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Sykeston

Wells County, North Dakota
and Surrounding Area

July 2-3-4, 1983

Schools

The current Sykes School District No. 39 was organized on March 20, 1885 under the direction of R. Wikey, county superintendent of schools, and still continues to serve the community. The earliest schools on record that made up Sykes School district No. 39 consisted mainly of rural schools from Bilodeau, Sykeston, Johnson and Hawksnest townships.



The one-room school house— this one was located in Sykeston Township

Bilodeau School District

Bilodeau township had three rural schools after the township's school district was organized on March 12, 1884. It was the first school district organized in Wells County. In Bilodeau School No. 1 the first class record was dated May 17, 1897 to June 30, 1897. The teacher was A.J. Beaubier. Students attending that school term were: Annie Larratt, Robert Larratt, Lenore Cole, Willie Chartier, Joseph Chartier, Theafeil Bourke, and Sulu Stout. The last classes held at Bilodeau School No. 1 were between Sept. 4, 1950 and May 25, 1951. The teacher was Nita E. Weigand and the students were Arlene Clapper, Carol Clapper, Francis Hafner, Patricia Hafner, Bethal Hafner, Patricia Stahl, Duane Stahl, and Peggy Lee Mueller.

The first records for Bilodeau School No. 2 were May 14, 1894 to Oct. 26, 1894. Lizzie Clements had as her students: Jennie Hildebrand, Dave Hildebrand, Louisa Hildebrand, Bertha Hildebrand, Lenore Cole, Henry Bullock, Charlie Hildebrand, Wilhelmina Bilke, Gussa Bilke, Wilfred Chartier, Uzeb Chartier, Emma Hildebrand, and Emelia Hildebrand. Twenty-two students attended the last class session held at Bilodeau School No. 2 Sept. 6, 1915 to May 19, 1916.

They were: Matt Fruhwirth, Helen Fruhwirth, Marion Green, Edwin Green, Ruth Green, George Hildebrand, Alicia Hildebrand, Clark Hildebrand, Martha McCann, Ella McCann, Clarence McCann, Samuel McCann, Parley McCann, Ethel Peasgood, Teddy Peasgood, Alicia Peasgood, Bessie Peasgood, Flora Wild and Ella Wild. The teacher was Anna Miller.

Bilodeau's No. 3 school had a first class record dated April 29, 1907 to June 28, 1907. The teacher was W.S. Waulsky and the students were Bertha Hohn, Anna Hohn, Ludia Hohn, Harold Knipe, Alice Maulsby, Cyril Moore, Bessie Peasgood, Tillie Wild, Emma Wild and Freda Wild. The last classes held at School No. 3 were Nov. 17, 1913 to April 10, 1914. Students were Elizabeth Laber, Frank Laber, George Laber, Mary Laber, Matthew Laber, Millie Laber, Peter Laber, Theresa Laber, Elizabeth Marking, Frank Marking, Mary Marking, Rose Marking, Alfred Stahl, and Bennie Stahl.

On July 14, 1923, the west half of Bilodeau School District reorganized to become part of the Sykes School District No. 39. In 1958 the east half of Bilodeau School District annexed to the Sykes School District No. 39. It was dissolved July 2, 1958.

Sykeston School District

The Sykeston School District No. 11 was organized on March 20, 1885. The first school records found were from April 29, 1895 to July 19, 1895. The teacher was Kate Hebikey. The students were Helen Lindland, John Lindland, August Bilke, Willie Covell, Ellen Covell, Gertrude Wonnuld, Charles Rice, Jessie Rice, Willie Stewart, Richard Stewart, Lenore Cole, Mildred Hildebrand, Alma Schmitt, Eddie Schmitt, Clara Schmitt, and Leona Elmer. The last classes held at this school were between Sept. 5, 1955 and May 25, 1956. Loretta M. Stern taught these students: Adeline Heintz, Anton Heintz, Eugene Heintz, James Heintz, Rosemary Heintz, Magdalena Heintz, Allen Richter, Eugene Richter, Evelyn Richter, Jerome Richter, Leon Richter, Merlyn Thomas, Carol Zwinger, Jeannette Zwinger, and Thomas Zwinger.

Sykeston School District No. 11 annexed to Sykes School District No. 39 on July 2, 1958.

Johnson School District

Johnson School District No. 12 annexed to Sykes School District on Aug. 2, 1886. Johnson School District detached itself from Sykeston No. 11 to

form its own School District on March 23, 1896. The Johnson School District consisted of four rural schools.

Johnson School No. 1 has its first records available for Nov. 14, 1898 to March 31, 1899. D.M. Simmons taught Louise Hildebrand, Emma Hildebrand, Millie Hildebrand, Tillie Hildebrand, David Hildebrand, Auguste Boehlke, Rudolph Boehlke, Robert Boehlke, Martha Kutz, Adelaide Kutz, Charlie Mergenthaler, and Jennie Hildebrand. The last school records from Johnson No. 1 were from Sept. 1958 to May 1959. Virgil Rodacker taught five students: Allen Bierdeman, Russell Rexin, Jerome Hewitt, Judy Kutz, and Steven Johnson.

The first records found from Johnson School No. 2 were dated between July 3, 1899 and Sept. 13, 1899. Elizabeth Chamberlain was the teacher. The students were Claud Hollingsworth, Bertha Hollingsworth, Esta Hollingsworth, Frank Hollingsworth, Edmond Hollingsworth, Arthur Rasmusson, John Sheets, Sam Sheets, Oscar Phary, Reinhart Ganl, Natalie Ganl, Adeline Belky, and Emma Werner. The last school records from Johnson School No. 2 were from Sept. 1958 to May 1959. The teacher was Esther Widicker. The students were Kathie Morlock, Connie Williams, Judy Williams, Wanda Morlock, Rodney Morlock, Lynda Morlock, Debbie Williams, Ronnie Morlock, Gary Widicker, David Williams, Shirley Morlock and Rodger Morlock.

Johnson School No. 3 had its first records dating from Oct. 26, 1903 to April 22, 1904. Teaching the students was Mrs. Charlotte Barnes. The students were Charlotte Barnes, Robin Barnes, Louisa Stern, Jacob Stern, Mike Stern, Jacob Schafer, John Schafer, Mathilda Schafer, Adam Stern, Chas. Mergenthaler, Jacob Triebwasser and Willis Triebwasser. The last records for Johnson School No. 3 show three students attending classes from Sept. 3, 1956 to May 24, 1957. The students, Allen Bierdeman, Russell Rexin, and Rodger Haag, were taught by Virgil Rodacker.

Johnson School No. 4, the last school in the district, show its first school records from Sept. 28, 1909 to March 14, 1910. The teacher was Creetie L. Gilmore and she taught Archie Butts, Clyde Butts, Frank Polries, Mary Polries, Theresa Polries, Matthew Polries, Rosina Tetz, Henry Wahl, Christ Wahl, Katie Wahl, Jacob Werner, David Werner, Pauline Werner, George Werner, and Carrie Werner. The last classes recorded for Johnson School No. 4 were from Sept. 28, 1942 to May 24, 1943. The teachers were Beatrice Williams, who taught for one month, and Lilas Helm, who finished the year. Five students attending the classes were: Meane Bjerke, Elaine Bjerke, Inez Bjerke, Nellie Harris, and Mildren Hanson.

The Johnson township schools closed at different times throughout the years. The Johnson School

District No. 12 annexed to Sykes No. 39 in 1958 and dissolved May 5, 1959.



The original Hebron Consolidated School

Hebron Consolidated District

The Congressional Township, 145 North, Range 68 West was organized into a school township on Aug. 8, 1885. It was named Hebron District No. 1 after the well-known Biblican City, Hebron. The first officers were: Thomas McKitterick, Thomas Lawrey (at whose home the school township was organized), George Van Meter, John Harper, George Elwood, John Elwood, John Prentiss, and A.J. Brandt.

The first year the school was held from May 7 to Sept. 3 while the weather was good. The first teacher, according to the Wells County Courthouse, was Libbie Moore, whose salary was \$33.00 a month. The students were: May Lowry, Ada Brandt, Ida McKitterick, Alma McKitterick, Willie McKitterick, Eugene Webster, Nellie Van Meter, Kati Wikey, and Alta Varnem.

By 1900-1901 there were two schools with 32 children of school age. By 1907-1908 two more schools were built making four schools in all, with 40 children of school age. The last two schools were discontinued after three or four years because of the lack of children in their areas and the few who remained attended either of the two remaining schools closest to them.

The first consolidated school was built in 1915 and the first classes were held in 1916. School bussing came into being about 1917. The school had two rooms of grade school with about 45 children in each room. In 1926 there were four years of high school.

The old Consolidated School house was replaced by a new school building in 1941 with only two years of high school and in 1945, high school was discontinued entirely. The school continued with two rooms with the first through eighth grade until the school district dissolved in August of 1971. The last school records were from Sept. 2, 1968 to May 29, 1969. The only teacher was Mrs. Myrtle Vick, and the students were: Brent Kurtz, Michael Kunz, Scott Meyer, Joel Willey, Carson Helton, Kathryn

Wiley, Cynthia Wiley, Christine Kunz, Cynthia Nichols and Lynnette Helton.

When the Hebron Consolidated School dissolved in 1971, the students then attended school in either Sykeston or Carrington.



St. Elizabeth Catholic School

From the Sykeston Tribune dated Jan. 9, 1914, it was learned that Rev. Father Woester had solicited funds of about \$8,000, which would make the building of a Catholic School possible. It was also written that many people would contribute to the building only if German were taught in the school. Monsignor Woeste taught the language for several years, even giving the Sisters classes in German to be able to help the children, as many knew no English.

Preliminary plans for the new Catholic School were to build a four room modern building with a full basement. The foundation was to be of stone and built wide and strong so that another story could be added to make room for a future high school. It was the intention to finish only the interior of the first story at that time, and to employ two teachers for eight grades.

The new Catholic School opened its doors to pupils for the first time on Sept. 14, 1914, with Sister Carmel teaching grades 1-4; Sister Alphonsus in grades 5-8; and Sister Agatha teaching the music. All three were Presentation Sisters from the Sacred Heart Academy at Fargo.

The enrollment on opening day was 52. This number increased later as many children could not start in the fall because of the field work. The enrollment in 1915 was 69. The number reached 100 with two rooms each having about 50 students in four grades. Enrollment at the school varied throughout the years with the highest enrollment of 102 and about 600 graduates over the years.

St. Elizabeth's also had a school song which was sung to the tune of the Notre Dame March. The song was sung at boys' sports activities that came into popularity at St. Elizabeth's in the mid 1940's.

The costs of maintaining the school and a shortage of teaching sisters throughout the Catholic system in the 1960's made the future of the school look bleak. Mrs. Glen Weiheumuller, the only lay teacher in the school's history, was employed in 1961-62.

The school underwent changes in the summer of 1966. Windows on the first floor were replaced with glass blocks, rooms were painted, floors refinished, and desks were redone for the first time.

The first grade was eliminated from the school in the fall of 1966 due to the lack of teachers and space. Those students then attended the Sykeston Public School. The second grade was eliminated the next fall. Seventy-one students in the six grades were taught the last year and the final graduation was the eighth grade class on May 24, 1968.

Students enrolled during the last year of operation were:

3rd grade: Patti Polries, Christy Kunz, Jeanette Seil, Dean Hafner, Steve Seil, Julie Richter, Susan Laber, Celeste Schaack, Della Bachmeier, Brian Marcotte, Steve Zwinger, Debbie Weippert, Mark Schadewald, Marcy Johnson and Jim Neumiller.

4th grade: Peggy Wild, Gary Laber, Terri Kutz, Jean Brown, and Curtis Rask.

5th grade: Peggy Brown, Jamie Richter, Vicki Huss, Laura Schaack, John Laber, Jennifer Laber, Cindy Lundby, Shawn Marcotte, Vernon Speldrich, Chuck Kutz, Colette Schaack, Peggy Polries, Nancy Huss, Jean Richter, Becky Seil, Shane LeGrande, Rick Richter, and Neil Hammes.

6th grade: Carol Seil, Donna Seil, Kirk Laber, Ardell Speldrich, Kevin Huss, Paul Richter, Peggy Kutz, Kathy Sondag, Christine Schaack, Mark Laber and Tom Garhofer.

7th grade: Jane Neumiller, Donna Hafner, Randy Richter, Karen Sondag, Gail Huss, Janel Lundby, Jeff Richter, Doug Weippert, Pam Brown, Ross Schaack, Jeff Laber, and Steve Hammes.

8th grade and the last class to graduate: Michael Kutz, Connie Stahl, Mary Kay Neumiller, David Speldrich, Marie Richter, James Wild, Jean Hafner, Cindy Marcotte, Lori Schadewald, and Julie Polries.

Sisters teaching at the school the last year were: Sr. Mary John, principal and 3rd & 4th; Sr. Hilary, 5th & 6th; and Sr. Francis, 7th & 8th. Sister Rose had the music for many years.

For four years after the school was closed, the Public School rented the building to house the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. The building was torn down in the summer of 1982.

Sykes School District No. 39

Sykeston school township was organized under the direction of R. Wikey, county superintendent of schools.

On March 20, 1885, the board of county commissioners took Speedwell, Cottonwood, and



1902 - Grades 1, 2, and 3 at the original Sykeston one-room school

Cathay townships away, leaving only Sykeston township in the school district in Wells County. Thus, the first schoolhouse in the county was erected in Sykeston.

Marshall Brinton taught the first term of school in the courthouse in Sykeston in the winter of 1884-85 because the first school burned to the ground before it was completed. Mr. Brinton was helped by other teachers of the county, among them were: C.B.M. Craig, David Harris, Libbis Moore, Lois Thompson, Nelle Van Mater, Cleaver, E.J. Eastmen, Luly Page, Kate Needham, Alta Varnum, J.J. Trach, Plenn H. Woodward, Kate Wikey, Abby Trash, Carrie Lloyd and Mary Houlihan. Kate Needham was elected the first lady county superintendent, and at that time there were 23 school townships and 39 school houses were built.



Construction of the first brick school in 1914

In 1883-84 school was taught in its new building. That building is now the American Legion Hall and was moved to its present location in December 1903.

A brick school was built in 1904 and opened in October. The first teachers were Miss Small and Miss Schrader. At that time it was illegal to be married and teach school. This school was too small by 1904 and the parlor of the Congregational Church was rented for high school classes.

Plans were to enlarge the school building, but it was advised to erect a wooden one until a new one



Sykeston School in 1913

could be built. A supplementary building was constructed in 1907 which later was moved and became the Woodman Hall.

In 1912, 10 people were taking high school courses and 15 more planned to enroll. As a result, the *Sykeston Tribune* called for the organization of a new high school.



The present Sykeston School

The school which now stands on block number 5, was constructed by Haxy & Gillespie of Fargo, ND, in 1913. In 1959, 46 years later a new addition was added to the school. It presently consists of 10 classrooms, one library, a lunch room, three sets of rest rooms, two offices for the principal and superintendent, a basic skills room, a teachers' lounge, and a gymnasium. The land for the playground was donated to the school by the city of Sykeston so the school could get state aid.

The public school, mainly the addition that was made in 1959, has been used for many activities. Among these were school plays, school board and PTO meetings, music concerts and programs, fund raising activities and many other social activities connected with the school.

Sykeston Hiawatha was the first school mascot. It was changed in 1932 to the Sykeston Wildcats. The school song "Cheer for Sykes High", was written in 1942 by two graduates from the class of 1942, Marion Joyce and Harriet Evans.

Sykeston School Song

Sykes High, oh Sykes High school of dreams
come true

Where wrongs are righted fortune favors you.
Your school colors, my school colors we unfold
Our wonderful banner, maroon and gold.

Chorus:

We'll raise aloft a mighty cheer for you,
Straight from the hearts of students fond and
true.

Deep as the ocean our love and devotion
For our Sykes High School . . .

Cheer for you Alma mater Sykeston High
Maroon and gold for you we'll raise our cry.

Rah! Rah! Rah! for Sykeston High we're proud
to hold

Our wonderful banner maroon and gold

Repeat chorus.

The following is a list of persons who either
attended or graduated from Sykeston High
School. The early years were difficult to trace
back. We are sorry for any errors that may be
included in this list.

Class of 1916

LeRoy Miller
Forrest Daniel
Velma Immel
Herbert Richter

Class of 1917

Maria Daniel
Mae Stewart
Irene Hammes
Hal Skakly

Class of 1918

Dorwin McCann
Nelle Stewart
Alice Maulsby
Otto Thole

Class of 1919

Ethel Mathews
Lyle Maulsby
Mary Thole

Class of 1920

Margaret Billie
Pearl Daniel
Edward Maulsby
Wilma Maulsby
Flora Evans
Neva Lane
Tressa Thole
Amas Wenstrom
Franklin Wenstrom
Sophia Hammes

Class of 1921

Eva Barnhart
Ralph Billie
Alice Peasgood
Pearl Maulsby
Evelyn Fruhwirth
Gertrude Wick
Daisy Pry
Deane Holt
Irene Maulsby
Mary Van Horn
Pearl Van Horn
Francis Hammes

Class of 1922

Beryle Maulsby
Rosebud Maxwell
Mary Laber
Anna Livingston
Doris Pritchard
Phyllis Mathews
Myrtle Halskey
John Vogel
Delphia Martin

Class of 1923

Gladys Evans
Bertha Lane
Helen Mathews
Robert Harding
Frankie Stulsman
Helen Hammes
Helen Thole
Clara Johnson
Lawrence Martin
Margaret Staudenmeyer
George Summers

Class of 1924

Dorothy Maulsby
Fanny Maulsby
Magnus Sondag
George Bohlin
Donald Heron
Hilda Johnson
Ada Maxwell
Eveleth Atkinson
Blanche Bijold
Lester Billie
Levi Larson
Evert Evans
Hulda Johnson
Agnes Maulsby
Ivy Walter
Esther Nordean
Roy Holt
Mildred Hewitt
Mae Holmes
Agnes Wagner
Chester Strand

Class of 1925

LeRoy Chamberlin
Ethyl Peasgood
William Rasmussen
Alfred DeVoice
Maria Daniel



Many sports activities and clubs got the students
involved. Some have been eliminated through the
years because of the declining enrollment.

There have been two school reunions held in the
past. One in 1932 and the other in 1972. A third one is
planned to coincide with the Centennial Celebration
in 1983.

The school remains to serve its community
despite a declining enrollment. The 1982-1983 school
year has a total enrollment of 109 in grades K-12.

Class of 1926

Carol Maulsby
John Summers
Gordon Sevasthoat
Walter Hammes
Minnie Rasmussen
Josephine Staudenmeyer
Elmer Stern

Class of 1927

Nettie Guenther
LeRoy Sittauer
Louise Unruh
Charles Atkinson
Hazel Belcher
Burton Atkinson
Bertram Slater
Paul Sixlman
Gertrude Hewitt
Myron Wiest
Albert Thole

Class of 1928

Geneva Mae Hewitt
Felix Adams
Anna Adams
Laura Atkinson
Sylvia Bell Butts
Marrian Brown
Andrew Heintz
Charlotte Covall
Cora Maxwell
Zeta Florence Maxwell
W.T. Roberts
Mabel Bohlin
Lloyd Butts
Ruth Chamberlin
Gordon Larroth
Sarah Martin
Emil Stern
Joe Stahl
Alma Unruh
Hazel Watson
Clara Unruh
Simon Morlock
Clarence Hammes
Frank Hafner
Mariel McIntipe
Flora Haman
Albert Hethreich
David Nelson
Earl Butts
Arthur Winandy
Harold Belcher

Class of 1928

Josephine Arendt
Alan Heron
Beatrice Hewitt
Alfred Chamberlin
Harold Viestein
Lillian Kurtz
Fred Neumiller
Myrtle Cope
Robert Atkinson
Frances DeVoice
Phyllis Mathews
Thomas Stutson
Clara Winandy
Glydon Wiest
Myrtle Walter
Doxie Walter

Class of 1929

Loretta Lundby
Walter Zwemke
Leslie Atkinson
Louise Bijold
Myron Malley
Elizabeth Huss
Catherine June Kremer
Herbert Atkinson
Bessie Summers
Arthur Sperling
Sara Thiesen

Class of 1930

Erma Lessner
Reinhold Behrens
Evelyn Fryer
Herbert Guenther
Yvonne Maulsby
Clarence Paa
Stanley Stromstedt
Paul Sullivan
Audrey Hanson
Leslie Hewitt
Alice Hewitt
Elizabeth Schaack

Class of 1931

Rose Huss
George Maxwell
John Wagner, S.R.
Grace Evans
Elfreida Behrens
Marcel Heron
Almira Summers
Carroll Staudenmeyer

Clement Seveoney
Nina Maxine Nichols
Anna Zwinger
Simon Thole
Alice Tate
John Thole

Class of 1932

Lucille Hatch
Ethel Hill
Edwin Goter
Irene Alta Lowry
Frank Mack
Robert Hewitt
Laverne Wiest
Blanche Wingire
Allen Wahl
Kathryn Arendt
Clarice Leone Carlson
Loretta Paa
Anne Zwinger
Lawrence Zwinger
Irene Lowery
Vae Nelson

Class of 1933

Lidvina Arendt
Mary Fruhwirth
Elmer Atkinson
Clarence Clapper
Harold Kurtz
Rosella Staudenmeyer
Roland Evans
Irene Carlson
Irene Bofenkamp
Ruth Bohlin
Valeria Lundby
Hilda Sperling
Melinda Sperling
Freda Behrens
Vera Garman
Aldina Sperling
Lawrence Nichols

Class of 1934

Alma Hagel
Ella Abel
Lester Eaton
Genevieve Butts
Thelma Brown
Emily Gutterud
Lawrence Laber
Lillian Polries
Levi Patzner
Pearl Sorterberg
Charles Schriener
Francis Stahl
Earnest Olesen
Russell Hewitt
Velma Rau
Geneva Arendt
Kathryn Daniel
Ellert Wumkes
Velma Sperling
Matt Huss
Donna Nelson
Mary Bernadine O'Brian

Class of 1935

Leona Morlock
John Zwemke
Francis Zwinger
Estella Bofenkamp
Sylvester Richter
Ellen Kurtz
Elmer Atkinson
Ann Garman
Lillian Polries
Carol Hatch
Lillian Gottfried
Rossella Linhart

Frances Wagner
Veincent Schaack
William Linhart
Francis Sittauer
Laura Patzner

Class of 1936

Lloyd Bofenkamp
Mienrad Kutz
Lillian Richter
Raymond Wild
Ann Fruhwirth
Albert Mack
Edna Tate
George Malley
Virgel Malley
Elroy Lessner
Chester Lundby
Dorothy Weist
Ervin Stiles
Gilbert Gottfried
Ralph Atkinson
Dorothy Arendt
Theresa Garman
Caroline Polries
Marion Knutson
Margaret Seil
Merle Jesse Atkinson
Marilyn Knudson
Lillian Gottfried
Marie Linhart
Leona Laber
Walter Schaack
Mary Wiest (Weist)
Victoria Voeller

Class of 1937

LeRoy Butts
Orvell Lunby
Vernon Malley
Wilbur Mauch
Douglas Nichols
Ruth Ockert
Eddie Hammes
Beatrice Zwemke
Eugene Ockert
Sylvester Sondag
Clinton Kutz
Dorothy Kutz
Clifford Gottfried
Dorothy Wumkes

Class of 1938

Loretta Hafner
Eleanor Nolz
Lynn Hewitt
Walter Huss
Freda Hammes
Sister Borgia Sondag
Harlow Hagel
Norbert Arendt
Leo Laber
Maxine Lessner
Janice Smith
Russell Hewitt
Fredric Hewitt
Francis Huss
Cletus Weist
Theophilus Wahl
Beatrice Wallen
Irvin Stiles
Lucille Hammes
June Koller

Class of 1939

Viola Laber
Alyce Schaack
Clara Wagner
Margaret Hammes
James Joyce

Martha Wumkes
Alphonse Arendt
Clarence Linhart
Louis Linhart
Nora Morlock
Stanley Stiles
Eugene Hammes
Hazel Hewitt
Margaret Hammes
Lynn Hewitt
Florence Werner
Lawra Wahl
Charles Stiles

Class of 1940

William Hewitt
Orville Laber
Marjorie Corson
Forrest W. Daniel
Myrie Daniel
Theresa Paa
Clement Lonski
Annabel Hewitt
Gloria Nelson
Marie Huss
Thomas Joyce
Lorraine Lessner
Jane Coyne
John Garman
Kathryn Fruhwirth
Dorothy Schaack
Ann Schmidt

Class of 1941

Celestine Arendt
Alvina Neumiller
Keith Wallin
Lillian Huss
Mary Ann Richter
Lucille Rask
Margaret Rask
Delores Laber
James Solvinsky
Dorothy Ring
Leonard Martin
Leo Linhart
Leslie Hollingsworth
Gerald Jordan
Herbert Ziegeldorf
Beatrice Laber
Vera Ring
Lorraine Polries
Margaret Schaack
John Lessner

Class of 1942

Harriet Evans
June Hagel
Leona Lonski
Avis Nelson
Marvin Tate
Walter Tiedtke
Vinginie Schaack
Madeline Sondag
Donna Huss
Marion Joyce
Eleanor Lessner
Norbert Richter
Louis Hammes
Arlene Guenther
Harlow Hagel
Joan Merck
James Kroviora
John Garman

Class of 1943

Lorraine Daniel
Ina Rasmussen
Gertrude Nolz
Teresa Richter
Raymond Sittauer

William Wagner
Peter Wumkes
Genevieve Huss
Esther Kahler
Mary Joyce Laber
Anna Mae Nelson
Morris Laber
Ida Jordon
James Krouidus
Harriet Hagel
Ramona Hewitt
Clarence Laber
Thomas Laber
Johanna Merck
Eva Ring
Cathrine Schaack
Richard Werner

Class of 1944

William Daniel
Virginia Hammes
Robert Wagner
Jim Hollingsworth (James)
Bernie Huss
Beatrice Ockert
Theodore Kutz, Jr. (Ted)
Harold Arendt
Robert Froelick
Norina Schauk

Class of 1945

Edwin Arendt
Harry Sittauer
Tony Huoer
Lucille Kohler
Adrian Sondag
Rose Ann Joyce
William Schulz
William Powers
Raymond Richter
Rose Mary Hollingsworth
Donna Hollingsworth
Gordon Guenther
Mary Joan Lessner

Class of 1946

Ethel Becker
Marilyn Schaack
Arlene Haag
Ardis Hollingsworth
John Wumkus Wumkes?
James Froelich
Lawrence Kunz
Francis Linhart
William Schaack

Class of 1947

Adolph Beich
Gunda Merck
Mary Ann Schaack

Class of 1948

Louis Polries
Robert Wumkes
Caroline Jakle
Glenn Johnson
Dorothy Lessner
Ervin Laber
Agatha Garhofer Garhoffer
Lois Haag
Robert Koller
Jack Schaack

Class of 1949

Valeria A. Schaack
Annmarie Miller
Lillian Nelson
Amanda Brockopp
Betty Richter
Jerry Arendt
Paul Nolz

Class of 1950

Irene Sondag
 Deloris Becker
 Margie Haag
 Ruth Eaton
 Evelyn Johnson
 Vickie Johnson
 Frances Kutz
 Wallace Kutz
 Delores Bauer
 Jean Dummer
 William Hammes
 Bernard Garhofer
 Edwin Huss
 Della Wumkes
 Gordon Kunz
 Janice Hewitt
 Hilda Huss
 James Schaack
 Patricia Sisco
 Joseph Sondag
 Mary Jean Kutz
 Roland Friezen
 George Sondag

Class of 1952

David Brockopp
 Delight Brockopp
 Clare Mae Schulz
 Jerome Schaack
 Phyllis Bauer
 Valeria Schaack
 John Richter
 Justien Reiland
 Betty Ann Jackle
 Patty Hagg

Class of 1953

Delores Hammes
 Cathay Richter
 Marcelle Froelich
 Alice Kunz
 Margaret Huss
 Delores Nolz
 LouAnn Wild
 Marlys Friezen
 Irvin Sondag
 Ted Barry, Jr.
 (Girl) Picture covered name

Class of 1954

Francis Hammes
 Francis Huss
 Beverly Kutz
 Merlyn Johnson
 John Wild (Jack)
 Ester Bierdeman
 Beverly Brockopp
 Gloria Dummer
 Robert Schaack
 Carol Becker
 Mary Jane Schulz
 William Eaton (Wm.)
 Eugene Linhart
 Jimmie Hewitt
 Jim White
 Mary Mack

Class of 1955

Patricia Haag
 Alice Merck
 Irene Nolz
 John Wagner
 Donald Hammes
 George Huss
 Francis Garhofer
 Laura Eaton
 Eugene Stahl
 Leona Kunz

Class of 1956

Shirley Merck
 Sally Huss
 Ronald Balvitsch
 James Haag
 Judith Hewitt (Judy)
 Raymond Huss
 Alfred Sondag
 LaVern Bierdeman
 Marjorie Linhart
 Patty Becker
 Gerald Friezen
 Ann Eaton
 Patricia Stahl
 Stella Przybycien
 Judy Brockopp
 Donny Johnson
 Darlene Kurtz
 Mary Koller

Class of 1957

Vernon Richter
 Shirley Austin
 Alvin Wagner
 Eunice Winandy
 Darlene Sondag
 Coralle Kemmer
 Bonnie Kunz
 Joelle Hewitt
 Mavis Thomas
 Mariys Pfann
 Doris Johnson
 Richard Garman

Class of 1958

Florence Stahl
 Jerome Sondag
 Alice Sondag
 John Merck
 Donald Koller
 Arlo Neumiller
 Jerry Kutz (Jerome)
 Della Garman
 Shirley Pulst
 Larry Schander? (Picture covered)
 Richard Bernard
 Rich Kelly (Richard)

Class of 1959

Diane Morlock
 Mary Sondag
 Larry Fruhwirth
 Lowell Fruhwirth
 Duane Zwinger
 James Klocke
 Larry Wolwode
 Thelma Reule
 Patricia Reule
 James Merck
 Lucille Gartner
 Carol Clapper

Class of 1960

Robert Miller
 Amelia Kutz
 Betty Ann Zwinger
 Janice Hafner
 Ruth Ann Laber
 Joyce Luiten (Joice)
 James Bierdeman
 Mary Ann Bernard
 Name covered
 Cletus Fruhwirth
 James Eaton
 Magdalena Heintz
 Merlin Thomas
 David Vollrath
 Josephine Patzner
 Genevieve Patzner
 Robert Kunz

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Linda Schulz
 Larry Klocke
 Robert Kunz
 Arlene Clapper
 Pauline Huss
 Lyle Johnson
 Thomas Richter
 David Wagner
 Pauline Huss
 Douglas Wild
 Ronald Loewen
 Sharon Fruhwirth
 Merle Radke
 Rosemary Heintz
 Stanley Przybycien
 Evelyn Richter
 Joann Morlock

Class of 1962

Patricia Suckut
 Yvonne Johnson
 Thomas Zwinger
 Gary Johnson
 Joan Sondag
 James Sisco
 Loretta Wagner
 Mary Laber
 Gary Hafner
 Terry Hafner
 Karen Morlock
 Kenneth Morlock
 James Zwinger
 Roger Haag
 Duane Stahl
 Lynn Sisco
 Jeff Hewitt
 Florence Bernard
 Kathleen Merck
 Keith Morlock
 Betty Warfield

Class of 1963

Lorna Balvitsch
 Gloria Nelson
 Eugene Heintz
 Cletus Hafner
 Donald Seil
 Eugene Richter
 Anton Heintz
 Alan Loewen
 John Eaton
 Jerome Richter
 Jerome Hewitt
 Shelia Malinski (Sheila)
 Shirley Morlock

Class of 1964

Jerlynn Kutz
 William Klocke
 Russell Raxin
 Kathy Wild
 LeRoy Johnson
 Evelyn Moe
 Wilbur Kutz
 Carol Zwinger
 Judy Hammes
 Allen Friezen
 LaVerna Hatch
 Carol Sondag
 Larry Unruh

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Larry Hammes
 Barbara Kutz
 Dennis Neumiller
 Merlin Laber
 Mary Balvitsch
 Dennis Hafner
 Richard Hatch

Charles Kunz, Jr.
 Sharon Lundby
 Ronnie Morlock
 Allen Richter
 Diane Sondag
 Norma Sondag
 David Williams
 Gary Garman
 Larry Przybycien
 Gerald Stahl
 James Heinz
 Ronald Schumacher
 Roger Nelson
 Judy Johnson
 Gary Suckut
 Jim Seil
 Wanda Morlock
 Ed Richter
 Gordon Neumiller
 Glen Peterson

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 Roger Wild
 Joan Zwinger
 Mary Zwinger
 Patricia Neumiller
 Rodney Hammes
 Linda Hatch
 John Johnston
 Michael Laber
 Linda Lundby
 Terri Brown
 Larry Laber
 Dianne Malinski
 Terry Suckut
 Mary Neumiller
 Danny Parks
 John Schaack
 Debbie Williams
 Judy Busch

Class of 1967

Allan Bierdeman
 Sandra Hatch
 Connie Huss
 Jim Kutz (James)
 Sheila Hafner
 Joan Richter
 James Winandy
 Sandra Kutz
 Douglas Neumiller
 John Becker
 Kathy Hafner
 Diana Hafner
 Carol Lange
 Robert Lowen
 Lynda Morlock
 Gail Malinski
 Norman Rask
 Leon Richter
 James Rowland
 Timm Schadewald
 Cathy Seil
 Curtis Stern
 Jerald Swenson
 Don Weippert
 Jeanette Zwinger

Class of 1968

Leonard Laber
 Sharon Hatch
 Thomas Klocke
 Glen Richter
 Londa Schaack
 Marvin Sondag
 Jean Wild
 Rodney Morlock
 Roger Richter
 John Kutz

Cheryl Laber
 Betty Kutz
 Gary Sondag
 Charles Seil
 Linda Laber
 Edythe Schwalbe
 Kathryn Lange
 Wayne Parks
 Kathleen Schumacher

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Donald Sondag
 Connie Williams
 Raymond Miller
 Bernie Huss, Jr.
 Shirley Neumiller
 Roger Laber
 Fred Richter
 Dean Sondag
 Margaret Laber
 Pamela Malinski
 Harley Morlock
 Emilie Neumiller
 Lynne Przybycien
 Kathleen Schadewald
 Gary Schumacher
 Rita Zwinger
 Janice Suckut
 Mary Ann White

Class of 1970

Neal Lundby
 Betty Stahl
 Dennis Weippert
 Larry Wild
 Jean Neumiller
 Thomas Hammes
 Charlene Kutz
 David Laber
 Mary Joe Brown
 James Joseph
 Cheryl Kutz
 David Kutz
 Corlynn Parks
 Kathy Morlock
 Linda Polries
 Nancy Walicki
 Charles Schwalbe
 Lynn Rask

Class of 1971

Thomas Marcotte
 Bradley Morlock
 David Neumiller
 Cletus Reiland
 Armella Speldrich
 Danny Weippert
 John Williams
 Paulette Brown
 Judy Richter
 Jerry Seil
 Louise Laber
 Tim Richter
 Mary Kutz
 Don Schumacher
 Eldon Schumacher
 Craig Stern
 Karen Richter
 Sandy Hansen
 Allen Lange
 Clayton Hansen

Class of 1972

Mary Neumiller
 Theresa Johnston
 Dianne Joseph
 Jane Wild
 Jean Hafner
 Lorrel Schadewald
 Jane Walicki

Connie Stahl
 Cindy Marcotte
 Sandra Lange
 Janelle Stern
 Marie Richter
 Patti Hartmen
 Julia Polries
 Linda Klocke

Class of 1973

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 Don Bierdeman
 Cliff Hansen
 Jane Neumiller
 Donna Hafner
 Donald Neumiller
 Ross Schaack
 Randy Richter
 Jeff Richter
 Kim Lukenbach
 Janel Lundby

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 Kevin Huss
 Tom Garhofer
 Christine Schaack
 Steve Hartmen
 Kathy Sondag
 Mark Laber
 Ardell Speldrich
 Merlin Neumiller
 Peggy Kutz
 Robert Miller

Class of 1975

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 Robert Neumiller
 Kim Miller
 Richard Richter
 Jamie Richter
 Jennifer Laber
 Kathy Lukenbach
 Brenda Hansen
 Janet Williams
 Lynn Young
 Harris Alfson
 Colette Schaack
 Neal Hammes
 Cindy Lundby
 Paul Richter
 Vicki Huss
 Peggy Polries
 Laura Schaack

Class of 1976

Penny Parks
 Shelly Hartmen
 Peggy Wild
 Charles Kutz
 Terri Kutz

Class of 1977

Marcy Johnson
 Susan Klocke
 Christine Kunz
 Susan Laber
 Joan Lukenbach
 Mark Miller
 Mary Mittleider
 Robert Ness, Jr.
 James Neumiller
 Cynthia Nichols
 Patricia Polries
 Julie Richter
 Celeste Schaack
 Mark Schadewald
 Debora Weippert

Steve Zwinger
 David Young

Class of 1978

Michael Linch
 Janet Sondag
 Benjamin Laber
 Debra Garhofer
 Shelly Walicki
 Ron Richter
 Cynthia Willey
 Mark Miller
 Larry Polries
 Rozanne Kutz
 Carolyn Alfson
 Kevin Parks

Class of 1979

DeAnn Weippert
 Michael Richter
 Walter Hopkins
 Michael Huss
 David Richter
 Lisa Johnson
 Russell Richter
 Jodee Marcotte
 Kent Laber
 Brenda Kutz
 Jewel Schaack
 Lucinda Kost
 Lorie Young
 Carol Mittleider
 Randy Sondag

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 Frank Laber
 Joel Willey
 Brent Kurtz
 Joy Schaack
 Julie McAvoy
 Jodi Brown
 Kevin Mittleider
 Jill Schaack
 Michael Kunz
 Wes Johnson
 Tod Hopkins
 Lori Martin

Class of 1981

Bob Morlock
 Tim Nelson
 Michelle Grager
 Neal Garhofer
 Robbi Marcotte
 Paula Richter
 Tom Nichols
 Ronald Richter
 Dean Lukenbach
 Joni Young
 Mary Miller
 Laurel Laber
 Jon Polries
 Janeane Laber
 Tammy Hafner
 Marti Schaack
 Ken Friezen

Class of 1982

Jeff Brown
 Shelly Kutz
 Celine Speldrich
 Gwen Mittleider
 Kathryn Friezen
 Todd Richter
 Francis Wagner

Class of 1983

Kim Grager
 Alison Johnson

Beth Kurtz
 Lynnette Laber
 Susan Magnuson
 Brian Morlock
 Mike Wagner



A great bunch of guys!



Basketball team in front of old original Hebron School. Left to right: Leslie Garrett, John Wiley, Robert Clapper, Ebroy Heintz, Orville Umruh.



Girls' basketball, 1966-67

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The 1915 baseball team

Sports

Sports have always been around Sykeston. As far as records show, baseball was the first organized sport to come to Sykeston. The game was played during the Fourth of July celebration in 1888, and was the first in the county. That game was also the beginning of a baseball rivalry with Carrington which continued as long as both towns had teams.



A Sykeston Baseball game in 1915

Men's baseball continued through the 1920's, 30's, and 40's. A few awards and trophies were found in the records. In 1949, Sykeston took 2nd place at the Wells County tournament. In 1963, the team took 3rd place at a Goodrich tournament and in 1970, came out of the district tournament with 3rd place. At the present time, Sykeston High School does not have a baseball team. During the summer months

there are Pee Wee and Babe Ruth baseball teams. Interest began a few years ago and summer league and tournament play has taken place since. In the past year, the Pee Wee team took 2nd at a Red Willow Resort Tournament.

At the present time, Sykeston Legion and Town & Country Motors of Carrington sponsor the men's slow pitch softball team. The team was organized in the spring of 1980 in the Carrington Softball League. Their season lasts from May to mid-August with league games once a week and tournaments played periodically throughout the summer. In May 1982, the team won its first tournament at the Class D and below Early Bird Men's Softball Tournament at Red Willow Resort. Members of the team have been Dave Richter, Todd Richter, Ron P. Richter, Mitch Montgomery, Brad Tweed, Vernon Richter, Neal Garhofer, Jim Neumiller, Ron J. Richter, Brent Kurtz, Randy Sondag, Jeff Richter, Dave Young, Jon Polries, Larry Polries, and Frank Laber. The team was managed by Vernon Richter.

Enough interest was around for the women to form a softball team also. Their season runs as long as the men's including league games and tournament play. In the past few years, the team has declined in size and interest.

The first organized league play for ladies' fast pitch softball in Sykeston was in 1949 with New Rockford, Cathay, Bowdon, Carrington and Sykeston forming a league with membership in the

Amateur Softball Association of North Dakota.

The league ran for the seasons '49 and '50, and the local team went undefeated in games played locally. When the team played in the State Tournament in 1950, they were defeated by the F.U. Twinettes—the team that won the tournament that year. Members of the team were Anita Stern, Mary Stahl, Dorothy Lessner, Betty Laber, Rose Schaack, Catherine Sondag pitcher, Joan Sit-tauer - catcher, Cedy Malinski, Ann Marie Lundby, Delores Hammes, Irma Schmidt, Clara Mae and Mary Jane Schulz, Lou Ann Wild, Kay Luitan, Margaret and Fran Huss, Betty Richter, Irene Sondag, and Ruth Eaton. Bud (Hank) Schaack managed the team.



Boys Basketball

Basketball came to Sykeston shortly after the school was built in 1913, and has been the main highlight of the winter scene. For many years, Sykeston fielded an independent team besides the school team. In the first game played in the school basement, Sykeston defeated Carrington.

The first trophies received for basketball were in 1950, when the Wildcats won both District and Regional Championships and 3rd in the State Tournament.

The following description of that year in basketball was taken from the school paper, 1950:

"The Sykeston Wildcats had a very successful season breaking every record ever set by the school by taking second in the county, first in the District, first in the Regional and third in the State. Under the coaching of Everett Worwode, the boys went through a 31 game season, including tournament games, winning 24 and losing only 7.

The starting five were Joe Sondag and Edwin Huss, forwards; Bernie Garhofer, center; George Sondag and Billy Hammes, guards. The reserves were Irvin Sondag, Roland Friezen, Gordon Kunz, and Jerry Schaack."

In the State Tournament, they won the first game from Wimbledon, 39-36, but lost the second to Mapleton, 55-34. The boys came back in the third game and defeated Makoti, 41-39 in the last seven seconds by two free throws.

No other year has been as successful as 1950, but more trophies were taken. In 1954, 2nd in District; in 1958 and 1959, 3rd in District; in 1960, 2nd in District; in 1962, 4th in District, and in 1964, 3rd in District. In 1981, the Wildcats took 2nd in the District tournament by defeating Carrington in 3 overtimes and losing to Fessenden in the championship game. The team advanced to the Regional tournament for the first time in 21 years.



Girls Basketball

Girls basketball has had its success with a series of trophies also. For four straight years, they placed in the District tournament: 1973-2nd place; 1974-1st place; 1975-3rd place, and 1976-3rd place. Again in 1980, they were awarded 3rd place and in 1981, they took 4th place.



Sykeston High School 6-Man All-State Championship Football Team
Sykeston News, Nov. 26, 1936 edition, picture by Wm. Covell
First row, kneeling, left to right: Supt. A.W. Larson, Herbert Ziegeldorf, Clinton Kutz, Louis Linhart, Norbert Arendt, Merle Atkinson, Orville Laber, Clarence Linhart.
Center - Mascot Thomas Joyce and his water jug and Francis Huss.
Top, standing, left to right: Coach Myron Wiest, Stanley Stiles, Irvin Stiles, Vernon Malley, Eugene Ockert, Ed Hammes, and Captain Orvell Lundby.

Football was played in Sykeston in the 1920's, and possibly before, but there were not enough students in high school to maintain a team continuously. In the 1930's, six-man football was developed and Sykeston's Superintendent A.W. Larson and Coach Myron Wiest were partially responsible in getting the game introduced into small high schools in North Dakota. In 1935, the Sykeston team won the State championship without losing a game. Football continued through the '60s with annual Homecomings every fall.



Sykeston at the State Cross Country Meet in 1975

In place of football for a fall sport, there is cross country. The 1970's brought cross country to popularity and for the team high honor trophies. The first trophy received was in 1975 at the Rocket (New Rockford) Homecoming when the Wildcats received first place. That same year, the boys went to the state meet and took the second place Class B trophy. Those running were Jim Neumiller, Mark Miller, Robert Ness Jr., Mark Schadewald, Mark Middleider, Kevin Parks, Tom Stahl, and David Polries. Coach Russ Ferrie received coach of the year award. Again in 1976, Sykeston placed high in the state meet, third place Class B. The only runner added to the team was Mike Linch.



The Tennis court, built in 1968



Boys track meet

Track and field events are also popular in the spring. Boys' and girls' track teams have been going on for some time with records being set by many of the students. Even in earlier years, meets were won. In 1938, the boys track took the Sykeston High School track meet and in 1940, 41, and 42, the girls placed in the Wells County meet.

Volley ball was a popular sport in the school for some time. The highlight of this sport was in 1936, when the team took the championship. Members of the team were E. Ockert, S. Stiles, W. Huss, F. Huss, W. Mauch, M. Kutz, and V.F. Ually.

Other sports have taken place in Sykeston besides those that were school sponsored.

In 1968, a concrete tennis court was built in the western part of Sykeston park. It was a project under the Federal Assistance Program. The court has been used a lot since tennis has been a popular sport. Two earlier courts were built in Sykeston. One was just south of the high school football field in the 1930's, and the other at the south end of the foot bridge which went out of use in the late 1920's.

Golf has even been a part of Sykeston. Richard Sykes built a golf course in Jamestown in the early 1880's, making that one of the earliest golf layouts in the United States. A nine-hole course was built on the Sykeston land north of town west of the lake in the 1930's. The course was maintained for several years before fading out.

Now most of the sports played in Sykeston center around the school providing participation and entertainment for the community.