

Carrying On The Alumni Traditions

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The Thedford 65th Alumni was held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 in the west gym at Thedford High School.

An organized Alumni was started by the Class of 1957 in their junior year and has continued throughout the years.

This year's theme honored that class, "The Class of '57 had their dreams, 65 years later!"

The gym was decorated with yellow roses, which was the class flower for the Class of '57. That Class was honored with a beautiful rendition of the "Class of '57 had its Dreams" sung by Sylvia Mintle '87 with class members names and occupations substituted for the original names. This was written for their 50 year reunion by Mary Ann Florea Mintle and Jeanie Scranton Edelman.

Honor classes ending with a two were recognized by branches with all of the teachers and class members pictures at the end of the tables.

Officers this year were: Alec Ewoldt Tucker, 1963, Vice President; Bill Hardy, 1962, Secretary/Treasurer; and Connie Edelman Elliott, 1961, President.

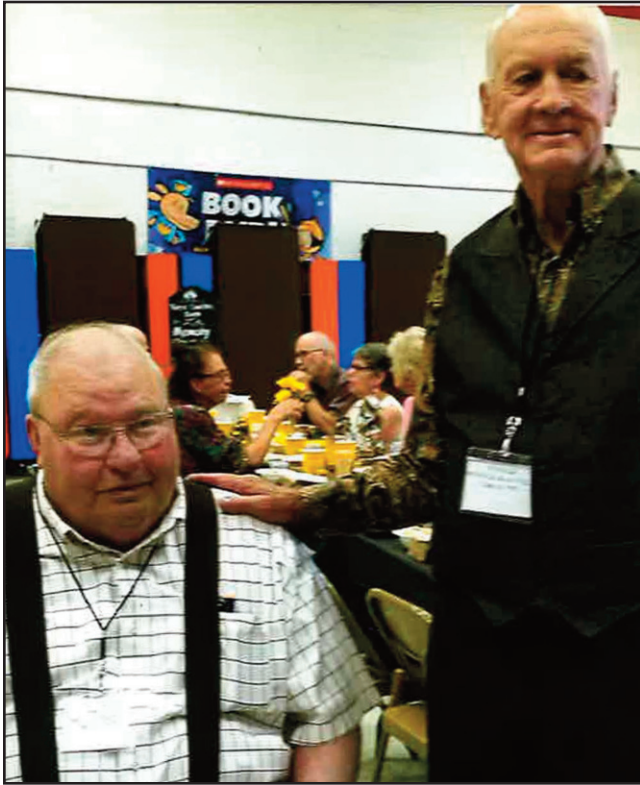
The doors were open at 4:00 for registration, getting lanyards with names, a newly added feature this year. A snack table was also added this year and consisted of 'Pure Sandhills' water, veggie and fruit infused waters and snacks. This proved to be an asset to the reunion as it was a great time of getting acquainted with other Alumni while snacking.

Approximately 90 were in attendance for the evening.

President, Connie Edelman Elliott, welcomed those attending and Sylvia Mintle, class of '87 led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer to bless the food and graduates was given, followed by the very delicious meal. Reta Hardy Teahon '63, owner of the Double T in Halsey, along with her crew catered the meal. The menu consisted of prime rib, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and cake with toppings.

Reta's helpers were Mike, Mark and Matt Teahon, Marilyn, Kimberly, Ethan and Liem Teahon. They were great servers,



Allan Jameson and Ron Blauvelt, members of the Class of 1957, were among those who started the Alumni celebration 65 years ago, were present for this year's festivities.

helping people carry plates and made sure glasses were full.

Many door prizes were given out throughout the banquet. They consisted of an American flag, Yeti tumbler, bird house and many others. Numbers were on chocolate balls in the nut cups.

Candles were displayed to honor those who have left us and obituaries were displayed to enjoy.

A raffle of two Nebraska tickets to the Nebraska Homecoming football game on October 1, 2022 were sold. Mark Nutter was the happy recipient. The Senior Scholarship will be added to from the sales.

The Senior Scholarship winner was announced and Summar Schaeffer will be receiving the scholarship after she finishes the first semester at the college of her choice. We thank Cylee Jameson and Seth Scranton for applying also and encourage seniors to take advantage of this scholarship in the future.

Attending Veterans were honored with the playing of all the different themes and "taps". Those receiving a gift bag were Chase Kovarik, Don Hardy, Tom Witt, Jim Barker, Neal Brewer, Dee Hickman and Bill Hardy. Each told when he served and where. We are very proud of them and gave a loud shout of "Welcome Home."

One member of each

honor class read the names of all the graduates of that class. Honor

classes with attendees were Class of '47, one member; two members, '54; two members, '55; one member, '56; two members, '57; 10 members, '62; seven members, '72; four members, '82; 11 members, '92; one member, '02.

Gag gifts with stories were given to one graduate out of each honor class. Those consisted of potion for baldness, beach towel, Hawaiian lei and grass skirt, roll of tape, watermelon.

Bill Hardy, Secretary/Treasurer gave the treasurer's report and conducted the business meeting. A discussion for new officers was held and one graduate volunteered, Cathy Kenton Williams, 1972. She will be added to the officers and next year we will have four. Thank you, Cathy.

Again, thank you to Merial Woods Romero, 1969, for her work on the Alumni website, Thedfordalumni.org where you can read, comment and put suggestions in. It was decided that the Alumni will continue to be held on the third Saturday of June in 2023...date June 17, 2023.

The night ended with everyone standing and singing "God Bless America" to honor our flag, Veterans and our country, led by Sylvia Mintle.



The Class of 1962 present for the banquet, back row, l-r: Bill Hardy, Rosalee Pearman Ritenour, Linda Rae Mercer Galusha, Una Mae Jameson Clausen, John Warren and Lee Knepper. Front row, l-r: Josephine Barnes Morris, Evelyn Phillips Elliott, Ron Elliott and Joe Buechler.



THS Class of 1972, back row, l-r: Ron Leshner, Lucy Whitaker Theier and Diane Rogers McLeod. Front row, l-r: Jay Jones, Jerri Johnston Thompson, Cathy Kenton Williams, Fay Ann Goehring Blaylock



The Thedford High School Class of 1992, back row, l-r: Shawna Rogers Naranjo, Susan Roy Welch, Carla Buechler Kramer, Marcy Neal Andersen, JoLinda Morris, Jamie Ray Taylor. Front row, l-r: Bill Merz, Ross Bryant, Nicholas Werner, Karl Eickhoff and Mark Blackford.

Steers for Students Pilot Program Takes Off at Husker Meats



Students from Valentine, Atkinson, Thedford and Gordon participated in the first Steers for Students pilot program at Husker Meats in Ainsworth on June 29, 2022. The schools receive an educational opportunity for their students, as well as free, locally sourced meat to serve their students during the school year.

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Husker Meats hosted the first Steers for Students pilot program at their facility in Ainsworth, NE on Wednesday, June 29th. Steers for Students is an educational program geared for the youth of the Sandhills. This pro-

gram will allow students an educational opportunity to evaluate and grade carcasses of locally grown beef, observe how a packing plant operates and supply their own schools with delicious Sandhills beef.

Educators involved in the program included Nicolas Herrera, UNL grad student, who pro-

vided data to help inform the students and others on the science behind carcass evaluation and grading.

Adam Wegner from the Nebraska Beef Council provided insight on how consumer demand might reflect on the cattle pro-

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Some of the members of the classes of 1970 and 1971 that were present were, l-r: Marian Miles Nutter, 1971; Kendra Magnuson Burgess, 1970; Mary Alice Dugger Curtis, 1970; Mark Nutter, 1970; Cindy Mercer Olson, 1970; and Carl Olson.

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