Estelline Alumni Association

## 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.

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Alumni Association turns 40!

670persons attended the homecoming dinner and EHS class reunions on Friday evening, July 2, during the Estelline Centennial and Homecoming Celebration on July 2-4, 1982. Former students, their spouses, teachers, and friends, came from 33 states, D.C., Canada, Germany and 42 towns in South Dakota. Bessie (Eisnach) Dokken came from Long Beach, CA and represented the Class of 1907...and that was the beginning of the Estelline Alumni Association. The above information was taken from the very first newsletter of the association. The idea for this organization and funding for postage and printing came from the late James Meaghan (1928). Now here we are, 40 years later!

It was my class reunion, and all through the house, I checked in each mirror and begged my poor spouse.
To say I looked great, that my chin wasn't double, And he lied through false teeth, just to stay out of trouble. Said that 'neath my thick glasses, my eyes hadn't changed, And I had the same figure, it was just a mite rearranged. He said my skin was still silky, although looser in drape, Not so much like smooth satin, but more like silk crepe. I swallowed his words hook, sinker, and line And entered the banquet feeling just fine. Somehow I'd expected my classmates to stay As young as they were on that long ago day. We'd hugged farewell hugs, But like me through the years, They'd added gray to their hair, or pounds to their rears. But as we shared a few memories and retold some class jokes,
We were eighteen in spirit, though we looked like our folks. We turned up hearing aid volumes and dimmed down the light, Rolled back the years, and were young for the night.


# Oldest graduate turning 101 

It has come to our attention that Mariem (Galland) Whittemore will be turning 101 on May 23rd! She was president of the Estelline High School Class of 1941 and is our oldest living graduate.
Mariem married Robert Whittemore on Sept. 15, 1946 and they later moved to Watertown. In 1967 they moved their family to the Black Hills. Bob died in 2016. They had a son Jim, a daughter Mary, and five grandchildren.
Birthday cards may be mailed to Mariem at 4941 Saint Martins Dr \#18, Rapid City, SD 57702.


# Class Notes 

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dianne and GARY FOSTER (67) of rural Bruce celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 1, 2022.
MARY ANN (HOLTER 69) and DALE WILLIAMS (69) of Estelline celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6, 2022.

## WEDDINGS

A.J. RIECKMAN (2011) and Alycia Kayser were married Dec. 19, 2021. A.J. is deployed with the SD National Guard for the next year. Alycia is a social studies teacher at Ben Reifel Middle School in Sioux Falls. They plan to celebrate with a ceremony and reception in May 2023.
BRADY LINNEMAN (2012), son of TERRY LINNEMAN (78) of Estelline, and Amanda Prindle were married Dec. 31, 2021. Brady is employed by the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana in water pollution control maintenance. Amanda is an investigator for the Public Defender's Office.

## CONGRATULATIONS

SHEILA (COLBERG 77) Gerhold of Castlewood was named South Dakota Municipal Officer Person of the Year. The award recognizes administrative employees of a municipality for outstanding performance in office management and procedures. Sheila spent 31 year serving as the finance officer for the City of Castlewood. Along with the typical small town finance office responsibilities, Sheila also managed the city-owned golf course, clubhouse, and seasonal personnel.

## GRADUATIONS

MAXX HAUSMAN (2016) ~ South Dakota State University ~ BS in Education

JACK SONNENBURG (2017) ~ South Dakota State University ~ BS in Ag Science with minors in Ag Business and Military Science
CECELIA (GORDER 2012) Louwagie ~ South Dakota State University ~ Master's degree in Educational Administration ALYLE HENDRICKS (2020) ~ Human Services Associate's Degree ~Lake Area Technical Institute; transferring to Southwest Minnesota State, Marshall, to study social work

## ESTELLINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ~ PO BOX 108 ~ ESTELLINE SD 57234

 Send in your items for the newsletter to the above mailing address or email: alumniestelline@gmail.com| ~ DUES ARE \$10/YEAR ~ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name/Address: |  | Dues: |
| Phone/Email: __ Year Grad: |  |  |
| __ SCHOLARSHIP FUND | _ JAXSON BERWALD SCHOLARSHIP | _ ALUMNI PROJECTS |
| _ RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM | _ REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK | HILLCREST CEMETERY |
| DONATION TO GAZEBO GALLOP (proceeds to Redhawk activities and Castlewood Education Foundation due to tornado damage) |  |  |
| SEND MY NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL (email the association if you do not use this form ~ we must have your email address) |  |  |
| SIGN ME UP FOR GOLFING | Will have a 4-person team (INCLUDE NAMES) | Put me on a team |

# Class Notes 

## DEATHS

CLAIR OHNSTAD (58) of Gillette, WY died Oct. 22, 2021 at the Sheridan VA Medical Center. Clair had spent the last few years slowly battling multiple ailments including cancer, Alzheimer's, dementia, and Parkinson's Disease. His cremains will be interred at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis, on June 6, 2022.
BONNIE (LEE 55) Wakeman of Clarksville, TN died Dec. 29, 2021 from respiratory issues.
CLAIR HICKS (76) died Jan. 1, 2022 at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls.
LARRY KOEPKE (56) of Lakewood, CA. A celebration of life was held at Siouxland, Lake Poinsett, on Jan. 9, 2022.
WANDA (JOHNSON 52) Lee of Sioux Falls died Jan. 10, 2022 at Ava's House in Sioux Falls. Funeral services were held Jan. 18 at George Boom Funeral Home, Sioux Falls.
BETH ANNE CARSON (91) died Jan. 14, 2022 at her home in Aberdeen. A private family memorial service will be held in the spring at Rose Hill Cemetery, rural Langford, SD.
BONNIE PIERCE (2nd grade teacher 1966-1991) died at the Brookings Health System on Jan. 23, 2022. Funeral services were held Jan. 27 at Rude's Funeral Home in Brookings.
Carl Bevers, husband of SHARON (HENDRICKSON 60)
Bevers of Watertown, died Jan. 30, 2022 at a Watertown care center. Funeral services were held Feb. 3 at The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown with burial at Hillcrest Cemetery, Estelline.
RANDY SWEEN (69) died Feb. 13, 2022 at the Good Samaritan Society, Clear Lake. A celebration of life service was held Feb. 19 at the American Legion in Estelline with burial at a later date at St. John's Cemetery, rural Estelline.

Dan Ohnstad, age 55, son of PHYLLIS (KRENZ 52) Ohnstad of Grantsburg, WI died Feb. 28, 2022 after being tragically struck by a drunk driver on his way home from a school board meeting. Funeral services were held at Grantsburg's Immaculate Conception Church on March 7.
JERRY JEFFERIS (78) of Littleton, CO died unexpectedly March 16, 2022 in Littleton. Funeral services were held March 26 at Rude's Funeral Home with burial at Greenwood Cemetery, all in Brookings.
Brent Poller, husband of ROCHELLE (BOETTCHER 90) of Holstein, IA died March 16, 2022 at Correctionville Specialty Care of Correctionville, MN. Funeral services were March 22 at Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home, Holstein.
RICK GORDER (70), husband of ROZY (RASMUSSEN 69) of Magnolia, TX died April 9, 2022. Memorial services will be held July 5, 2022 at 10am at the Grace Free Lutheran Church in Bruce.

## BIRTHS

Jan. 5 ~ boy, Oliver Antonio to Alexandra and JAMES ELLIOTT (2011) of Lake Norden; joins brother Charlie.
Jan. $7 \sim$ girl, Willow Jean to Carly and Cory Pochop; joins siblings Weston and Remi. Grandma is NANCY (SWEEN
79) Conlon of Watertown.

Jan 10 ~ boy, Brixton Reed to Danielle (Caldwell) and her husband, Garrett. Grandparents are JANET (NORMAN 78) and Reed Caldwell of Gilbert, AZ. Great-grandma is MARY ANN (GRATZ 48) Norman of Estelline.
Jan. 21 ~ girl, Willow Jan to Whitney and Tyler McDonald; joins brother Colson. Grandparents are CONNIE (WINKELMAN 87) and SCOTT WARD (89) of Watertown.
Jan. 27 ~ twin boys, Kace Clarke and Ridgley Robert to Brian and Sydney Horner-Ricke. Grandparents are MARY ANN (CLARKE 81) and Mike Horner of Cottonwood, MN.
Feb. 4 ~ boy, Colt Michael to SHELLY JURGENS (2020) and Travis Thompson of Pipestone, MN.
Feb. 17 ~ girl, Piper Corrine to LYDIA (VINCENT 2013) and JASON FUHR (2006) of Arlington.
Feb. 22 ~ girl, Jocelyn Mary to Becky and AUSTIN
BERWALD (2006) of rural Toronto; joins siblings Jaylee, Jaxson in Heaven, Jaedyn, and Jamison.
Feb. 22 ~ girl, Lillian Grace to RACHEL (LINNEMAN 2005) and Todd Swanson, Arlington; joins siblings Levi and Carter. Grandparents are SUSAN (SWIFT 72) and DAVE LINNEMAN (71) of rural Bruce. Great-grandparents are SHIRLEY LAMBERG (45) and Don Linneman, Estelline.
March 21 ~ girl, Kelsie Lynn to STEPHANIE (former teacher) and DAVID RUNIA (2011) of Willmar, MN; joins sister Mackenzie.
April 5 ~ girl, Lainey Lynn to Dayton and Branon Landmark. Grandparents are VICKIE (SKARLOKEN 85) and Kelly VanderWal of Volga.
April $8 \sim$ boy, Owen Simon to Ashley and Adam Geraets. Grandparents are DEANNA (SIMON 88) and David Stelter of Wood Lake, MN and Susan and BRYON ZAFFT (87) of Johns Island, SC. Great-grandparents are SUE (NELSON 67) and DON ZAFFT (65) of Estelline.
April 15 ~ boy, Jett Michael to ELIZABETH HOFER (2019) and Anthony Johnson. Grandparents are RITA (BERWALD 82) and Eli Hofer, rural Bruce.

April 19 ~ girl, Surrey Faye to Alyssa and Kyle Chase; joins sister Saylor. Grandparents are JAMIE (FOSTER 81) and Mike Cronin, Gettysburg. Great-grandma is JOANNE (BRUINSMA 59) Foster of Estelline.
April 27 ~ girl, Ellinor May to VERONICA (BREMMON 2005) and Phillip Knotts of Sioux Falls; joins brother Noah.

April 27 ~ girl, Lila Sonne to COURTNEY
(SONNENBURG 2007) and Wyatt Nash-Keller; joins brothers Bennett and Baker. Grandparents are JEANNE
(PRESTRUDE 89) and BRYON SONNENBURG (84), and great-grandparents are Judy and LEROY SONNENBURG (62) and Joan Prestrude and KENNY KEIMIG (76), all of Estelline.

# Hollenbeck named Honorary Referee <br> Kristy (Brown) Hollenbeck was born and <br> earned Varsity letters in both basketball 

raised in Chadron, Nebraska. Her immediate family consisted of her parents, Bill and Isabelle Brown, and two older sisters, Barbara and Karen. She grew up watching and learning football from her father and also watching and learning baseball from her mother. Her oldest sister, Barb, was a cheerleader so she saw many Chadron High Cardinal boys football games and basketball games from the stands, sitting with her parents. Girls did not have teams and did not play games. Title IX was not passed until around 1974.

Kristy began her track experience as a Chadron High Cardinal in the spring of 1975, sprinting and long jumping. She completed her high school career with two school records: $16^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$ in the long jump and 62.00 in the 440 yard dash. She earned a third place medal in the Class B Girls $4 \times 440$ at the Nebraska State Meet. Ms. Hollenbeck attended Chadron State College (CSC) in her hometown and became an Eagle. While earning a degree in biology, then adding minors in earth science and physical education, Kristy
and softball. She was sidelined by injury which stopped her athletic career.
In the spring of her junior year at CSC, a friend introduced her to Margie Ann Smith, head women's track coach at CSC. Ms. Hollenbeck decided give track and field a try. She spent the next three seasons as a member of the women's team. She enjoyed success, travel, and building relationships with coaches and teammates, both male and female. Her track and field coaching began there, helping younger athletes learn starting drills and exchange techniques that coaches expected. When Ms. Hollenbeck returned to CSC to work on her Master's degree, she continued as an assistant on the Eagle Track Team.
Over the 32 years of her career as a science teacher, Ms. Hollenbeck spent 29 of them coaching track and field. Kristy has also had the privilege of being able to teach and coach her own three children, Leigh (2007), Kyle (2010), and Shanie (2016), all graduates of Estelline High School.

## Alumni, Booster Club team up to Gallop

The Alumni Association is teaming up with the Redhawk Booster Club for the Gazebo Gallop this year. Proceeds will be split between Redhawk activities and the Castlewood Education Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. An F2 tornado ripped through Castlewood on May 12, destroying the elementary gymnasium and a good chunk of the school.
Cost of the Gallop is $\$ 25$ per person and all entrants will receive a water bottle. The route will remain the same as in previous years. Registration will begin at 7 am at the Gazebo on

Main Street and the race begins at 8 am . Divisions will be held for both male and female in these age categories for the $5 \mathrm{~K}: 12$ and under, 13-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-64, and 65+. Fill out the entry form below and send in to the Estelline Alumni Association, PO Box 108, Estelline, SD 57234. You may also register by emailing alumniestelline@gmail.com. Contact people: Hilary Suther 605-277-5161 or Marci Saathoff 605-690-4186. Any donations are also welcome and can be sent to the Alumni's address above.

## GAZEBO GALLOP ENTRY FORM - \$25 per person

Name: Age on Day of Race:
Address, City, State, Zip:
Male $\qquad$ Female $\qquad$ 5K $\qquad$ 1-Mile

## Welcome Class of 2022



Walter Plaisted Working


Mason Morris South Dakota School of Mines


Dawson Bury Dakota State University


Joshua Shay Working


Suly (Nohemi) Gomez


Katherine Wegner South Dakota State University


Alexis Vomacka ~Minnesota State University at Mankato


Kaden Madsen Lake Area Technical Institute


Lily Cruz
Lake Area Technical Institute


Halle Romaker Lake Area Technical Institute


Makenzie Hendricks Lake Area
Technical Institute

## Thank You For Your Donations

## SCHOLARSHIPS \& ALUMNI PROJECTS

RELIABANK DAKOTA
TENNYSON FAMILY FOUNDATION: BONNIE
(NELSON 69) and Mike Tennyson, Sonja, Jerad, Kali and Angel Jill
HARRY HANSEN (55)
Randy and Jane Derby
Bente and JIM ROTH (50)
Patricia and JOE FOURNIER (62)
KAREN (ALICKSON 71) and RICHARD McCOMISH
(71)

DARYL ALSEIKE (49)
BEVERLY (GILES 54) Ross
Sharon and DUANE BARNES (65)
Mary Ann and PHIL FORCE (62)
JAXSON BERWALD (2030) Scholarship Fund:
ESTELLINE 4TH GRADE CLASS OF 2030
Julie Rieckman
BETTY (SEEKLANDER 74) and Lenny Saathoff
JAN WINKELMAN Scholarship Fund:
In Honor of Tyler and Whitney McDonald Family:
CONNIE (WINKELMAN 87) and SCOTT WARD (89)

ROTH FAMILY ATHLETE/SCHOLAR Scholarship Fund: Bente and JIM ROTH (50)

HELIA TRAUTMAN Scholarship Fund:
LAWRENCE TRAUTMAN (61)
In Memory of BUTCH SALMONSON (65):
STEPHEN WATTNEM (67)
In Memory of KRISTI (COLBERG 82) Dobbs and RANDY
DEVILLE (72):
NAOMI (POPPEN 94) and DAVID COLBERG (87)
In Memory of BONITA "BUNNY" (McFARLAND 63) Graham, THOMAS McFARLAND (67), and GARY McFARLAND (69):
SHERRY (McFARLAND 65) Buetow
In Memory of BETH ANNE CARSON (91):
DIANA (JOHNSON 90) and Paul Calkins
LANA (SWEEN 67) and RON SAATHOFF (64)
CINDY TOBEN (retired teacher)
CINDY (PAPKA 69) Rust
Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)
In Memory of MIKE SIMON (retired custodian):
Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)

In Memory of RANDY SWEEN (69):
CLASS OF 1969

In Memory of Carl Bevers:
MarJoan and BRET BUCK (former teacher)
In Memory of Darlene Pedersen:
Rhonda and DUANE PEDERSEN (82)
Sandy and BRYAN PEDERSEN (83)
JERRY PEDERSEN (87)
In Memory of WANDA (JOHNSON 52) Lee:
DARLENE (PAPKA 54) Colberg
CYNTHIA JOHNSON (65)
CINDY (PAPKA 69) Rust
CHARLOTTE (VENEKLASEN 52) Zafft
TERRY ZAFFT (71)
In Memory of JERRY JEFFERIS (78):
LORI (KALSBECK 78) and TOM CARON (78)
JIM LENTZ (78)
KENNY FOSTER (58)
DALE FOSTER (81)
DONNA (FOSTER 83) Thompson
Gail and RON SEEKLANDER (72)
Laurie and RON HEMMER (70)
Denise and BRUCE HEMMER (75)
LeAnne and TRACY JOHNSON (93)
AMAINE (MOHAN 58) and GARY JOHNSON (66)
JEANETTE (HUTT 56) Foster
MAUREEN (LINNEMAN 68) and John Radtke
CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78)
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SUSAN (SWIFT 72) and DAVE LINNEMAN (71)
Deb and WARREN HEMMER (77)
LINDA (LINNEMAN 67) and Dennis Hemmer
ANN (retired teacher) and MIKE GORDER (77)
MARLENE SEEKLANDER (80)
In Memory of RICK GORDER (70):
CINDY (GORDER 74) and Terry Sundvold
ANN (retired teacher) and MIKE GORDER (77)
RURAL SCHOOL MUSEUM
Bente and JIM ROTH (50)
JACQUOWYN (LANG 55) Shanno
Mary Ann and PHIL FORCE (62)
In Memory of Edwin and Margaret Borstad:
Bev and TED BORSTAD (68)

In Memory of BONNIE PIERCE (retired teacher):
Tom and SHARON DELZER (retired elementary principal)

# Thank You For Your Donations 

## HILLCREST CEMETERY

Lisa and DALE VENEKLASEN (89)
GARNET (BALL 49) and Peter Birner
Bente and JIM ROTH (50)
CURT SONNENBURG (64)
Lynn and JOHN LINNEMAN (69)
MARLENE SEEKLANDER (80)
In Memory of BONITA "BUNNY" (McFARLAND 63) Graham:
SHERRY (McFARLAND 65) Buetow
In Memory of Edwin and Margaret Borstad:
Bev and TED BORSTAD (68)
In Memory of Charles and Elsie Cook and Verle and Lorraine Janssen: Karen and CLAYTON COOK (60)

REFLECTIONS MEMORIAL PARK Lisa and DALE VENEKLASEN (89) Bente and JIM ROTH (50) Connie Coulter

In Memory of BUTCH SALMONSON (65):
CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78)
In Memory of BOB HUTT (58) and Darlene Pedersen: CARLA (FOSTER 77) and TOM CLARKE (78)

In Memory of CLAIR OHNSTAD (58):
PHYLLIS (KRENTZ 52) Ohnstad
In Memory of WANDA (JOHNSON 52) Lee:
PHYLLIS (KRENTZ 52) Ohnstad

## ALUMNI OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:
Jennifer Bjorklund Loban (2006)
VICE PRESIDENT:
Jordan Busch (2011)
SECRETARY:
Hilary Gorder Suther (2009) TREASURER:
Molly Watt Ronne (2017)

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# 2022 RODEO \& REUNION WEEKEND JUNE 16, 17, 18 AND 19 

## HONORING CLASSES ENDING 2 AND 7

## THURSDAY, JUNE 16:

Tractor Show all Weekend
Reliabank Hot Dog Days at the Legion Hall ~ 11 am to 1 pm
DUELING DUO SHOW ~ Legion Hall ~ 7-9 pm ~
Free Will Offering ~ Celebrating our 40th Anniversary FRIDAY, JUNE 17:
$9 \mathrm{am} \sim$ 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. To sign up contact: Eric Bass 605-280-8872 (eric.bass@k12.sd.us); Jameson Clarke 605-690-3739 (jamesonclarke3@gmail.com); Andy Hansen 605-695-5386
 (adhansen5784@gmail.com); or Tom Clarke 605-690-3293 (clarke@itctel.com) 6 pm ~Rodeo followed by Firemen's Street Dance ~ Music by 10 Miles From Nowhere

## SATURDAY, JUNE 18:

7 am ~ GAZEBO GALLOP 5K and ONE MILE RUN $\sim$ Registration begins at City Library; Gallop begins at 8 am. Everyone receives a water bottle. Cost is $\$ 25$. All proceeds will benefit Redhawk activities and the Castlewood Education Foundation. Entry form on page 4 to pre-register: Estelline Alumni Association, PO Box 108, Estelline, SD 57234; email alumniestelline@gmail.com; or call Hilary Suther 605-277-5161 or Marci Saathoff 605-690-4186.
10 am ~ Parade (Marj Warborg 605-873-2563) ~ Classes are encouraged to have an entry. Theme is Giddy Up Go. Line up begins at 8:15am on Northridge Road.
10 am to $2 \mathrm{pm} \sim$ Vendors in Gazebo Park
10:30 am ~ Dakota Pedal Pull, registration at 10:30 with pull following
Following parade ~ Little Miss Estelline and Kids Games on Main Street
11:30 pm ~ ALUMNI BANQUET ~ Arena ~ serving hot beef combos, \$10. Everyone Welcome. No pre-
registration needed but if you would like tables reserved for your class, please email:
alumniestelline@gmail.com.
Noon to 2 pm ~ Bingo in the Park
Noon to 3 pm ~ Show and Shine Car Show (free). Bring out your pride and joy and show it off. All cars, pickups, and motorcycles welcome. (Mark Foster 605-690-8379)
$6 \mathrm{pm} \sim$ Rodeo followed by music by Lizzy Hofer Band at the Legendary Red Carpet

## SUNDAY, JUNE 19:

Pancake Feed at Legion Hall $\sim 8$ am to Noon
Cowboy Church at Rodeo Grounds $\sim 10: 30$ am

## SUNDAY, JUNE 26:

1 pm: Horse Pull at Rodeo Grounds

## CLASSES PLANNING REUNIONS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF:

1952 ~ Charlotte Zafft ~ please gather at the alumni banquet on Saturday, June 18
1967 ~ Meet at The Ridge in Bruce from 2-5 pm on Friday, June 17
1977 ~ Friday, June 17, Mike Gorder's home, 5pm, RSVP by June 1, James Bakke, jjjbak3@wat.midco.net, 605-520-5459 or aegorder@gmail.com, 605-690-7123.
1981 ~ Meet at the alumni banquet on Saturday, June 18, then gather at Tom Clarke's, 407 Main St N. 1982 ~ Get together at Rita Berwald Hofer residence Saturday afternoon, June 18. More information to come. If anyone is interested in doing an entry for the parade, contact Todd Foster:
toddcfoster29@gmail.com or 605-695-5131.

