

The Class of 1969 reminisces on 50 years since CCHS

One of schools' largest groups marks milestone

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Alumni traveled from near and far this week to share in a moment and take the time to remember.

The Charles City High School Class of 1969 celebrated its 50-year reunion this weekend and members of one of the largest graduating classes that ever roamed the halls took a tour of their old school on Saturday.

Marilyn Buttjer, a retired

teacher who still lives in Charles City, said the CCHS Class of 1969 was the biggest graduating class in the school's history at the time with 265 students. Close to 100 former students attended the reunion. She said some came from as far away as Switzerland and Brazil.

Buttjer remembers during her senior year toward the end of the school year when spring cleaning came a little early.

"We cleaned every locker at the end of the year. We washed them inside and out," she said, laughing.

Buttjer said the CCHS Class of 1969 has awarded a \$500 scholarship to a deserving stu-



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Returning members of the Charles City High School Class of 1969 pose for a photo Saturday in the high school gymnasium.

dent since 2000.

Justin DeVore, communications director for the Charles City Community School District

and a 1994 CCHS alum, led the tour. More than 50 members of the 1969 class walked through the new middle school, which

adjoins the high school.

Once the tour meandered into Mr. Pittman's Social Studies room, fellow classmates were

able to gaze at relic created from that era of the late 1960s, a

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