

# Densmore High School, Classes of 1933-'49



# Densmore High School, Classes of 1950-'65



# Densmore holds all-school reunion; nineteen classes represented

**By RITA HOCKMAN**  
The Densmore High School Two-Year Reunion was held May 27 at the American Legion in Norton.

The reception was held from 1:30 to 5 p.m. with tea and coffee being served. Pictures of the groups were taken by The Norton Telegram.

Bob Underwood, Alumni President, welcomed everyone and Laurence Clark gave the prayer. The American Legion prepared a dinner of smothered steak, baked potato, green beans, a roll, peach cobbler, lettuce salad, tea and coffee to 75 guests. Following the dinner, Mr. Underwood called the meeting to order. Minutes of the 2005 reunion were read. All available names and addresses of alumni were mailed out. These were printed by Shannon Kats and her computer class at Logan High School. Rita Hockman, secretary and treasurer gave the financial report.

Candles were lit in memory of deceased alumni since the 2005 reunion. A moment of silence was held for: Gladys (Richardson) Wendel, Class of 1925, Sept. 16, 1905 - Oct. 28, 2005; La Vern (French) Duff, Class of 1927, Nov. 17, 1908 - Aug. 17, 2005; Ellen (Withington) Archer, Class of 1929, Oct. 12, 1908 - Feb. 13, 2006; Ralph Thompson, Class of 1931, Sept. 8, 1912 - Oct. 14, 2006; Chester French, Class of 1934, Oct. 11, 1915 - May 8, 2007; Mildred (Showers) Thomas, Class of 1935, Sept. 16, 1917 - May 14, 2007; Anna (Hockensmith) Pannel, Class of 1938, Oct. 6, 1920 - March 3, 2006; Ivan French, Class of 1940, March 8, 1922 - July 13, 2005; Norma (Metheny) Catron, Class of 1943, March 13, 1926 - April 17, 2007; Leonard Bivens, Class of 1947, Aug. 1, 1930 - Jan. 1, 2006; Elmer Howell, Class of 1951, Sept. 6, 1933 - Jan. 18, 2006; Kenneth Bivens, Class of 1951, July 30, 1931 - Dec. 25, 2006; LeWayne Conard, Class of 1954, Jan. 28, 1937 - April 13, 2005; Marilyn (Bales) Yaple, Class of 1964, July 30, 1946 - Nov. 20, 2006; and teacher William Voss, taught 1944 to 1945, March 27, 1914 - Oct. 8, 2006.

Letters were read from Ruth (Archer) Nelson, Class of 1932; Carol (Griffith) Berke, Class of 1940; and teachers Galen Munsinger and Lois Scott. Mrs. Schulte read for Raymond

Schulte and Mrs. Andrews for Leslie Andrews.

Attending the banquet were: Class of 1933: All living members, Wayne Bernard, Logan; Marie (McKie) Hewett, Norton; Novella (Nichols) Hewett, Beaver City, Neb.

Class of 1940: Clifford Spratlen, Norton and son, Terry and Marte Spratlen, Ogden, Utah.

Class of 1945: Dean Jacobson and wife, Joy, Paul's Valley, Okla.; Greta Beth (Tibbetts) Fletchall, Norton.

Class of 1946: Jessie (Dawes) Halbert, Edinburg, Texas, John Voss, Logan and daughter, Janet Felton, Norton.

Class of 1948: Eugene Sansom and wife, Miriam, Edmond, Lon Stone, Anthem, Ariz.

Class of 1949: Alexine (Smith) Paden, Logan and Richard Hockman and wife, Rita, Densmore.

Class of 1950: Barbara (Walters) Townsend and husband, John Townsend, and son, Jon Townsend, Houston, Texas.

Class of 1951: Doyle Archer and wife, Lois, Logan; Betty Bivens, Norton; Garry Riemann, Wichita; Irving Smith and wife, Mary, Logan; Rod Clark and wife, Cathy, Bella Vista, Ark.; Laurence Clark and wife, Grace, Castro Valley, Calif.; Rita (Riemann) Hockman and husband Richard.

Class of 1952: Elmond Scott and wife, Anita, Hill City and daughter, Anita Combs, Norton.

Class of 1953: Jeanine (Riemann) Reading, Ozark, Mo., and friend, Jack Reynolds, Wichita.

Class of 1954: Dawn (Tibbetts) Bevil, Norton; Marylin (Waller) Mann and husband, John, Almena; Lois (Sansom) Archer and husband, Doyle, Logan.

Class of 1955: Don Bales, Kingham; Nadine (Glennemeier) Bittel, Shelton, Neb.; Carol (Smith) Wyatt, Norton.

Class of 1956: Marion Wilcox and wife, LaDonna, Partridge; Jewel (Tibbetts) Horn, Manhattan; Layton Walters and wife, Mary, Kirwin.

Class of 1957: LeRoy Schulte, Kearney, Neb.

Class of 1958: Levon and Kathy (Bittel) Scott, Southerland, Neb.

Class of 1959: Robert Glennemeier and wife, Donna, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Class of 1960: Helen (Scott) Craig, Tonganoxie; Charlotte (Vance) Keiswetter, Great Bend; Merril Tibbetts, Norton; Elton Gates, Garden Plain.

Densmore; Marilyn (Glennemeier) Colip and husband, Bruce, Norton.

Class of 1965: Mary Ellen (Riemann) Posson; Bob Underwood and wife, Virginia, Norton; Edward Wilcox and wife, Janet, Tribune.

Others attending the banquet or reception were: Jan Keiswetter of California, daughter of Marie Hewett; Gaylen Wilcox, Tribune; Mr. and Mrs. Lance Harris (LaVonne Clark) and Ace Lefer, Highlandville, Mo.; Greg and Ardie Grimes, Baldwin City, and mother, Dorothy (Mrs. Homer) Bernard, Norton; Ardith (Jacobson) Thompson, Paul's Valley, Okla.; Bob and Ila Virgil, Norton, daughter of Roger Patton; Carolyn Bivens, Norton, Arden Rozean, son of Tillman Rozean, Clay Center; Patti Hockman, Plainville and Lyle Hockman, Phillipsburg.

Of the 127 living graduates, 43 attended the celebration. There are two alumni members the association does not have addresses for. If anyone knows the whereabouts of 1953 graduate Walter "Haig" Woodruff or 1959 graduate, Bernard Powers, please inform Rita Hockman, Densmore or Bob Underwood, Norton.

Weldon Carlin, husband of Carol (Glennemeier) Carlin, donated a hand-made wooden clock. Tickets were sold for a chance to win and made \$100 for the Densmore Alumni. Ardith Thompson won the clock.

Donations were received from: Carol (Griffith) Berke, Los Angeles, Calif.; LeRoy Schulte, Don Bales, Elton Gates, Elmond Scott, John Rozean, Bill Glennemeier, John Voss, Lavon Scott, Charlotte Keiswetter, Arden Rozean and Novella Hewett.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Spratlen gave a memorial in memory of his mother, Bethel (Nicholas) Spratlen, Class of 1939. Helen Bivens, her children and grandchildren, gave a memorial in memory of her husband, Kenneth Bivens, Class of 1951.

Mr. Underwood was re-elected president and Mrs. Hockman as secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting will be held on the Sunday before Memorial Day in May 2009 at the American Legion in Norton.

The reception will be from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. Letters will be sent to alumni members. Anyone attending school at Densmore is welcome to attend.

# Almena Rural High School, Class of 1957



Back Row, left to right: Meredith Runyan, Howard Van De Wege, Rose (Hays) Getty, Dale Getty, Jim Malcolm, Gerry Brooks, Wayne Archer, Jim Johnson. Front Row, left to right: Bertha (Campbell) Watson, Shirley (Poage) Malcolm, Ila (Hoover) Marble, Melvin Luft, Sharon (Pond) Snyder, Jim Williams, Dale Sides. Others attending the reunion but unavailable for the photo were: Phil Altman, Gary Jarvis and Ardith (Engelhardt) Berry. Members of the class unable to attend the Memorial Day weekend events were: Max Archer, Brant Hempler, Harlan Leuszler, Irvin Shearer and Joyce (Whitney) Trumbo. One member of the class, Don Schrock, is deceased.

# Lenora High School, Class of 1967



Lenora High School Class of 1967, left to right: Barbara (Hensley) Travis, Broken Arrow, Okla., Sue Brandyberry, Wichita, Mary (Cromwell) Vogts, Moundridge, Steve Hickert, Lawrence, David Breiner, Alma and Ben Lang, Rapid City, S.D.

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