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**"Working together to celebrate
and support our schools."**



FOUR ALUMS AND A SPOUSE: DON & MOLLY (NORTHCOTT) BASTIAN,
COREY MCGINN, ROB & BOBBI (WALKER) NORTHCOTT.



ALUMNI GATHERING #1 DRAWS BIG NUMBERS

On July 4th, 2007, the first ever gathering of all Onaway alumni brought people from near and far, those who graduated long ago and those who attended Onaway schools as recently as six weeks ago. No one left disappointed.

There were pictures: class composites, memory books, and photos of particular events. There were "artifacts" from the 60s (this year's theme for the Fourth): a hard-contact lens case, cat-eye glasses, an early Polaroid photo, and the dreaded hair rollers with bristles and picks. An OHS sweater caused a lot of "I had one of those once" comments, and about half the attendees offered to contribute memorabilia next year.

Preparation began well in advance with "Where?" Tom Moran offered his lot on State Street as a central location, generously providing a tent, tables, and chairs as well.

The next consideration was food, a group effort with Carl Anderson contributing pop and water and board members Debbie, Sara, Sue, Peg, Laura, and Sandi planning other refreshments. Great support came from local businesses: Wood Winds Restaurant, Manzana's Deli, and the Elk Run Landfill, which donated a Subway sandwich. It was all delicious!

Many contributed to the event's success with baking, setting up, taking down, and hosting.

(Husbands deserving thanks are Jon Nelson, John

Herring, Leon Nash and Ken Everingham.) Along with the board, hosts were Glenda Lehnert, Vana Dempsey, Carol Rainey, Wendy Herring, Theresa Moran, Scott Reid, Rick Philpott, Laurie Nave, Bob Szymoniak, and Heidi March. Through their efforts 84 people were added to OASAA's rolls, half as many as were already members!

People came to the tent for conversation. Great stories were told, and there's no way to recount them all. Cliff Roberts, the most senior attendee, heard a youngster of sixty or so telling about his senior trip to Lansing and commented, "I know all about it. I drove the bus!" One visitor told us about the first twins to ever graduate from Onaway. More recent grads like Christy Kowalski and Anthony Hoffmeyer came to look things over, and a few came very long distances to visit, like Al Sorgenfrei, home from Germany.

Next year's event will of course be bigger and better. If you have suggestions for us, write or visit our website (www.oasaa.org) to pass them along.



OAS SUPERINTENDENT BOB SZYMONIAK
ENROLLS A NEW MEMBER OF OASAA.

