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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.

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## A COUGAR'S STORY

Shortly after I was born, my mother told me life in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area of northern Montana would be challenging. If it took twelve hours of horseback riding to get to the nearest trailhead, where was the fast food going to come from? My mom now told me it was going to take 100 animals (elk and deer) to keep me sustained each year. One animal was needed every three days; in the summer the meat rotted after three days, and in the winter the meat froze after three days.

I believe that I adapted quite nicely as I grew to 150 pounds and as I overheard the taxidermist say that missed the Montana Mountain Lion record book by only 1/16 of an inch, I was very proud. Maybe one or more snacks would have gotten me over the mark.

I remember the bright and clear Thanksgiving Day as the temperatures averaged in the 8 below readings and the snow averaged three feet on the ground. I also remember seeing what I thought was a "Snowball" riding the trail on a brown horse. The trail he was following was hung over with branches full of snow. It seemed every 10 feet or more he would be showered in the white stuff. I had seen this rider the previous two seasons, but there was very little snow in the October period he was here. If there is no snow, then my tracks are harder to find. Since I was already full, neither "Snowball" nor the horse looked very appetizing. I also thought it very interesting when "Snowball" got off his horse and inspected a track that I had left in the trail earlier in the day. As I watched, he soon mounted his horse and rode off.

In one hour to my utmost surprise, two of Montana's yippiest beagles were on my track. Milo and Otis, two champion mountain lion chasing beagles, were now going to make my day interesting. After six hours of playing "up one mountain and down the other," I decided to rest on a pine limb approximately forty feet out of their biting range. As I watched Milo and Otis bark their lungs out, I noticed old "Snowball" leaning against a tree. Suddenly, the lights went out. I was brought to a rehab taxidermist shop in Kalispell, Montana, and shortly thereafter was sent to my new home in Wisconsin.

It seems that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) of Montana allows five of us magnificent creatures to leave the park each year, one way or the other. Since we consume 500 plus animals each year, it wasn't surprising the vote for us to leave was 500 to 5.

It turns out that "Snowball" was actually a proud 1963 graduate of Lincoln High School. He had married Cookie Ault, who also had three children graduate from LHS, Andrea in 1984, Lisa in 1986, and Mike who graduated in 1988.

One day as I saw "Snowball" and family take out a 1961 Lincoln yearbook, I was amazed to see how much I resembled the Prowler Emblem on the cover. The family soon noticed the similarity and took a vote six to one to send me back to school. I think "Snowball" voted twice, which left me just a little less resentful.

I am very proud to be considered a representative of the best high school in Minnesota. I bring with me a spirit that will only add to that which is already here. My promise to you is that my vigilance and will to fight shall never falter.



*Submitted by Brian Lofberg*

## 564 STAFF PROFILE: JANE ANDERSON

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EDUCATION*



Jane Anderson grew up in Thief River Falls and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1979. She attended Bemidji State University, graduating with a degree in Music--Vocal Performance. She worked as a freelance performing artist for several years in various theaters and concert venues in Minneapolis, Montana, San Francisco and Arizona. She returned to BSU and finished her education degree in 1990.

Jane taught remedial and developmental education at Northland College in Thief River Falls for 19 years before joining the staff at Challenger Elementary where she will teach Special Education. She lives in Thief River Falls with her husband, Murray Anderson (LHS 1980) and their three children: Max, age 12; Will, age 10 and Emma, age 8.

Success is the  
sum of small  
efforts, repeated  
day in and day out.

*Robert Collier*

*Hall of Fame*

*May 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.*

Begins with social ~ dinner and ceremony to follow  
Best Western Inn – Thief River Falls

Nomination forms are available on our website

## CLASS OF 1959

# 50TH CLASS REUNION

August 8, 2009



**First Row:** Vivian Spray Contos, Marlene Kiemele Sauve, Connie Botten Hillstad, Geri Austin Stout, Jeannie Austin Hartje, Marcia Houfek Mussmann, Barb Battleson Drees, Diane Bugge Anderson, Shirley Horejsh Grochow.

**Second row:** Margaret Steitz Ehling, Gloria Bushaw Bjorkman, David Bjorkman, Bruce Johnson, Marie Walseth Owens, Priscilla Johnson Jackson, Marlys Mostrom Drangstveit, Carole Goulet Glass, Sharon Nelson Busch, Carmem Pederson Gustafson, Betty Czeh Holmgren. **Third Row:** Raymond Fuller, Harold Thompson, Harlan Rude, Lowell Nereson, Jim Schulthorpe



**First Row:** David Thorstad, Lavonne Forsberg Kurrle, Lynn Nicholson, Marie Bruggeman Nicholson, Mildred Bruggeman Duden, Carole Nesland Rogers, JoAnn Arden Ballingrud Solheim, Dennis R Green, Chad Jewett

**Second row:** Larry Wold, Gene Weckworth, Dennis Johnson, Gerald Christensen, Dean Joppru, Dave Carlson, Keith Kruse, Vonnie Lull Hoglo, Larry Kruse, Judy Kling Vevea, Geraldine Nelson Swenson



**First Row:** Gerald Jorgenson, Marie Brezney, Rosalie Fonnest Wegge, Sharon Wendel Hoglo, Irene Johnson Kinna, Janet DeLap Griffith, Tressie Nygaard Noreen, Sharon Saurdiff Kozojed, Diana Bjerke Vigstol, Jan Anderson, Larry Dimmen

**Second row:** Karen Aaseby Nelson, Brunell Sorenson Allerson, James A Larson, Harold Froehle, Dale Sevre, Marv Olson, Jerry Manning, Kay Wik Steiger, Janes Legg, Warren Larson, Charles Naplin, Gary Christofferson, Hazel Gunderson Erickson, Bill Olson

Correction: Top photo, third row, first person is **Ronald Halvorson** not Raymond Fuller. Spelling correction: should be **Jim Sculthorp**

## LOST & FOUND

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

### YEARBOOKS WANTED

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

1980 Cindy (Anderson) Barnwell	1980 Dave Lewis
1980 Susie (Anderson) Burgos	1980 Tony Loeffler
1980 Roberta Engel	1980 Terry Lord
1980 Jay Erickson	1980 Greg Miller
1980 Ader (Phelps) Foss	1980 Greg Marvin Nelson
1980 Violet (Larson) Hanson	1980 Greg Michael Nelson
1980 Blair Johnson	1980 David Olson
1980 Daniel Johnson	1980 Jack Oseid
1980 Diane Johnson	1980 Jill (Peterson) Park
1980 Spencer Johnson	1980 Kim Peterson
1980 Jeff Klaven	1980 Cindy Ringling
1980 Gitte (Birlev) Kongres	1980 Randy Schwartz
1980 Denis Krause	1980 Laurie (Stoffel) Sumner
1980 Colleen Kron	1980 Kent Wentzel

## TRF GET TOGETHER IN ARIZONA

Event: Thief River Falls get together in Arizona  
 Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010  
 Time: 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Please note date is in January instead of February due to location change.**

Where: Montesa at Gold Canyon  
 Gold Canyon, Arizona

Co-hostesses: Shirley (Johnson) McMahon – Class of 1957  
 Donna (Cloutier) Johnson – Class of 1957  
 Jeanne (Czeh) Cloutier – Class of 1964

People are asked to bring side dishes, but hamburgers will be available, along with condiments for a price of \$2.50 per person.

Remember to bring your own table setting. Coffee and juice will be provided. Meal will start at noon.

More details will be coming in November.

Please put this date on your calendar and join them. If you know of someone who might not be on their e-mail list, please let them know at [jeanneordavid@aol.com](mailto:jeanneordavid@aol.com).

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