

Veterans Honored At Area Schools



Thedford Public Schools

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Schneidereit attended the Air Force Academy and was the class of '91. She successfully took part

in Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, then served as a KC-135 aerial refueling instructor pilot with over 3,000 hours to include both combat and combat support time in the Middle East.

She was later stationed on active duty at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota and MacDill, Florida, followed by Iowa Air.



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Area Veterans that were honored at the annual Thedford Public Schools program were, back row, l-r: Amy Schneidereit, James Vukonich, Terry Higgins, Joseph Smith, John Bryant, Marvin Blauvelt, Jake Higgins, Royce Brown, and Gus Reiser. Front row, l-r: Miles Maseberg, Ted Taylor, Alan Haumann, Jerry Linn, Darrell Andersen, Tom Witt, and Bobbi Scott.

During her service she was deployed all over the world, including Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, Japan, Okinawa and Europe. In 2015, she retired from the National Guard at Sioux City, Iowa.

American Legion Post #230 presented and retired the colors.

Jaylen Dimmitt and Arena Fetty led the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the junior and senior high band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

Carson Cooksley welcomed those in attendance and the K-2 elementary choir sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Dixie Hoffman, American Legion Auxiliary member, presented flags to the Kindergarten class. She was assisted by Anna Clark.

The third and fourth grade elementary choir sang "Armed Forces Medley" and Haxton Hoffman performed "God Bless America."

Mariah Osienger and Brady Haake were recognized as the coloring contest winners.

The fifth and sixth

grade elementary choir sang "You're A Grand Old Flag," and "America the Beautiful."

The missing man table presentation was read by Karley Haake and the table was set by Mariah Osienger and Aidan Bryant.

The senior high choir sang "Blades of Grass and Pure White Snow."

Anna Clark gave the

thank you and "Taps" was played by Tyson Hickman.

Jaylen Dimmitt and Arena Fetty were greeters.

Mr. Clinton Albertus conducted the band and choir.

Shylee Gonzales created the program cover art.

Sandhills Public Schools held their annual Veter-

ans Day program on Friday, November 10 at Halsey Elementary School.

A canteen reception followed.

Charlsie Teahon, Rhett McFadden and Ella Stithem gave a presentation on past wars and

Charlsie addressed the crowd about her time spent at girl's state.



ELAINE ZUTAVERN

The Sandhills seniors, Charlsie Teahon, Rhett McFadden and Ella Stithem gave a presentation on past wars at the Veterans Day program in Halsey last Friday. Charlsie also addressed the crowd about her time spent at girl's state in Lincoln last June.



ELAINE ZUTAVERN

The Sandhills Kindergartners at their annual Veterans Day program, l-r: J.W. Hall, Ellie Hanson, Cole Sikes, Lyla Stithem, Cash Zutavern and not pictured Ella Rooney.

Thedford Is The Place To Shop This Christmas

Marcia Hora

If you're looking to wrap up your Christmas shopping then Thedford is the place to be Thursday, November 30. There's something for everyone at the annual Old Fashioned Christmas event.

New this year is the Ugly Sweater Contest sponsored by Consolidated Telephone. There will be \$50.00 going to the first place winner, \$30.00 to the second place winner and \$20.00 to the third place winner.

Contestants should go to With Love Photography to have their pictures taken in their ugly sweaters on Thursday evening. Pictures of contestants will be voted on by going to the Thedford Facebook page. Winning contestants will be notified.

There will be a variety of food choices that evening including:

- The Life Center: Sausage and pancakes, free will donation.
- Anthem Coffee: Will keep the bar open until 7:00 p.m. and enjoy free snacks.
- Thedford Lumber & Supply: Roasting marshmallows/S'mores.
- Call's Garage: Adult

beverages.

- Amazing Grace Church: Hot cocoa and cookies, sign up for drawing.
- Ewoldt's Grocery: Free Santa shakes, homemade jerky and assorted chocolates. Sign up for the Santa raffle.

- Masonic Lodge: Sandhill Shooters 4-H Club.
- Thedford Art Gallery: Serving hot apple cider and treats.

Santa will be arriving at 5:00 p.m. and Stable Productions Ranch, Flip Licking, will have his reindeer at the southwest corner of the Thomas County Courthouse square.

Area kids can enjoy popcorn and a movie at 4:00 p.m. Grades K-6 are invited to the Amazing Grace Church for "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Vendors will be set up from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, Sargent Insurance, Thomas County Library, With Love Co. Design and Anthem Coffee. Vendors include:

- Ken's Self Defense
- Pampered Chef
- Ruby Ribbon
- Lee's Sterling Silver Originals
- ThirtyOne
- Osborne Books & More



NEW THIS YEAR
Ugly Sweater Contest &
Gingerbread
Decorating Contest
Sponsored by
The Sandhills Corral

**Thedford's Annual
Old Fashioned
Christmas
Thursday, November 30, 2023**

*Santa
arriving at
5:00 p.m.*

- DoTERRA Essential Oils
- Donna's Crafts
- Klitter Meadows
- Back Home
- Made Sweet by April
- Key's Canning & Crafts
- Dakota's Epicure
- Scentsy

- Preserve the Sandhills LLC
- With Love Co. Design
- Fran and Lupe's Creations
- Forever Linked Permanent Jewelry
- The Thedford Music Department will perform around the Christmas

tree and "Light Stick Show" by Bethel Assembly of God Youth Group at 7:00 p.m.

Finish your stroll and bring your tickets to the Thedford Art Gallery. Receive a ticket with each purchase made throughout the event.

Parents are encouraged to shop while the FCCLA and Skills USA groups entertain children by making Christmas Magic Mix (fancy trail mix) and other crafts. This will begin shortly after the movie and ending at 6:30 p.m.