

Look Out World... Here They Come!

The Thedford Class of 2018 made their final walk across the stage at the Thedford High School Auditorium on Sunday, May 13. The class colors of royal blue and black were carried out in their decorations. Their class flower was a white rose.

Although their numbers were few, their accomplishments were many over the last few years.

Hannah Higgins was chosen the class Valedictorian and gave the address as well as the benediction.

Ben Masten was the Salutatorian and gave the salutatorian address as well as the invocation.

The Class song was "On Top Of The World" by Imagine Dragons and the class motto was "Work hard in silence, and let success be your noise," by Frank Ocean.

Mr. Jay Jones presented the TACF Scholarship and Mr. Gary Cooper introduced Mr. Jim York, the commencement speaker.

Roll Call was presented by Mr. Steve Ahlstrom and Paul Polk gave the review of scholarships and class awards. Mrs. Bridget Licking gave the acceptance of the class.

Gifts were presented by the class as "Five More Minutes" by Scotty McCreery and "One Day Too Late" by Skillet played.

Marlee Taylor and Gage Haake served as ushers and Cailyn Jameson and Chase Haake handed out programs. Mr. Ross Thoendel was the pianist.

The following scholarships were presented to the graduates:

Hannah Suzanne Higgins - She will be attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has been offered the following Scholarships:

American Red Cross Scholarship; University of NE at Kearney Distinguished Scholar Award; Nebraska Rural Schools Scholarship; Hagan Memorial Scholarship; Nebraska Opportunity Grant; Jim Hanna Memorial Speech & Drama Scholarship; Haven & Virginia Smith Scholarship; Thedford Area Commu-



Heidi Saner, SHS Valedictorian



Taylor Downing, SHS Salutatorian

nity Foundation Scholarship; Taylor Rowan Memorial Scholarship; Booster Club Scholarship; Joseph Benjamin Masten - He will be attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He has been offered the following Scholarships: American Red Cross Scholarship; Jim Hanna Memorial Music Scholarship; University of Nebraska at Omaha Chancellor scholarship; College Bound Nebraska Scholarship; University of NE at Lincoln Husker Power scholarship; University of NE at Kearney Distinguished Scholar Award; John Brown University Trustee's Academic Award; Broken Bow Elk's Lodge Most Valuable Student scholarship; Thedford Area Community Foundation Scholarship; Taylor Rowan Memorial Scholarship; Booster Club Scholarship; Thedford Security First Bank Scholarship.

SHS GRADUATION
On Saturday, May 12, the Sandhills High School Class of 2018 was presented to a large crowd at the Sandhills High School auditorium in Dunning. The auditorium was decorated in sliver, black and purple, the class colors. The class flower was a rose.

Heralds were Carlie Collier and Jacy Hafer. The class motto was "Four



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Members of the Sandhills High School Class of 2018, back row, l-r: Riggan Anderson, Nolan Marten, Tyler Swisher, Devon Porter and Ridge Anderson. Front row, l-r: Paige Martindale, Jaylee Simonson, Elizabeth Peterson, Heidi Saner, Amanda Payne and Taylor Downing.

years we'll never forget, even if we did some things we regret."

Amanda Payne gave the welcome and Riggan Anderson introduced Mr. Adam Marten, who gave the Commencement Address.

Heidi Saner gave the Valedictorian address and Taylor Downing gave the Salutatorian address.

The Class of 2018 Slide Show was presented while the class song, "Dig Your Roots" by Florida Georgia Line played.

Flowers were presented by the class of 2018 during the song, "Don't Blink" by Kenny Chesney.

Mrs. Trish Rodocker presented the Scholarships and Mr. Kevin Anders presented the Diplomas.

Mr. Dale Hafer presented the class of 2018.

Scholarships presented to the class of 2018 were: Ridge Taylor Anderson - Loup 2 Loup Scholarship; (Continued on page 8)



JAMIE TAYLOR PHOTO

The Thedford High School 2018 graduating class may have been small, but they were mighty, taking many honors and scholarships. Pictured above are, l-r: Ben Masten and Hannah Higgins.

Masten Honors The Men & Women Who Serve Us

KENDRA CUTLER

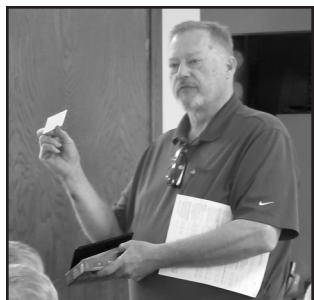
Pastor Ron Masten is a servant of God, and he is also a servant of the people. In the capacity of serving people, he recently honored those who serve the communities of the Sandhills - everyday.

"We want these men and women to know how much we appreciate and respect them," stated Pastor Masten before the luncheon he, and members of his church, prepared and served following the Sandhills Sheriff's Association meeting.

"We want them to know that we see them, that we know the sacrifices they make on a daily basis."

Pastor Masten is receiving his Masters in Rural Ministry from Trinity Bible College and Graduate School in Ellendale, North Dakota. As a part of the process, he took on a project for his degree that included presenting Bibles to law enforcement officers, firemen, EMS workers, nurses and veterans.

"We raised \$15,000 to purchase the Bibles at



Pastor Ron Masten is pictured thanking all the law enforcement officers at the lunch served, by members of the Bethel Assembly of God Church, following their Sandhills Sheriff Association meeting.

various events," Masten said. "That made the whole thing possible."

The Bibles that Pastor Masten presents to the various public servants are service specific. They are Christian Standard Bibles and can be engraved with the recipients name, badge number, etc. by Bible Supplies in North Platte.

"We will continue to support our public servants as long as there is a need to do so," stated Pastor Masten.



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Members of the Sandhills Sheriff's Association, spouses, and members of the Nebraska State Patrol, and Region 26 Dispatchers, that were honored by Pastor Masten following their meeting and lunch at the Bethel Assembly Of God Church in Thedford on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

Pastor Masten and members of the Bethel Assembly of God Church have been putting on lunches for the Sandhills Sheriff Association in Thedford to thank the officers for their service for several years. The steak meal included salads, desserts and drinks, prepared and served by members of the church.

Pastor Masten has been minister of the Bethel As-

sembly of God Church since 2010. During his tenure he has tried to bring unity into the community with the churches, as well as individuals and organizations.

"One of the biggest detriments to our churches is attitude. Rural ministry is about breaking down the barriers and making sure to in-

clude everyone," he said.

Pastor Masten recently presented the staff at Pioneer Memorial Rest Home in Mullen with official nursing Bibles.

Pastor Masten is also active with veterans. He will be taking part in the "Run for the Wall" as the hydration coordinator.

"My team left on Sunday, May 13, but with graduation, I was unable

to leave with them. I will meet up with them in Angel Fire, New Mexico," said Masten.

The Run For The Wall began in Ontario, California on Wednesday, May 16 and ends in Arlington, Virginia, on Friday, May 25, 2018.

Pastor Masten will continue to serve his small community and those in it as long as he is needed.