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Greetings Alumni

At the October 25th meeting of the WPSAA, there was discussion as to whether we should continue to plan alumni activities going forward. We decided that we would publish, perhaps what may be our final alumni newsletter in 2024, as we are not planning any further alumni reunions anytime soon. Kathy, Bonnie, Sue, Mary, and I have been planning reunions for quite a while, and we have decided that we desperately need new people to keep having reunions. You do not have to be a graduate of WPS to get involved. Any relationship to the school grants you alumni status.

If we can get new members, I know that some of us would continue to assist; however, we just no longer have the desire to be in charge. We will make the final decision at our annual meeting in October 2024 as to whether we continue or disband the alumni association committee. If you are interested in keeping this committee going, please let us know. The future of the WPSAA rests in your hands.

Thank you.

Beverly Vilhauer, WPSAA President



Pictured L-R: Bev (Wald) Erickson, Addie (Wald) Lea, Shari (Schmagel) Caffee, Christine (Briedlander) Kilzer, Donny Welk, Connie (Meidinger) Piepkorn, Steve Ritter, Diane (Wald) Schock, Curry Mund, Barb (Weber) Schauer, Susie (Rohweder) White, Brenda (Kautz) Herr, Steve Rohweder, Curt Michaelsohn, Bill Gall, Beverly (Lindstrom) Richards, Kent Bauer, Wanda (Herr) Strandquist
Not Pictured: Louise (Aipperspach) Hammon, Jerry Bettenhausen, Linda (Boschee) Regner, Sandy Fiechtner, Jim Hochhalter, Marilyn (Kaseman) Bettenhausen, Rodney Kaseman,

Wishek's Quasquicentennial All-School Reunion

Well, the Quasquicentennial celebration is in the books for 2023, and I must say, that if you were at all bored from June 30th through July 3rd in Wishek, ND.....then that is on you. There was so much to do with many overlapping events for all age groups, I could barely keep up.

The All-School Reunion moved along very quickly on the 30th. We had over 540 people registered for this event, and perhaps our most pressing issue was seating for all of these people in a large building with no air conditioning. Unfortunately, things happen that are beyond the committee's control as we hustled to set up and decorate tables following breakfast and the morning parade. God bless the gals who handled the registration table as my time was inadvertently spent assisting the handicapped guests as the elevator didn't function correctly. Nevertheless, we got them all down for the supper and back up afterwards, and I am fairly certain I got in all of my steps.

I didn't have an opportunity at the microphone, but I sincerely want to thank those alumni who actively assisted with making this reunion another success. The meal was delicious, and Hunter's story was engaging. I appreciate that following his accident, he took his lemons and made lemonade, and I hope none of us ever have bad days.

I have to confess that through the entire alumni event, we had planned

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It is important that everyone send in their annual \$10 dues, so we can continue to publish and mail the Badger Bulletin newsletter.

The Badger Bulletin is sent to alumni and former teachers of Wishek Public School (WPS).

WISHEK ALUMNI CLASS CONTACTS

1945 - Don Babitzke 200 4th Ave S Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2833	1965 - Gloria (Kosanke) Knoll 4126 Daytona Dr Bismarck, ND 58503 (701) 290-2090	1980 - Naomi (Dalke) Klein 11 S Badger St. Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2580	1995 - Nathan Rath 3190 81st St SE Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-4440	2010 - Amber (Ketterling) Hakk 17788 County Road #138 Audubon, MN 56511 (701) 566-1228
1946 - LaVerna (Bader) Nies 214 S 4th St. Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2926	1966 - Ronald Vossler 416 2nd Ave. NE E Grand Forks, MN 56721 (218) 779-6835	1981 - Kristi (Svedjan) Beyl 1729 140th Ave Perley, MN 56574 (701) 200-4500	1996 - Denise Rohweder PO Box 152 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2994	2011 - Devin Deile 1812 13th St SW Jamestown, ND 58581 (701) 269-7326
1949 - Gladys (Bettenhausen) Zimmerman PO Box 264 Napoleon, ND 58495 (701) 754-2327	1967 - Don Weber 819 2nd Ave. N Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2485	1982 - Carla (Thum) Gonzales 126 Texas Thistle New Braunfels, TX 78130 (720) 290-4716	1997 - Victoria (Becker) Volk PO Box 64 Hague, ND 58542 (701) 336-7720	2012 - Karly (Wald) Berentson 3459 94th St NW Mohall, ND 58761 701-321-0027
1950 - Audrey (Just) Boschee 400 S 4th St Apt. 2A Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2277	1968 - Ron Meidinger 615 Center Ave. N Ashley, ND 58413 (701) 288-3374	1983 - Lora (Rohweder) Hochhalter PO Box 446 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-0116	1998 - Sonia (Welk) Salwei 903 1st Ave N Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2537	2013 - Amy (Bechtle) Brooks 4491 70th St SE Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2453
1951 - Dorothy (Bader) Breittling 14 S 9th St. Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2522	1969 - Janel (Kautz) Mastel 807 5th Ave. NE Mandan, ND 58554 (701) 663-6258	1984 - Berna (Piatz) Vetter 2951 Hwy 13 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2517	1999 - Jennifer (Piatz) Stock PO Box 143 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2672	2014 - Taylor Ketterling 8645 28th Ave SE Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 423-5608
1953 - Ida (Ackerman) Quatier 302 S Blauvelt Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57103 (605) 261-5798	1970 - Sheryl (Kaseman) Brandner 3665 Hwy 13 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2973	1985 - Darren Deile PO Box 234 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2473	2000 - Melissa (Rudolf) Meidinger 3785 87th St SE Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-7896	2015 - Hanna (Bettenhausen) Ebel 223 2nd Ave Venturia, ND 58413 (701) 329-1850
1954 - Idella (Hiller) Vossler PO Box 502 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2595	1971 - Doris (Meidinger) Bettenhausen PO Box 444 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2454	1986 - Rhonda (Woehl) Secor 5862 E. Monument Dr. Castle Rock, CO 80104 (970) 434-4947	2001 - Kayla (Wald) Ennen 136 Allen Dr Lincoln, ND 58504 (701) 226-6334	2016 - Lora (Horner) Schell 7681 27th Ave SE Napoleon, ND 58561 (701) 321-0003
1956 - Esther (Humann) Brinkman PO Box 785 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-4321	1972 - Wayne Bauer PO Box 721 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-4324	1987 - Cordell Bettenhausen 3770 88th St. SE Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2114	2002 - Rebecca (Thum) Bender 8335 59th Ave SE Fredonia, ND 58440 (701) 698-2667	2017 - Elisabeth Dalke PO Box 454 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2226
1957 - Bonnie (Kautz) Wiskus PO Box 83 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2755	1973 - Brenda (Kautz) Herr 15779 29th St. SE Casselton, ND 58012 (701) 321-2964	1988 - Brent Schilling PO Box 103 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2143	2003 - Kristen (Rau) Johnson 1046 Riverview Ave Bismarck, ND 58504 (701) 793-6731	2018 - Madison Braaten 306 S 4th St Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2976
1958 - Ron Gall 312 7th St S Wishek, ND 58495 (956) 205-5704	1974 - Bonnie (Weber) Bettenhausen 8375 33rd Ave SE Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2579	1989 - Jackie (Klein) Schulz 1000 3rd St NW Mandan, ND 58554 (701) 663-3082	2004 - Theresa (Kowalski) Hagen 424 S Centennial St Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-4492	2019 - Kaelie Kosiak PO Box 28 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2705
1959 - Gary Ritter 1521 N 13th St. Bismarck, ND 58501 (701) 255-2801	1975 - Glen Deile 2470 Highway 13 SE Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 254-4011	1990 - Chris Lobsinger 9973 Fredrick Place Eden Prairie, MN 55347 (612) 327-1622	2005 - Kelly Wald 3121 Hampton St Bismarck, ND 58504 (701) 321-1730	2020 - Yesenia De Arcos 117 N 10th St Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 202-4460
1960 - Joan (Heyne) Boschee 413 S 4th St. Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2247	1976 - Diane (Meidinger) Glas 4001 HWY 13 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2172	1991 - Dynette (Woehl) Ketterling 8645 28th Ave SE Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 423-5608	2006 - Ridge Zielke 7 N 11th Ave Apt 2 Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 452-2219	2021 - Abigail Deile PO Box 234 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2473
1961 - CONTACT NEEDED		1992 - Melissa (Wald) Klimpel 3517 Daytona Dr Bismarck, ND 58503 (701) 226-4502	2007 - Kristen (Ketterling) Knudsen 2830 7th St W #201 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 388-8839	2022 - Ashley (Muller) Wright PO Box 23 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2107
1962 - Stanley Schmitt PO Box 175 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2278	1977 - Toby Tuhscher 4406 Lafayette Dr. Bismarck, ND 58503 (701) 258-1595	1993 - Shelly (Salwei) Kosiak 7512 S Ridge Stone Dr Sioux Falls, SD 57108 (605) 275-6975	2008 - Stephanie (Bechtle) Miller 8337 93rd St. SE Ellendale, ND 58436 (701) 426-5678	2023 - Kylie Stock PO Box 143 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 321-2304
1963 - Robert Woehl 301 S 10th St. Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-2551	1978 - Elaine (Ulmer) Tuhscher 4406 Lafayette Dr. Bismarck, ND 58503 (701) 258-1595	1994 - Denise (Rau) Piatz PO Box 178 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 851-0547	2009 - Christine (Wanner) Fannik PO Box 251 Max, ND 58759 (701) 321-1091	
1964 - Delmar Benkendorf 1506 Hitch Wagon Dr. Loveland, CO 80537 (970) 308-5935	1979 - Stacy (Gall) Meidinger PO Box 32 Wishek, ND 58495 (701) 452-4235			

WISHEK ALUMNI — If you have suggestions or want to assist with the planning for your individual class, talk to your contact person or the WPSAA. If you would like to volunteer as a contact person for your class, contact the Alumni Association at: WPSAA • Box 72 • Wishek, ND 58495-0072 OR e-mail: wpsaa@bektel.com

LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

I am enclosing a check to help cover the cost of printing the bulletins. That looks like a considerable amount of time and effort to get them ready for publication.

Carol (Krein) Heimer (1957)
Pasadena, MD

Thank you for sponsoring scholarships. I am very grateful for the scholarship that I was able to receive this year due to your kindness and giving. This scholarship will be used to help me continue my education in radiology at NDSU. I cannot thank you enough, and it is greatly appreciated!

Alexa Ketterling (2021)
Wishek, ND

Thank you for doing such a great job with the yearly Badger Bulletin.

Mabel (Baumann) Boschee (1953)
Wishek, ND

Thanks for all the work you do!

Delette (Zimmerman) Lemon (1976)
Denver, CO

I wanted to say thank you for all you do to keep this going. I was sorry to read this organization may be disbanded but can certainly understand if the same people have to do the work year in and year out. Good luck on this year's events. Thanks again.

Bruce Woehl (1976)
Grand junction, CO

I appreciate all of the work the board and committees do to keep the association going.

Beverly (Woehl) Weigel (1971)
Fargo, ND

Thank you for all the work you do putting this all together.

Curt Rohweder (1969)
Wishek, ND

Thank you for all you do! I appreciate all of your time and hard work. I enjoy reading the information. I recognize a few of the names.

Glenda (Wiest) Stern (1975)
Osburn, ID

Thank you for keeping us posted on what happens in Wishek. I am from the class of 1945 and wonder how many of us our left. We were a small class. I am 96 and still going. I would like to hear from any of my class who is still around. You can email me at are88112@aol.com.

Audre (Rigler) Estrin (1945)
Portland, OR

Sorry I am late on getting this sent. Thanks for everything you guys do. I can't get time off work to be there. Everybody got their vacations in before I had a chance. I'm working at Kay Jewelers.

Deborah Feil (1971)
Lakeland, MN

Thank you to everyone working on the Badger Bulletin to keep it going.

Thank you to all who helped get ready for the Quasquicentennial. I am sorry I will be missing it, but I look forward to hearing the stories about it from family and friends.

Rose (Schauer) Allen (1975)
Grand Forks, ND

I do appreciate your hard work. A job well done! Thanks!

Christine (Saylor) Witt (1961)
Jamestown, ND

You people do good work!

Diana (Walth) Heaton (1961)
Fargo, ND

Receiving scholarships has been pivotal in my experience at NDSU by allowing me to put most of my focus into my school work and not having to worry so much about paying for tuition. I truly cannot thank you enough.

Currently I am working as an undergrad research assistant studying fungi-plant symbiotic relationships to native prairie plants. This fall I should start the accelerated master's program which I am very excited about! Again, you have my upmost gratitude.

Lewis Goehring (2020)
Wishek, ND

I read the "Wishek Badger" newsletter. All the folks who work on it do such a fantastic job. As the years go by, it seems I recognize fewer and fewer names, but I still enjoy it. I learned that our classmate, Mike Herr passed away.

Carol (Bettenhausen) Koegler (1965)
Delaware, OH

Thank you for choosing me to receive a scholarship award in honor of the Wishek Alumni. I greatly appreciate your support and know this will help me as I transition to the University of Michigan. I start classes already next week (June 2023) and am looking forward to this new journey! Go Blue! Thank You!

Camryn Soelberg-Dohn (2023)
Wishek, ND

I'm sure all the celebrations you have planned will be wonderful.

I'm sorry not to be able to attend this year. I was in Wishek last June to visit Harley & Idella Vossler and my cousin Stanley Schmitt.

I also enjoyed a delicious lunch at Cindy's Lunchbox with my cousin Marlys Kramer.

I hold many fond memories of my growing up years in Wishek. I still think (our class 1954) was the best one ever. Am sad to have lost so many classmates.

Loretta (Schmitt) Blain (1954)
Costa Mesa, CA

I have just received my copy of the Badger Bulletin. I do so enjoy keeping up with happenings in my hometown. Thank you for your great work!

Glennda (Merritt) Wolf (1964)
Miles City, MT

WPS Alumni,

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Wishek Area Dollars For Scholars. Your contribution helps us ease the financial burden for students as they further their education.

Wishek Area Dollars For Scholars



2023 PROGRESS REPORT

The annual Wishek Area Dollars for Scholars Banquet was held at Faith Community Church on Sunday, April 23. Seven graduating seniors were honored and presented with scholarships

from sponsors and organizations. Also in attendance were the parents of the junior and senior classes, sponsors, and board members.

Awards were presented beginning with the Cleo and Joan Boschee Scholarships. Seven seniors were recipients of this award. As long-time educators, Joan and Cleo want to instill the importance of higher education. With any award, students must complete the application process to be eligible.

Rykan Salwei was given the Douglas and Grace Herr Scholarship, which is awarded to the senior who scores highest in the application process. He also received a Score for Scholars award. After working the summer for Danzig Honey, Rykan is attending the University of North Dakota (UND) to pursue a degree in Commercial Aviation. He is the son of David and Sonia Salwei.

Charlie Herr, Valedictorian, son of Bruce and Stacey Herr, received a scholarship from Lorren and Roxanne Henke and Outlaw Construction. After working for Outlaw for the summer, Charlie is attending Bismarck State College (BSC) to major in HVAC. The Henke's are first-time sponsors and see the importance of seeking trade in today's workforce.

Camryn Soelberg-Dohn, Salutatorian, the daughter of Brenda and Eric Soelberg-Dohn, was awarded with a Wishek Alumni Association and Score for Scholars award. Bev Vilhauer of the WPSAA was present to award three scholarships from the Alumni Association. Camryn started classes at the University of Michigan in June and will be transferring to California.



Pictured L-R: Kylie Stock, Charlie Herr, Rykan Salwei, Camryn Soelberg-Dohn, Kenady Gross, Luke Scherbenske, Emily Jochim

Kylie Stock, daughter of Greg and Jen Stock, received an award given by Ruth Thurn and a Score for Scholars award. A first-time sponsor, Ruth awarded three scholarships. Kylie worked at the Wishek Living Center and for Staci Just Photography last summer before attending BSC and working toward a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Emily Jochim, daughter of Eric and Denise Piatz, received the WADFS and the Tri-County Fair scholarships. Emily worked at Denise's Day Care and the Wishek Living Center this past summer. She is currently attending BSC and has plans to earn a degree in nursing.

Luke Scherbenske, son of Mark and Jill Scherbenske, was awarded the Elmer Brody Scholarship and the Gladys Brody and Family award. Gladys, also a first-time sponsor, is giving to students going into an agricultural or a business trade. Luke worked for Scherbenske Angus Ranch and is now attending BSC to major in Welding and Auto Collision Technology.

Kenady Gross received a Gladys Brody scholarship along with a Tri-County Fair scholarship. She is the daughter of Zach and Sara Gross. She worked at the Wishek Living Center and is attending NDSCS to major in Precision Agronomy.

Kenady Gross and Charlie Herr were recipients of Colbie Fandrich Memorial Scholarships from Jo and Vic Vilhauer.

Continuing Education scholarships were awarded to current college students. Lewis Goehring, son of Dave and Cathy Goehring, and Alexa Ketterling,

2023 ALUMNI DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS DONATIONS — \$6,777

September 30, 2022 — October 1, 2023

Faculty - Delmar Zimmerman, **1945** - Donald Babitzke; **1948** - Gladys (Maier) Brosy; **1949** - Yvonne (Babitzke) Aasen, Arnold Mueller; **1950** - LeRoy Lehr, Myron Walth; **1952** - Vernon Blessing; **1953** - Betty J. (Bader) Bender, Vivian (Rudolf) Rindelaub; **1954** - Loretta (Schmitt) Blain, Elmer Heupel, Delane Woehl; **1955** - Delores (Eiseman) Berry, Eileen (Woehl) Yenney; **1956** - Victor Just; **1957** - Bonnie (Kautz) Wiskus; **1959** - Ralph Bader, Richard Bettenhausen; **1960** - Adah (Enzi) Ebeling, James R. Raile; **1961** - Phyllis (Boschee) Meidinger, Christine (Sayler) Witt; **1962** - Ramona (Kocher) Lane, Roger Schauer; **1963** - Evangeline (Wanner) Fitterer, Carol (Schilling) Heiser; **1964** - Cyndy (Woehl) Evernham, James Heiser, Dale Mueller; **1965** - Gloria (Kosanke) Knoll, Glenn Meidinger, David Pfeifle; **1967** - Jim Anderson, Karen (Welk) Bakkegard, Stanley Diede, Tim Fetzer, Marvin Thurn, Rodney Woehl; **1968** - Thelma (Ketterling) George, Peggy Kienzle, Geraldine Welk; **1969** - Clyde Dockter, Arlys (Bader) Dockter, LuAnn (Mund) Reich; **1970** - Susan (Frank) Hafner, Larry Hagel, Bruce Hauck, Steven Kienzle, John Krein, Mark Nies; **1971** - Chuck Wald; **1972** - Mike Kienzle, Wayne Neuberger, Curtis Thurn; **1973** - Bilicki Gall, Christine (Briedlander) Kilzer, Adeline (Wald) Lea, Curry Mund, Dwight Nies, Steve Ritter, Fred Sayler; **1974** - Ruby Ackerman, Nancy (Wiest) Barr, Michele Meidinger, Jan Rudolf; **1975** - Peggy (Aipperspach) Coldagelli, Jennifer (Meidinger) Peplinski, Tim Sayler, Glenn Wiest; **1976** - Paul Hochhalter, Boris Meidinger, Robert Pfeifle, Ken Sayler, Polly (Rohweder) Welk, Bruce Woehl; **1977** - James Neuberger, Jayson Rath, Tim Wangler; **1978** - Renae (Raile) Gall, Zue Zan (Zimmerman) Hanna, Ann (Sayler) Jensen, Bradford Meidinger, Kathy (Sayler) Pfeifle; **1979** - Darcy Herr, Scott Rudolf; **1980** - Kurt Bachmeier, Debra (Brinkman) Fellows; Mary (Raile) Mitchell, Henrietta Welk; **1981** - Faye (Brosy) Nelson, Diann (Raile) Rudolf; **1982** - Waldo Ackerman, Jayson Deyle; **1983** - Debra (Walth) Bachmeier, Kelly (Brandner) Hatlewick, Patrick Wangler; **1984** - Kim (Eiseman) Deyle; **1999** Mindy (Rath) Gaulty, Rebecca (Rau) Lacher

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daughter of Kermit and Dynette Ketterling, were both awarded scholarships from the Alumni Association. They also received the Ruth Thurn scholarship money. Savannah Bader, daughter of Rick and Stacy Bader, received an award from WADFS and North Dakota DFS. Seth Wolf, son of Nathan and Melissa Wolf, received the Howard Kaseman Memorial award. All four students are currently attending NDSU. The LeAnn Zimmerman award went to Payton Hulm, son of Mike and Char Hulm. He is currently attending

MSUM in Moorhead, MN.

The WADFS chapter would like to thank everyone who attended the banquet, and we look forward to next year's awards. These awards would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors of scholarships. We also thank the alumni for their generous contributions and memorials throughout the year. With donations, small and large, we can award deserving students monetary assistance in their education.

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to give out five door prizes but failed to do so. Bonnie Wiskus, Rod Dockter, and I drew for the door prizes. Louise (Aipperspach) Hammon (1973) received a souvenir pillow made from a discarded band uniform from the 1970s, Margie (Weisser) Vossler (1976) received a Quasquicentennial Cookbook, Zue Zan (Zimmerman) Hanna (1978) received a Quasquicentennial History Book, Michael Bechtle (2005) received a gift certificate from Sparkle City, and Ralph Bader (1959) received a gift certificate from the Western Shop.

As we wind down the hoopla from this reunion, we probably will not have another reunion for a while, if at all. I do feel that we will try to keep the newsletter going as long as you are so generous with your donations. It is the least that we can do.

Thank you.....

Bev

JUST MARRIED

June 10, 2023

Jamison Moldenhauer wed Annabelle Kauk (2019)

August 12, 2023

Riley Fandrich wed Rylee Kelsch (2018)

August 25, 2023

Wayne Vetter wed Jeanine Mueller (1979)

August 26, 2023

Jonny Harter wed Kaylee Ketterling (2012)

September 16, 2023

Jayden Benz wed Rebekka Wanner (2016)

September 30, 2023

Garret Wright wed Ashley Muller (2022)

October 21, 2023

Phillip Wanner (2012) wed Shaye Koester

October 21, 2023

Cameron Schulz (2013) wed Karley Evans

DEATHS of FRIENDS

Heidi (Ivesdal) Nantt.....January 14, 2023
 Mildred (Kauk) WannerJanuary 23, 2023
 Emma (Weisser) EisemanFebruary 15, 2023
 Leonard BeckerFebruary 16, 2023
 LeRoy WannerFebruary 20, 2023
 Joseph AberleFebruary 25, 2023
 Eldon Dallman.....April 22, 2023
 Irma Rosa (Ibarra) HernandezApril 27, 2023
 Scott Muller June 1, 2023
 Edward C. Kaseman.....June 3, 2003
 Verna (Ulmer) BaderJuly 1, 2023
 Suellen (Weber) MeidingerJuly 6, 2023
 Werna (Wiest) DeileJuly 7, 2023
 Mary BaumannAugust 9, 2023
 Victor WaldAugust 12, 2023
 Annie (Wolf) WaldSeptember 1, 2023
 Delaine (Jacobs) SchulzOctober 18, 2023
 Florence (Johnson) DahlstromOctober 26, 2023
 Norbert MillerNovember 15, 2023
 Richard LangNovember 21, 2023
 Ronnie ThurnDecember 8, 2023
 Bruce SmithDecember 10, 2023

WPSAA YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT - 2023

OCTOBER 1, 2022 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

BALANCE ON HAND

OCTOBER 1, 2022..... \$7,958.64

Income

Registrations 13,700.00
 Class Lists..... 435.00
 2023 Dues..... 3,890.00
 Dues, Other..... 220.00
 Donations 4,208.00
 Dollars for Scholars..... 6,777.00

Income Received..... \$29,230.00

Total Income..... \$37,188.64

Expenses

Alumni Website (Gate)..... 119.40
 Badger Bulletin..... 1,923.96
 Sue Wolff 400.00
 Printing (JM Printing)..... 1,023.69
 Mailing (JM Printing)..... 303.51
 Misc. (JM Printing) 196.76
 addresses, tax, shipping
 Reunion / Banquet 19,290.56
 Door Prizes..... 130.00
 (Sparkle City, Western Shop, 125th
 History Book, & 125th Cookbook)
 Ornaments (4imprint)..... 1206.48
 Decorations, Social &
 Banquet Supplies, misc. 581.78
 Catering (Dawn Dallman) 14,850.00
 Grandma's Kuchen 700.00
 Serving (Lisa Goldade)..... 300.00
 Napoleon Trophy Haus..... 631.30
 Sue Wolff (misc. printing expenses) .891.00
 Maintain Database, Misc. 223.00
 Wishek Star / Bismarck Tribune 105.00
 Wishek Park Board 1,700.00
 Post Office Box Rent 68.00
 Dollars for Scholars..... 6,777.00

Total Expenses \$30,206.92

BALANCE ON HAND

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 \$6,981.72

**This may be the last
Badger Bulletin ever
printed unless we continue to
receive your financial support!**

ALUMNI DEATHS

John Stockburger (1949)
August 30, 2003

Harvey Bettenhausen (1959)
March 19, 2013

Susan (Tuchscher) Stoltz (1971)
August 25, 2013

Donna (Just) Grosz (1954)
December 25, 2014

Mike Berg (1962)
August 14, 2015

Florence (Rau) Marken (1951)
September 28, 2016

Homer Rudolf (1956)
January 8, 2018

Joe W. Herr (1951)
October 11, 2018

Connie (Meier) Coddington (1968)
November 14, 2018

Chalmer Diede (1967)
April 17, 2019

Gerald Hochhalter (1954)
June 14, 2019

Delores (Hoff) Hoeldtke (1951)
July 22, 2019

Marlene (Heupel) Pitts (1954)
October 17, 2019

Ralph Dockter (1974)
July 16, 2020

Laurine (Weixel) Berglund (1946)
September 21, 2020

Loretta (Kramer) Doering (1950)
December 3, 2020

Janice (Wanner) Schnabel (1955)
December 14, 2020

Donald Pfau (1951)
March 22, 2021

Marvin Kaseman (1951)
June 11, 2021

Bernice (Frederich) Humann (1958)
October 6, 2021

Luella (Wiest) Fetzer (1951)
October 12, 2021

Norman Bauer (1957)
March 18, 2022

Jerome Kranzler (1962)
April 3, 2022

Joyce (Herr) Barbour (1954)
June 30, 2022

Elmer Frank (1949)
October 8, 2022

Violet (Stevahn) Gross (1953)
November 16, 2022

Mary Ann (Dobmeyer) Bakken (1952)
December 23, 2022

Eugene Ketterling (1941)
December 28, 2022

Thomas "Tommy" Meidinger (1980)
January 1, 2023

LoAnn (Bader) Differding (1968)
January 17, 2023

Joyce (Bechtle) Harder (1960)
January 27, 2023

Clark Nies (1976)
January 29, 2023

Arlys (Frank) Fowler (1953)
February 21, 2023

Dianna (Herr) Adamson (1955)
February 24, 2023

Curtis L. Rudolf (1969)
March 13, 2023

Emil Wanner (1954)
March 14, 2023

Ella (Gall) Schelske (1956)
March 26, 2023

James Kocher (1954)
April 1, 2023

Blaine Schock (1977)
April 26, 2023

Verna (Rath) Rice (1960)
May 5, 2023

Roger Herr (1953)
May 17, 2023

Henry Deyle (1949)
May 29, 2023

Edward C. Kaseman (1955)
June 3, 2023

Marvalene (Bauer) Miller (1957)
June 21, 2023

Duane Zwinger (Faculty)
July 12, 2023

Robert Krein (1962)
July 15, 2023

Muriel (Bettenhausen) Schilling (1949)
July 15, 2023

Bertha (Miller) Heathcote (1946)
August 2, 2023

Clarence Rieger (1944)
August 8, 2023

Jean (Mack) Phillippe (1953)
August 11, 2023

Myron F. Walth (1950)
September 28, 2023

Charlotte (Stading) Rudolph (1943)
October 2, 2023

Vivian (Bader) Ketterling (1951)
November 4, 2023

Glenn Meidinger (1965)
November 7, 2023

Stanley Brinkman (1966)
November 21, 2023

Earl Gall (1963)
November 25, 2023

Carol (Martell) Gall (1960)
December 17, 2023

Marian (Hoff) Lewis (1948)
December 23, 2023



BRANDON AIPPERSPACH



CHAD AIPPERSPACH



FREDIE AIPPERSPACH



★DONALD BABITZKE



JASON BAUER



WAYNE BAUER



WARNY BECKER



JOE BENDER



ADAM BETTENHAUSEN



CORDELL BETTENHAUSEN



JERRY BETTENHAUSEN



NICK BETTENHAUSEN



BRANDON BIES



★DILLON BRAATEN



ROCKY BROWN



COLIN CRABTREE



JEREMY DALLMAN



DEVIN DEILE



GLEN DEILE



JACOB DEILE



ERIK DOHN



★MICHEAL FEIST



LUKAS FISCHER



★ERIC FROEHLING



GARRY GOEBEL



JEREMY GOEBEL



PAUL GOLDADE



BLAINE GROSS



ZACH GROSS



ISAIAH HAGEN



BRET HANSON



TYLER HARRIMAN



JONNY HARTER



BARRETT HERR



BRUCE HERR



GLENN HERR



JAKE HERR



JEREMY HERR



JUSTIN HOGGARTH



KAMERON HOGGARTH



JAMES HORNER



ETHAN HUBER



OWEN HUBER



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GAROLD JUST



PAUL JUST



RICKY JUST



DARYL KASEMAN



RODNEY KASEMAN



AUSTIN KAUK



DWAYNE KETTERLING



VICTOR KETTERLING



★JOHN KUNKLE



JERRY LEHR



BRANDON LIPP



TED LOCHER



★JOHAN MARNEWECK



MIKE MARTELL



BRANDON MATTERN



BRUCE MEIDINGER



★DALE MEIDINGER



JOE MEIDINGER



KALEB MEIDINGER



KALVIN MEIDINGER



KEITH MEIDINGER



RICK MEIDINGER



AARON MULLER



★COLIN NEUHARTH



MARK NIES



CHRIS OPSAHL



DAVID PARKER



DARRELL PETERSON



★LUCIEN PETERSON



★PRESTON PFEIFLE



ROBERT PFEIFLE



NATHAN RATH



TERRY RATH



WYATT RATH-WALD



★ROGER RIEGER



ROBERT ROTH



GREG SALWEI



ALBERT H. SAYLER



JEROME SAYLER



BRIAN SCHAFER



BRANDON SCHILLING



ANDY TUNHEIM



PERRY TURNER



BRIAN ULMER



LOUIS VAN STADEN



TIM VEEDER



CODY VETTER



CODY VILHAUER



JEREMY VLIEM



TYLER VOLK



DONNIE WALD



LARRY WALD



TOM WALD



PHILLIP WANNER



SCOTT WANNER



DON WEBER



QUASQUICENTENNIAL



TYLER WELDER



★REINHARDT WEYGANDT



CLYDE WIEST



JOSHUA WIEST



TOM WOEHL



HUNTER WOLF



★DELMAR ZIMMERMAN

Brothers of the Brush Winners

"Fullest" John Kunkle

"Best Lincoln Beard" Michael Feist

"Best Mutton Chops" Colin Neuharth

"Most Colorful" Johan Marneweck

"Best Mustache" Dillon Braaten (2013)

"Best Sculpted" Eric Froehling

"Longest Beard" Roger Rieger

"Whitest Beard" Delmar Zimmerman (Faculty)

"Most Colorful" Reinhardt Weygandt

"Scruffiest" Dale Meidinger (1978)

"Wurst" Preston Pfeifle

"Youngest" Lucien Peterson (2021)

"Oldest" Don Babitzke (1945)



★ competition winners

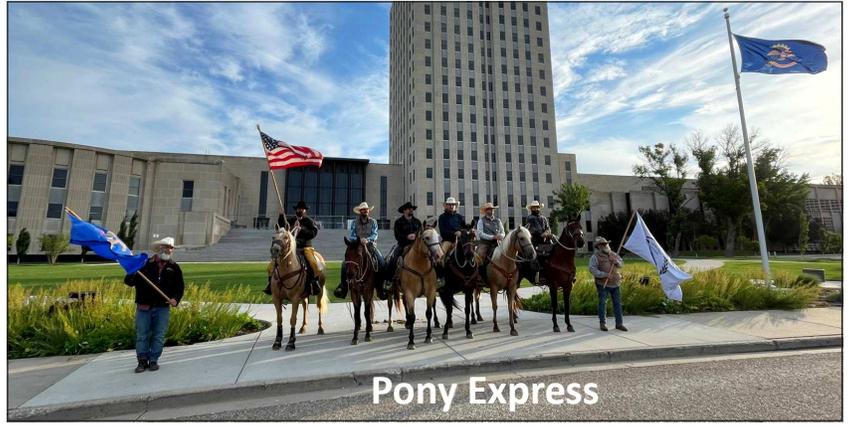
Wishek's Quasquicentennial & All-School Reunion Pictures



David



Little Miss Wishek



Pony Express



1983



Morgan



Walk/Run Winners



2006



1985



1981





1993



1970



1976



Quasi Choir



Tegan



1977



Golf Scramble



BIRTHS



.....
 Drew & Erika (2012) (Kaseman) Kauppila
 February 26, 2021 - daughter
 Grandparents: Ray & Rose Kaseman Jr.

.....
 Kevin (2009) & Megan Horner
 December 22, 2021 - son
 Grandparents: Darin & Gerri Horner

.....
 Lucas & Madison (2014) (Schnabel) Meier
 October 26, 2022 - daughter
 Grandparents: Todd & Tonya Schnabel

.....
 Drew & Erika (2012) (Kaseman) Kauppila
 December 17, 2022 - son
 Grandparents: Ray & Rose Kaseman Jr.

.....
 Jonny Harter & Kaylee Ketterling (2012)
 January 10, 2023 - daughter
 Grandparents: Byron & Denise Ketterling

James (2013) & Kelsey (2012)
 (Meidinger) Horner
 January 11, 2023 - twin daughters
 Grandparents: Darin & Gerri Horner,
 Keith & Kim Meidinger

.....
 Ross (2010) & Jayme Martell
 January 15, 2023 - son
 Grandparents: Michael & Peggy Martell

.....
 Devin (2011) & Autumn Olson
 February 17, 2023 - son
 Grandparents: Doug & Carolyn Olson

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 Devin Moch & Dorinda Feist (2012)
 April 16, 2023 - daughter
 Grandparents: David & Darci Wiest

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 Cole (2017) & Sami Ketterling
 April 26, 2023 - daughter
 Grandparents: Kermit & Dynette
 Ketterling

.....
 Kaleb (2017) & Jamie (2016)
 (Gross) Meidinger
 May 5, 2023 - daughter
 Grandparents: Keith & Kim Meidinger
 Terry & Shelly Gross

.....
 Austin (2012) & Ali Bettenhausen
 June 17, 2023 - son
 Grandparents: Reggie & Peggy
 Bettenhausen

.....
 Matt (2004) & Janel Maier
 July 3, 2023 - daughter

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 Michael (2005) & Alissa Bechtle
 September 14, 2023 - daughter
 Grandparents: Blair & Doreen Bechtle

.....
 Nathan & Amber (2010) (Ketterling) Hakk
 September 27, 2023 - son
 Grandparents: DelRoy & Cindy Ketterling

ALUMNI & WISHEK NEWS

1950s

- Vernon Blessing (1952) was honored by Veterans Honor Flights Chicago with a trip to Washington, DC, on June 14th to visit memorials that honor veterans.

1970s

- Bev (Welk) Vilhauer (1977) retired in June as the CEO of South Central Health.

1980s

- Lora (Rohweder) Hochhalter (1983), owner of Lora's Boutique, was appointed to the Wishek Jobs Development Authority.
- Kim (Meidinger) Meidinger (1988) owns and operates Kimmy's Kuchen. Her company operates out of the family farm, located in McIntosh County.

1990s

- Jennifer (Piatz) Stock (1999) became the Branch Manager at First Community Credit Union in Wishek in July succeeding Candace Bader. She previously worked at the Wishek Living Center as the finance director.

2000s

- Stacey Schaffer (2006) is the Founder and Executive Director of the Bismarck-based 31:8 Project on human trafficking in North Dakota.
- Detachment 1 of the 815th Engineer Construction Company for the North Dakota Army National Guard based in Wishek promoted Cody Deile (2007) to the rank of Sergeant First Class in 2022. SFC Deile has been a member of the ND Army National Guard since October 2006 and is now assigned as the Platoon Sergeant. He owns and operates Diamond D Plumbing, Wishek.

2010s

- Hunter Pinke (2016) engaged students with a motivational talk the last week of school in Wishek.

2020s

- Hannah van Gorkom (2021) is a stylist at Salon Envy in Wishek. She graduated from Salon Professional Academy in Fargo in August.

FACULTY

- Jaclyn Zorn resigned as Wishek Public School's Assistant Principal.
- Former Wishek Superintendent Delmar Zimmerman presented a check for \$500 (the first annual donation to go towards the purchase of books for the library) to current Superintendent Shawn Kuntz in memory and honor of the late Deloris Zimmerman. Deloris was a Wishek 1st grade teacher from 1956-95.
- Wishek was searching for a new music teacher after Jon Loy announced his resignation as Wishek's music teacher.
- Charles Brandner resigned as assistant football coach for the South Border Mustangs. He became the assistant principal and assistant athletic director in August, succeeding Jackie Zorn.

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- Janet Wolff returned as the music teacher for grades (PK-6) on October 24. She will be working with them every Tuesday through Thursday for the remainder of the school year.

GENERAL NEWS

- A new 4x4 ambulance was purchased after trading in a 2012 model.
- After being the finance director of the Wishek Living Center facility since 2009, Tonya Schnabel was recently licensed and promoted to administrator, replacing interim administrator Mike Hall. Hall replaced Kelly VanderVorste who took a job closer to home in Mandan. VanderVorste had succeeded longtime administrator Greg Salwei.
- The Wishek Public Library Board of Directors (the "Board") and Wishek Public School ("WPS") were seeking a part time librarian for the Wishek Public Library; the Board is seeking an individual to cover the hours on Wednesday and Sunday, and WPS was seeking an individual to cover 15 hours per week during regular school hours.
- The ND Legislature approved SB 2183 to help relieve the cost burden of counties, cities and townships for snow removal this winter.
- McIntosh County celebrated National County Government Month (NCGM) April 10-14 to showcase how the county achieves healthy, safe and vibrant communities. The employees invite the public to take a self-guided tour of the courthouse and ask questions to learn about each office.
- The Wishek City Council held their community donut feed on April 28th at the Civic Center.
- South Central Health, a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) in Wishek, was named as one of the Top 100 CAHs in the country for 2023, according to the Chartis Center for Rural Health. Top 100 hospitals are top performers, excelling in financial efficiency, achieving higher quality, securing better outcomes,

increasing patient satisfaction, and operating at a lower cost than their peers.

- Staffing concerns were the top priority of the Wishek School board at their April monthly meeting. They were looking to fill positions for a music teacher, a special ed teacher, and four paraprofessionals.
- Incumbents Lila Raile (1978) and Marla Berntson and newcomer Don Hochhalter (1976) were named to the South Central Health board of directors. The election was held during South Central Health's annual meeting in May.
- The Lehr Wildlife Club presented a check of \$1,000 to the Wishek Bowling Lanes. The Wishek Wildlife Club also donated \$500. The money will be used to buy three bowling ball ramps and additional smaller bowling balls for children to use. Bell Bank of Fargo also donated \$1,000. This donation will help to maintain this recreation facility.
- Twenty-six riders, horses, and a few colts made a short trail ride to school in Wishek for the last day of school on Wednesday, May 17.
- Valedictorian for the 10-member class of 2023 in Wishek was Charles Herr. Camryn Soelberg-Dohn was named the salutatorian.
- Unison Bank and McIntosh County Bank teamed up to show their support for the McIntosh County Sheriff's Department by helping raise funds for a drug detection dog. The two financial institutions donated a total of \$2,500 towards their fundraising effort.
- Incumbent Wishek School Board President Curt Meidinger retained his seat by winning 21 of 22 votes in the June election.
- This Tri-County Tourism Alliance historic preservation project called "Women Behind the Plow" premiered at the 2015 Wishek Sauerkraut Day and has since traveled the state and into South Dakota. It was on exhibit in the hallway between the Wishek Clinic and the Wishek Hospital from June until August 1.

- Lehr held its 125th Anniversary on June 23-25. An estimated five inches of rain fell on Saturday, much of it during the community's parade.

- Wishek's Quasiquicentennial was held June 29-July 2.
- The 97th Tri-County Fair was held Thursday through Sunday, July 13-16.
- Wishek Public School Business Manager Alyssa Conitz resigned her position over the summer. Bethany Vilhauer was hired to succeed her.
- The 98th Annual Wishek Sauerkraut Day was held October 11th at the civic center. A vendor show was also held at the National Guard Armory.
- Wishek Wildlife held their 52nd Annual Buffalo Supper on October 20th at the Wishek Civic Center.
- The Wishek Association of Commerce sponsored "Trunk or Treat" on October 31st in the civic center.
- The South Border Mustangs were defeated by the North Prairie Cougars in the Class B 9-man football championship game in the Dakota Bowl at the Fargodome on November 10th. The final score was 16-8.
- Wishek's famous sausage from Stan's Supermarket was a hit at the Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase on December 1-2 in Bismarck.
- The Wishek Association of Commerce sponsored Santa Claus Day on Sunday, December 10th, at the Wishek school.
- Tabitha Kinzler from Kulm completed her training at the North Dakota Police Academy and will be a new police officer in Wishek joining Chief Andy Tunheim.
- The Wishek Senior Center received a \$430 gift from the North Dakota Community Foundation to help with cleaning of carpets. The North Dakota Community Foundation was formed to create an easy way for North Dakotans to help their neighbors and friends through charitable giving.
- KEM Electric Cooperative's co-op service area experienced power outages the last week of December due to ice on the lines.

WPS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES

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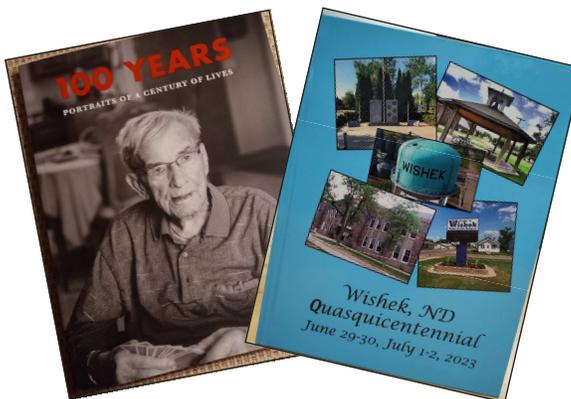
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Wishek's 100 Years & Quasquicentennial History Books

The Wishek Quasquicentennial which ran from June 29-July 1, 2023, was the setting for many memorable events.

One event consisted of a photography exhibit celebrating local residents aged 0 to 105 years. The "100 Years" photo gallery was displayed at Heritage Insurance and allowed visitors to experience a century of lives with its 101 black and white portraits of Wishek residents. The vision of the gallery was inspired by a similar exhibit in a Berlin, Germany, gallery visited by Sandy Fiechtner (1973) several years prior to Wishek's



Quasi. Sandy spearheaded the Wishek project recruiting photographers Doris Bettenhausen, Shelly Glaesman, Staci Just, and Twila Nies. The photography subjects were selected randomly via names drawn from a hat. The "100 Years" photo project was made possible with support from the 2023 Wishek Quasquicentennial Committee. The gallery was a popular stop for visitors of the Wishek Quasi with many of them requesting that a book be published. Sandy Fiechtner again stepped up to the plate and began the process of publishing a book containing all the photos from the exhibit. The "100 Years" book has been published and copies are available at Wishek Drug and the Western Shop for \$35 each.

A history book with various sections was also compiled. Reflections of the Past is a collection of prominent business and community-minded people who have passed away during the last 25 years and each left an impact on the Wishek community. Wishek Businesses includes a brief history of each business that was in operation during 2023. There is a variety of Wishek Organizations that involve many local people to keep them going and help make Wishek a great

place to live. The Wishek Churches is a compilation of the beginning of each individual church that is still a place of worship today. The History of Wishek begins in the year 1884 when the Federal government designated this area as Homestead Land, and it took until 1898 for Wishek to become organized. Wishek High School Composites include the years from 1935 thru 2023. There is a large Family History section, along with congratulatory letters from Governor Doug Burgum and Wishek Mayor Brenda Soelberg-Dohn. New technology allowed for a section of color ads with black and white ads scattered throughout the book. Books are still available at Wishek City Hall, Wishek Drug, and the Western Shop for \$35 each.

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Wishek Swimming Pool Renovation Project

Michael Martell (1978) is president of the Wishek park board and chairman of the pool renovation committee. His goal is giving the pool, built in 1942, a much-needed facelift. Improvements planned are updated filtration and heating systems, a new chemical dispensing configuration, installation of modern gutters, and a more efficient pool pump. The bathhouse is registered with the North Dakota Historical

Society, so major exterior cosmetic changes are not allowed. The inside of the bathhouse will see remodeling, such as fresh coats of paint. The old kiddie pool will be converted into a 'zero-entrance' into the pool. A splash pad complete with slides, fountains, and spray toys will be installed on the northeast side. The Renovation Brick Fundraiser features customizable namesake bricks that will form the walkway to the entrance of the pool. Starting at \$150, those who contribute may inscribe their name or message into a brick. Businesses also have the option to place their logo on single bricks or brick arrays. A variety of sizes are available for purchase. The fundraiser's goal is \$950,000. Monetary donations are also accepted. Construction is tentatively set to begin after the 2024 regular pool season. More information and an order form can be found at fundraising.com/wishek/.

