

Small Town Nights, Under Stadium Lights Theme of 2023 Thedford High School Reunion



Members of the Class of 1963 at the Thedford High School reunion were back row, l-r: Jack Johnston, Larry Moran and Jessica Paxton Warren. Front row, l-r: Reta Hardy Teahon, Alea Ewoldt Tucker and Carol Coble Brito.

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The 67th annual Thedford Alumni reunion was held June 17, 2023 in the west gym at Thedford High School.

The 2023 committee included Alice Ewoldt Tucker, 1963; Bill Hardy, 1962; Cathy Kenton Williams, 1972; Connie Edelman Elliott, 1961; and Sylvia Mintle, 1987 an addition to our committee who is willing to always help with the music and other activities

The gym was decorated with the theme "Small Town Nights, Under Stadium Lights." A miniature stadium was set up with fans of the 10 honor class pictures cheering in the stadium. A miniature football field with players and referees was displayed in front of the sta-

dium. Along with a game you need a concession stand so there was one with a red and white theme with Sandhills and flavored water along with many treats for the taking. The tables were red, white and green with silhouettes of cheerleaders, football players, basketball, volleyball, track and cross country and various balls.

Connie Edelman Elliott welcomed all Alumni. Sylvia Mintle led in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Following a prayer, Reta Hardy Teahon, 1963 graduate and her helpers, Kimmy and son Ethan and Marilyn and Reta's sons served a delicious dinner of prime rib, baked potatoes, corn, green beans, dinner rolls and cakes.

The students of FCCLA consisting of Chandler Pettit, Katen Licking and

Dom Rowse served, helping people to their tables. They will be attending a Conference in Denver and served to help pay expenses.

Connor Cooksley was the recipient of the \$250 Scholarship for 2023 from the Alumni for the college of his choice.

There was a drawing for five special tickets (each for four people) to attend the "Nebraska Volleyball Day" which were given anonymously. Those tickets were put back in the raffle for one ticket. An excited Mary Alice Dugger Curtis, 1970 graduate, was the recipient of this ticket which was for four people to enjoy the day. The historical day will be held at the University of Nebraska Stadium on August 30, 2023. Raffle tick-

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UNL Extension Funding Launches Little Free Food Pantry In Thedford

The USDA estimates that 10.5% of Americans experienced food insecurity, had trouble accessing enough nutritionally adequate food for their household, in 2020. Among households with children, 14.8% of households experienced food insecurity. Thanks to a grant through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, Little Free Pantries are being installed across the state to further combat food insecurity.

Your support is key in addressing food insecurity in the Thedford area.

Little Free Pantries are a new movement similar to Little Free Libraries and function in a similar way.

They are small boxes set up in the community where citizens in need can access free food and those who are able can donate food items. While many food pantries have hours of operation and information requirements to access food, Little Free Pantries offer anonymous access to food whenever it is needed allowing them to reach more community members.

The Sandhills Leadership Youth of 2022-2023 from Thedford High School helped build the box and secure placement in partnership with Jay Jones and the Thedford Area Community Foundation and Thed-

ford Service Club. The box is located next to Security First Bank in the Masonic Lodge lot. Sandhills Leadership will continue to stock/monitor the contents of the box in the upcoming school years, but we invite community partners to participate, particularly in the summer months.

UNL will have funds to stock the pantry for two months (starting in August 2023). After that, UNL Extension and partners will be actively seeking regular donations (drop off sites TBA). Please check the box window for future updates or call Michelle Garwood, Extension Educator, at 402-376-1850.

Mullen, and Eustis. During 2023 additional town and rural projects will enhance Consolidated's ongoing network upgrades in Arthur, Blaine, Dawson, Frontier, Grant, Hooker, and Thomas counties.

In the coming months, residents of Arthur, Brewster, Dunning, Halsey, and Stockville will see Consolidated's contractors and construction teams working in utility easement areas. Services will become available to residents gradually as the network is completed.



Members of the Class of 1973 at the Thedford High School reunion were, back row, l-r: Keith Mercer, Ann Manning Warren, Mike Hodges, Theresa David Sorenson, Sam Edelman, Marian Pearson Eicher and Rod Warren. Front row, l-r: Jack Edelman and Rusty Malchow.



The Class of 1983 members that were present, l-r: Deanna Moench Vavak, Ed Scranton and Janet Drinkwalter Farmer.

Johnston Ends High School Career Third In Nation

Coy Johnston returned to the High School National Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyoming to defend his 2022 National High School Champion steer wrestling title. Johnston, a May graduate of Stapleton High School, went into the first round of the 75th finals July 16-22 and took his steer down in 4.65 seconds and ended the first go with a fourth place finish. In the second go, Johnston wrestled his steer in 5.88 seconds and ended the tough go-around in 28th place. Coy went into the finals and had a quick 4.99 run and placed sixth. His average time was good enough for him to end his high school career with a third place buckle and a total on three head of 15.52, just three seconds shy of the top spot, which was won by Peter Haas of Neola, Utah with a time of 12.75 seconds.

Complete results of all the Nebraska Cowboys and Cowgirls are:

State Standings
Girls - 8. Nebraska, 2,050
Boys - 10. Nebraska, 2,336.66
Combined - 9. Nebraska,



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Coy Johnston at the 75th Annual National High School Rodeo Finals in Wyoming.

4,386.66
All-Around Cowgirl
8. Reagan McIntyre, Grand Island, 460
Queen Contest
11. Lysie Lancaster, Hastings, 619.5
Barrels
Go 1 - 6. Anna Clark,

Thedford, 17.441; 45. Camryn Kocian, Brainard, 18.032; 166. Ella Lacey, Weston, 22.607; 176. Hailey Witte, Crookston, 23.426

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