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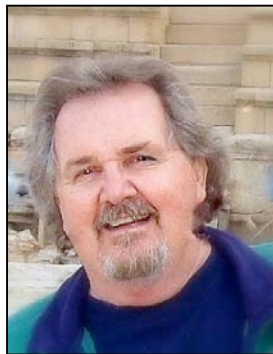
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## HALL OF FAME

The Prowler Hall of Fame Banquet will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Best Western Inn in Thief River Falls. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased in advance at the Lincoln High School Activities Office or that night at the door. There will be a social hour at 5:00 and the dinner will begin at 6:00. If you have any questions, please call 218-681-7140.

### 2010 PROWLER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Gerald Jorgenson  
Class of 1959



David Forkenbrock  
Class of 1961



Jeff Hamerlinck  
Class of 1984



Kelly Swanson  
Class of 1992

### 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.



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**Gerald Jorgenson  
Athlete  
2010**

Gerald Jorgenson, a 1959 graduate of Lincoln High School, was known as an exceptional leader who excelled in everything he did both academically and athletically. He was a member of the football, hockey and baseball teams during all four years of his high school career and was a captain of the hockey and baseball teams his senior year. Gerry was also a member of the student council, Chorus, Thespians and National Honor Society, served as a class officer, acted in the one-act play and senior class play, and was on the staff of the school newspaper and the yearbook. Gerry was confident about and keen to use his talents to serve his friends, family, and community.

In 1959, "Jorgie", as friends and family knew him, entered Harvard College. He graduated in 1963 with a BA Degree with honors in US History. At Harvard Gerry was a standout athlete in hockey and lettered for three years, playing on the first line his senior year. During his hockey career at Harvard the Crimson won the Ivy League Championship all three years. In his senior year at Harvard, Gerry was awarded the "Donald Angier Trophy" as the most improved player on the team. After graduation, Gerry remained at Harvard and in 1964 earned his MA Degree in History. His desire to teach in an urban school led him to San Diego, California where he taught from 1964-1967, helping to start and chairing an English as a Second Language Program.

In 1967 Gerry went to Columbia University in New York to pursue a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction, concentrating on urban schooling. He earned his Doctorate in Education from Columbia in 1971. Gerry taught at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, concentrating his research on problems endemic in urban schools. In 1975 he began teaching at John Carroll University where he remained until his retirement in 2004. During his career in education, Jorgenson taught several undergraduate and graduate courses, had significant administrative responsibility, served on several of John Carroll University's committees as well as task forces aimed at improving the educational experience, authored numerous publications and made peer-reviewed presentations.

Gerry and his first wife raised two sons. After retiring Gerry moved to Minneapolis where he married Mary Alsop and these days the two of them keep busy by visiting grandchildren, playing golf, traveling, reading, and bird watching. Gerry's personal hobbies include watercolor painting, the Spanish language, research and writing. The Prowler Hall of Fame will be enhanced by the addition of Gerry Jorgenson, who is still a leader among leaders.

## David Forkenbrock Educator 2010

David Forkenbrock graduated from Lincoln High School in 1961 and was extremely proud of having been born and raised in Thief River Falls. He considered himself to have been exceedingly well prepared in English language skills by the late Ms. Thora Skomedal. After graduation David attended the University of Minnesota and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1965. He attended Wayne State University and received his Master's Degree in 1973 and then went on to the University of Michigan where he earned his Doctorate Degree in 1977.

David became a nationally recognized transportation researcher and a prominent University of Iowa faculty member where he worked for thirty years, serving as professor in the departments of Urban and Regional Planning and Civil and Environmental Engineering. He also served as chair of Urban and Regional Planning, chair of the Faculty Senate budget committee, and head of a campus-side effort to improve interdisciplinary research.

David's many years of service to the University of Iowa and his vision in founding the Public Policy Center resulted in a center that brought together researchers from a variety of fields and disciplines to impact policy at local, state, and national levels through sound academic scholarship. He served as the Center's director until his retirement in July 2007. David was an elected member of the American Institute of Certified Planners College of Fellows and a lifetime member of the National Academy of Sciences. Following his retirement, he continued to serve as a professor emeritus at the Public Policy Center.

In addition to his academic achievements, David had a distinguished 20-year military career. He served three tours of duty with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam as a navigator and was discharged with honors in 1970 with the rank of Captain. In 1971, he joined the 305<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue and Refueling Squadron at Selfridge ANGB, Mount Clemens, Michigan, serving as navigator and retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1986.

David wrote numerous works and articles in his field and was recognized by his peers throughout the country. Whether he worked with students, colleagues, or strangers he always gave his best. David passed away on January 11, 2008 at his home in Iowa City, following a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife Dorina and their two sons. David's fondness for his hometown and his early years in Thief River Falls was mentioned by a co-worker. This individual felt that he knew the town well through David's frequent and passionate stories about growing up in Thief River Falls. David who was a nationally recognized scholar certainly deserves to be honored by the hometown he loved so well as a member of the Prowler Hall of Fame.

David was instrumental in establishing the Thora Skomedal Scholarship.



## Jeffrey D. Hamerlinck Educator 2010

Jeff Hamerlinck graduated from Lincoln High School in 1984, where he was a three-year letter-winner in football, co-captain of the basketball team, a member of the Concert Choir and participated in several high school musical productions.

Jeff graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science Degree, magna cum laude, in 1988. He received his Masters Degree at the University of Wyoming in 1992 and was hired as a Research Scientist at that time. Jeff currently serves as the Director of the Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center, a research institute under the Provost's Office at the University of Wyoming where he supervises a staff of twenty-five people in his department and oversees more than forty-five projects on an annual basis. He is a member of the University of Wyoming Dean and Directors Council and also teaches in the Department of Geography. Through his immense experience Jeff continues to build a superior team of Geographers and Planners at the University of Wyoming who contribute in a variety of areas including community planning, wildlife management, watershed analysis and land management. Jeff will complete his PhD in geography at the University of Colorado, Boulder in May 2010.

Outside of work, Jeff enjoys reading, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, fly fishing and tries to play basketball two or three times a week. He started an intramural broomball league on campus because of his love of the game from back in the "Old Arena" days. Jeff's depth of character and completeness as an individual are evident not only at work but also in his family life. Jeff is married to Julie Koppenhaver and they have two daughters, Moira and Claire. Besides being a husband and father Jeff has also been a coach contributing to the athletic development of not only his daughters but many of their friends as well.

Jeff Hamerlinck is an amazing individual whose energy, drive and outgoing personality enable him to provide positive support to others. He is clearly an excellent candidate for the Prowler Hall of Fame.



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## Kelly Swanson Educator 2010

Kelly Swanson graduated from Lincoln High School in 1992 and went on to receive his BS Degree in Animal and Range Sciences with minors in Chemistry and Biology from North Dakota State University. He moved to Champaign, Illinois to begin graduate school and received his MS and PhD Degrees in Nutritional Sciences in 1992 and 2003, respectively. After receiving post-doctoral training in the area of functional genomics, Kelly obtained a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois in 2004. At the present time, Kelly is an Associate Professor, with indefinite tenure.

During his short time on faculty at the University of Illinois, Kelly has established himself as a leader in the area of canine and feline nutrition and nutrigenomics. His primary research interests include gastrointestinal health and disease, metabolic syndrome, and the nutritional effects on gene expression. His research has already gained national and international recognition.

Kelly's publication record is impressive. He has 8 manuscripts under review by respected journals and many more in preparation. He has authored five chapter books, forty bulletins and sixty-nine abstracts at scientific meetings, and is an ad hoc reviewer for twenty-six scientific journals.

Kelly has received many national honors and awards for his research and leadership. Among these awards was being selected as the North Dakota State University Alumni Horizon Award Recipient that is a campus-wide award given to only one person each year. He was also a recipient of the 2008 ILSI Future Leader in Nutrition Award from ILSI of North America that includes \$30,000 in research support. Most recently Kelly was selected as the recipient of the 2010 American Society for Nutrition Bio Serve Award in Experimental Animal Nutrition. Kelly is known as an exceptional undergraduate and graduate mentor and classroom instructor. Based on student evaluations, he has been named to the 'List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students' for instruction of 'Companion Animal Nutrition' the past three years.

According to Neal Merchen, Professor and Head of the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois, "Kelly Swanson's efforts and accomplishments since he graduated from Lincoln High School reflect great favor on the education that he received as a high school student." Kelly is a welcome addition to the Thief River Falls Prowler Hall of Fame.

# 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



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



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## 2010 CLASS REUNIONS

- 70<sup>th</sup> '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)
- 62<sup>nd</sup> '48 **July 17-18, 2010**  
Arlene Williams Mickley 701-239-9389 [amickinmn@aol.com](mailto:amickinmn@aol.com)
- 50<sup>th</sup> '60 **July 30 – August 1, 2010**  
Don Stewart 218-681-1112 [dlstewart@mncable.net](mailto:dlstewart@mncable.net)
- 45<sup>th</sup> '65 **July 30 – August 1, 2010** ← Note date change  
Pam Cwikla [pcwikla@msn.com](mailto:pcwikla@msn.com)  
Kathy Nelson [knelson@wiktel.com](mailto:knelson@wiktel.com)
- 40<sup>th</sup> '70 **July 22-25, 2010**  
Ruby (Seaverson) Jenson 218-280-2886 [rjenson@mncable.net](mailto:rjenson@mncable.net)  
Patty Barry 218-686-4281  
Patty Tunberg 701-866-9188 [pattytunberg@hotmail.com](mailto:pattytunberg@hotmail.com)
- 30<sup>th</sup> '80 **August 6-8, 2010**  
Connie (Hedlund) Dorn 218-686-8803  
[Class of 1980 Facebook page](#)
- 25<sup>th</sup> '85 **August 6-7, 2010**  
Joe Blankenfeld 402-536-0132 [jblankenfeld@hotmail.com](mailto:jblankenfeld@hotmail.com)
- 20<sup>th</sup> '90 **July 16-17, 2010**  
Paul Hejlik 218-681-2565 or 218-686-9155 [paulhejlik@yahoo.com](mailto:paulhejlik@yahoo.com)
- 10<sup>th</sup> '00 **July 23-24, 2010**  
Misty (Bjugan) Hempel 218-688-3056 [mistyhempel@msn.com](mailto: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](http://www.trfeducationfoundation.com). Click on the Alumni tab and then Class Reunions. Area motels and restaurants are also listed.



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

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 1998 Dan Etienne  
 1998 Lynsey Forsberg  
 1998 Tanya (Nesland) Harbott  
 1998 Ryan Hesse  
 1998 John Holmgren  
 1998 Mike Johnson  
 1998 Amber (Klinker) Lindgren  
 1998 Duane Peterson  
 1998 Shawn Rud  
 1998 Phillip Rumble  
 1998 Julie Sampson  
 1998 Josh Stinson  
 1998 Sandra (Miller) Williams  
 1998 Jerilyn (Unruh) Wilson  
 1999 Ryan Hagen  
 1999 Brandon Jorgenson  
 1999 Josh Olson  
 1999 Jessica Calkins  
 1999 Jackie Flint  
 1999 Timothy Hruby  
 1999 Jacob Johnson  
 1999 Daniel Olson  
 1999 Christopher Russell

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

10<sup>th</sup> 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 @ 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

*Co-hosted by the TRF Education Foundation and Hospice of the Red River Valley*

## 1965 HOCKEY TEAM PHOTO WANTED

Do you have a photo of the 1965 Prowler Hockey team? The Ralph Engelstad Arena is looking for a team photo for their display. If you have a good quality photo please contact the Foundation at 218-681-8711 or the Engelstad Arena at 218-681-2183.

### 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.

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