and Todd Louwagie were married Aug. 11, 2018. CeCe is the kindergarten teacher at Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School and Todd is farming.

tery, all in Estelline.

**AUDREY (EGERSETT 50)** Sonen Oines, wife of **RONALD OINES (51)** of Estelline, died at home on July 5, 2018. Funeral services were held July 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, all in Estelline.

Lyle Bjorklund, husband of **JOAN (TEKRONY 54)** Bjorklund died at his home in Volga on July 20, 2018. Funeral services were held July 24 at the Volga Christian Reformed Church with burial in Trinity Cemetery, all in Volga.

**RICHARD JURGENS (56)** died July 20, 2018 at the VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls. Funeral services were held July 26 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, all in Watertown.

**ELAINE (SONNENBURG 52)** Ganter of Sioux Falls passed away Aug. 24, 2018. Funeral services were held Aug. 27 at Good Shephard Lutheran Church with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, all in Sioux Falls.

## Jim Rieger recognized as “Friend of the Alumni”

The Estelline Alumni Association recognized Mr. Jim Rieger as the first “Friend of Alumni” recipient at the end of the basketball season. Mr. Rieger has been teaching a wide variety of subjects at Estelline for 27 years while coaching track, cross country and boys basketball. Over the years, his teams have earned numerous conference and region titles, along with several individual track and field state champs. On top of all his teaching and coaching duties, we would like to thank Mr. Rieger for all the work he has done with televising school activities on the local ITC channel. This has been an important outreach to help keep the residents of our community connected to the school, including the residents of the Estelline Care Center. Some of the biggest supporters of our students are those who are unable to attend school events in person.

For everything Mr. Rieger has done over the past 27 years for our students, school, and community, we would like to thank Mr. Rieger and recognize him as a “Friend of the Estelline Alumni Association.”



## Tom Caron leads Pat Gilligan-Alumni Track Meet

Thomas Caron, a 1978 graduate of Estelline High School, was chosen to be the Honorary Referee at the Pat Gilligan-Alumni Track Meet held in April.

Tom was born in Brookings to Charles and Lorraine Caron and raised in Estelline. He earned 12 letters at EHS, participating in football, basketball, and track. His high school athletic career was highlighted by a SD state championship run in the 120 yard high hurdles in 1977. Tom held individual school records in the high hurdles and high jump and was a member of the mile and medley relay teams who set school records. He was also a member of the 1977 Estelline High School Football team that earned the Sportswriter’s Number one poll ranking. Tom also participated in choir, marching band, jazz band, concert band, and 3-act plays at EHS.

After graduation Tom attended Northern State College in Aberdeen. He earned letters as a freshman in both basketball and track under head basketball coach Bob Wachs and head track coach Al Sahli. Tom transferred to SDSU and earned his bachelor’s degree in Health and Recreation from Southwest State University in Marshall, MN

Tom has been married to his high school sweetheart, **LORI (KALSBECK 78)** Caron for 37 years. Tom and Lori raised two daughters, Chelsea (Taylor) Mellenthin of Grand Forks, ND and Kaylin (Anthony) Coequet of Sioux Falls. They are now enjoying their granddaugh-

ter, Josey Elaine Mellenthin.

Tom stayed involved in athletics as the head coach of the Southwest Swim Club for 12 years. He feels fortunate to have coached numerous state champions and zone participants. Chelsea swam at the University of North Dakota where she was an All-American in the 4x200 Free relay. Kaylin swam at South Dakota State University where she holds records of the 50 and 100 Freestyles; 100 Butterfly; and 4x100 Free and Medley relays.

Tom was employed by the Schwan Food Company for 27 years where he worked in various capacities; 20 of those years were spent in food safety and quality departments. He is currently employed with Ralco Nutrition, Inc., Marshall, as the Regulatory Affairs Manager.

His hobbies include reading, visiting with friends and families, participating in bicycle fundraising events, touring and visiting breweries, traveling, and lounging on the beach.





# Grand Marshal: Jeanette Foster leads Homecoming Parade

Jeanette (Hutt) Foster, a 1956 Estelline High School graduate, was chosen to lead this year's Homecoming parade.

After graduation, Jeanette attended Nettleton College in Sioux Falls until she was offered a job at the Farmers State Bank in Estelline, now known as Reliabank. She married Ron Foster (1955) in 1958 and they lived in Estelline until 1974 when they moved to a farm south of town. She worked at the bank for 40 years until retirement. After moving into town in 2005, Jeanette worked at the Estelline Café until it closed and then she worked at the Estelline Care Center as the bedmaker for seven years. Ron and Jeanette rarely missed an Estelline sporting event over the years until Ron's health declined. The highlight of the athletic events were attending the State B Tournament every year in March. Ron passed away in 2016.



Jeanette has been a member of the Estelline Alumni Association since it was organized in 1982 and served as pro tem treasurer for one year. She has attended every all-school reunion in June as well. Jeanette also served the Alumni Association by selling Redmen spirit wear and items from her basement from 2007 to 2015. She is a life-long member of the United Church of Christ where she is presently serving as treasurer for the second time. She was also the Sunday School superintendent for several years. She has been the secretary/treasurer of the Brookings County Farmers Union since 2004. Jeanette volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program. She also stays busy with yard work.

Ron and Jeanette have three children. Daughter Carla (1977) is married to Tom Clarke (1978). They make their home in Estelline where they raised their three sons: Justin (2001), Jameson (2004), and Nolan (2010). Her son, Jeff (1980) passed away at his home in Wassertown in April from complications of ALS. Son Todd (1982) lives in Brookings with his wife, Jolynn. Jeanette's family also includes daughter-in-law, Tammy; grandchildren, Jordan, Kelsi, Spenser, and Mitchel; and great-grandchildren, Emma, Bennett, and Chloe.



Grand Marshal duties include crowning the king and queen at coronation, leading the parade, and presenting the game ball before kickoff.

## OLD SCHOOL From the files of the Estelline Journal September 1925

### ESTELLINE H. S. PLAYS FOOTBALL

Scoreless Game With Brookings Last  
Saturday Encourages H.S. Team  
For Next Game

Estelline High School's first football game was played on the home field last Saturday when Brookings High School Seconds came up to show our lads what they didn't know about the game. The day was cold and windy but our youngsters were out immediately after noon and at about two o'clock the preliminaries started with a parade up one side of the street and down the other. The entire school was out, from Chief Wagener down to the first graders, and the noise this crowd made one would think Brookings would be eaten alive. At three o'clock the teams were called onto the field with Art Iuve of Toronto as referee and the skirmish began. The ball was here, there and everywhere but neither team seemed to be able to get near the others goal for a touch down and the first half wound up with a score of nothing to nothing. Spectators were much pleased with the result and when the whistle blew for the second half the lads of both teams went at it harder than ever, but it was the same old story, everybody held tight, and neither side scored. Final result 0 to 0. Considering the fact that it is less than a month ago that Estelline High School began practicing football (some of the players never having seen a football game) the boys are doing remarkably well and we can expect to see them do some real work on the field before the end of the season. The next game will be with Clark High School at Estelline on Friday afternoon, October 23rd. Come out and see the fun and help the boys win. Coach Rick is doing his part in teaching the boys to play, now let the public do theirs by being at the game and rooting for the team.



# New Redhawk Traditions Begin At Homecoming Coronation

Changes have occurred to the EHS homecoming coronation ceremonies over the years, but this year took on new meaning as we transition from the Redmen to the Redhawks. Two new traditions were added to Homecoming this year.

The first new tradition is for seniors to throw something into the bonfire to represent their time in Estelline. Originally each senior was to throw something in the fire and then explain their memory; however, the senior class came up with one item that they all felt represented their time at school Estelline, a Redmen t-shirt. One of the seniors shared these remarks, "The senior class would like to burn this Redmen T-shirt, not to put it in our past but to engrave it forever as one final memory. All of our lives we have been the Redmen, but now we are ready to embrace the change and fly on." It was a very respectful and ceremony and emphasized the students' school spirit.

The "Flight of the Redhawk" is the second new tradition involving students, staff, and community members. After the bonfire, students in grades 6-12 were invited onto the football field. Community members, staff, and family stood outside the fence to symbolize the support system

they provide the students throughout their lifetime. The scoreboard was set at 13 minutes and started winding down as the King and Queen lead the students on a walk around the track, playing music and sharing memories throughout their time in school. This is intended to be a "student bonding" moment, to help our students realize it's almost the end before the end happens. Our hope is to pull them closer together through the schooling process. Students then walked back onto the field, staying there for one minute for each year they had been in school. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade stayed on field for seven minutes, then left the field; 7th graders stayed on the field for eight minutes; and so on for each grade, finally leaving the Seniors on the field alone. They did a class cheer and departed the field.

The pep rally after the parade on Friday afternoon is not a new tradition, but the students wanted the parade reversed to end at the Estelline Care Center, rather than start there. The pep rally was held in front of the nursing home so the residents could enjoy it as well. Thanks to the ENCC dietary department and the residents for baking and decorating 300 sugar cookies for everyone to enjoy after the pep rally!



Second graders march in the parade. Pep rally held at ENCC with seniors football players giving speeches and cookies served after. Riding on the Estelline Rodeo float were Coltynn, Camille, and Jaelynn Janssen; Kenny Foster; and Donna Thompson. The Seniors' float was the Price is Right as the parade theme was "Estelline's Got Game." King Zach Loomis and Queen Brinn Begalka reigned over Homecoming Week.







## **ALUMNI PROJECTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Stuart and **PAULA BUSCH (87)**  
**ESTHER (HARPESTAD 71)** and Clifford Thomas  
**CARLENE (NELSON 67)** and **LARRY RUST (67)**  
 Kaitlyn and **JAKE KILLORAN (2004)**  
**SONDRA (MOUL 59)** and **RONALD TIMMER (58)**  
 Harold Christianson  
**DARLENE (PAPKA 54)** Colberg  
**MARLYS (SMITH 54)** Marlow  
 Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**  
 Marguertia and **DARYL ELSEIKE (49)**  
 ~ In Memory of **HELIA TRAUTMAN (teacher)**: Arlene and **RON FREESE-MANN (64)**  
 ~ In Memory of **OLGA (GORDER 38)**  
 Lenander: Sue Gorder  
 ~ In Memory of **AUDREY (EGERSETT 50)** Oines: **BEVERLY (GILES 54)** Ross  
 ~ In Memory of **SHANE KNUTSON (2006)**: **ANN (retired teacher)** and **MIKE GORDER (77)**; **JOYCE (LICHT 70)** and **LYLE POPPEN (64)**  
 ~ In Memory of **DAVE TILGREN (61)**: **WILMA TILGREN (retired elementary teacher)**  
 ~ In Memory of **ELAINE (SONNENBURG 52)** Ganter: **CLASS OF 1952**; **CHARLOTTE (VENEKLAZEN 52)** Zafft

## **RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM**

Mary and **BOB SCHEETZ (53)**  
 Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**  
 ~ In Memory of **DAWN (SMITH 54)**  
 Lee: **JOAN (TEKRONY 54)** and Lyle Bjorklund  
 ~ In Memory of **DEBRA ARCHER (75)**: **MARLYS (ARCHER 56)** Kveum  
 ~ In Memory of **SHANE KNUTSON (2006)**: Tom and **SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)**

## **REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK**

**VICKI (MULDER 64)** and **GARY WATTNEM (64)**  
**CARLENE (NELSON 67)** and **LARRY RUST (67)**  
 Lisa and **DALE VENEKLAZEN (89)**  
 Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**

## **HILLCREST CEMETERY**

**CARLENE (NELSON 67)** and **LARRY RUST (67)**  
 Lisa and **DALE VENEKLAZEN (89)**  
**JUDY FENNIG (61)** and Richard Lagro  
 Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**  
 ~ In Memory of **DEBRA ARCHER (75)**: **MARLYS (ARCHER 56)** Kveum  
 ~ In Memory of **SHARYL (SMITH 57)**  
 Yrjanson: **DELORES (HORSWLL 40)** Antonen  
 ~ In Memory of Charlie and Elsie Cook: Karen and **CLAYTON COOK (60)**  
 ~ In Memory of **RICHARD JURGENS (56)**: **MARLYS (ARCHER 56)** Kveum  
 ~ In Memory of Joe C. and Bena Hutt: Helen and **DONALD HUTT (54)**

## **EARLY INCENTIVE**

**BERT HANSEN (58)**  
**JERRY JEFFERIS (78)**  
**ROGER TIMMER (61)**  
 Bente and **JIM ROTH (50)**  
 ~ In Memory of **DAVE TILGREN (61)**: **WILMA TILGREN (retired elementary teacher)**

## **THANK YOU HOMECOMING PORK FEED SPONSORS**

**Estelline Nursing and Care Center Farm Bureau ~ Jim Klinker**  
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**THANK YOU Dianne and Gary Foster (67)** for the use of your convertible and for driving the Grand Marshal in the parade!

## **BECKMAN FIELD ALIVE WITH PATRIOTIC PRIDE**

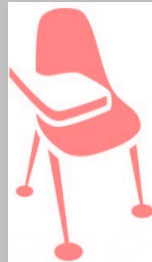
Several volunteers and school staff members put up the "Flags Honoring America" display at Beckman Field for the homecoming football game. Reliabank proudly sponsored the display which honors our nation's veterans and those who currently serve both stateside and overseas. The large 30x50 foot American flag was carried onto the field by the Estelline youth football players, coaches, parents, and Reliabank employees during the National Anthem before kickoff.



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 that inspires you**



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Great teachers are vital to our school as they strive for success by creating more opportunities for our students. Those opportunities can take time and money spent beyond the classroom. To help defer the costs teachers spend out of their own pockets, many of them use Donor's Choose.

***What is Donor's Choose?***

Donor's Choose is a website for teachers to post a wish list for their classrooms, making it easy for anyone to help. Some of the items teachers choose for their projects can be, but are not limited to, STEM (fields of science, technology, engineering, and math) activities such as robotics, math engagement lessons, flexible seating, and sensory items for special needs children. Some of our Estelline teachers have posted projects online for everyone to view and support.

Donor's Choose gives our alumni association membership another chance to donate to projects that can make an immediate impact on students in the classroom. You can give any amount to the project that inspires you. The website to read about the Estelline teachers' projects can be found at:  
<https://www.donorschoose.org/donors/search.html?centerZip=57234&zipOnly=true>

Donations can be made online at this website or you can send your donation to the Estelline Alumni Association and we will make the donation for you which will be tax deductible.



***"Our mission at Estelline is to educate and prepare each student with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a diverse society. When our students leave our halls, they will be prepared for the future."***  
 ~ Tina Belden, Technology Coordinator/Career and Tech Education

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