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OUR VISION STATEMENT
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Cross Country Launches Homecoming



A new Homecoming tradition started last year with the Estelline/Hendricks cross country athletes taking turns running the game ball from Estelline to Hendricks to kick off Homecoming Week. This year the team ran on Sunday, Sept. 8, from Hendricks to Estelline, over 28 miles, to present the game ball to the senior football players at Beckman Field. The photo above, from a drone video made by junior John Moore for a class project, shows a pair of runners handing off the ball to the next pair of runners. The team makes the final jaunt together to the field (photo top right). The cross country team with some of the football players and coaches are pictured at right. The video is 2:28 in length and can be viewed at this address:

<https://youtu.be/S78Zzx1cm3g>



Diana Calkins to serve as Charitable Gifts Coordinator

Alumni officers have appointed Diana (Johnson) Calkins as Charitable Gifts Coordinator for the Estelline Alumni Association. Diana will work with alumni officers and school administrators to pinpoint needs and projects as well as ongoing scholarship opportunities for students and be able to advise potential donors of areas of interest they may wish to support.

Diana, a 1990 graduate of Estelline High School, served as president of the alumni association on two occasions and is a member of the alumni association's ad hoc advisory board.

Diana has been with First Bank & Trust Wealth Management Services since 1996 and focuses on retirement planning and administration. She holds a master's degree in Banking and Financial Services from Northern State University and holds a Certified Retirement Services Professional designation

from the American Bankers Association.

Diana and her husband, Paul, have one daughter, Taya. They make their home on Lake Poinsett. She is the daughter of Amaine (Mohan 58) and Gary Johnson (66) of Estelline.



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SCHOLARSHIPS & ALUMNI PROJECTS

DEANNA (WULF 69) and Merle Niemann
Betty and SHELDON STEWART (54)
WILMA TILGREN (retired teacher)
JEANNIE (DAVIS 49) Forman
NAOMI (POPPEN 94) and DAVID COLBERG (87)
LINDA (COLBERG 71) and JOEL MULDER (71)
Karen and GLEE MULDER (56)
CARLENE (NELSON 67) and LARRY RUST (67)
KAREN (BARNES 70) Petros
KATHY (SKOVLUND 76) and STEVE CARON (76)
BARBARA (OHNSTAD 52) and Stephen Olson
DARYL ALSEIKE (49)
Nancy and DOUG LINNEMAN (77)
ANN (retired teacher) and MIKE GORDER (77)
CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78)
LORRI (COLBERG 78) and STEVE JOHNSON (77)
JANET (NORMAN 78) and Reed Caldwell
Janice and JAMES BAKKE (77)
NANCY (LINNEMAN 80) and MARK HAUSMAN (78)
MYRNA (ARCHER 78) and Vic Schamber
JAMES LENTZ (78/superintendent)

Maureen Egbert ~ Roth Athlete-Scholar Athlete Memorial Scholarship

In Memory of WARREN MITCHELL (60): MARY ANN (LILJEGREN 64) and Darwin Rector, PAM (COLBERG 72) and ROGER SCHWARTZ (72), DARLENE (PAPKA 54) Colberg, KAREN (MITCHELL 58) Warborg

A special thank you to our fall concession stand committee for lining up inventory and workers and to those who volunteered to work at the games. THANK YOU!



REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK

CARLENE (NELSON 67) and LARRY RUST (67)
Lisa and DALE VENEKLASEN (89)

EARLY INCENTIVE FUND

JOAN GRATZ (57)
BETTE GERBERDING (former teacher)
BARBARA (OHNSTAD 52) and Stephen Olson
Tianna and MIKE BEARE (94)
MARLYS (ARCHER 56) Kveum
HARRIET (JOHNSON 56) and DONALD SCOTT (57)
GERALD JEFFERIS (78)
JUDY (OINES 72) and DAN NORMAN (69)
Cindy and BOB ELLSWORTH (71)
RUSSEL KUEHN (66)

In Memory of JINELLE (NELSON 67) Craig ~ CLASS OF 1967

HILLCREST CEMETERY

BARBARA (OHNSTAD 52) and Stephen Olson
LINDA (COLBERG 71) and JOEL MULDER (71)
CARLENE (NELSON 67) and LARRY RUST (67)
Lisa and DALE VENEKLASEN (89)

CLASS NOTES

JACKIE ZAFFT (79) received a special award recently in recognition of her 31 years of service to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Lab, rural Brookings.

WEDDINGS

RACHELLE (LARSON 2001) and Joel Zoellner were married July 4, 2019. They make their home on a farm near Groton, SD.

LINDSEY GROON (2013) and Francis Mack were married Aug. 24, 2019. Lindsey manages Express Employment Professionals in Watertown and Francis has his own farm.

DANIELLE THOMPSON (2014), daughter of **DONNA (FOSTER 83)** and Scott Thompson of Estelline, and **MAX GORDER (2012)**, son of **ANN (retired teacher) and MIKE GORDER (77)** of Estelline, were married Sept. 7, 2019. Danielle works in the First Bank and Trust Wealth Management Services in Brookings and Max is a farmer.

SHELBY REED (2014), daughter of **ANNALISA (KALSBECK 82)** and Shawn Reed of Bruce, and **KELIN RANG (2015)** were married Sept. 21, 2019. Shelby is a middle school teacher in the Hamlin School District and Kelin is farming.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Howard and **BARB GOODFELLOW (former EHS guidance counselor)** of Brookings celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 15, 2019.

SHARON (DEBOER 57) and Kenneth Reed of Artesian celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25, 2019.

KATHY (STROSCHEIN 81) and Richard Anderson of Garretson will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Nov. 5, 2019.

MARY ANN (GRATZ 48) and LAURENCE NORMAN (40) of Estelline will be celebrating their 70th anniversary on Dec. 1, 2019.

BARBARA (OHNSTAD 52) and Stephen Olsen of Lynnwood, WA will be celebrating their 65th anniversary on Jan. 14, 2020.

GRADUATIONS

SAVANNAH DOLEZAL (2014) ~ Bachelor of Science in Nursing/Biology Minor ~ South Dakota State University in May 2018. Savannah is working on the Oncology and Transplant Unit at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls and the Medical-Surgical Unit at the Brookings Hospital.

ELIZABETH BJORKLUND (2014) ~ Nursing ~ University of South Dakota. Elizabeth graduated in the top three in her class.

BRADY LINNEMAN (2012) ~ Physical Education/Teaching ~ Southwest Minnesota State University

BIRTHS

Oct. 18, 2018 ~ boy, Christian Paul to Lindsay (Mulder) and Mike Rospenda. Grandparents are **LINDA (COLBERG 71) and JOEL MULDER (71)** of St. Charles, IL.

May 17, 2019 ~ boy, Colson Scott to Whitney (Ward) and Tyler McDonald. Grandparents are **CONNIE (WINKELMAN 87) and SCOTT WARD (87)** of Watertown.

June 10 ~ boy, Benjamin Jay to Sarah (Thomas) and Curtis Freeman. Grandparents are **JULIE (NORMAN 75)** and Scott Thomas of Tulsa, OK. Great-grandparents are **MARY ANN (GRATZ 48) and LAURENCE NORMAN (40)** of Estelline. He is the 13th great-grandchild for the Normans.

July 5 ~ girl, Remi Danielle to Carly (Conlon) and Cory Pochop; joins brother Weston. Grandparents are **NANCY (SWEEN 79)** and Bill Conlon of Watertown.

July 12 ~ girl, Nova to Brooke and Dylan Schwartz. Great-grandparents are **DEB (KRAUSE 73) and RON SCHWARTZ (70)** of Hendricks, MN.

July 19 ~ girl, Jerney Faye to **JENNIFER (FUHR 2004)** and Jason Tolzin of Lake Preston; joins sisters Jailey and Jentry.

July 22 ~ boy, Augustus Jay to Mikayla and **SAM KRAUSE (2013)** of Goodwin. Grandparents are **SHERRI (MOORE 85) and GARRY KRAUSE (81)** and great-grandparents are Evelyn and **LARRY BAKKE (73)**, all of Estelline.

July 27 ~ boy, Jamison Lee to Cara and Nelson Shimon. Grandparents are **AMY (NELSON 84)** and Brian Shimon of Havelock, IA.

July 29 ~ boy, Carter Grant to **RACHEL (LINNEMAN 2005)** and Todd Swanson, Brookings; joins brother Levi. Grandparents are **SUSAN (SWIFT 72) and DAVID LINNEMAN (71)** of rural Bruce. Great-grandparents are **SHIRLEY (LAMBERG 45)** and Donald Linneman of rural Castlewood.

July 31 ~ boy, Magnus Allen to Julie and **DAN JOHNSON (2001)** of South Bend, IN; joins siblings Anders, Lucia and Henrik.

Aug. 3 ~ boy, Maxon Marshall to Chelsea (Caron) and Taylor Mellenthin of East Grand Forks, MN; joins sister Josie. Grandparents are **LORI (KALSBECK 78) and TOM CARON (78)** of Marshall, MN.

Aug. 13 ~ boy, Caden John to **ELIZABETH (MILLER 2007)** and Josh Waring of Miller; joins siblings Samantha and Carson. Grandparents are Tammy and **BRETT MILLER (83)** and great-grandparents are **GEORGIA (OVEROCKER 61)** and Donald Miller, all of Estelline.

Sept. 3 ~ girl, Lennox Rose to Tiffany and **JOSH LICHT (2010)** of San Tan Valley, AZ; joins brother Parx.

Sept. 9 ~ girl, Saylor Rae to Alyssa (Cronin) and Kyle Chase. Grandparents are **JAMIE (FOSTER 81)** and Mike Cronin, Gettysburg. Great-grandma is **JOANNE (BRUINSMA 59)** Foster, Estelline.

DEATHS

GALE ZAFFT SR. (56) died July 8, 2019 at his home in Sioux Falls. A celebration of life was held Aug. 2 at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls.

WARREN MITCHELL (60) of Gillette, WY died July 25, 2019 at Sheridan Manor. Funeral services were held July 29 at Calvary Community Church with burial in Moorcroft Cemetery, Wyoming.

Cindy Rust named Grand Marshal

Cindy (Papka) Rust, an Estelline High School graduate, was chosen to lead this year's Homecoming parade. She was born in Estelline to Stanley and Mamie Papka and grew up with her siblings: Merlin (Bud) deceased; Darlene (Dot) 1954; Karen 1957; Jan 1960; Judy 1964; and Denny 1968. Cindy attended school all 13 years in Estelline and graduated in 1969.

Cindy has worked behind the scenes in many capacities for the Estelline Alumni Association. She started working with the concessions at the old football field. When Beckman Field was near completion in 2000, Bob Beckman told CEO Dennis Rieckman he wanted the Alumni Association to continue to reap some benefits from the project. Mr. Rieckman suggested the association be allowed sole operation of food services. Cindy volunteered to be responsible for starting up the new concession stand, which included ordering equipment and furnishings, then ordering and stocking supplies food, treats, and pop, and lining up workers. Cindy remains involved in ordering supplies nearly 20 years later.

When the homecoming parade made its comeback several years ago, Cindy also headed up the alumni float committee for many years. She helped with registering people for the all-school reunion several times and wrote thank you notes for donations for a long time.

Cindy is active in two quilting groups. Her church group makes quilts for local women's shelters and as a ministry for people living on the street and the homeless. She is also member of the MidWeek Quilters Club who makes the tie blankets the seniors receive as gifts from the association. This group also makes prayer quilts for those facing challenging events in their lives and they also make quilts for themselves.

Cindy is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and serves as president of the Women's Group, participates in the bible study group and sings with the choir. Cindy is retired from the Sanford Clinic in Estelline where she worked for many years. She loves to bake.

Cindy married Roland Rust (EHS 1967) on January 3, 1970; he passed away May 11, 2017. They have two children, Shelly (Lance) Bird (1989) of Worthington, MN and Joe (Trista) Rust (1996) of rural Castlewood, and five grandchildren, Kami, Kodi (2017), Kenzie (2022), Kya (2024), and Karissa (2028).

Cindy has always enjoyed following her granddaughters. Kami, who will graduate from Worthington High School in 2020, plays softball on a high school league and a community league and Cindy tries to get to some of those home games. The other girls are active in volleyball and track for the Redhawks.



Cindy was driven in the parade by Alumni Association President Jenny Loban (pictured at left). It was a little chilly during the parade but the sun game out for the pork feed and a great crowd enjoyed the game. Cindy presented the game ball to the football players before they took the field for the coin toss.



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CLASS OF 1978 ~ In honor of LORI CARON

There was a great turnout for the Alumni Homecoming Pork Feed this year. Jenny Loban, Chandelle Thompson, Molly Watt, Morgan Saathoff, and Jordan Busch worked one of the shifts (above photo). Each year scholarship recipients return home to serve at the feed. The school and students also great about involving the community in homecoming activities. The parade starts at the Community Oil and ends at the Care Center where the students hold their pep rally and in turn, the residents make special treats for the students. This year they dipped pretzels in almond bark, decorated them with sprinkles, and called them drum sticks to go along with the homecoming theme, "We Got The Beat."

Diane (Green 65) Elverud (right), who resides at the Care Center, was involved by making treats for the students while Gloria (below) enjoyed the parade and pep rally.



Fourth Tablet To Be Added To Reflections Memorial Park

EHS Alumni Members and Families:

Reflections Memorial Park has had inquiries about adding names on the wall. The original tablets were recently filled and we are now making plans to add another tablet.

If you are a veteran or have a family member who is a veteran and would like your name and branch of service placed on the new tablet, please notify Don Zafft at PO Box 227, Estelline, SD 57234 or email dszafft@yahoo.com with your information.

The price is \$150.00 and the deadline is March 1, 2020. The tablet will be placed at the park by June 1, 2020, in time to visit at the 2020 Alumni Reunion.

The park is very beautiful and highly complimented by many. You'll be proud to be part of it.

Thank you, Don Zafft (65)



ALUMNI OFFICERS

Jennifer Bjorklund Loban, President (2006)
Hilary Gorder Suther, Secretary (2009)

Jordan Busch, Vice President (2011)
Pam Colberg Schwartz, Treasurer (1972)



CLASSES GATHER YEARLY

Although we honor classes ending 0 and 5 this coming reunion, you don't have to wait for your honored year to get together! Every year some classes of the 50's gather at The Ridge in Bruce on the Thursday before the all-school reunion. Anyone who wants to join them is invited. This past June, 14 attended the annual party with members of 1950-54 and 1957 attending. The Class of 1950 attendees hoping to return in 2020 for their 70th class reunion were (from left): Jim Roth of East Setauket, NY; Leone Otten Mix of Arlington; and Merlyn Krenz of Lewiston, MN.

2020 RODEO & REUNION WEEKEND JUNE 19, 20, 21

**HONORING CLASSES
ENDING 0 AND 5**

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 19:

9:00 am ~ Alumni Golf Fundraiser at Lake Region Golf Course

3:30 pm ~ Ice Cream Social, serving pies, desserts and ice cream with musical entertainment at Arena

SATURDAY, JUNE 20:

8:00 am ~ Gazebo Gallop 5K/One mile fun run

10:00 am ~ Parade (class floats are encouraged)

11:00 am ~ Alumni Picnic, Legion Hall, with annual meeting to follow

SUNDAY, JUNE 21:

Pancake Feed at Legion Hall



If you need a list of addresses for your class,

Email: alumniestelline@gmail.com or call/text 605-277-5161 (Hilary Suther, secretary)

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