

# Densmore Rural High School Two-Year Reunion held Memorial weekend

By RITA HOCKMAN

The Densmore High School two-year reunion was held May 24, 2009 at the American Legion in Norton.

The reception was held from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. with tea and coffee being served. Pictures of the groups were taken by Vicki Henderson from The Norton Telegram.

Robert Underwood, alumni president, welcomed everyone and gave the prayer. The American Legion prepared a dinner of smothered steak, baked potato, green beans, roll, peach cobbler, salad bar, tea, and coffee to 65 guests. We had several who had reservations but were unable to attend. Thirty six graduates were in attendance.

Following the dinner, Mr. Underwood called the meeting to order. Minutes of the 2007 Reunion were read and the financial report was given.

The 2009 letters were printed by Shannon Kats and her computer class at Logan High School. After letters were sent out we found out teacher, Leslie Andrews had passed away. He was born January 2, 1924 and died January 28, 2008. Novella (Nichols) Hewett from the class of 1933 was born July 28, 1914 and died on April 6, 2009. Candles were lit in memory

of other deceased since the 2007 reunion when letters were sent out.

Those deceased are:  
**Class of 1933** — Wayne E. Bernard, born September 26, 1915 and died on March 19, 2009

**Class of 1934** — Chester French, born September 11, 1915 and died on May 8, 2007

**Class of 1935** — Alice (Boys) Bell, born February 1, 1918 and died on May 11, 2008; Mildred (Showers) Thomas, born September 16, 1917 and died May 14, 2007

**Class of 1936** — Viola (Bruinekool) Nichols, born July 17, 1918 and died on March 9, 2008

**Class of 1939** — Rose (French) Gulick, born July 24, 1920 and died on December 4, 2007

**Class of 1940** — Ivan French, born March 8, 1922 and died on July 13, 2005

**Class of 1943** — Norma (Metheny) Catron, born March 13, 1926 and died on April 17, 2007.

**Class of 1955** — Ruth (Schulte) Lutz, born July 11, 1937 and died on May 14, 2008

Letters and cards were received from Ruth (Archer) Nelson, Class of 1932; Carol (Griffith) Berke, Class of 1940; Ella (Woogerd) Drake, Class of 1936; Greta Beth (Tibbetts) Fletchall, Class of 1945; Bob Glennemeier, Class

of 1959; Judy Smith, daughter of Novella Hewett; Lucille Andrews, wife of Leslie Andrews.

Attending the banquet were:  
**Class of 1932** — 77 years, Art Vivian Bell, McCleary, WA and daughter Rhonda Taylor

**Class of 1933** — 76 years, Marie (McKie) Hewett, Norton

**Class of 1940** — 69 years, Clifford Spratlen, Norton

**Class of 1945** — 64 years, Dean Jacobson and wife Joy, Pauls Valley, OK.

**Class of 1946** — 63 years, John Voss, Logan and daughter, Janet Felton

**Class of 1948** — 61 years, Eugene Sansom and wife Miriam, Edmond; and Lon Stone, Anthem, Ariz.

**Class of 1949** — 60 years, Richard Hockman and wife Rita, Densmore; Alexine (Smith) Paden, Logan

**Class of 1951** — 58 years, Doyle Archer and wife Lois, Logan; Irving Smith and wife Mary of Logan; Betty Bivens, Norton; Laurence Clark and wife Grace, Castro Valley, CA; Rita (Riemann) Hockman, Densmore

**Class of 1952** — 57 years, Elmond Scott and wife Anita, Hill City

**Class of 1954** — 55 years, Marylin (Waller) Mann and husband John, Almena; Lois (Sansom) Archer, Logan

**Class of 1955** — 54 years, Nadine (Glennemeier) Bittel, Shelton, NE; Bernard Riemann, Mesquite, Nev.; Carol (Smith) Wyatt, Norton

**Class of 1956** — 53 years, Layton Walters, Kirwin; Marion Wilcox and wife LaDonna, Partridge, KS

**Class of 1957** — 52 years, LeRoy Schulte, Kearney, NE; Carol Glennemeier Carlin and husband Weldon, Norton, KS

**Class of 1958** — 51 years, Beverly (Boyd) Lambert, Mill Valley, Calif.; Levon Scott and wife Kathy (Bittel) Scott of Sutherland, NE

**Class of 1960** — 49 years, Merrill Tibbetts, Norton

**Class of 1961** — 48 years, Bill Glennemeier, Norton; Diane (Glennemeier) Johnson and husband Milan, Beaver City, NE

**Class of 1962** — 47 years,

Marilyn (Glennemeier) Colip and husband Bruce, Norton

**Class of 1964** — 45 years, Henry (Butch) Kitzke and wife Helen, Omaha, NE

**Class of 1965** — 44 years, Mary Ellen (Riemann) Posson; Robert Underwood and wife Virginia, all of Norton; Edward Wilcox, Tribune, KS

James McClain, a teacher from 1958 through 1962 and his wife Karen of Bennington, KS also attended.

Others attending the banquet or reception were: Class of 1958 — Mary (Plymesser) Draper and husband Roy, Atwood; Mr. and Mrs. Greg (Arduith Bernard) Grimes, Baldwin City, KS; John D. Townsend and son Jon K. Townsend, Houston, TX; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Beth Bernard) Metcalf, Liberal, KS; Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Arduith Jacobson) Thompson, Pauls Valley, OR; David Jacobson, son of Gayle, Class of 1943, Paoli, OK; Chester Voss, Hill City; Marilyn Murphy, Lenexa, KS; Carolyn Bivens, Norton; Keith and Patti Hockman, Plainville, KS; and Vicki (Roeder) Henderson, Norton.

Weldon Carlin, husband of Carol (Glennemeier) Carlin, donated a handmade wooden clock and a picture with a warrior head of wood and a picture of the Densmore High School before the gymnasium was added. He wanted this to go to the oldest alumni attending which was Art Bell, Class of 1932, who was 98 years old on April 23, 2009. Tickets were sold on the clock with a chance to win and that brought in \$48.00. The clock was won by Bob Underwood. Donations were received from Carol (Griffith) Berke, Los Angeles, CA; Elmond Scott, LeRoy Schulte, Eugene Sansom and Carol Wyatt. Art Bell, Class of 1932 and Marie Hewett, Class of 1933 received gifts for being the oldest graduates. Having their names drawn to receive gold dollars were: Richard Hockman, Diane Johnson, Patti Hockman, Art Bell, Bill Glennemeier, Merrill Tibbetts, Lois Archer, Doyle Archer, Dean Jacobson, Marilyn Murphy and Marion Wilcox.

LeRoy Schulte, Henry Kitzke

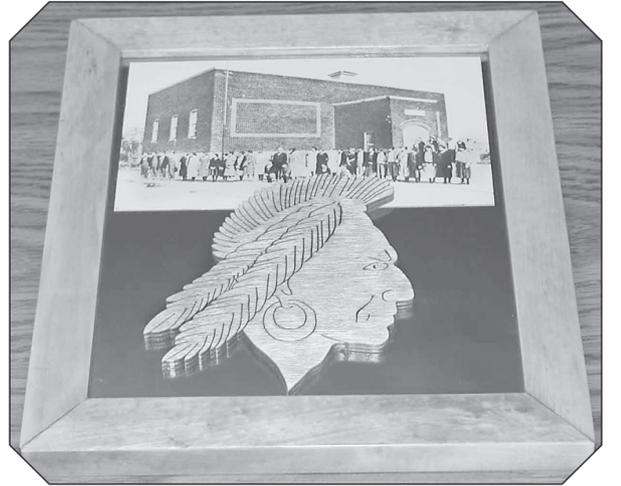
and James McCain talked briefly.

Bob Underwood was re-elected president and Rita Hockman was re-elected as secretary/treasurer.

The next meeting will be held the Sunday before Memorial Day in May 2011 at the American Legion in Norton. The reception will be from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The banquet will begin at 5:30

p.m. Letters will be sent to alumni members in 2011. Anyone attending school or relatives or friends are welcome to attend. We have 118 alumni members alive. We do not have the addresses of two of the members.

The Densmore school started in 1924 and closed in 1965. In the class of 1932 there are five living out of a class of 13.



Art Vivian Bell was presented with this plaque for being the oldest alumni present. The plaque was made and donated by Weldon Carlin and included a carved wooden Densmore warrior mascot and a photo of the Densmore Rural High School before the gymnasium was added. — Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson



Oldest Alumni attending the Densmore High School Reunion were Art Vivian Bell from the Class of 1932 and Marie (McKie) Hewett from the Class of 1933. — Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson



James McCain, a teacher at the Densmore High School from 1958 through 1962 along with his wife Karen, were present at the alumni. Pictured from left to right, front row: Karen McCain and Betty Bivens, class of 1951; back row, James McCain and Marion Wilcox, class of 1956. — Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson



**DENSMORE ALUMNI FROM THE CLASSES OF 1932 THROUGH 1952** — Pictured from left to right, front row: Richard Hockman, Art Vivian Bell, Lon Stone, Dean Jacobson, Eugene Sansom; back row: Rita Riemann Hockman, Doyle Archer, Alexine Smith Paden, Elmond Scott, Lawrence Clark, Clifford Spratlen, John Voss and Irving Smith. — Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson



**DENSMORE ALUMNI FROM THE CLASSES OF 1954 THROUGH 1965** — Pictured from left to right, front row: Marylin Waller Mann, Lois Sansom Archer, Beverly Boyd Lambert, Lavon Scott, Kathy Bittel Scott, Mary Ellen Riemann Posson; back row: Bill Glennemeier, Edward Wilcox, Merrill Tibbetts, Layton Walters, Marilyn Glennemeier Colip, Butch Kitzke, Carol Smith Wyatt, Bernie Riemann, Nadine Glennemeier Bittel, Leroy Schulte, Mary Plymesser Draper, and Robert Underwood. — Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

## DENSMORE RURAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- 1924 — \*Averill Loughry Smith
- 1925 — \*Dorothy Peak Ferrell, \*Gladys Richardson Wendel, \*Irene Runyon Ganes \*Frances Donnelly Kirk, \*Patrick O'Conner, \*Preston Irving Broom, \*Naomi Archer
- 1926 — \*Vern B. Archer, \*Edmund Mullen, \*Lydia (Leta) Stepper Harrison, \*Elsie Search Sweet, \*Burton Henry Bruinekool, \*Alfred Holmquist, \*Jennie Smith Archer, \*Erwin "Cy" Stepper
- 1927 — \*LaVern French Duff, \*Nellie Richardson Naylor \*Clara Dolson Voss, \*Venus Wilcox, \*John Archer \*Christina Glennemeier Bittel, \*Emmett Mullen \*Clara Glennemeier Bruggeman
- 1928 — \*Jean Harrison Grafel, \*Margaret Mullen Stutzman, \*Leslie Archer, \*Mary Archer Brown, \*Willard Leighty, \*Wyman Webster, \*John Showers \*James Sullivan
- 1929 — \*Ellen Withington Archer, \*Alma Bauquess Kitzke, \*Henry Kitzke, \*Alfreda Marvin Rundle, \*Velma Henry Luse, \*Burton Luse, \*Ula Mae Resser Conard, \*John Saurwine
- 1930 — \*Howard D. Leighty,

- \*Pauline Richardson Brown, \*Vera Brown Smith
- 1931 — \*Clara Kitzke Jakubowski, Helen Mullen Rorabough, \*Ralph Thompson, Nora French Davis, \*Leonard Thompson
- 1932 — Art Vivian Bell, Howard Bell, Stanley Bell, Carl Boys, Ruth Archer Nelson, \*Ivan Ruth, \*Roscoe Turner, \*Homer Bernard, \*Ruth Werner Thompson, \*David Young, \*Iva Ruth Bramdmeier, \*Loren Hewett, \*Thomas Marvin Archer, \*Naomi Thomas Reeves
- 1933 — \*Wayne E. Bernard, \*Francis Hewett, Marie McKie Hewett, \*Victor C. Webster, \*Robert French, \*Alfred Henry, \*Muzetta Archer Koenig, \*George Woogerd, \*Harold Fischli
- 1934 — \*Leona Archer Alexander, \*Chester French, \*Lester French, \*Vera Thomas Boys, \*Clara Hewett Chaffin, \*Louise Holmes Stephens, \*Lloyd Bruinekool, \*Beulah Bruinekool Poppe, \*Elmer Walton
- 1935 — \*Leonard "Bud" Archer, \*Alice Boys Bell, \*Cecil Miller, \*Goldie Turner Reeser, \*Mildred Showers Thomas, \*William Smith, \*Lewis Brown \*Ethel Boys Brown, \*Mildred Crosier Hanners

- 1936 — \*Gladys Hadden Brown, Ella Woogerd Drake, \*Rozena Maring King, \*Viola Bruinekool Nichols, Ralph Pittaway, \*Bertha Keiswetter Rose, Sherman Schneider, Richard Smith, \*Vergil Thomas, \*Kenneth French, \*Ivan Henry, \*Carl W. Smith, \*Leo Webster
- 1937 — \*Alvin Gulick, \*Carmin Miller
- 1938 — \*Anna Hockensmith Pannell, \*Lewis Beach, \*Wayne Hoteling, \*Harold Griffith
- 1939 — Angeline Noel Engstran, \*Rose French Gulick, \*Bethel Nicholas Spratlen, \*Raymond Noel
- 1940 — Carol Griffith Berke, Winifred Boys Grayson, \*Ivan French, Clifford Spratlen (Jr. Veeh), \*T. Max Allen, \*Vera Boland Nickell, \*Arlene Koester Schick, \*Lee Schick, \*John Snyder
- 1941 — Rosemary Noel Bollig, Victor Stone, \*Johnnie Wilson
- 1942 — Dorothy Koester Schneider, \*John Gulick, \*Wallace Carver
- 1943 — Majorie Boys Brown, \*Norma Metheny Catron, \*Dorothy Daniels Ratzke, \*Riley Ara Smith, \*Gayle Jacobson
- 1944 — \*Evelyn Schick Kaiser

- 1945 — Greta Beth Tibbetts Fletchall, Dean Jacobson, \*Donald Paden, \*Zane Patton, \*Donald Donnelly
- 1946 — Mary Koester Billips, Jessie Dawes Halbert, \*Norma Maley Lemon, John Voss, Donald Wallgren
- 1947 — Veda Marie Boland Maley, \*Jr. Donnelly, \*Phyllis Morgan Mitchell, \*Norman Tibbetts, \*Harry Koester, \*John Stenger
- 1948 — Phyllis Jean Donnelly Gillespie, Eugene Sansom, \*Viola Fitzhugh Jones, Lon Stone
- 1949 — Richard Hockman, \*Leonard Bivens, Duane Riemann, Merlin "Bud" Schneider, Alexine Smith Paden, \*John Jack Sullivan
- 1950 — \*Harold Riemann, Alice Stenger Weber, Barbara Walters Townsend, Leonard Donnelly, Doris Lambert Garton, \*Ralph Koester
- 1951 — Doyle Archer, Betty Bivens, \*Kenneth Bivens, Rita Riemann Hockman, \*Elmer Howell, Garry L. Riemann, Irving Smith, \*Donald Wyatt, Laurence Clark, Rod Clark
- 1952 — Elmond Scott, \*Gerald "Pete" Waller

- 1953 — Clarence Bittel, Edna Koester Riemann, Clifford Lambert, Jeanine Riemann Reading, Neva Scott Riemann, \*Delores Bivens Powell, Walter "Haig" Woodruff
- 1954 — \*LeWayne Conard, Lora Belle Damewood Sander, \*Delmar Pflieger, Dawn Tibbetts Bevil, Marylin Waller Mann, Lois Sansom Archer, Darrell Mulder, \*Don Bittel, Nora Ellen Stenger
- 1955 — Donald Bales, Ronald Boys, \*Ruth Schulte Lutz, Nadine Glennemeier Bittel, Bernard Riemann, \*Eldon Donaldson, Carol Smith Wyatt
- 1956 — Carroll Bittel, Marilyn Boys Scheidt, Larry Munsinger, Layton Walters, \*Alta Sansom Griffin, \*Raymond Schick, Harold Bittel, Leon "Don" Brooks, Marion Wilcox, Jewell Tibbetts Horn
- 1957 — Julia Donner Wittig, LeRoy Schulte, Carol Glennemeier Carlin, Harriet Wilcox Niezgodas, \*Bryan Bruce Baker
- 1958 — Levon Scott, Kathy Bittel Scott, Ernest Vance, Ronald Randall, Mary Plymesser Draper, Gary Plymesser, Beverly Boyd Lambert, Virginia King Barber, Reva Swearinger Wilson, \*Gary Murphy, \*Gary Lambert

- 1959 — Sandra Bittel Neely, Larry Glennemeier, Robert Glennemeier, Joseph Stenger, Wava Brooks McIntyre, Alma Jane Kitzke Harris, Bernard Powers
- 1960 — Helen Scott Craig, Barbara Boyd, Charlotte Vance Keiswetter, Edward "Eddie" Geary, E. Grace Donner Harris, Ruth Riemann Roe, Merrill Tibbetts, Elton Gates, Loren Lyon, Charles Vest
- 1961 — \*Gene Walters, Diane Glennemeier Johnson, William "Bill" Glennemeier
- 1962 — John Rozean, Bonnie Brooks Leidig, Marilyn Glennemeier Colip, Larry Lambert
- 1963 — Betty Brooks Morgan, Karen Riemann Walters, \*Ray Swearinger
- 1964 — Carolyn Bales, \*Marilyn Bales Yapple, Bobby Brooks Gassmann, Carolyn Geary DeBoer, Henry JY "Butch" Kitzke, Joyce Schulte Randall, Joe Lambert, \*Tim Stenger
- 1965 — Robert Underwood, Edward Wilcox, Carol Brooks Case, Doug "Cork" Lambert, Vicki Bittel Lambert, Mary Ellen Riemann Posson, Gloria Anderson Fortkamp
- \*Deceased