

Hail, Blunt Monarchs!

Plans for the seventh Blunt All-School Reunion are well under way, and we are looking forward to seeing you July 1-3, 2011 ! The theme for the 2011 reunion is "Blunt Monarchs Forever." The planning committee has been finalizing arrangements and is pleased to announce the following schedule:

- Friday, July 1 @ 5:30 'meet and greet' at the Blunt gymnasium followed by a dance, location to be announced at a later date.
- Saturday, July 2 @ 5:30 social hour and dinner at Ramkota River Center, Pierre, SD, followed by a short program, with dance to follow featuring "Harryokee," Harry Kumpula and his fabulous karaoke equipment. Please indicate on the registration form whether you prefer a roast beef or chicken entree for the banquet Saturday night.
- Sunday, July 3 @ 11:30 reunion picnic at the Blunt gym

Since the first Blunt All-School Reunion was held 35 years ago, Blunt Monarchs from all over the country have made plans to return home to share a memorable weekend, once every five years with classmates and friends. Make plans to attend this year's event and stroll down memory lane to recall good times with old friends.

The reunion committee is encouraging everyone to check out the Blunt school reunion website around the first of April at www.bluntreunion.com, which is once again being maintained and supported by former Blunt resident, Janis Kumpula DeHaven. Thanks, Janis! Please contribute to the website content by sending photos, comments, and stories about your memories of growing up in Blunt. Even some of the youngest of us Blunt Monarchs are reliving the '60's! What better place to spend the Fourth of July this year than to take a trip back to those 'good ole' days'?

This year's reunion falls on the 4th of July weekend, so the announcement is coming to you early so that you can make plans to come "home". A block of motel rooms has been reserved at the following places: the Kings Inn (605) 224-5951, the Ramkota River Center (605) 224-6877, or River Lodge (605) 224-4140. Make your reservations today!

The registration cost for the reunion is \$25, which includes the dinner and picnic. Orders for reunion T-shirts are being made in advance, so if you'd like to order one, include an additional \$10 and indicate size preference (\$12 for extra large sizes, 1X, 2X, or 3X). Souvenir baseball caps can be ordered in advance for \$5. Kathy Willingham Tartaglia has graciously designed the Monarch logo, and we think you'll find it delightful.

Please register early with a check payable to the Blunt All-School Reunion, and mail to De Welch Knudson, Box 52, Blunt, SD 57522. Kathy Walker Blackburn, a former Blunt resident, who now resides in Texas, has done a great job of building an updated electronic school database which has greatly enhanced our ability to communicate with alumni all across the country. Please forward this letter to those whom you think would be interested in coming home to Blunt this summer!

If you have any questions, contact De Welch Knudson at (605) 338-9431 or (605) 310-4367.

Thank you to Di Welch Knox for composing this email.

The All-School Reunion Committee Co-Chairs,

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