



Delmont Alumni Association NEWSLETTER

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND OUR 15th ALUMNI REUNION, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

The Alumni Committee has been busy planning the next Alumni Reunion. We decided that every 5 years is too long in between reunions and decided to hold reunions every 3 years, with the next reunion being September 12, 2026. This will be our 15th Reunion. Remember all those, 'Good Times' returning to Delmont to reminisce with your classmates and the late night street dances?

Our reunion will again be held in conjunction with the Twin Rivers Old Iron and Kuchen Festival. A registration letter will be sent at a later date.

Hope to see you September 12, 2026.

Alumni mailing address is-
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PO Box 195
DELMONT, SD 57330

Alumni Email-
delmontalumni@midstatesd.net

Alumni Website-
delmontsd.org/alumni-front-page

Previous committee members:

Lynn (Williams) Stoebner '72, Julie (Peters) Brenner '75, Gail (Struck) Vahl '74, and Trisa (Ebright) Schaefer '79 were involved in the planning of this alumni reunion but recently retired.

Alumni Reunion Shirts



2026 Tripp Delmont
T-shirts will be available
for Pre-Order on 6-1-26.

Scan the QR Code or visit
the alumni web page to
place your order.



THE RETURN OF THE ALUMNI REUNION IN 2023 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH OVER 200 IN ATTENDANCE



Pictures: Top Left: TRAVELED THE FARTHEST Coming from Japan Dennis Crofutt Class of 1983 pictured with Julie Peters Brenner '75

Top Right: Oldest Alumni Attending Ruth Bartels Neugebauer Class of 1943 pictured with Mae Peters Gunnare '72

Left: Get together at Misterek Park Dedication:
Front: Ruth (Misterek '61) & John Kato **Back:** Ruth's Classmates - Jay Larson, Terry Grosz, Cindy Filips, Loren Fauth & Ervin Bietz

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Looking At The Past 65 Years

Year of Graduating Class	Number in Graduating Class	High School Enrollment
1924	7	29*
1925	5	27*
1926	12	32*
1927	5	28*
1928	5	33*
1929	10	44*
1930	8	47*
1931	10	47*
1932	16	45*
1933	13	36*
1934	8	36*
1935	8	37*
1936	7	38*
1937	13	51
1938	9	43*
1939	9	49
1940	9	49*
1941	16	58*
1942	8	54*
1943	16	59*
1944	18	53*
1945	12	47*
1946	13	49
1947	10	61
1948	12	54
1949	17	54
1950	15	62
1951	11	71
1952	13	83
1946	13	49
1947	10	61
1948	12	54
1949	17	54
1950	15	62
1951	11	71
1952	13	83
1953	20	86

Year of Graduating Class	Number in Graduating Class	High School Enrollment
1954	24	78
1955	20	74
1956	16	71
1957	15	87
1958	22	94
1959	21	87
1960	21	79
1961	18	77
1962	16	69
1963	19	74
1964	19	74
1965	9	67
1966	20	77
1967	23	76
1968	12	63
1969	20	67
1970	18	52
1971	14	59
1972	12	60
1973	12	58
1974	16	59
1975	16	64
1976	14	53
1977	12	51
1978	18	48
1979	8	44
1980	11	46
1981	7(1)	45
1982	15(1)	43
1983	13(1)	42
1984	10(1)	40
1985	8	39
1986	14(1)	42
1987	12(1)	43
1988	9	39
1989	13(3)	30

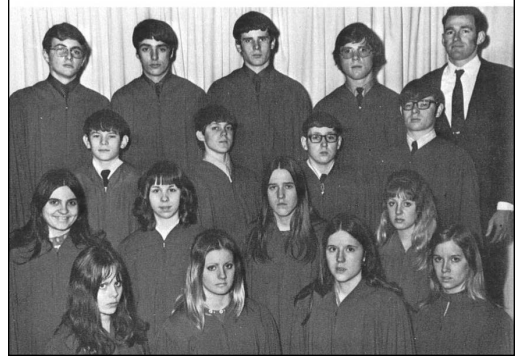
*indicates approximate enrollment

()indicates number of foreign exchange students in graduating class



The first Alumni Banquet 1961

Madrigal Group Receive Superior



1973 Madrigal Group



Homecoming Royalty of 1971

Back Row: David Brenner, Meribeth Goehring,
Connie Thuringer, Curtis Goehring
Seated: Queen Patti Goehring, King Ken Bietz.



Homecoming Royalty of 1976

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Financial Summary

Revenue	
Reunion attendance fees	\$7,620.00
Donations & Dues	\$2,064.00
Other revenue	\$1,125.71
Total Revenue	\$10,809.71
Expenses	
Reunion related expenses	\$6,144.44
Other Committee expenses	\$8,426.39
Total Expenses	\$14,570.83
Operating Income/(loss)	\$(3,761.12)
Beginning checking account balance	\$8,269.23
Checking acct balance 2-28-25	\$4,508.11
Certificate of Deposit with Bank West	\$7,384.84

Prepared by Dave Goehring - Complete financial report is on our alumni website. See front page for website.

What is Kuchen



In 1997, what started out as a bake sale of goodies, including kuchen, to raise money for the Historical Society, the event turned into the annual kuchen festival. By 1998, about 100 kuchen were assembled by hand at the community building, and then taken to five or six homes to be baked. On the day of the sale, they sold out before noon. In 1999, the number of kuchen more than doubled to over 350 and 26 dozen eggs, 100 pounds of flour, 3 gallons of milk, 80 pints of cream and 55 pounds of sugar were used. In the year 2000, the kuchen baking was moved to the Tyndall bakery and almost 500 kuchen were prepared. All labor is volunteered during the kuchen making process.

The price for each kuchen started at \$5.00 each and now have increased to \$14.00 per kuchen. In 2024, 1200 kuchen were made and sold. The flavors include apple, peach, cherry, custard, rhubarb, poppy seed, cottage cheese, coconut, mulberry, blueberry, prune, and streusel. The Delmont Historical Society also prepared and served the South Dakota Legislature kuchen sometime in the early 2000's. It was enjoyed so much that the congressmen declared kuchen to be the state dessert.

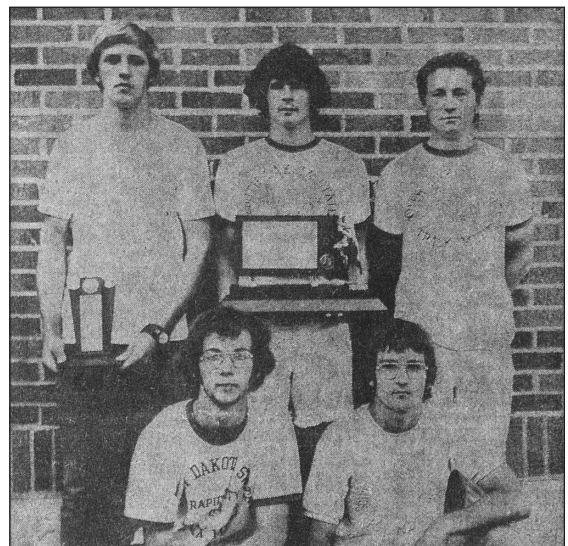
In 2023, the alumni committee made the decision to move their gathering to the same weekend of the kuchen festival and the Old Iron Tractor Club celebration in September so all can enjoy. More pictures and history on the kuchen festival can be found in the old pump house museum for every one to read.



1975 Girl's Basketball Initiated Year



1972 8-1 Football Season & 10th Ranking in the State



1974 Boys Track Champion

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Then & Now: DHS Quartet



1985 L to R: Ron Ehresmann, Loren Fauth, Vern Kraft & Ron Gjoraas



2023 L to R: Loren Fauth, Vern Kraft, Ron Gjoraas & Jim Kaufman



Top: DHS Trophies in the American Legion Hall



Left: Class Picture stand in the American Legion Hall



Preserving Our Legacy: How you Can Help



Pump House Museum Exterior

We are currently starting our new home for the DHS memorabilia at the museum. VP Darryl took responsibility to repair the garage door to keep rain and snow out. We moved all remaining trophy cases, and clothing we have, but we need to organize and get ideas on how to display them.

If you have any DHS memorabilia to contribute, and would like to help in any way please let the committee know! Thank You!



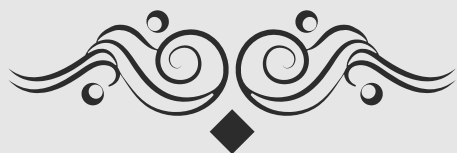
Pump House Museum Interior

PRESERVE THE HISTORY & DELMONT!

You're Invited September 2026



The Delmont committee would like to invite **all Tripp-Delmont alumni** to the Alumni reunion in Sept of 2026. We most heartily invite you to become a member of the Delmont Alumni Association. All that would be ask of you is an updated address & email and pay dues which are \$3 per year. ***Please consider joining us!!***



THIS & THAT!

The Delmont Alumni Association Committee wants to pass along some updates to all of you. The first exciting news is that we now have our very own web page (www.delmontsd.org/alumni-front-page), thanks to the Delmont Development Corporation for making some changes and expansions to the Delmont Website. The school page still contains the list of Delmont graduates by class year but now, the class photos have been added to that list, along with the other pictures and information - Many thanks to Ken Bietz '71 who agreed to assist us with adding information to the webpage and managing it. (Sam Peters '68 is the one who took all the photos of the graduating classes a couple years ago and we are very thankful he did this for us.) We are looking forward to using this web page in the future to keep alumni updated and for many other tasks, so stay tuned! The web page is only a few months old and it is definitely a "work in progress" so please bear with us. We are always open to suggestions and soon hope that we can add pictures and memorabilia from you. We are looking for another volunteer who has website ([WIX] and/or Facebook) development knowledge or general computer skills who is willing to assist with the website for now and on into the future. You don't need to be a Delmont graduate so if you have the skills and are interested or know someone who might be interested, please send us an email at delmontalumni@midstatesd.net. You can also use this email address to notify us of your email address and physical address changes, as well as letting us know of a death of any of our alumni so we can keep the online lists current. This is a personal interest of mine as I see it as one of our duties to honor the alums this way by updating their status.

If you attended the last reunion in 2023, you noticed the very nice trophy case in the Delmont Legion Hall with special trophies and memorabilia. Our special thanks to the members of the Delmont American Legion for giving us this space to display items which originally were located in the school building. At the next reunion, you will see the unique stand which the Committee purchased to store the class pictures - This is also in the Legion Hall and it is such a relief for all of us to finally have an appropriate and secure place for those pictures which have been shuffled around to different places after the school closed.

Recently, the Delmont Historical Society graciously offered to clear out a space in the Pumphouse Museum for us to use to store other memorabilia and we will be working to get that organized for viewing by the September 2026 reunion. I think this is a good place to also thank many of the local Delmont alumni who have helped us so many times and in so many ways when we needed help with moving, storing, and saving the memorabilia - You all are very much appreciated!

If you have a Facebook account, you might want to check out this resource: "Delmont South Dakota Events and Happenings." During the 2023 reunion, alumni were using this venue to ask questions about the reunion, get their classmates organized to meet during the reunion, share school memories, post pictures taken during the reunion, and other fun stuff. (It was really fun to see the pictures, especially when the classes got together.) Anyway, this is a wonderful resource for all of us to utilize and the site administrator is a Delmont promoter and activist, Sam Grosz, who happens to be married to one of my classmates, Terry Grosz.

- Cindy (Meyer '61) Filips

