

2019 THEDFORD ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

FOR HONOR CLASSES IN XXX9

“REMEMBER WHEN”

The Thedford Alumni Association has a desktop computer with a database program which holds all the records of the alumni of Thedford High School starting in 1914. This year a list of all the Honor Year alumni and the written information about the alumni who provided it. If you are aware of anything on this list is incorrect, please let me know so it can be corrected. The Association relies on its members to provide updates so please send changes in alumni status to the Secretary. If you provided a “Web Site Information Form” that information will be entered in the database and also will be available on the web site “thedfordalumni.org”. Alumni that provided information that had to be typed, I apologize for any errors.

HONOR CLASS OF 1919

First name	Maiden	Present name
ARLIE	CRIST	ARLIE HAUMANN deceased
CHAD	NICHOLS	CHAD NICHOLS deceased
EULA	OAKES	EULA JANAUCH deceased
FREDA	MILLS	FREDA MILLS deceased
LENA	HAUMANN	LENA SMITH deceased
MARY	ADKINS	MARY ADKINS deceased

CLASS OF 1929

First name	Maiden	Present name
BEN	EDELMAN	BEN EDELMAN deceased
CARL	WIESE	CARL WIESE deceased
CLARENCE	EDELMAN	CLARENCE EDELMAN deceased
DON	DEBOER	DON DEBOER
DOROTHY	THOMPSON	DOROTHY WHITE deceased
DOUGLAS	BIVENS	DOUGLAS BIVENS deceased
EDGER	HESTER	EDGER HESTER

CLASS OF 1939

First name	Maiden	Present name
ALFRED	BAUDER	ALFRED BAUDER
ALMA	STEVENSON	ALMA LYNCH
CHLOIE	MERCER	CHLOIE BUCKLER deceased
DAVID	HAUMANN	DAVID HAUMANN
DON	MALLORY	DON MALLORY
DONALD	FLOREA	DONALD FLOREA deceased
LOUIS	LYNCH	DR. LOUIS LYNCH
EUGENE	BISSELL	EUGENE BISSELL deceased
ILA	FAULHABER	ILA BROWN
MARY	HALLSTED	MARY REED
MAURICE	NUTTER	MAURICE NUTTER deceased
MAYNARD	NUTTER	MAYNARD NUTTER deceased
MYRON	MERCER	MYRON MERCER deceased
NOAH	NUTTER	NOAH NUTTER
ROBERT	JOHNSTON	ROBERT JOHNSTON deceased
TOM	KELLER	TOM KELLER deceased
VERA	KELLER	VERA LOSH deceased

CLASS OF 1949

MELVIN BLAUVELT To TCHS Class of 1949 Dear Class of '49,

Just to let you all know – I've been hospitalized for nearly 8 years due to a major medical breakdown. We came to Springfield to a retirement village where our son, Doug is CEO and medical facilities were available. We moved into a duplex on the same grounds as previous facilities were mentioned- "Maranatha Village". So this has been our situation as our home away from home. We love to see friends who have come this way. We miss the HS reunions – they were always special to me because the 1949 class were not just classmates, but "forever" friends. I would appreciate receiving any communication, paper or news about the reunion, May God bless you all. Signed Melvin Blauvelt by JoAnne Blauvelt

SIDNEY HANKS On or about May 17, 1949, the High School Senior Class of "49" trooped down the stairs of the Court House for the last time, much to the delight of the County Officials who "tolerated" the presence of this disruptive element in the staid surroundings of "their" domain. Our class was one of four that were to complete their education in the court House. Alas, that edifice of higher learning and county business is gone and only a memory remains. It was replaced by a modern facility which lacks the character and history of the Old court House.

I was privileged to graduate from TCHS and always have felt blessed that my character and future were shaped by the experiences in a small town in the "fly over area" of the United States. After graduation, I taught a rural school in Cherry County for one year. Attended Chadron State for two years, served a tour of duty in Korea, attended Doane College and received a BS degree, attended Duke University and received a Masters degree. The USDA Forest Service made me an offer that I could not refuse and I spent 33 years with them in various places in the USA. Along the way, I married Wonda Banker "56" and she has been my soul mate for 57 years.

We split our time between our home of 34 years in Golden, CO, and our winter home in Rockport, Texas. We sold our place in Texas in 2018 and stay full time in our new Lakewood, CO, home.

I look forward to seeing many alumni at our June 15, reunion!

JOYCE (NUTTER) MOLLEY After attending all 12 years of school in Thedford and graduating in 1949, I taught one year on the Dismal, spent two years at KSTC, taught one year in Sidney, and then returned to Kearney to complete my Bachelor's degree in 1955. It was there that I met Duane Molley from Broken Bow and we were married later that year. We moved to Lincoln where I began teaching while Duane attended the University. After his graduation we moved to Denver and have lived here since. I taught in Denver for 25 years and during this time also completed my Master's degree. We have two daughters, Andrea and Melinda, and two granddaughters, Annie and Abbey, all living in the Denver area.

First name	Maiden	Present name
BARBARA	KNAPTON	BARBARA MCNEEL
BETTY	HICKENBOTTOM	BETTY CELESKY
DICK	PHILLIPS	DICK PHILLIPS deceased
DORIS	CORBIN	DORIS FACKLER
HAROLD	JAMESON	HAROLD JAMESON deceased
JIM	DRAKE	JIM DRAKE
JOHN	MILLER	JOHN MILLER
JOYCE	JAMESON	JOYCE LUTES
MAURICE	STEEN	MAURICE STEEN deceased
RUTH	MERCER	RUTH MCMURTREY
SAM	MILES	SAM MILES
TOM	HOWELL	TOM HOWELL

CLASS OF 1959

GLEN WEBER I have lived in the Denver CO area since 1968, the past 44 years in Centennial. For the past 30 years I have owned an auto repair business in Evergreen. And I continue to own and operate the business. I've been married to my wife, Laretta, for 56 years. We have a son, Gary, and a daughter, Glenda. They have given us six grandchildren and we now have two great-grandchildren as well. I enjoy spending time with the children and grandchildren who all live close to us. I still like to go fishing whenever I can.

JESSIE (CORDIS) VAN SCHOYCK Two years ago I moved from Waterloo to Clear Lake, IA. I enjoy my lake condo and all of the activities of the Condo Complex. My family keeps me busy with many trips to MN where my daughter and her family live and in Omaha where my son and his family live. We enjoy trips to Nashville, TN to visit my grandson who is in graduate school at Vanderbilt; I also enjoy visits with another grandson at ISU and all of his college activities. I look forward to seeing everyone and catching up. My daughter will be joining me so it should be a fun trip, Jessie

WILLIAM ELLIOTT After graduation I worked on a ranch, then married Connie Edelman (graduate 1961) in 1961. We had a daughter, Tammy born in 1963, who graduated in 1981 and lives with her family in Lakewood, Co.

Then a son, Terry born in 1965, who graduated in 1984 and lives in Thedford with his family. In 1968 we moved to Eugene, Oregon to educate Connie and our son who is deaf. I worked in a lumber mill there and we bought, restored and sold houses.

In 1970, we moved to Denver, Co. then in 1971 back to Nebraska which you all know is the best state to live in and raise a family.

We eventually leased the ranch and moved in the "County Line" house and restored it. It has been a dream fulfilled...Now, we have a lot room for visitors!!!

We retired (ha!) Whatever retirement is... we went south 1 winter but did not care for it. Our grandson, Jason and I started a fencing business and we are busy with that.

We have 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 1 "bonus" daughter and husband, 4 "bonus" grandchildren. We were blessed to host 2 exchange students from Germany and now one has married and has a baby...guess that makes us have another "bonus" grandchild....fun! We thought grandchildren were the very best, then greats have come and they are the best, also, and we enjoy all the "bonus" family we have, too.

DONNA (WEIL) BLUS After graduating Donna attended Hasting College, then transferred to Nursing School in Omaha. She received her LPN degree April 1962 and worked in Omaha, North Platte and the State of Maryland and Oregon.

Donna married Larry Blus in April 1964. Larry worked for the Nebraska game Commission then transferred to the State of Maryland to work for the US Fish & Wildlife service. They moved to Corvallis, Oregon in 1977 for Larry's job. They have 3 children, Denise 1966 born in Nebraska, Emily in 1968 and Daniel in 1969 both born in Maryland. All 3 have graduated from college and have good jobs, living near Donna and Larry.

Larry & Donna retired in 1997 & moved to the Portland area to be near their 3 granddaughters. Donna plans to bring her son and come to the reunion and anxious to see classmates.

CLASS OF 1959

First name	Maiden	Present name
ANNE	EWOLDT	ANNE GUINARD
BERNARD	EWOLDT	BERNARD EWOLDT
DON	HARDY	DON HARDY
HAROLD	BARNES	HAROLD BARNES deceased
JANENNE	GOEHRING	JANENNE GOEHRING
JEAN	LOWRY	JEAN WATERFILL
JOHN	MORRIS	JOHN PAUL MORRIS
LORA	CONNELL	LORA ROTH
LORETTA	KIEBORZ	LORETTA CLANG
SAM	OGLE	SAM OGLE
SEVERT	BLAUVELT	SEVERT BLAUVELT
SHARI	WHITE	SHARI HOOS
SHARON	EWOLDT	SHARON PAXTON
TIM	WIESE	TIM WIESE

CLASS OF 1969

CAROLYN (WEIL) MOORE I live with my husband, Michael, here in Lebanon, Oregon where my mother and dad (Bob Boeh) once lived. Michael's retired (from Air Force & from hospital administration work) but I'm still working for Linn County. We moved here from Utah about 10 years ago where I lived about 20 years, raised two sons, finished college and received my Master's degree in Social Work.

Lebanon is about an hour from the coast and is very close to the mountains so we enjoy camping out. We take our two little dogs along.

I don't plan to return to Nebraska anytime soon but would enjoy hearing from some of my classmates.

CAROLYN (EDELMAN) WARREN Hi everyone 50 years doesn't seem possible.

We live 5 miles west of Thedford. We ranch and Frank (1966) still has his truck.

We have 2 kids B.J. (1989) he passed away 9-10-14, and Stace (1994) and 4 grandkids. B.J. kids are Britney and Dalton, Britney & Landon Stephens live at Lawrence, KS. They are expecting in May. We will be great grandparents. Dalton is going to school at Norfolk and is taking welding.

Stace & Kevin Dagen live at Torrington WY with their 2 kids. Bailey a sophomore and Brady a fifth grader. We go see the grandkids otherwise we stay pretty close to home.

Hope to see everyone in June

DENNIS DUBRY Life is wonderful and retirement is great. My last real job was elementary school principal at Bayard NE for 20 years. Last June, Linda and I moved to North Platte which seems like back home. We have 3 children and 5 wonderful grandchildren. We are doing a lot of traveling as Linda is a line officer for Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star. I stay busy with the Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis, and church activities. I hope to see all of you 50-year class members at the banquet.

DIANNA (GREEN) RODOCKER "I live in Halsey with my husband Dennis, where I am active in my community and church. After working with the Conservation Tree Program for the Nebraska Forest Service and U.S. Forest Service for over 35 years, I retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 2014. We now enjoy more time for kids and grandkids, camping and garage sales. I'm sorry that I will be unable to attend the banquet this year as I will be attending my granddaughters wedding on that day. I would have enjoyed seeing everyone!"

CLASS OF 1969

MARGIE (WALSH) WARREN Bill Warren and I got married in Feb 1969. After graduation, I went to Germany to join Bill where he was serving in the US Army. I worked at the American Express Bank. In July 1971, we came back to Nebraska, where Bill and I enrolled at Kearney State College. After college, we moved to the Warren family ranch. We had Tony and Christie in 1976 and 1978.

Bill died of cancer in June 1989. I left the ranch 11 months later. I moved to Kearney in 2004. I have worked as an office manager for a medical clinic, was an EMT, volunteered for hospice, and was a caregiver for my Mom the last several years until she passed away in 2012. I am now enjoying retirement and attending all the Grandkids events that I possibly can. I have 8 Grandkids. Four of them live at Sumner, Nebraska, and they belong to Christie. One of Tony's step daughters is married and lives in Hawaii. Tony's other 3 children are still at home, and live at Fort Irwin, California, where Tony is in the Army. I hope to see everyone in June. Margie Walsh Warren

MERIEL (WOODS) ROMERO I am unsure at this point whether I will be able to attend the banquet. I have lived in Denver for the past 44 years. I wonder where the time went! I worked for the United States Court for 15 years – most of that was as a Computer Systems Administrator. I was involved with the Timothy McVeigh trial while there and one of the hardest things I have had to deal with. I also had other eye-opening adventures as a computer systems administrator in a high-tech computer company, banking, insurance at Hartford Insurance and finally at a nonprofit organization.

I retired over six years ago, but manage to keep busy. I have been involved with a veteran's service organization for quite a few years. I have done a lot of traveling for employment and also some personal travel abroad. Colorado has been very good to me, but the Nebraska Sandhills holds a special place in my heart.

PEG (GOEHRING) ANDERSEN Hi everyone! I was looking through some pictures and ran on to our 30 year reunion group! Here it is 20 years later! I just can't believe where the time has gone! Nothing much has changed with me. Still live on the same place with the same guy! Randy and I will celebrate our 50th wedding Anniversary May 31. We are raising our great grandson and he is a joy. We think he is keeping us young! LOL. We are so very blessed!

Sure hope All of my classmates can join us at our house for lunch and lots of visiting the day of alumni. Everything will be furnished unless you want something stronger than ice tea or water. Please give me a call on my cell 308-650-1691. See You Then!! Peg Andersen Class of "69"

TIM BURNEY After graduating from Thedford High School in 1969, I attended Casper College in Casper, Wyoming. When I returned to the Sandhills of Nebraska, I worked on numerous ranches, On February 14, 1977, Helen McLeod and I were married at the Brownlee Community Church. Shortly after our marriage, we leased/purchased the Red and Margaret Mercure ranch on the Wamaduze Creek in the Brownlee Valley. On September 21, 1982 our only son Clint Phillip Burney was born. Clint attended the Brownlee Rural School and graduated from THS in May 2001 and from UNL-Lincoln in May, 2005. During Clint's high school days, I served on the Thedford School Board. Clint returned to the ranch as a working partner/owner. Clint married Brynn Marie Burtwistle (a ranch gal) from the Bartlett, Nebraska area on October 6, 2007. To this union, two awesome grandchildren were born: Breckyn (8) and Bronx (6). I certainly have been blessed with a great life-a solid loving family, good friends, and special MEMORABLE (aging) THS classmates. By Tim Burney Class of 1969.

VICKI (FIGARD) BUCK After high school graduation I went to Grand Island Business College where I took a 9 month business course, I then moved to Lincoln where I started working for the Department of Revenue on August 17, 1970. On October 1, 1973, I started working as a Journal Clerk for the Clerk of the Nebraska Legislature where I am at the present time.

My husband, Les Buck, and I got married April 3, 1976. We moved to an acreage where we raised and showed horses.

CLASS OF 1969

VERLA HAMILTON After graduating from high school, I attended Chadron State College from 1969-1973 and received a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education. I taught second grade for three years in Gordon, Nebraska. I then attended graduate school full time in Greeley, Colorado, September 1976-December 1977 and received a Master's degree in Deaf Education. I worked as an itinerant hearing resource teacher for students grades K-12 from January 1978 through May 2012 in Omaha Public Schools. Since I retired, I do volunteer work at church; am a member of Altrusa, a service organization that emphasizes literacy projects; and serve on the boards of an advocacy group for the hearing impaired and in the co-op building where I live. I enjoy traveling to different places in Nebraska as well as other places in the United States and Europe. I look forward to being at the 2019 Alumni Banquet!

First name	Maiden	Present name
CHARLES	KENTON	CHARLES KENTON
CLARINE	HAMILTON	CLARINE BALLIET
JEFF	VIAN	JEFF VIAN
JOHN	AYRES	JOHN AYRES
MIKE	MASEBERG	MIKE MASEBERG
ROURKE	MADRON	ROURKE MADRON (deceased)

CLASS OF 1979

CHERYL MILLER After high school I wondered around in higher education before enlisting in the U.S. Army in October 1985. In 1991, I was commissioned as an officer after attending Officer Candidate School. My assignment locations included Aberdeen Proving Ground, Korea, Fort Hood, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Leonard Wood, and the Pentagon. I was able to complete my Bachelors degree from Regents University while stationed at Fort McClellan, AL and my Masters degree from Troy State University while stationed at Fort McNair, Washington D.C. I retired as a Major in June 2006. Since the military, I briefly worked for the Colorado State Parks and spent 7 years with the U.S. Social Security Administration in Colorado Springs, CO.

I am living out my bucket list with traveling, refinishing/refurbishing furniture, estate sale shopping, working with veteran organizations, visiting with family, and volunteer work. My residence is now split between Florida and Tennessee.

I look forward to visiting the Sandhills, Thedford, and friends and family. You can take the girl out of the Sandhills, but she'll never forget the wonderful time and memories created there. Wow, how time flies...see you in June.

First name	Maiden	Present name
DANIEL	JARMIN	DANIEL JARMIN
JEFF	STEVENS	JEFF STEVENS
JIM	HANNA	JIM HANNA deceased
KARI	MANNING	KARI PEARMAN
KIM	MERZ	KIM SEXTON
LINDA	NELSON	LINDA KENNEDY
MATT	MILES	MATT MILES
MAVIS	SMITH	MAVIS STARK
MIKE	ROTH	MIKE ROTH
PEGGY	BREWER	PEGGY KRUGER
SHERRY	REISER	SHERRY REISER
STUART	SCRANTON	STUART SCRANTON
TANNA	MULLIGAN	TANNA LICKING
TONY	GARNER	TONY GARNER

CLASS OF 1989

BRENDA BUECHLER After graduation, I took a job as a nanny for a couple years, Then I moved back to Thedford and work as a homecare aide and a custodian at a couple of businesses. I look forward to catching up with my classmates at Alumni.

JODY (JOHNSON) LEWIS I graduated in the Class of 1989. After graduation I attended WNCC in Sidney, Ne for 2 years and graduated with an Associate Degree in Business/Secretarial. I worked at Cabela's Retail Store in Sidney, NE for 8 years, and then went on to work at Cabela's Corporate offices as an Accounts Payable Clerk for 6 years. I worked at Commercial Resins in Sidney as an Inventory Controller for a few months. I worked at FirstTier Bank in Kimball, NE for 11 years as a Loan Administration and then was later promoted to an Assistant VP in the loan department. The past 2 years, I have been employed with Adams Industries in Sidney, NE as an Accounting Specialists. I married Les Lewis in 1994 and we live in Potter, NE. He works for High West Wiring out of Pine Bluffs, WY as an Electrician. We have 3 children: Tiffany has her RN degree from UNMC in Scottsbluff and is working as an RN at Sidney Regional Medical Center. She is getting married in November, so let the planning begin; Austin is finishing up with some general collage classes in Scottsbluff; Cortney has her Business degree from WNCC at Scottsbluff and is working at High West Energy.

JOLEEN (MORRIS) JENSEN Since graduating in 1989 I received a BA in Education as a K-12 Health and Physical Education Teacher. I taught in the small town of Washington Ne down by Omaha. When the school closed, I then went to Thedford and was a paraprofessional in the Kindergarten classroom and coached Jr. High boys' basketball and Jr. High boys and girls track for one year and then helped in the Special Education room at the High School, taught Elementary PE, and coached Jr. High Sports. For the summers of 1995 to current, I have managed the Pilger Pool and taught Swimming Lessons and Lifeguarding. I met my husband in 2000 and we were married May 26th, 2001. We have two children, Thomas age 16 and Bridgett age 15. We run our own construction company, Joe's Excavation LLC. We do have heavy equipment and do dirt work. I also substitute tech in Stanton and work part time for the village of Pilger throughout the year. We currently live outside of Pilger on his grandparent's homestead.

First name	Maiden	Present name
BERNIE	ANDERSEN	BERNIE ANDERSEN deceased
WILLIAM	WARREN	BILL (BJ) WARREN deceased
JOY	MCBRIDE	JOY PETTIT
ROCKY	SHERMAN	ROCKY SHERMAN deceased
TINA	FISHER	TINA TREAT
TRENTON	PAXTON	TRENTON PAXTON
BRIAN	STUMPPFF	BRIAN STUMPPFF
DAN	NEAL	DAN NEAL
JIM	BREWER	JAMES BREWER
JANEL	GEISER	JANEL TREAT

CLASS OF 1999

First name	Maiden	Present name
HEIDI	HAMILTON	HEIDI HAMILTON
JESSE	HODGES	JESSE HODGES
JOHN	YOUNG	JOHN YOUNG
JOSH	EICKHOFF	JOSH EICKHOFF
JOSHUA	HALL	JOSHUA HALL
LEE	RHIAN	LEE RHIAN
MATTHEW	HODGES	MATTHEW HODGES
STEPHANIE	HARRIS	STEPHANIE HARRIS
TODD	AYRES	TODD AYRES

CLASS OF 2009

MELISSA (MATULKA) MRACEK I graduated in 2014 from the University of Nebraska- Lincoln with degrees in Animal Science and Agribusiness. Upon graduation, I moved to Alliance, NE and started working as the Sheridan County 4-H Assistant and remain in that position. In December of 2018, I will graduate from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln with a Master’s Degree in Youth Development. On August 1, 2015, I married Jared Mracek from Alliance. We welcomed a son on August 3, 2018.

First name	Maiden	Present name
CALEB	MILES	CALEB MILES
HANNAH	DALY	HANNAH DALY
MARIAH	SAWYER	MARIAH SAWYER
NICOLE	DRINKWALTER	NICOLE DRINKWALTER
SONYA	HAYDEN	SONYA HAYDEN
TISHA	HARDY	TISHA HARDY
TREVA	NUTTER	TREVA NUTTER
TYREL	TREAT	TYREL TREAT

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019

Graduate name

CAUY DARRIN POKORNY
MARLEE RAYE TAYLOR
CHASE AUSTIN HAAKE
GAGE MICHAEL HAAKE
CAITLYN SUSANNE HESSELTINE
KALEE JAE JEPSEN
KAYLIN PARKER
LEX WILDE
HANNAH JOYCE PEARSON
AARON CARTER NELSON
CAILYN ELIZABETH MARLENE JAMESON
MORGAN LEIGH RINESTINE

Deaths Since Last Banquet

Class	First	Maiden	Present	Death date
1958	BERNARD	STICHKA	BERNARD STICHKA	09/16/2018
1962	JANET	LOWRY	JANET LINN	10/01/2018
1949	HAROLD	JAMESON	HAROLD JAMESON	10/13/2018
1978	BERNARD	LESHER	BERNARD LESHER	02/15/2019
1968	TOM	LESHER	TOM LESHER	03/26/2019
1948	JAMES	HAZEN	JAMES HAZEN	05/01/2019
	ROBERT	TUCKER	'BOB' TUCKER	11/02/2018

(HUSBAND OF ALYCE (EWOLDT) CLASS OF 63)