

## Second Alum Tent Event a Big Success

The second year of hosting alumni on the Fourth resulted in a busy tent and a lot of fun for participants. At ten a.m. the tent opened with displays of pictures and memorabilia from Onaway Area Schools. People wandered through, looking at the displays and often reacting with smiles or comments such as, "Oh, there's my dad!" or "Did we ever really look that young?"

Contributors were generous, and the file of OASAA memories is growing. Newt Chapman, Lester Kooman, Betty (Brown) Brice, Jody (Banks) Doran, Donna Buckley, Diane (Tucker) Peterman, Kevin Brown, Wendy (Kimball) Brooks and Holli (Camp) Bischoff are a few who contributed to this year's display. Once again Tom Moran provided the tent and equipment.

The highlight of the day was two presentations. First, Peg presented Superintendent Bob Szymoniak with a large red-and-white banner proclaiming the school's mission: "Working Together to Prepare Students for Life." The banner will hang prominently in the media center. Thanks to Sara (Bruder) LaLonde for her work on the project.

The second presentation was our first Alum of the Year Award, presented to Lyle Everingham. Lyle graduated from OHS in 1944 and was president of his senior class. After serving in the army during the final phase of WWII, he returned to Michigan and took a job with Kroger. He went from stockman to manager, from manager to president of the company and then to CEO. Mr. Everingham served on the boards of several corporations after his retirement and worked on many philanthropic endeavors as well. He is a good example of what a small-town person can achieve with the foundation provided by the Onaway Schools.

The Alum of the Year trophy was designed and created by Tom Moran. For all you do, Tom, thanks!

All in all the day was a joy for attendees and board members alike.



Peg Herring presents the banner to Bob & Ellie Szymoniak on the 4th of July



Faye Gee (Lyle Ervingham's niece) accepts the trophy from Peg Herring



Cliff Roberts



Barbara (Harman) Robbins