

The NHS Class of 1961 Celebrates 60 years!

September 11, 2021, ten members of the Class of '61 met west of Newfolden to participate in the Newfest parade. In the 1974 Chevrolet Caprice Classic Convertible driven by Howard Rokke, was Yvonne Leigh Moe and Jancie Olson Ramsey. The 1995 Toyota Celica Convertible was driven by James Elseth with Lois Thompson Elseth and Harriet Rokke Roberts. Following in a 2012 Camaro SSS Convertible driven by JoAnne Rokke were Norma Albaugh Riedeman and LuAnn Strandberg Chaplinski. In the Black Mazda were Ernie Melvie and Ronald Ueland. The first three cars were awarded Third Place in the parade.

The next event was a "Meet and Greet" at Chuck & LuAnn Chaplinski's in Middle River. Joining us were classmates Sally Hanson, Richard Moen, Shep Wilimek and Kathleen Peterson Wagner. From there we moved on to the Middle River Community Center for our catered dinner and program. There were various picture boards and memorabilia on display to highlight our classmates and events. Howard Rokke and Lois Elseth were the emcees for the evening. We welcomed Mark Knutson, Vice-President of the MCC Education Foundation Board, who spoke to us about the Foundation and its goals. It was Richard Moen's birthday and the class sang "Happy Birthday" to him and wished him well. The class officers were recognized: Ronald Ueland - President, Lloyd Hjelle - Vice-President, Sally Hanson - Secretary, and Howard Davis - Treasurer. Sally read the class history. Harriet Roberts remembered those who have passed: John Carlson, Howard Davis, Gordon Garfve, Sharon Hanson, DeEtta Hoberg, Noral Langlie, Lois Lokstad, LuAnn Lubitz, James Olson, Vernon Peterson, Harold Steinhauer and Wallace Taylor. Ronald recapped the Sport Highlights, followed by the class standing and singing the Nordic Fight Song. We had 38 in our graduating class, 13 classmates attended plus Shep Wilimek, who moved after our junior year. Norma Albaugh Riedeman traveled the furthest, 759 miles from Chillicothe, MO. We concluded the program with Harriet and Janice leading us in "Friends." (submitted by the Class of 1961)



Front Row: LuAnn Strandberg Chaplinski, Richard Moen, Sally Hanson, Harriet Rokke Roberts, Kathleen Peterson Wagner, Yvonne Leigh Moe, Janice Olson Ramsey. Back Row: Lois Thompson Elseth, James Elseth, Norma Albaugh Riedman, Ronald Ueland, Shep Wilimek, Howard Rokke, Ernest Melvie