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1940s graduates gather for combined class reunion



Members of the 1940-46 classes from Boone High School and Sacred Heart School gathered Friday night at Bill and Jodie Beckwith's house for an open house. Those attending the open house were: Jim Ash, Kenny and Helen Barns, Bill and Jodie Beckwith, Eugene and Emogene (Olson) Criss, Bill Dahlien, Clarence and Marqe Dixon, Margaret (Flynn) Ewing, Betty (Gutteridge) Ferry, Darl and Betty (Faquin) Haerther, Helen (Rosenqren) Johnson, Clavonne (Dahlien) Kading, Jean (Wiley) King, Lovev (Budd) Mondt, Chas "Dutch" Nelson, Roger and Louise Oxenford, Bonnie (Weber) Peppas, Don Shaw, John and Barb Veale and Iline (Welch) Westberg. Not pictured: Beverly (Wilson) Sellers. Photo by Whitney Sager



The Class of 1944 from Boone High School and Sacred Heart School celebrated their 70th class reunion this past weekend. Attending class members included (left to right): front row - Emogene (Olson) Criss, Bill Dahlien, Bonnie (Weber) Peppas; back row - Bill Beckwith, Charled Dutch Nelson, Jim Ash, Iline (Welch) Westberg and Jean (Wiley) King. Not pictured: Beverly Sellers. Photo by Whitney Sager

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Editor

Plenty of reminiscing and catching up took place this past weekend as members of the 1940-46 Boone High School and Sacred Heart School classes gathered for a combined class reunion. While some still live in Boone and the surrounding area, others traveled to Boone from all over the United States.

For the class of 1944, this year's celebration was special since it marked their 70th class reunion. The last time they got together for a reunion was two years ago.

"It's really, really important that we're still around," said Bill Beckwith, a 1944 graduate.

The weekend began with an open house gathering at Bill and Jodie Beckwith's home Friday night. Members from the 1940-46 classes were invited to this gathering. The following night, the class of 1944 gathered again at the Beckwith's home for a dinner. Then on Sunday, the class met for a continental breakfast and a train ride at the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad and James H. Andrew Railroad Museum. A handicap accessible car was available for the class members to ride on - a service made possible by Fenner Stevenson, Bill Beckwith and Marshall King. According to Gretchen Otis, who helped organize the weekend gathering, this is likely the first time a BHS/Sacred Heart class has gathered for a 70th class reunion.