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Membership in the Estelline Alumni Association is open to all persons who attended or taught elementary or high school in Estelline, and anyone who is interested in the betterment of the school and community.
DUES ARE \$10/YEAR



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
**PROMOTING
 EXCELLENCE**

State of the District

The 2020-21 school year was unlike any year any of our teachers or students have experienced previously. The Covid-19 pandemic caused many changes to our daily protocols and procedures. As a district, we asked a lot of our staff and students to keep everyone safe and to keep school running as normally as possible. Our staff and our students did an exceptional job, and we were able to keep the Covid-19 disruptions to a minimum. At times, some students or grades had to go home, but for the most part we were able to avoid major or extended shut-downs school wide. Keeping the students in the classrooms was a benefit to the overall education we could provide to our students. Our athletic teams were able to compete and complete all of their seasons with the spring season capping off with a State B Girls Golf Championship. As we move into the 2021-22 school year, we hope that this pandemic is behind us and we can get back to school-as-normal, but time will tell, and we are excited to embrace anything that comes our way.

The 2020-21 school year also saw many changes and upgrades to the school facilities as well. In the fall, the district was able to upgrade the Beckman Field Scoreboard and Sound System through generous donations from local businesses and the Alumni Association. The new scoreboard looks great and

sounds even better. During the summer of 2021, the track will be resurfaced, resealed, and repainted and will be like a brand-new track when the work is completed. We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful facility in our school district. In July, the lighting in the Estelline Arena was changed over to LED lighting and it no longer has that orange hue to it!

The school district also received some federal funding to be used to help with the Covid-19 pandemic and getting the school ready for the new year. We were able to use that money to do a variety of projects throughout the school district:

- Changed all bathroom fixtures to touchless and automatic.
- Upgraded many janitorial supplies and equipment.
- Replaced original air handling system in the high school.
- Replaced all exterior doors throughout the school.
- Replaced all windows in the elementary and middle school.

Lastly, a big thank you to the Estelline Alumni Association for everything that you do for our school district. The support that you provide to the students and staff of our district is unparalleled. Whether it was the donation of the new digital Clarinova piano for the music program or the scholarships you provide our seniors, the generosity never goes unnoticed. I look forward to continuing to work with the Estelline Alumni Association in the future!

Thanks,
 Dr. Eric Bass, Estelline School District Superintendent

1982-2022 ~ 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATE ON JUNE 16 WITH DUELING PIANOS!

More information to follow in the Fall newsletter
Annual Business Meeting will be held with the lunch picnic on Saturday, June 18.

2022 RODEO & REUNION WEEKEND JUNE 16, 17, 18, & 19

Honoring Classes
Ending 2 and 7

BOB FOSTER (79), a member of the Rolling Thunder, Inc., Chapter II of South Dakota, was successful in securing the support of the Capitol Complex Restoration and Beautification Commission this past April for the placement of a POW/MIA display on the second floor, west wing of the Capitol in Pierre. Foster stressed the need to educate the public that many prisoners of war were left behind. He noted that South Dakota has 24 Prisoners of War and 357 heroes still missing in action.

Rolling Thunder presented their design for the project to the Commission and with their unanimous support, hopes to have it completed in time for dedication on POW/MIA Day, Sept. 17.

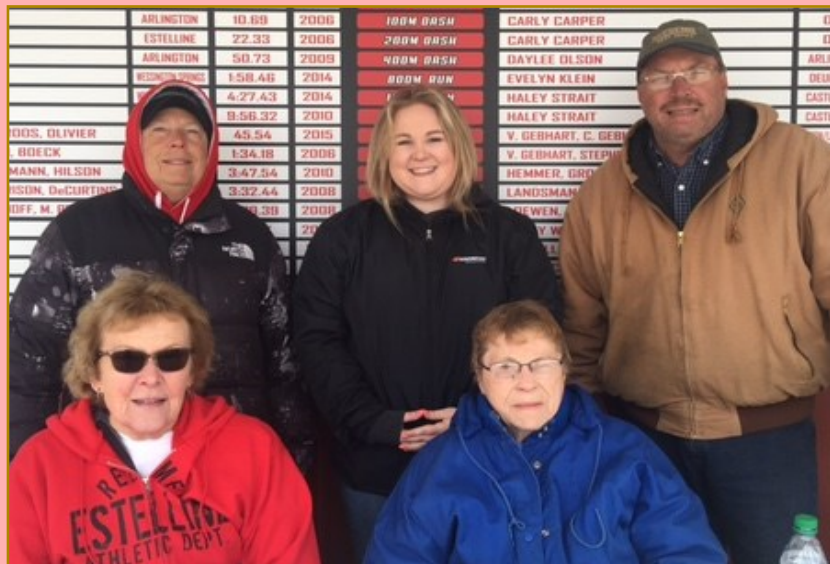
The display will include the United States, the South Dakota and the POW/MIA flags, as well as the symbolic empty chair serving as a memorial to those who served in the military but who did not return to us.



Track Meet Draws Record Teams

This year's Pat Gilligan-Alumni Track Meet drew a record 24 teams to Beckman Field. Secretary Hilary Suther, one of the track coaches at EHS, presented Honorary Referee Reid Johnson with a plaque (photo at right).

Because the Homecoming Pork BBQ was cancelled this past fall due to Covid, the Alumni Association held the feed during the alumni meet. Cooking and working were (back row from left): Vonda Bjorklund, Molly Watt, Todd Bjorklund, and (front row from left): Linda Mennenga and Joan Bjorklund. Additional sponsors for the feed were Estelline Community Oil and Mitch Loban/Thunder Seed.



ALUMNI OFFICERS

Jennifer Bjorklund Loban ~ President (2006)
Jordan Busch ~ Vice President (2011)
Hilary Gorder Suther ~ Secretary (2009)
Molly Watt ~ Treasurer (2017)

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Class Notes

BIRTHS

Feb. 20, 2021 ~ girl, Wren Lynn to Lacey and **DUSTY GORDER (2013)**. Estelline. Grandpa is **DAVID GORDER (65)** of Estelline.

April 27 ~ boy, Monroe Penn to **ROSE HERVAGAULT (2005)** and Jeff Stanley of Palo Cedro, CA; joins brother Madex.

May 11 ~ girl, Haven Marie to **HOPE (BOHN 94)** and William Hedlund of Louisburg, MN; joins siblings Tyler, Leland, Trent, and Brody; and Trevor and Brooke in Heaven.

June 3 ~ boy, Brigham Riley to Ali and Riley Buck. Grandparents are MarJoan and **BRET BUCK (former EHS teacher/coach)** of rural Bryant.

June 5 ~ twin boys, Dirks Daron and Decker Dale to **MELISSA ZEMLIKA (2009)** and Daron Nelson of Revillo; joins siblings Draper and Mayda.

June 7 ~ boy, Huxlee Michael to **KODI RUST (2017) and KYLE WARD (2006)** of Estelline; joins brother Oaklynn. Grandparents are Trista and **JOE RUST (96)** of rural Castlewood and Patti and **MIKE WARD (73)** of Estelline. Great-grandma is **CINDY (PAPKA 69)** Rust of Estelline.

July 7 ~ twin boys, Jaxson Daniel and Jordan James to **JENNIFER (FUHR 2004)** and Jason Tolzin of Lake Preston; joins sisters Jailey, Jentry and Jerney.

July 15 ~ girl, Waverly Mae to **ELLEN (HOLLMAN 2009)** and Dan Ordal of Colton, SD; joins brother Hudson.

July 19 ~ girl, Leah Jeanne, to Julia and **RYAN YODER (95)** of Estelline; joins siblings Anna and Jack.

July 19 ~ girl, Chelsey Grace to **SHERI (RUNIA 2008)** and Cory DeWit of Hull, IA; joins siblings Owen and Marissa.

July 25 ~ girl, Huxleigh Ann to Tiffany and **JOSH LICHT (2010)** of Mesa, AZ; joins siblings Parx and Lennox.

July 28 ~ girl, Nellie Blue to KayCee and Duke Buffington, Red Shirt, SD. Grandparents are Rhonda and **DUANE PEDERSEN (82)** of Platte.

ANNIVERSARIES

LORI (KALSBECK 78) and TOM CARON (78) of Marshall, MN celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 20, 2021.

CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78) of Estelline celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 27, 2021.

Janet and **ALVIN HENDERSCHIEDT (60)** of Lake Poinsett celebrated their 60th anniversary on July 7, 2021.

Cindy and **BOB ELLSWORTH (71)** of Wentworth, SD celebrated their 45th anniversary on July 24, 2021.

GEORGIA (OVEROCKER 61) and Donald Miller of Estelline celebrated their 60th anniversary on July 30, 2021.

WEDDINGS

ABBI BENNING (2015), daughter of Su and **JAMES BENNING (EHS teacher)** of Estelline, and Reece Simpson were married June 5, 2021. Abbi is employed at the Madison Regional Hospital as the admissions supervisor. Reece is an account executive for SBS Cybersecurity.

JAMESON CLARKE (2004), son of **CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78)** of Estelline, and Erin Moser were married June 12, 2021. Erin is a first grade teacher at Adventure Elementary School in Harrisburg. Jameson is a teacher and athletic coordinator at Patrick Henry Middle School in Sioux Falls.

DEATHS

ALBERT "CHARLIE" FARRELL (58) of Palm Springs, CA and Huron, SD died April 15, 2020 in a motorcycle accident near Palm Springs.

JUDITH (ANDERSON 51) Hauffe died at her home in Sioux Falls on March 30, 2021. She had been in hospice care in the late stages of Alzheimer's disease. Funeral services were held April 8 at Springdale Lutheran Church, rural Sioux Falls.

Erwin Jillson, husband of **DARLA APPEL (72)** of Gary, SD died April 9, 2021 at the USD Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls. Memorial service was held April 15 at Highland Lutheran Church in Brandt.

BRAD HESBY (2003) died April 15, 2021 at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls, from an aortic aneurysm. Funeral services were held April 23 at First Lutheran Church in Volga with burial in the church cemetery.

ALBERT LANG (57) died May 17, 2021 at William Childs Hospice House in Palm Bay, FL. Funeral services with the Marine Corp Color Guard were held June 26 at Seawinds Funeral Home, Sebastian, FL.

Doug Pedersen, husband of **AGATHA (TOERING 66)** of Estelline, passed away at home on May 24, 2021. A family service was held at Geise Funeral Home, Estelline.

CONNIE WENDELL (former EHS English teacher) passed away May 25, 2021 at Riverview Health Care Center, Flandreau, after a 3 1/2 year battle with chronic myeloid leukemia. Funeral services were held June 4 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with burial at Union Cemetery, all in Flandreau.

Darwin Latt, husband of **KAYE (KANGAS 61)** of rural Castlewood, died June 25, 2021.

MARCIA NESS (retired K-12 counselor) died July 7, 2021 from complications of Parkinson's Disease. Funeral services were held July 26 at First Lutheran Church, Brookings.

BRAD KNUTH (75) died July 25, 2021 at his cabin in Avon, MN. A time of sharing was held July 31 at Williams Dingmann Funeral Home, St. Cloud, MN.

BONITA "BUNNY" (MCFARLAND 63) Graham died July 30, 2021 at the Cornerstone Specialty Hospital in Muskogee, OK. Services were held at Oak Hill Cemetery pavilion.

Gazebo Gallopers

The age group winners from the Gazebo Gallop were front row from left: Emi Sonnenburg, Aaron Kippley and Maci Licht. Second row: Titus Kippley, Jesade Siverson, Kaylee Johnson, Shannon Von Essen. Last row: Bill Henrichsen, Emily Schaefer, Riley Benning, Donna Thompson, Michael Rospenda, Mikayla Langseth, Gabe Langseth, and Brad Jarman and Kelly Barnwell (insert). All proceeds were donated to the families of Hope Krause and Wyatt Niemann. Thank you to our co-sponsor, Reliabank, and to James and Su Benning for their donations of water, fruit, and trophies.



104 Golf Fore The Redhawks

After missing out on last year's golf fundraiser, people turned out in record numbers this year. Many of our teams have been golfing together since the first tournament was held in 2000 which was won by Wanda and M.O. Lee, Bob Oines, and Don Scott. Teams are made up of family members, alumni, teachers and school staff, and members of the community. This year's

winners were: First Flight ~ Damian and Dillon Freudenthal, Jordan Busch, and Jed Jensen; Second Flight ~ Matt Hausman, Jason Appel, and Jeremy and Jess Freesemann; Third Flight ~ Linda Salmonson and Jim Donnelly. Estelline Coop Grain provided the noon meal and Skoglund Insurance sponsored the Hole In One contest. Tracy Johnson won the Green Mountain Grill donated by Damian Freudenthal. Buzz Fritz won the Estelline Bean Bag Boards donated by Mike and Patti Ward Family.

New and returning golfers included pictured clockwise: Rex and Trish Schwartz and Erika and Ben Hauck; Mark Francisco, CeCe Louwagie, Kristin Ryan, and Jeremy Gorder; Annie, Josh, Les, and Nick Rossman; Harrison Wegner, Marcis Hausman, Riley Benning, and Kaylee Johnson; and Sandy and Tim Wulf, Marty Spilde, and Ron Moore.



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Class Reunions



Scholarship Recipients (from left):
Jordan Saathoff: Gail Harrenga Memorial, Helia Trautman, Alumni Scholarships
Sophie Hall: Jan Winkelman Memorial Scholarship
Riley Benning: Alumni Scholarship, Ron and Jeanette Foster Track Scholarship
Mariah Johnson: Roth Memorial Athlete-Scholar Scholarship
Kylie Beare: William E. Beckman, Burge Family, Alumni, Ron and Jeanette Foster Track Scholarships (not pictured)



From left: Karla Liljegren Morris, Jim Force, Pat Nelson IntVeld, Donna Gorder Stroschein, Sandy Spilde Rasmussen, Basketball Coach/Math Teacher Al Burkhalter, Gayle Ward Stroschein, Cathy Hausman Ching, David Johnson, Mary Seeklander Mortenson, Ron Hemmer, Rich Rasmussen, and Ken Begalka.



Class of 1971 ~ Front left: Marlene Hemmer Mennenga, Karen Alickson McComish, Zoe Hoffelt Geise, Linda Colberg Mulder, Delrean Vohlken Gilligan, Brian Ellefson, Rod Torgerson; Back left: Dave Sween, Robert Ellsworth, Dick McComish, Joel Mulder, Terry Zafft, Carl Hutt, Dave Linneman, Dan Clarke.

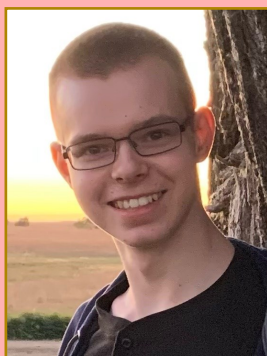


Class of 1976 ~ Randy Lantgen, Mike Harrenga, Ray Oines, Scott Quick, Judy Alickson, Kenny Keimig, Joni Ornes Bruch, Deputy Taylor Shantz (not a classmate!), Dawn Granum Jarvis, Joel DeBoer, and Dale Stroschein



Class of 2001 ~ From left: Justin Clarke, Nikki Fugere Freeseemann, Valerie Geringer Norman, Dan Johnson, Cassidy Poppe Horst, Brandon Jarman, Christy Runia VanHeerde, Annette Nystrom, Nicole Rieckman Dulaney

Welcome Class of 2021



Top row from left: Ryan Kjenstad, Riley Benning, Trey Grimme, Lydia Ebberts, Alysha Walker; Second row: Kylie Beare, Sophie Hall, John Moore, Jordan Saathoff, Justin Buschenfeld; Third Row: Colton Luckhurst, Manual Martinez, Jacoby Flegel, Mariah Johnson, Peyton Reitz; Fourth row: Grace Rabenberg, Jesus Jacobo, Parker Jongeling, Ace Alberts, Cynthia Jacobo; Right corner: Emily Johnson.

Thank You For Your Donations

SCHOLARSHIPS & ALUMNI PROJECTS

Mary Ann and PHIL FORCE (62)
RALPH SCHMIDT (60)
Beth and JUSTIN CLARKE (2001)
Trish and REX SCHWARTZ (81)
BETTE GERBERDING (former teacher)
RONALD BORSTAD (67)
JIM ROTH (50)
MARLYS (ARCHER 56) Kveum
LEAH (WELK 73) Luken
Ken and Tammy Krein (contributors to concession stand)

ROTH MEMORIAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE
SCHOLARSHIP:
JIM ROTH (50)

JAXSON BERWALD (2030) SCHOLARSHIP:
Darvin and TRUDY MOBERG (retired 5th grade teacher)
DEANNA (WULF 69) and Merle Niemann
LINDA (WATT 67) and LaVerne Mennenga
JEANNE (DAVIS 49) Forman
PAULA (PAPKA 87) and Stuart Busch
KATLIN (WARD 2010) and JORDAN BUSCH (2011)

In Memory of JUDITH (ANDERSON 51) Hauffe:
LINDA (WATT 67) and LaVerne Mennenga

In Memory of DUTCH VANDERWAAL (2008):
Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary teacher)
CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78)

In Memory of BRAD HESBY (2003):
Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary teacher)

In Memory of JACKIE ZAFFT (79):
NANCY (HAUSMAN 80) and MARK HAUSMAN (78)

In Memory of MIKE BERWALD (78):
LINDA (WATT 67) and LaVerne Mennenga

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

In Memory of Robert Kilborn:
MILDRED (RUNGE 55) Kilborn

In Memory of SHIRLEY (SALMONSON 54) and DENNIS
EISNACH (54):
MILDRED (RUNGE 55) Kilborn

In Memory of ROGER OINES (62):
DARYL ALSEIKE (49)

RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM

JIM ROTH (50)
MARLYS (ARCHER 56) Kveum

HILLCREST CEMETERY

In Memory of GARY MCFARLAND (69):
SHERRY (MCFARLAND 64) and Dean Buetow

In Memory of Joe C. and Bena Hutt: Helen Hutt

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

BONNIE (PETERSON 65) Fjerestad
ARNOLD GORDER (58)
JIM ROTH (50)
MARLYS (ARCHER 56) Kveum
LEAH (WELK 73) Luken
Marjorie Quam

REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK

Connie Coulter
Linda and BUTCH SALMONSON (65)
JIM ROTH (50)
MARLYN (ARCHER 56) Kveum
LEAH (WELK 73) Luken

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