

2020 Thedford Alumni Association Banquet Minutes

Date: July 24 2020

Officers

President Connie Elliott (1961)

Vice President – Mary Alice Cutis (1970)

Secretary/Treasurer Bill Hardy (1962)

The Thedford 63rd High School Alumni was held on Friday, July 24th, 2020 at the Thedford High School west gym in Thedford. The date was delayed for a month because of the COVID-19 Virus. There were gloves, masks, and sanitizer available.

This year's theme was "Homecoming" and the decorations were vases with different fruits and pictures of the graduates of the honor years ending in 0.

Doors opened at 5 PM with registration and social hour.

There were 74 reservations with 20 not attending

There were 9 registries at the door

Total attending 63

Alumni from Honor Class attending are:

One from the Class of 1960 Merry (Ewoldt) Jones

Twelve from the Class of 1970 Darrel Anderson, Mary Alice (Dugger) Curtis, Barry Keslar, Wayne Licking, Sydney (London) Mickelson, Kendra (Magnuson) Burgess, Cindy (Mercer) Olson, Steve Mercure, Mark Nutter, Connie (Oatman) Huckfeldt, Gladys (Roe) Hodges and Bill Manning

Five from the Class of 1980 David Blauvelt, Lonty Bryant, Dallas Jones, Mitchel McIntyre and Vaughn Blauvelt

Three from the Class of 1990 Dawn (Hunt) Sebek, David Johnston, and Lynn Smith

None from the Class of 2000

None from of the Class of 2010

One from the Class of 2020 Connor Burns the scholarship recipient

The welcome was given and the "Pledge of Allegiance" to our flag said followed by the "Star Spangled Banner" led by Sylvia Mintle , THS graduate.

A prayer was given followed by a Prime Rib dinner, catered by the Double T. from Halsey, Ne. with Reta Teahon, her sons and helpers. THS teacher, Justina Benscoter's "SkillsUSA" students helped serve, taking around food for those who needed it and cleaning up. Justina and Rhianna Painter, the State Skills USA President for her 2nd year, Congratulations to her, informed the crowd what "SkillsUSA" stood for and their many areas they take part in.

A replica of the old schoolhouse that was where the Elementary School stands now was on display. Made from a 1944 picture.

Many door prizes were given by the drawing of numbers on hand-painted rocks. There were Nebraska books, throws, windmills, football stadium picture on metal, a historical book donated by the Historical Society and a plant.

Bill Hardy, Committee Secretary/treasurer called up all present Veterans. They told of their serving in different parts of the services. They served for us in many different countries and wars. The Navy, Army, Marines and Air Force were represented. When their branch of the service was called, Ben Masten, THS 2019 graduate played the theme of the branch on the trumpet, then he played "Taps". They were given gifts from the Alumni to thank them for their service to protect our nation. To our knowledge two men lost their lives in the Vietnam war, Steve Reiser and Harold Barnes, both alumni. Those veterans present were: Dean Meyers, Lloyd Hodges, Barry Kesler, Darrell Andersen, Carl Olson and Jim Barker.

Names of the Homecoming Kings and Queens from the honor years of 1960,70,80,90,2000 and 2020 were acknowledged.

Six of Ben Ewoldt's eight siblings were recognized as the most family members who have graduated from THS attending the banquet. They were from Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska.

Honor classes were introduced by a member of the class, if attending. Then a candle was lit for the deceased in that class. There was only 1 class from the honor classes 1930 to 2020 that did not have a candle lit. The class of 1970 of 28 has not lost a member. This was the biggest class to graduate from THS.

A "professional" dance group was coming to perform in June, but having to postpone the banquet to July, they were unable to come! So a group from the "Dance 'till we drop" Rest Home" in Luckenbach, Texas...consisting of Dee Hickman as "Norman", Wanda Hickman as "Wilma", Ashton Stewart as "Sue Ellen", Bill Hardy as "Henry", Sylvia Mintle as "Mary Jane" and Connie Elliott as "Big Bertha" ...all dressed (hilariously) as rest home residents. They "danced" to the popular songs of each decade ending in 0. The Skit was narrated by Mary Alice Dugger Curtis, Vice President of the Alumni and 1970 graduate.

Mary Alice presented 2020 THS graduate, Connor Burns, son of Velma Ewoldt and Bob Burns the \$250 Alumni Scholarship. Connor told of his plans to attend Great Plains Community College. Seniors of THS can apply for this scholarship and they are chosen by the Alumni officers.

Terri Licking was there to take videos and pictures of the honor classes and they will be sent to those members.

The 2020 Alumni Homecoming King, Dee Hickman (1951 graduate) and Queen, Doris Hickman Meyers (1947 graduate) (brother and sister) were crowned and presented with a boutonniere and bouquet of flowers. These 2 were the oldest attending the banquet.

The Alumni business meeting was headed by Bill Hardy, Secretary/Treasurer. He gave a report of Treasure Report

Financial report for 2019 banquet was given since some of the bills come in after the banquet.

Starting Bank balance was	\$1,514.72
Deposits	\$5,020.37
Expenses	\$4,400.36
Ending Balance	\$2,134.73
Ended with	\$620.01 to the good

For this year 2020

Starting bank balance	\$2,134.73
Deposits of	\$2,080.00
Expenses of	\$524.98
Postage Stamps	\$140.00
Website fee	\$159.98 for 2 years
Pay Meriel	\$200.00 per year for website maintenance
Newspaper subscription	\$25.00

Current balance \$3,449.75

Bills to be paid

Double T for meals

Reimburse Connie for banquet expenses

SkillsUSA organization for servers \$150

Scholarship \$250 to be paid in fall

Connie reported that the High School Board agreed to have students make and replace the Trojan emblem and return it to the wall of the west gym. This may be out of metal so it can be removed to paint the walls.

Volunteers for the President and Vice-president were asked for. If anyone would be willing to serve these positions, please contact Connie Elliott @ 308-645-9059. Bill Hardy has agreed to continue as the Secretary/Treasurer. He has worked hard to get everything on the computer. Mary Alice Curtis is retiring from the office of Vice-President.

It was a pleasant evening with much fun and visiting being enjoyed and the Alumni will be in 2021 with honoring the classes ending in 1. The officers ask that you please get your new addresses and e-mails in to Bill Hardy, Secretary/Treasurer at 402-362-5330 or e-mail thedfordalumni@gmail.com so they can be updated.

Meeting closed.

Honor Class pictures will be taken.

Minutes submitted by
Secretary/Treasurer
Willis (Bill) Hardy

Deaths Since 2019 Banquet

Class	First	Maiden	Present	Death date
TEACHER	SCOTT	LEISY	SCOTT LEISY	APRIL 06, 2020
TEACHER	DICK	HOFFMAN	DICK HOFFMAN	APRIL 05, 2020
1949	MELVIN	BLAUVELT	MELVIN BLAUVELT	NOVEMBER 01, 2019
1948	JR	MILLESON	JUNIOR MILLESEN	APRIL 11, 2020
1966	DOROTHY	BREWER	DOROTHY SORENSEN	AUGUST 15, 2019
1964	CAROL ANN	HERBAUGH	CAROL ANN KOSLOFSKY	MARCH 17,2020
1946	ROSE	CLAYTON	ROSE DOW	MARCH 30, 2020
1968	TONY	BOOTH	TONY BOOTH	APRIL 10, 2020
1957	GENE	PIEL	GENE PIEL	MARCH 15, 2020
1939	LEWIS	LYNCH	LEWIS LYNCH	NOVEMBER 02, 2019
1939	DAVE	HAUMANN	DAVE HAUMANN	JUNE16,2020
1939	MARY	HALLSTED	MARY REED	DECEMBER 21, 2019
SPOUSE OF	DONNA	WEIL	LARRY BLUS	
SPOUSE OF	BARBARA	BREWER		