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Mission

The Thief River Falls Education Foundation exists to promote innovative educational opportunities in School District #564 through partnerships involving alumni, parents, educators, businesses, and the greater community.

THIEF RIVER FALLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION
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DISTRICT 564 STAFF PROFILE: SCOTT BREKKE



Scott J. Brekke grew up in Warren, MN and graduated from Warren High School in 1983. He attended the University of North Dakota and graduated in 1988 with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Athletic Coaching. He received his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership in 1999 and his 6th year certificate in 2001 from Minnesota State Mankato.

Scott taught combination first and second grade in Strandquist, MN from 1988-1991. He then taught K-5 Physical Education, second grade, and third grade at Challenger Elementary School from 1991-2000. Since 2000, he has been the Associate Principal at Lincoln High School. Scott has coached basketball, football, golf, and volleyball in his educational career.

Scott and his wife, Joyce have two wonderful daughters. Brooke is a 2002 graduate of LHS and is getting her doctorate from NSDU as a Nurse Practitioner. Madison is in 7th grade at Franklin Middle School.



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PROMOTING
EXCELLENCE
IN
EDUCATION

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP



WEDNESDAY APRIL 14, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Evergreen Eating Emporium

Hwy 32 S., Thief River Falls, MN

Sponsored by:

Thief River Falls Education Foundation



Deb Nelson

Founder and President

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DLN CONSULTING INC

Deb Nelson is founder and president of DLN Consulting, Inc. Deb began her career as an educator and has a strong educational background. She has over 20 years experience in coalition building and non-profit program management. Deb fully understands the funding limitations of non-profit organizations. Deb has more than 25 years grant writing experience, and she has successfully written or helped write more than \$15 million in grants.

Comments from Past Workshop Participant Evaluations

- "This was one of the most informative and organized workshops I have been to."
- "Great Speaker-knew her information and gave it in an organized manner."
- "This was a great workshop, and I learned a lot. Worth the time and money."

-AND-

This past year I've been to FL, CO, New Orleans, and Grand Cayman (twice), but your workshop was one of the highlights of my year. Thank you for giving me the tools to make my duties less daunting and a very optimistic view for the future.

-Francis Bosch, Director

-Williston Area Vector Control District

- Learn to do Business with the Government
 - Get Great Tips & Tricks
- Discover Funding-Friendly Foundations
 - Lunch is Provided

\$150 Registration Fee covers cost of workshop, workbook, a take-home CD, and lunch.

Compare to other courses at three times the cost of this workshop!

Register by April 12

Email: foundation@trfeducationfoundation.com

OR CALL 218-681-8711, EXT. 228



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Thief River Falls Education Foundation Tenth Annual Swenson Golf Tournament

Monday, July 19, 2010 ~ Thief River Falls Golf Club
Shotgun start 12:00 noon

Registration and Complimentary Lunch Prior to Start.

Format:

The Tournament is an 18 Hole Scramble.

Form Your Own Four Person Team.

\$60.00 Entry Fee Per Person (includes mulligans)

Members and Nonmembers ~ Limited to the First 72 Golfers!

PRIZES & GAMES....

This tournament is a special event hosted by the Thief River Falls Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization, to raise and allocate funds for programs and equipment for School District #564.

Fill out the entry form completely and enclose a payment to:
Thief River Falls Education Foundation
230 LaBree Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TEAM _____

For more information please call the Thief River Falls Education Foundation
218-681-8711 ext. 228, email: foundation@trfeducationfoundation.com or
contact golf committee member: Dave Onkka 681-3157.



2010 CLASS REUNIONS

- 70th '40 **September 24, 2010** at the Best Western @ 1:00 p.m.
Tillie Gebhardt 218-281-1432
(TRF Education Foundation is organizing it in their honor)
- 62nd '48 **July 17-18, 2010**
Arlene Williams Mickley 701-239-9389 amickinmn@aol.com
- 50th '60 **July 30 – August 1, 2010**
Don Stewart 218-681-1112 dlstewart@mncable.net
- 45th '65 **July 23-24, 2010**
Pam Cwikla pcwikla@msn.com
- 40th '70 **July 22-25, 2010**
Ruby (Seaverson) Jenson 218-280-2886 rjenson@mncable.net
Patty Barry 218-686-4281
Patty Tunberg 701-866-9188 pattytunberg@hotmail.com
- 30th '80 **August 6-8, 2010**
Connie (Hedlund) Dorn 218-686-8803
[Class of 1980 Facebook page](#)
- 25th '85 **August 6-7, 2010**
Joe Blankenfeld 402-536-0132 jblankenfeld@hotmail.com
- 20th '90 **July 16-17, 2010**
Paul Hejlik 218-681-2565 or 218-686-9155 paulhejlik@yahoo.com
- 10th '00 **July 23-24, 2010**
Misty (Bjugan) Hempel 218-688-3056 mistyhempel@msn.com

Coach Pete is willing to give tours of LHS.
Contact him at 218-681-8182 to set it up.

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FOR RETURNING ALUMNI...

A listing of area attractions you might want to visit when you are back for your reunion can be found at www.trfeducationfoundation.com. Click on the Alumni tab and then Class Reunions. Area motels and restaurants are also listed.



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LOST & FOUND

Do you know where these alumni are? If you know their addresses, please contact the Foundation office.

1997 Alicia Bakken	1997 Amanda Hruby
1997 Wendy Bakken	1997 Kristen Kaml
1997 Keren Bloom	1997 Aleksander Kasolapov
1997 Lisa Boutain	1997 Adam Kennedy
1997 Ben Bren	1997 Dawn King
1997 Christopher Bruggeman	1997 Amanda McIntosh
1997 Adam Bruun	1997 Kimberly Morris
1997 Matthew Carlson	1997 Kyle Nelson
1997 Tanya Christianson	1997 Caryn Omdahl
1997 Rodica Cotets	1997 Felicia Patterson
1997 Shane Duffy	1997 Erika (Altepeter) Peterson
1997 Angela Edlund	1997 Cristy (Chapa) Reed
1997 Lorissa Eggerud	1997 Randi Ringling
1997 Eric Forsberg	1997 Lana Rodahl
1997 Danielle (Peterson) Goulet	1997 Robert Swenson
1997 Shannon Hageman	1997 Tyler Vagle
1997 Erica (Kosmatka) Haglund	1997 Melissa Westlake
1997 Hans Heppner	

YEARBOOKS WANTED

We have requests from alumni who would like copies of the **1948**, **1967**, **1974** and two **1977** yearbooks. If you can help with this, please contact the Foundation office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hall of Fame: May 1, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

LHS Graduation: May 28, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

10th Annual Swenson Golf Tournament: July 19, 2010 @ noon.

“Living the Life” Indoor/Outdoor Tour: July 24, 2010 @ 10 - 3:00

“A Casual Affair” Women’s Enrichment Expo: August 26, 2010
Co-hosted by the TRF Education Foundation and Hospice of the Red River Valley



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Character builds slowly, but it can be torn down within incredible swiftness.

Faith Baldwin

REFLECTIONS

I am proud to call Thief River Falls home. After graduating from Lincoln High School and attending college, I married my husband, Dale. We made our home in Thief River Falls and I have been teaching for the past 20+ years with School District #564.

I am always amazed when traveling and visiting with other people. At one point in the conversation they ask, "Where are you from?" and I reply, "Oh, a little town way up in northern Minnesota, Thief River Falls." It never surprises when they respond, "Really! I've heard of Thief River Falls. Do you know so-and-so?" Small world!

Twenty years ago when I met Dr. Robert Duncan, little did I know what was waiting ahead for me. He encouraged me to become involved with the Thief River Falls Alumni Foundation, now known as Thief River Falls Education Foundation. I am so glad I agreed to join the initial Foundation as a board member. At that time I was unaware of the vision Dr. Duncan had for our school system and our community. That vision he had back then has had so many wonderful affects on my own family, my students, and myself as a teacher here in Thief River Falls.

Here I am 20 years later with 3 children enrolled in School District #564. Our oldest attends Lincoln, our son attends Franklin Middle School and our youngest is in the 4th grade at Challenger Elementary School. The Foundation has made many contributions to the Science and Band programs, Guided Reading books, and up-to-date computer technology just to name a few.

My students at school benefit from all of these wonderful donations too. The audio enhancement system and up-to-date computers in the classrooms have to be among my favorites. I find both these items invaluable. As a teacher I see the benefits the Foundation has made and I also see how carefully the Education Foundation disperses donations.

As a member of the community, I love how the All School Reunion and parades fall into place. I sure know these events couldn't take place without a lot of volunteer work and guidance from the Foundation. When my Thief River Falls Education Foundation Newsletter arrives I do read it from cover to cover. I enjoy learning about the accomplishments that former alumni have made. What a great way to stay in touch in such a busy world.

I would like to thank Denise Laymon and Karen Sich for doing such an outstanding job promoting the Foundation. We are lucky to have them working for us.

Happy 20th Anniversary TRF Education Foundation!

Sincerely,

Denice (Anderson) Nelson, LHS class of '84
Former Board Member
4th Grade Teacher, Challenger Elementary School



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Gifts are accepted by mail, in person or by online methods.

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