



Please send in your 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).

## CLASS OF 1975 - 50th CLASS REUNION

The Class of 1975 held their 50th class reunion the weekend of July 19-20. Back: Kirk Krein, Glenda (Wiest) Stern, Herbert Wiest, Debbie (Martell) Schauer, LeRoy Bettenhausen, Rose (Buck) Raney, Laura (Wiest) Kourajian. Front: Edward Baumgartner, Peggy (Aipperspach) Coldagelli, Kenneth Wanner, Glen Deile, Salome (Kaseman) Hansen, Cynthia (Wolf) Kroh, Vicki Martel, Tim Sayler, Nancy (Kaseman) Just, Craig Nies, Kimberly (Sayler) Anderson, Jeffrey Klundt, Glenn Wiest, Gerald Gall. Deceased: Glenn Babitzke (1964), Bonita (Huber) Kracke (2007), Rodney Eiseman (2018), Lee Woehl (2023), Margaret (Kautz) Rokusek (2024).

## 100th Tri-County Fair 2026

The 100th Tri-County Fair preparations are in full swing and scheduled for July 9-12. There is no fee to enter the fairgrounds, and there will be free stage shows all four days.

Midway West will be back providing the midway carnival rides and such all four days. There will be strolling entertainment performing magic and other midway fun. Kevin Hall and Keith Raymond will have daily stage magic shows. Keith will also be running his balloon factory one day and a foam cannon another day. From Branson, Missouri, Mike Walker's Lasting Impressions variety show will take the free stage three days with three shows each day with hilarious comedy, amazing singing, and incredible talent.

A Past Directors banquet with a meal and recognition night is planned. Gina Wiest will be contacting past directors with details. She can be reached at [cgwiest@bektel.com](mailto:cgwiest@bektel.com).

Family fun competitions will include a Farmers Olympics hosted by local FFA organizations, a cornhole tournament with pro and amateur categories, Power Wheels fun, plus other contests still in the making. Familiar happenings include livestock and exhibit shows, craft vendor show, increased food vendor court, Bloody Mary Bar, two Bingo sessions, Sunday's church service and soup & sandwich, ribs cook-off, beer gardens, tractor trek, antique car show, watermelon feed, and much more in planning stages!

Grandstand excitement kicks off on Thursday night with

stock car racing and a musically choreographed fireworks show provided by Pegasus Illuminations; you won't want to miss this show as Pegasus Illuminations holds world record fireworks shoots. Friday night is concert night! We have booked *Firehouse* and *The Sweet* to perform on the main stage as well as *All Aces* out of Bismarck to provide more music entertainment. Saturday night is the ever-popular Ranch Rodeo hosted by the Dakota Saddle Club followed with a free stage performance by *Kat Perkins and The Country Roads Band*! Following Kat's show, *Eli Alger and The Faster Horses* will take the stage. Friday and Saturday night will include the 4th annual lighted drone show.

The Sunday morning church service has a special feature this year! *Pam Linton and The Cotton Kings* from Sherwin Linton Entertainment will perform gospel classics! They will also be performing a full show of country classics and more after Bingo that afternoon. Sherwin and Pam Linton have entertained at the Tri-County Fair for many years. It is exciting to bring back this performance! The church service will be followed by the soup and sandwich tradition with music by returning artist *Danielle Nowell*.

Be sure to check our website [tricofair.com](http://tricofair.com) and Facebook page often for updates as plans are still in progress! A huge thank you to all of our supporters, sponsors, volunteers, and patrons. Events like this can't take place without y'all!

# LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

Thank you for the generous contribution in regards to my post-secondary education. I truly appreciate it.

Carson Dalke (2025)  
Wishek, ND

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Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help me further my education at UND. I'm currently in Texas, finishing up my military training at tech school.

I'm excited to finally get home and continue classes this fall.

Connor Kosiak (2024)  
Wishek, ND

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Thanks for your continued work. Seeing the articles brings back many memories.

Thomas Kautz (1965)  
Fountain Hills, AZ

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I do so enjoy reading the Badger Bulletin and catching up with a lot of "home". Thank you so much for all your hard work to keep those of us away connected to our hometown.

All the best to each of you.

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

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Thank you for all the work you do to get the Badger Bulletin together for us. I look forward to reading about classmates and other alumni and friends.

I appreciate your good work!  
Jim Weber (1974)  
Wishek, ND

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I was so happy to receive the Badger Bulletin but sad to hear there will be no more all-school reunions. However, I certainly understand why that is the case.

Thank you for continuing on with the Badger Bulletin and kudos for putting out a high-quality publication. It is my only connection to Wishek anymore, so I appreciate general Wishek news as well as school news.

Marilyn (Kosanke) Twete (1960)  
Bloomington, MN

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As a recipient of Wishek Area Dollars for Scholars Scholarships, I'm extremely grateful of your investment in my future. I'm majoring in Radiologic Sciences and am a year ahead in completing my degree, therefore, completing it in three years versus four years. I have finished my first year at NDSU and have had many new experiences and memories that will last forever! I applied for a two-year radiology internship at Fargo and Bismarck in November. I received offers from both and accepted Fargo's offer! I will begin my internship this fall (2025). Your generosity has lightened my financial burden and I couldn't be more appreciative.

Thank you again!

Kiera Volk (2024)  
Wishek, ND

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Thank you all for the work you do!  
Cynthia (Wolf) Kroh (1975)  
Mandan, ND

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I had hoped to attend the 125th celebration, but life had other plans for me.

Keep up the good work you always do. We appreciate all of you and the work you do.

Luella (Just) Bitz (1958)  
Lodi, CA

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Thank you for E-mailing the WHS Alumni News. I enjoy reading your comprehensive Wishek news and really appreciate all the hard work that you put into the School Bulletin every year. Sorry to hear of all the deaths that have taken place over the years. My sincere condolences to their families. I'm already looking forward to next year's publication.

Thank you,  
Ida (Ackerman) Quatier (1953)  
Sioux Falls, SD

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Keep up the good work. I always enjoy catching up with Wishek news.

Christine (Sayler) Witt (1961)  
Jamestown, ND

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I appreciate you guys still doing the newsletter... Also, super sad to lose the newspaper (Wishek Star) and publisher/editor. Countrywide we are losing many community papers and coverage by reporters. That's superbad. Many decisions are made without public input and knowledge.

Deb Feil (1971)  
Lakeland, MN

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## NEW ALUMNI WEBSITE and ADDITIONAL EMAIL ADDRESS

In 2025 a couple of changes were made. In addition to wpsaa@bektel.com, wishekndalumni@gmail.com was added as an email address. The wpsaa.com website was also discontinued. The same information can now be found at wishek-nd.com/wishek-alumni or wishek-nd.com under the Community tab, Wishek Alumni.



## 2025 PROGRESS REPORT

### FOUR SENIORS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Pictured L-R: Carson Dalke, Kiarra Opsahl, Parker Salwei, Levi Buchholz



Four seniors graduating from Wishek Public School received Wishek Area Dollars for Scholars awards on May 14th during the annual award ceremony. Cleo and Joan Boschee, long-time supporters of Dollars for Scholars, were present as well as Bev Vilhauer & Bonnie Wiskus representing the Wishek Alumni Association.

Class valedictorian, Parker Salwei, was awarded the Douglas and Grace Herr Scholarship. Herr was an initial donor to begin the local chapter. Parker also received an award from the Boschee's. Parker is the son of David and Sonia Salwei. He is attending Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, and majoring in cybersecurity.

Levi Buchholz, class salutatorian, received the Wishek DFS Score for Scholars award and a Boschee scholarship. He is the son of Billy and Kari Buchholz. Levi is playing football while attending Mayville State University and is majoring in pre-medical science.

Carson Dalke, son of Bruce Dalke and Melissa Dalke, received awards from the Boschee's as well as the Wishek Alumni Association. Carson is also majoring in cybersecurity at Dakota State University in Madison, SD.

Kiarra Opsahl, daughter of Chris and Robin Opsahl, received the FFA/FBLA Scholarship given by the late Gladys Brosy. Gladys saw the importance for students to participate in these two organizations. Kiarra is attending Bismarck State College and is pursuing a degree in surgical technology.

Continuing education scholarships were awarded to the following college students: Kiera Volk, Seth Wolf, Lewis Goehring, Emily Jochim, Connor Kosiak, and Rykan Salwei. These awards are sponsored by LeAnn Zimmerman, Gladys Brosy, Wishek Alumni Association, and Wishek Score for Scholars.

The Wishek Area Dollars for Scholars would like to thank everyone who has supported the chapter with their donations and sponsorship of athletic events and scholarships. Your generosity allows us to grant deserving students much appreciated monetary awards. For further information, contact Mary Ann Weber at [maw@bektel.com](mailto:maw@bektel.com) or 701-226-4420.

### 2025 ALUMNI DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS DONATIONS — \$2,550

October 1, 2024 — September 30, 2025

**1949** - Arnold Mueller; **1951** - Arden Doering; **1952** - Vernon Blessing; **1954** - Delane Woehl; **1955** - Delores (Eiseman) Berry, Eileen (Woehl) Yenney; **1957** - Bonnie (Kautz) Wiskus; **1963** - Evangeline (Wanner) Fitterer; **1964** - Cyndy (Woehl) Evernham; **1965** - James Wiest; **1967** - Robert Aipperspach, Karen (Welk) Bakkegard; **1968** - Lila (Boschee) Leskovec, Geraldine Welk; **1970** - Bruce Hauck, Dennis Ottmar; **1973** - Curry Mund; **1974** - John Sayler; **1975** - Laura (Wiest) Kourajian, Jennifer (Meidinger) Peplinski; **1976** - Richard Frautschi, Paul Hochhalter, Sue (Schock) Ingebretson, Boris Meidinger, Perry Wiest, Bruce Woehl; **1980** - Kirby Schnabel; **1984** - Brad Becker; **1999** - Mindy (Rath) Graulty

Zachary & Lora (Horner) (2016) Schell  
 January 1, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparents: Darin & Gerri Horner

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Anthony Smith & Alexandria  
 Schilling (2019)  
 January 17, 2025 - son  
 Grandparents: Brent & Trina Schilling

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Bryce & Danielle (2006) (Olson) Hummel  
 February 6, 2025 - son  
 Grandparents: Doug & Carolyn Olson

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Austin (2012) & Ali Bettenhausen  
 February 26, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparents: Reggie & Peggy  
 Bettenhausen

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Alex & Larissa Entzie (Faculty)  
 March 7, 2025 - son

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Kenny Tillotson & Misty Klein (2015)  
 April 16, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparents: Kenneth & Kathy  
 Tillotson, Nikki Klein, Paul Frankfurth



# BIRTHS

Dwight & Alyssa (2012) (Lordy) Darby  
 May 3, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparent: Kim Tucker

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Eric & Hanna (2015) (Bettenhausen) Ebel  
 May 8, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparents: Kerry & Pam  
 Bettenhausen

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Brandon (2009) & Megan Vetter  
 May 21, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparent: Steve Vetter

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Dana (2003) & Jessica Welder  
 June 12, 2025 - son  
 Grandparents: Tom & Kathy Welder

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Kevin (2009) & Megan Horner  
 June 26, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparents: Darin & Gerri Horner

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Jesse & Grace (2016) (Schuler) Ward  
 August 14, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparents: Dan & Anna Schuler

Jake (2020) & Bekah Herr  
 September 24, 2025 - son  
 Grandparents: Bruce & Stacey Herr

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Shaun (2002) & Laura Kessler  
 October 20, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparents: Curtis & Daphne Kessler

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Derrick Glaesman & Terisa (2003)  
 (Rohweder) Gader

November 7, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparents: Steve & Val Rohweder

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Ryan & Courtney (2015) (Schilling) Ust  
 November 24, 2025 - daughter  
 Grandparent: Lynetta Schilling

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Mark (2020) & Shelby Jochim  
 December 15, 2025 - son  
 Grandparents: Eric & Denise Piatz

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Phillip & Shaye Wanner  
 December 20, 2025 - son  
 Grandparents: Scott & Carrie Wanner



Wayne Bailey (1955)  
 December 6, 1998

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 Lorin Tergeson (1965)  
 November 2, 2021

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 Carol (Eiseman) Schnabel (1963)  
 November 30, 2021

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 Malinda (Raile) Weisser (1944)  
 April 22, 2023

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 James Brinkman (1956)  
 October 24, 1923

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 Leeland Woehl (1975)  
 December 23, 2023

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 Mike Bailey (1965)  
 March 16, 2025

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 Arlen Herr (1961)  
 April 7, 2025

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 Donna (Gall) Miller (1958)  
 April 7, 2025

# ALUMNI DEATHS

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 Stanley Stevahn (1957)  
 April 10, 2025

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 Norman Hauck (1960)  
 May 3, 2025

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 Kim (Kocher) Klundt (1977)  
 June 4, 2025

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 Walter Eiseman (1955)  
 June 15, 2025

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 Kenneth Wanner (1975)  
 July 25, 2025

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 Pearl (Boschee) Meidinger  
 August 3, 2025

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 Carol (Stebner) Jundt (1962)  
 September 8, 2025

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 Idella (Hiller) Vossler (1954)  
 September 9, 2025

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 Janet (Bechtle) Hauck (1945)  
 September 30, 2025

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 Herbert Thurn (1944)  
 October 7, 2025

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 Patricia (Burnstad) Auch (1965)  
 October 17, 2025

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 Marlys (Boschee) Schneider (1962)  
 November 21, 2025

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 Chester Strobel (1951)  
 December 1, 2025

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 Nyla (Stock) Hoff (1964)  
 December 14, 2025

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 Yvonne (Babitzke) Aasen (1949)  
 December 18, 2025

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 Scott Schilling (1990)  
 December 24, 2025

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 Violet (Eiseman) Diegel (1950)  
 January 11, 2026

# **ALUMNI & WISHEK NEWS**

- The Wishek Fire Department was seeking bids for the construction of a new fire hall.
- The South Border boys wrestling team defended its titles as the Class B dual and individual champions at the state tournament held at the Fargodome in February.
- Both the Ashley Tribune and the Wishek Star were advertised for sale as established and profitable newspapers in McIntosh County.
- The Wishek Public School Library Board updated the library over the past year—shelves were removed, new carpet was installed, and Tammy Rohweder painted two murals on the library walls.
- Dr. Eric and Paula Froehling, owners of Wishek Chiropractic Clinic, celebrated 30 years in business in April. Their daughter Isabella (2017) has joined her father as a practicing doctor of chiropractic at the clinic.
- Phillip Aipperspach (2010) joined the North Dakota Seed Department in April as the new Regulatory Manager.
- The 250mw Orsted Badger Wind Farm Project was well underway in May and was functional in early 2026 with 92 turbines supplying power to North and South Dakota as well as Montana.
- Airman First Class Connor Kosiak (2024) graduated Air Force basic military training (BMT) on May 8, 2025. A1C Kosiak completed his BMT at Lackland AFB. He completed Air Force technical training as a Remotely Piloted Aircraft Maintenance Specialist at Sheppard AFB and has returned to North Dakota as a member of the ND Air National Guard and resumed his studies at UND, majoring in Aerospace Engineering.
- The city of Wishek launched a new [wishek-nd.com](http://wishek-nd.com) website. It contains lots of information and area photos. City leaders want this site as someplace you can visit on the internet to find out everything about Wishek (community, government, residents, businesses, visitors) and what is happening (calendar, event posters).
- The Wishek Tourism Committee's latest project was the restoration of the OshKosh B'gosh "ghost sign" that was painted on the south side of the Meidinger Store building in the early 1900s on Centennial Street.
- After 30 years as an insurance agent, Al Weigel retired as an agent for Farmer's Union insurance. He had offices in Napoleon, Steele, and Wishek.
- Parker Salwei was valedictorian and Levi Buchholz was salutatorian for the 10-member Class of 2025 in Wishek.
- Linda Stock retired as head custodian at the Wishek Public School in May.
- Levi Buchholz and Cole Stock, 2025 Wishek graduates, attended the 51<sup>st</sup> ND Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game at Mayville State University on Saturday, June 21st.
- Airman First Class Charlie Herr (2023) graduated Air Force basic military training (BMT) on June 12, 2025. A1C Herr completed his BMT at Lackland AFB. He is attending Air Force technical training as a targeting analyst at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas. Upon completion of his technical school, he will be returning to North Dakota as a member of the ND Air National Guard.
- The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-County Fair was held the second weekend of July.
- July 2025 marked two years since the disappearance of Jonett (Aberle) Wanner (1991) from her West Fargo home. The search for Jonett is ongoing.
- Ryan and Tabitha Janke, along with their children Eli and Hailey, took over operations of the Ashley Tribune and the Wishek Star in July. They put out their first issue as E & H Communications on Aug. 13. They will continue to live in Fargo where Ryan works for KFGO and Tabitha is Health Information Management Director at PAM Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Fargo.
- North Dakota Leadership Seminar (NDLS) held their annual Summer X for alumni at Beaver Lake State Park this year. As part of the annual excursion, members chose a volunteer project that would benefit the area they visit. This year, ten NDLS members volunteered for a day to paint curbs yellow throughout the city. Co-chairs Elisabeth Dalke (2017) and Carter Brown organized Summer X this year. Faith Smith (2020), Director of Service, coordinated the project in Wishek.
- After 25 years and multiple championships, South Border's wrestling coach Josh Hoffman retired.
- In August, a new law took effect in North Dakota that banned students from accessing cell phones and other electronic devices in schools from the first to the final bell of the school day.
- The Wishek Ambulance Service sponsored an EMS Night Out. It was designed to bring residents together and strengthen connections with local first responders. The event offered entertainment, education, and appreciation. Attendees enjoyed a free meal, lively inflatable games for kids and families, and a special visit from Sanford AirMed.
- Wishek Public School welcomed two new teachers in August. Laekyn Schwab, from Hazen and a Dickinson State graduate, is teaching second grade. Lauren Akers, from Fargo and a graduate of UM/Duluth, is teaching fifth grade.

- Wishek Fire & Rescue accepted a donation of \$25,000 from Orsted and the Badger Wind Farm to be used in helping fund the new fire hall.
- Tri-County Speedway season champions were Donavin Wiest (2000), Legends class, and Jodie Michaelsohn (1995), WISSOTA Street Stocks.
- At their regular meeting in August, Wishek American Legion Fred Kelle Post 87 members voted to sell their building because it's been draining the organization financially over the years. Alternative meeting locations have been discussed including the Wishek Golf Course clubhouse and the Wishek Senior Center.
- David and Chelsea Hagel purchased Blondies bar from longtime owners Mike and Lenora Jacobson. They renamed it Hagel Haus. The menu remains the same including Piccadilly Pizza.
- Farmers Markets were a big hit this past fall at the Civic Center Gazebo.
- Donielle Goodson became the new postmaster at the Wishek Post Office. She has worked in the postal system for twenty years and previously lived in Charlotte, NC.
- Greg Salwei (former faculty) was appointed to finish the remaining term of John Lake who resigned from the city council. Jim Weber (1974) was appointed to the Special Assessment Board for a six-year term. The board helps do the legwork for street projects in Wishek.
- The North Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame honored Dan Haugen (faculty), a second year Phy-ed teacher for Wishek Public School, for his outstanding contributions to the sport of baseball as an umpire.
- Resident and business owners were each assessed a dollar by the city council on their utility bill for mosquito spraying.
- Pastor Colin Neuharth, St. Luke Lutheran, accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Mitchell, South Dakota. A native of Eureka, SD, he had served as Pastor at St. Luke since August of 2022.
- Wishek Public School circulated a survey to gauge the public's interest in moving to a four-day school week.
- Old bound editions of the Wishek Star were relocated to the library from the former Ashley Tribune building.
- The Wishek School and Public Library now has a handicapped accessible door and a new sidewalk leading to the library.
- Gordon Dexheimer and his wife Brenda opened the doors to Dexheimer Law Office in October in the former Depuydt Law Office on Beaver Avenue.
- The 100th Sauerkraut Days celebration was held the weekend of October 10-12. There were many activities available for every age.
- The 54<sup>th</sup> Wishek Wildlife Buffalo Supper was held at the civic center on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- A Planning and Zoning Commission was in the works for McIntosh County. There was a public hearing on the proposal. About 20 years ago, a planning and zoning ordinance was almost adopted. A reason for the resurgence of the zoning commission is the ongoing wind tower project.
- Ronald Vossler (1966) is an author, free-lance writer, and scriptwriter. He received the Germans from Russia Historical Society (GRHS) Joseph S. Height Literary Award.
- Wishek Public School's business manager Bethany Vilhauer completed the North Dakota School Business Manager Certification Program.
- The 2026 city street improvement project will coincide with the Highway 13 street project this summer.
- Sauerkraut Day 2026 is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Wishek Police officer Tabby Cook was recognized for her continued assistance and professionalism in supporting the North Dakota Highway Weight Enforcement program within the Wishek and McIntosh County area.
- The Wishek School & Public Library received recognition as a 2025 North Dakota Star Library.
- In October Madeline Schauer (2018) became the new McIntosh County Extension Agent. She has a major in Ag Communication and a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from NDSU.
- The Wishek Living Center received the Bronze Commitment to Quality Award from the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living.
- The 2026 Association of Commerce board includes President Staci Just, Vice President Ryan Ust, Secretary Courtney (Schilling) Ust (2015), Treasurer Ali Herr, and board members Madison Holm, Billie Jochim, Kelsey Vetter (2024), David Jochim (2019), Julianna Wolff (2016), and Sloan Wolff.
- The Wishek Star and the Ashley Tribune, both of which have been published for decades under their own mastheads, became one weekly newspaper in January under the banner McIntosh County Star and Tribune.
- Dougie Wilson from South Africa opened Wilson's Diesel Truck and Ag Repair in a new shop by his home across from the Wishek airport.

# JUST MARRIED

March 14, 2025

Lucien Peterson (2021) wed Alexa Ketterling (2021)

April 12, 2025

Dougie Wilson wed Josey Huber (2014)

May 17, 2025

Cooper Dosan wed Isabella Froehling (2017)

May 26, 2025

Payton Hulm (2020) wed Abigail Deile (2021)

August 2, 2025

David Jochim (2019) wed Billie Gross

August 16, 2025

Noah Froehling (2016) wed Morgan Schnabel (2017)

September 13, 2025

Chase Bader (2018) wed Claire Moffet

September 13, 2025

Dylan Wolff (2018) wed Sloan Smith

October 11, 2025

Tyler Moser wed Laekyn Schwab (Faculty)

October 12, 2025

Mark Sayler (1979) wed Kim (Kaseman) Muller (1986)

December 6, 2025

Trevor Meidinger (2015) wed Kirstie Fueller

December 12, 2025

Marty Wells wed Tegan Henke (1998)

January 3, 2026

Jacob Deile (2016) wed Madison Holm

## WPSAA YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT - 2025

OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

### BALANCE ON HAND

OCTOBER 1, 2024..... \$6,210.84

### Income

Class Lists..... 45.00

2025 Dues..... 1,240.00

Dues, Other..... 40.00

Donations ..... 2,281.00

Dollars for Scholars..... 2,550.00

**Income Received..... \$6,156.00**

**Total Income..... \$12,366.84**

### Expenses

Alumni Website (Gate)..... 179.40

Badger Bulletin..... 1,752.32

Sue Wolff ..... 481.00

Printing (JM Printing)..... 832.95

Mailing (JM Printing)..... 300.20

Returned Bulletins ..... 4.28

Misc. (JM Printing) ..... 133.89

addresses, tax, shipping

Maintain Database, Misc. ..... 98.00

Wishek Star / Bismarck Tribune ..... 85.00

Post Office Box Rent ..... 72.00

Dollars for Scholars..... 2,550.00

**Total Expenses ..... \$4,736.72**

### BALANCE ON HAND

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 ..... \$7,630.12

## Wishek Fire Hall



As of February 1, 2026, the Wishek Fire Hall is now located on the south side of Beaver Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets. It is 80' x 112' which allows more room to house the current 7 vehicle fleet, space to store grain bin and water rescue equipment, and a training area to teach 30 plus volunteer members.



The Class of 1965 met in Bismarck on July 12th to celebrate their 60-year reunion.

Pictured L to R: James Bettenhausen, Gloria (Kosanke) Knoll, Ruby (Meidinger) Altringer, Claudia (Miller) Rust.

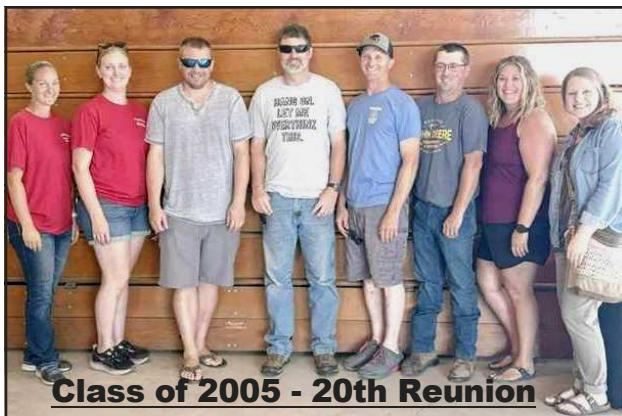


The Class of 1985 celebrated their 40th reunion on July 26th in Bismarck. L to R: George Wolff, Cordell Wiest, Dorinda (Fetzer) Wiest, Kim (Brandner) Bosch, Greta (Frank) Christianson, Nancy Baumgartner, Kevin Nies, Karma (Bauer) Thomas, Darren Deile, Allan Buhr, Deb Eiseman, Karen (Meidinger) Humphrey, Bruce Dalke.



The Class of 2005 got together at the Tri-County Fair on Saturday evening for their 20-year reunion.

Pictured L to R: Lisa (Vetter) Goldade, Amber (Klebsch) Goebel, Matt Ulmer, Sandy Just, Michael Bechtle, Tim Rath, Shannon (Lipp) Eiseman, Kelly (Wald) Miller.



## DEATHS of FRIENDS

Frieda (Thurn) Ketterling..February 2, 2025  
 Oliver Bettenhausen Jr.....February 2, 2025  
 Virginia (Rieger) Just.....February 21, 2025  
 Gerhardt Ketterling.....March 10, 2025  
 Lucille (Kelsch) Just.....March 24, 2025  
 Clifton Kaseman .....April 12, 2025  
 Ruth (Meidinger) Thurn .....May 7, 2025  
 Wilma (Miller) Weber.....May 7, 2025  
 Luella (Ulmer) Ackerman..... May 19, 2025  
 Edward Ackerman.....June 12, 2025  
 Linda (Krueger) Boschee.....June 19, 2025  
 Violette (Schock) Kaseman..August 4, 2025  
 Lynn Krueger.....August 14, 2025  
 Delmar Schilling.....August 20, 2025  
 JoAnn Becker.....August 22, 2025  
 Gideon Boschee.....August 29, 2025  
 Edna (Sayler) Wiest .....October 9, 2025  
 Art Ketterling .....November 25, 2025  
 Frances (Schumacher) Schaffer .....December 22, 2025  
 Alvina (Meidinger) Sayler.....December 23, 2025  
 Evangeline "Vangie" (Kramlich) Mueller .....January 4, 2026  
 Michael Hulm .....January 7, 2026



## WPS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES

**I'm Enclosing:**

Annual **\$10.00** (per household address) Membership Dues \_\_\_\_\_ Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Lists - Year(s) Requested \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 (per requested class year) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dollars for Scholars Contribution . . (These funds will be turned over to Dollars for Scholars.) . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to receive the Wishek Alumni Newsletter:

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### **CLASS CONTACTS**

#### **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:

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### **WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR LIFE?**

**Your classmates want to know, and so do we.**  
**Please submit your information about events in your life: new job, marriage, birth or adoption, promotion, honor, etc.**

1949 - Gladys (Bettenhausen) Zimmerman	701 754-2327	1991 - Dynette (Woehl) Ketterling	701 423-5608
1953 - Ida (Ackerman) Quatier	605 261-5798	1992 - Melissa (Wald) Klimpel	701 226-4502
1956 - Esther (Humann) Brinkman	701 452-4321	1993 - Shelly (Salwei) Kosiak	605 212-4548
1957 - Bonnie (Kautz) Wiskus	701 452-2755	1994 - Denise (Rau) Piatz	701 851-0547
1958 - Ronald Gall	956 328-9726	1995 - Nathan Rath	701 452-2953
1959 - Gary Ritter	701 255-2801	1996 - Denise Rohweder	701 321-0162
1960 - Joan (Heyne) Boschee	701 452-2247	1997 - Victoria (Becker) Volk	701 336-7720
1962 - Stanley Schmitt	701 452-2278	1998 - Sonia (Welk) Salwei	701 452-2537
1963 - Robert Woehl	701 452-2551	1999 - Jennifer (Piatz) Stock	701 452-2672
1964 - Delmar Benkendorf	970 667-9110	2000 - Melisa (Rudolf) Meidinger	701 659-0566
1965 - Gloria (Kosanke) Knoll	701 290-2090	2001 - Kayla (Wald) Ennen	701 226-6334
1966 - Ronald Vossler	218 779-6835	2002 - Rebecca (Thurn) Bender	701 698-2667
1967 - Donald Weber	701 731-0055	2003 - Kristen (Rau) Johnson	701 793-6731
1968 - Ronald Meidinger	701 288-3374	2004 - Theresa (Kowalski) Hagen	701 731-9308
1969 - Janel (Kautz) Mastel	701 663-6258	2005 - Kelly Wald	701 321-1730
1970 - Sheryl (Kaseman) Brandner	701 452-2973	2006 - Ridge Zielke	701 452-2219
1971 - Doris (Meidinger) Bettenhausen	701 452-2454	2007 - Kristen (Ketterling) Knudsen	701 388-8839
1972 - Wayne Bauer	701 851-0144	2008 - Stephanie (Bechtle) Miller	701 426-5678
1973 - Brenda (Kautz) Herr	701 321-2964	2009 - Christine (Wanner) Fannik	701 321-1091
1974 - Bonnie (Weber) Bettenhausen	701 452-2579	2010 - Amber (Ketterling) Hakk	701 566-1228
1975 - Glen Deile	701 321-1828	2011 - Devin Deile	701 254-4011
1976 - Diane (Meidinger) Glas	701 452-2172	2012 - Karly (Wald) Berenton	701 321-0027
1977 - Toby Tuchscher	701 226-3265	2013 - Amy (Bechtle) Brooks	701 204-8254
1978 - Elaine (Ulmer) Tuchscher	701 258-1595	2014 - Taylor Ketterling	701 423-5608
1979 - Stacy (Gall) Meidinger	701 321-1431	2015 - Hanna (Bettenhausen) Ebel	701 452-2967
1980 - Naomi (Dalke) Klein	701 321-1690	2016 - Lora (Horner) Schell	701 321-0003
1981 - Kristi (Svedjan) Beyl	701 200-4500	2017 - Elisabeth Dalke	701 452-2226
1982 - Carla (Thurn) Gonzalez	720 290-4716	2018 - Madison Braaten	701 452-2976
1983 - Lora (Rohweder) Hochhalter	701 321-1848	2019 - Kaelie Kosiak	701 452-2705
1984 - Bernadette (Piatz) Vetter	701 452-2517	2020 - Yesenia DeArcos	701 202-4460
1985 - Darren Deile	701 452-2473	2021 - Abigail (Deile) Hulm	701 452-2473
1986 - Rhonda (Woehl) Secor	970 434-4947	2022 - Ashley (Muller) Wright	701 731-0375
1987 - Cordell Bettenhausen	701 452-2114	2023 - Kylie Stock	701 452-2672
1988 - Brent Schilling	701 452-2143	2024 - Connor Kosiak	701 731-0303
1989 - Jackie Klein Schulz	701 663-3082	2025 - Parker Salwei	701 731-0508
1990 - Chris Lobsinger	612 327-1622		

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**Wishek Community Pool & Splash Pad Conceptual**

Construction on the new pool and splash pad is set to begin in spring 2026, weather permitting. The pool will be fenced in. The splash pad will be available to use outside pool hours as it will have motion sensors and will not require a lifeguard. If all goes well, it should be completed this year. Donations towards the project are needed and very much appreciated. A sneak peek of the new pool can be seen at [facebook.com/reel/1122422259854785](https://facebook.com/reel/1122422259854785).