

Thorndale ISD Ex-Students News
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What a wonderful Homecoming we had this year. Many said it was the best ever so if you didn't attend any of our week-end events, you don't know what you missed. The school is so good to let us use their facilities; the board room for our SSS night and the cafeteria for our after game social. Just can't thank them enough. We had between 85 and 90 after the game at the school and the refreshments were so good. That's thanks to Angie Schneider Becker, Class of 1965 and her crew and Mary Ann Sielaff Rodenbeck, Class of 1949 and her crew. They do such a great job every year and serve it so beautifully both Friday and Saturday. And we must thank our great cookie bakers for all the wonderful and wide variety of cookies. Many thanks to the VFW Auxiliary for their support of our organization with the nice gesture of baking cookies for our enjoyment. So nice!! To Barbara Stolte Smith, Class of 1956 and her helpers both Friday and Saturday for taking care of registering guests, a big thank you. Many thanks to Clifford Menzel, Class of 1974, for locking and securing the middle school after our social on Friday night. He's been doing this for us for years and we do appreciate it. And Evelyn Beard Young, Class of 1953 does such a nice job of presenting our memorabilia both days and our thanks to her for a job well done. Everyone really enjoys browsing the old records, newspapers, annuals and pictures. And there's a lot of it to browse.

It's been a really busy week as there was so much going on and our exes are so involved in our community that they were all burning the candle at both ends. They were cooking and making ice cream for the Pleasant Retreat Chili Supper. And there was a Maggie Schneider Roping Event. Several things going on in surrounding towns and just a busy, busy week-end.

More next week on our Saturday activities.

Our condolences to the family of Elanor Patschke Pankonien, Class of 1940 of Garland who passed away September 23, 2009. She will be missed by many loved ones. Our thanks to Shirley Roepke Becker, Class of 1955 for this sad news.

There was a nice article on car seats given away by Little River Healthcare along with a photo. In the photo was exes mom, Cheryl Anders.

Our condolences to the family of exes dad, Cecil C. Menzel who passed away September 20, 2009. His children, grandchildren and brothers are all among our exes. He will surely be missed by many. Thanks to Angie Schneider Becker, Class of 1965 for calling in this information.

Had a couple of nice phone visits with Lou Ann Shavers Towery, Class of 1954. She was looking for a way to get in touch with exes mom, Betty Woelfel. Betty has been ill and Lou Ann was checking on her.

Since last Homecoming, we have had 28 exes to pass away. This is compared to 25 the previous year. It makes us so sad to lose our exes. From lack of current or correct addresses, we lost 23 exes this year. This is compared to 57 the previous year. See how well you did this year? We're very pleased with this number and thanks for all your help on keeping our records up to date.

Had a nice phone visit with Mary Hyde Towery, Class of 1954 when I called to RSVP for our 55 year class reunion which really turned out great. That's a bunch of wonderful wild and crazy exes. We had a great time at Downtown Cafe at 6pm after Homecoming on Saturday. There were 10 or 11 classmates plus spouses which made for a nice group.

We were so happy to hear from Bill Christ of the Thorndale Champion that he would be attending our big bash on Saturday. This is a first and we are so pleased. Aren't they doing a great job with our little newspaper??

The Class of 1969 had a 40 year class reunion at Schroeder's on Friday night. They had 11 or 12 classmates plus spouses and they had a great time. We are glad this class came through with a reunion.

The Class of 1949 had their 50 year Class reunion right after our Homecoming luncheon on Saturday and amid all the fun, they took time to collect enough money for two scholarships to be presented by Bobbie Kelm Love and Billye Kelm Schwarz from that class. We thank them very much and so will two senior students in May. This is a big deal and such a nice thing for them to do.

Our annual business meeting is set for October 15 on a Thursday at 6pm at the home of the Leroy Olbrichs. This is to close out Homecoming 2009 and plan for Homecoming 2010. Mark your calendars and come join us. Everyone is welcome.

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