

Celebrating the past at the Taber Museum

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (April 26, 2017) — The different employee groups from the South Williamsport Area School District worked together to put on a successful reception to celebrate its exhibition of old senior photos from 1928 to 1962 at the Thomas T. Taber Museum.



School board members, left, Chris Branton, and right, Steve Persun, look at yearbook photo.

The school board, teachers, support personnel, administrators, and maintenance and custodial employees collaborated to host the soiree on Monday, April 24. By coming together, they pulled off an outstanding event that brought people out to see the exhibit.

The presidents of each of the contributing groups came out to peruse the displays compiled by Charles Luppert, a '59 alumnus, and relish in the district's large wealth of history.

A slideshow of scanned photos was projected onto a screen while people munched on healthy snacks provided by Nutrition Inc., the district's food service provider. There was also a row of yearbooks that patrons flipped through with large smiles on their faces as they remembered life back in high school.

The district had stowed away the senior photos in a room at Rommelt Elementary School. To preserve them properly, they were given to Luppert who is a part of the Lycoming County Historical Society.

Having a passion for the school district and history, he was the perfect person to take on the task of putting together the exhibit.

Everyone who made the event possible expressed their gratitude to Luppert for taking care of those pieces of the past.

John Engel, school board president, said he was thrilled to see the work of the district teams host an event like that.



Left, John Engel, school board president, and right, Christine Engel, his wife, look at John's father's high school photo.



“This is really cool,” he said. “I can’t thank (Luppert) enough for preserving all this for future generations.”

Engel even got to see his father’s senior photo when he graduated in 1957.

Verna Correll, high school guidance counselor, got to contribute to the exhibit as well by providing a 1906 high school diploma she found at a yard sale.

While perusing the photos of students past, she enjoyed seeing the fashion styles from decades ago.

Word of the exhibit traveled its way up to New York State. According to Luppert, a woman drove down to donate her mother’s 1933 class photo for the museum to display and preserve.

The collaborative work of the staff, board members and alumni were able to make the exhibition and reception a wonderful evening for all.

“It was a fantastic event,” said district superintendent Dr. Mark Stamm. “It’s nice to see the photos on display and properly taken care of.”

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