

Sixty-Second Annual Thedford Alumni Banquet



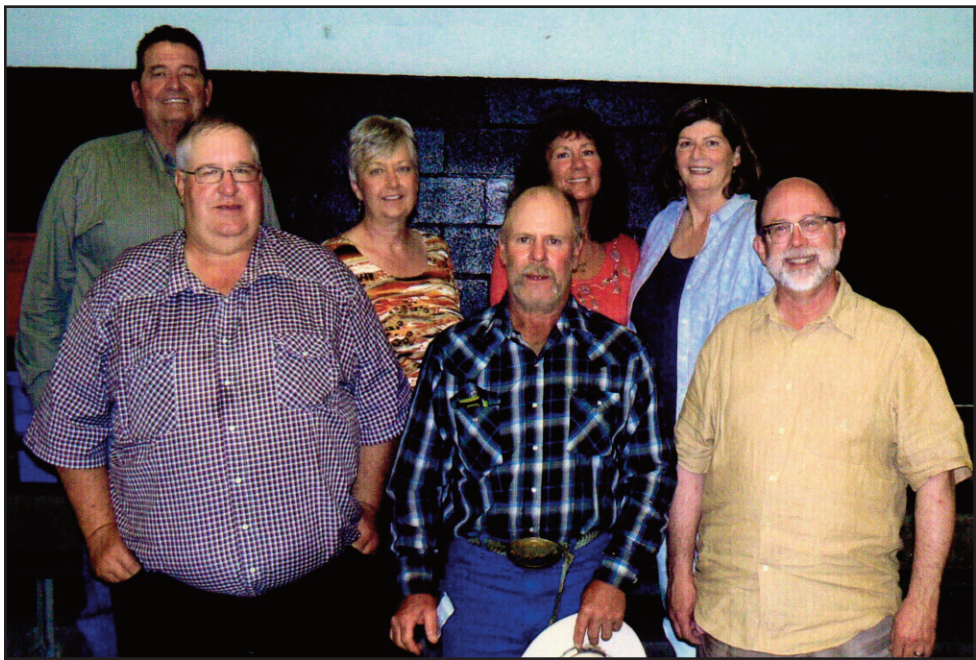
COURTESY

The Thedford High School Class of 1959 gathering for the annual alumni banquet were, back row, l-r: Bill Elliott, Don Hardy, Sharon Ewoldt Paxton, Janenne Goehring, Jean Lowry Waterfill and Jessie Cordis Van Schoyck. Front row, l-r: Glen Weber, John Paul Morris, Mike Crawford, Donna Weil Blus, Sam Ogle, and Bernard Ewoldt.



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The Thedford High School Class of 1969 attending the reunion were, back row, l-r: Dennis Dubry, Jeffrey Vian, Carolyn Edelman Warren and Tim Burney. Front row, l-r: Verla Hamilton, Peg Goehring Andersen, Clarine Hamilton Balliet and Margie Walsh Warren.



COURTESY

Members of the Thedford High School Class of 1979 attending the annual reunion were, back row, l-r: Daniel Jarmin, Cheryl Miller, Kari Pearman and Tanna Mulligan Licking. Front row, l-r: Tony Garner, Stuart Scranton and Jeff Stevens.



COURTESY

The Thedford High School Class of 1989 was represented at the 2019 Thedford High School alumni banquet by l-r: Joleen Morris Jensen, Brenda Buechler and Jody Johnson Lewis.

Thedford High School's sixty-second alumni reunion was held Saturday, June 15, 2019, in the west gym of Thedford High School. The theme "Remember When," was carried out with flags and red, blue, and white decorations. Approximately 90 attended from states across the nation.

The banquet was opened with Sylvia Mintle and Velma Ewoldt leading "The Star Spangled Banner." A delicious meal of roast beef and turkey and all the extras was catered by Rita Teahon from "The Double T" from Halsey.

A report of the Alumni picture restoration was given. There are five classes left to restore, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015 and 2016, and some pictures are needed. Rosalea Gift has been the chairman of this restoration. It is in the entrance of the east gym.

Those graduates having children who also graduated from Thedford attending Alumni were recognized.

The honor classes ending in nine were introduced by a member of the class attending and candles were lit to honor the deceased. Honor classes had bouquets on their tables.

Door prizes were drawn

for books "Historic Photos of Nebraska", by Tad Stryker; "The Last American Highway" by Stew Magnuson; "The Canteen Book," by the Telegraph; a Nebraska flag; Photo donated by Terri Licking; and one by Bridget Licking; and the "Pictorial History of the Sandhills #2" donated by the Historical Society.

Mary Alice Curtis told about the Canteen in North Platte, through her mother's eyes.

Those honored by a remembrance of their school years were 1949 - a calendar of outdoor out-houses to Joyce Nutter Molley as the class was known for "tipping"; Sylvia Mintle sang a line from "The Outhouse Song" and a car deodorizer to Tom Howell who helped throw a dead skunk into a vehicle. Sylvia sang a line from "Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road". A giant fish was given to Sam Ogle, class of 1959, who couldn't get a boat going only to be told he hadn't turned it on. Sylvia sang a line from "You and Me Going Fishin' in the Dark" and two guys, Bill Elliott and Don Hardy who stole chickens and put them in a church in town. Sylvia sang a line from "I like my Chickens



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Caitlyn Hesselstine was the lone member of the Class of 2019.

Fryin' Size". Then there was the class of 1969 who skipped school, Peg Goehring Andersen received cups filled with goodies that said "Skipt Skool" on them, and a line from "School Days" was sung by Sylvia. The class of 1979 went on a skiing trip and the manager of the lodge later sent the school a broken ski. Jeff Stevens received a broken ski, and a line from the song "Salt Lake City" was sung. The Class of 1989 claimed to have never done anything worth telling about, so Joleen Morris Jensen, Jody Johnson Lewis and Brenda Buechler received

pennies to start their retirement. Sylvia sang a line from "Goody Two Shoes."

Also two of the board members were not forgotten. Mary Alice Dugger Curtis told about doing the hula. She received a yard sign of a hula girl and Bill Hardy received tiny stilts as he was known for building stilts that would get him on the roof of the schoolhouse. They were honored with the songs "The Hula Song" and "Kilts and Stilts." A fun time was had by all!

The class of 2019 was represented by the recipient of the Alumni Scholarship of \$250. Those

giving a donation for the scholarship were Sandhill Oil, Midwest Partitions and Hodges Crossroads Auto Repair Specialist. Caitlyn Hesselstine and her monther were honored and given gifts.

A business meeting was held with Bill Hardy, secretary and treasurer giving the treasurer's report.

Connie Elliott brought up discussion of next year's committee and those on this year's agreed to continue next year. The committee will be Bill Hardy, Mary Alice Curtis and Connie Elliott.

It was decided that the banquet will be held the third Saturday of June. A Discussion of the Trojan

picture being taken down in the west gym was held. Some will approach the school board and see if we can get this put back up, along with the Knights.

It was 100% in agreement that all would like to have this back up on the wall.

Photos were taken of all honor classes. It is hoped that some of the younger classes will start attending the banquet.

The banquet was closed by Sylvia Mintle singing "Thanks for the Memories" to which she had put in all the memories from the "gag" gifts given. The old School Song was also attempted!

Fair Gets Underway Monday, July 22

The Thomas County Fair will get underway Monday, July 22 and run through Sunday, July 28.

The schedule includes: Monday, July 22: 4-H Public Style Show at 4-H Camp, Halsey.

Tuesday, July 23: 4-H Horse Show and 4-H Small Animal Show.

Wednesday, July 24: 4-H Livestock Show.

Thursday, July 25: 4-H entry day; open art and photo show for viewing at Art Gallery; open class entry day; and exhibit building open.

Friday, July 26: Open art and photo show for viewing at Art Gallery; FFA Alumni concession stand at Thomas County Fairgrounds; Thomas County Historical Society museum open; Thomas

County fair rodeo slack; kid's pedal tractor pull at the Thomas County Fairgrounds; Community picnic at Thedford Golf Course with corn hole tournament and night golf at dusk; Thomas County Fair rodeo.

Saturday, July 27: Breakfast at Life Center (biscuits & gravy); youth fishing tournament (meet downtown Thedford); open art and photo show for viewing at art gallery; Thomas County Historical Society lunch stand at Thomas County Fairgrounds; Parade with the theme "150 Years of Progress;" Turtle races at Thomas County Fairgrounds; Fun jump water-slide at Thomas County Fairgrounds; rocket event sports-laser tag at Thomas

County Fairgrounds; Mud volleyball at Thomas County Fairgrounds; Bingo by Security First Bank at Thomas County Fairgrounds; Barbecue at Thomas County Fairgrounds; Masonic watermelon feed; 4-H livestock auction; Dueling Pianos and beer garden at Thomas County Fairgrounds, sponsored by Thedford Area Community Foundation.

Sunday, July 28: American Legion pancake breakfast; Community church service on the Thomas County Courthouse lawn.

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