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Promoting Excellence In Education

Timidly she stepped into my office and had a seat. As quietly as she had entered my office, came the cautiously spoken words, "I was directed to your office, I would like to go on to college, but I need assistance."

As she shared her story, listening carefully, I knew that I may be of help to her. Life, for this young lady had not always been easy, but she did have many positive attributes going for her one of which was; the drive and determination to get her degree.

One day when you are being tended by a young blonde nurse, you may ask yourself is this the young lady I helped put through college?

Thank you to the donors who have graciously shared their wealth with the foundation in order to enhance the education of others.

The Foundation is a resource for scholarships, grants for classroom materials and equipment and a link for alumni.

Life's most treasured moments often come unannounced; learn to listen – opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.

*Denise Laymon
Executive Director*

Tidbits . . .

The Focus newsletter is available to read online and it is archived for the past twelve months. If you rather read the newsletter online please let us know and we will discontinue mailing a newsletter to your home. The foundation also publishes a monthly online E-Focus newsletter if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter please submit your email address to the Foundation office at: foundation@trfeducationfoundation.com



What do you give a 16- and 20-year-old for Christmas? This year Brian and Jon Kays received a tennis court. Let me explain.

Tennis is a sport enjoyed by the Kays family. Tom ('72) played on the Lincoln High School Boys Tennis Team. Jon ('05) played Prowler Boys Tennis since 6th grade and co-captained the Boys State Class A Consolation Championship Team his senior year. He has also served as the Assistant Varsity Boys Tennis Coach for the past two years. Brian ('08) has played Prowler Boys Tennis since 6th grade and had the good fortune of participating in the 2005 and 2006 Boys State Tennis Tournaments.

Therefore, when a letter arrived from the TRF Education Foundation requesting donations for two additional tennis courts at Franklin Middle School, the Christmas gift idea was born. Aunts, uncles, and grandparents received letters explaining the tennis court project and requesting they made a donation in Jon and Brian's honor, instead of giving them a physical gift. Relatives responded positively to the idea and made donations.

Technically, Jon and Brian did not receive a tennis court for Christmas. In fact, they may no longer live in Thief River Falls by the time this project is completed. However, someone in their past had the foresight to build the courts Tom, Jon, and Brian played on. This is our way of making certain Prowler Tennis Teams of the future have the same opportunities available to them.

Dianne Kays

Mark Your Calendars!

The Harlem Ambassadors
Are Coming to Thief River Falls

September 18, 2007

These performers have traveled the world with over 220 shows performed last year, entertaining families with dazzling ball-handling tricks, high-flying slam dunks and displaying hilarious family comedy.

They promote the values of staying in school and staying off drugs.

Watch for more information about this event sponsored by the TRF Education Foundation.

***"The Harlem Ambassadors
It's Not Your Grandfather's
Basketball Show!"***

Class of 1961 Reunion



Reunions are a great time to experience a living scrapbook as people exchange memories and reflections about who we were—a veritable time machine of sorts. Please stay in touch with us and if you have a change of contact information please notify the Foundation so they can keep track of you for the 1961 50th reunion in 2011.

Reunions

1947 ~ July 6-7, 2007
Arnie Narverud, 218-681-1272

1952
June 30-July 1, 2007
Marlene Snetting, 218-681-3112

1957 ~ July 20-22, 2007
Mary Schofield

E-mail:
schofieldmary@hotmail.com
or Jim Matson
218-681-1453 (leave message)
or website: www.trf57.com

1967 ~ July 14, 2007
Jane Mattson, 218-681-3138

1977 ~ July 27-28, 2007
Mike Barry, 218-681-8888

1987 ~ July 27-28, 2007
Stacy (Glass) Roberts
E-mail: stacyrobs@cox.net

1997 ~ July 13-15, 2007
Cristy Reed
E-mail:
charleycristy@cableone.net

RACE FOR EDUCATION

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August 25 ~ 8:00 a.m.
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

5K/10K WALK/RUN
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S DIVISION 1K

For Complete Information And To
Download a Registration Form
Please Visit The Foundation Website.



Format: The Tournament is an 18 Hole Scramble. Form Your Own Four Person Team. **\$55.00 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.

Thief River Falls Education Foundation Seventh Annual SWENSON GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, July 16, 2007 ~ Thief River Falls Golf Club

Shotgun start 12:00 noon • Registration and Complimentary Lunch Prior to Start.

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email: foundation@trfeducationfoundation.com or contact golf committee member: Dave Onkka 681-3157.

GRANTS *Awarded*

The Thief River Falls Education Foundation Grant Committee has approved the following grants for Spring 2007: Grants have been awarded by donations from alumni, friends of education and businesses. A complete story is available on the website at: www.trfeducationfoundation.com

Auditory Sound System for 8th grade science room ~ FMS. This will complete the installation of sound systems for all core classrooms at Franklin Middle School.

Water boots, dryers & sticky slides for outdoor learning lab ~ CES. These will allow access to the entire pond in the outdoor learning lab and aid in pond investigation.

Artist residency with gospel choir ~ LHS. Professional artists will work with the choir to teach not only the notes, but the style and history of the pieces.

Apple G-4 laptop computer equipment ~ LHS. A mandatory technology course for all 9th grade students is being added because of increasing demand for technology literate students. This will be used in Physics, Chemistry and Astronomy classes.

Two Smart Boards with projectors, and laptop computer ~ FMS. These interactive whiteboards are used to make reading and writing instruction more meaningful for students.

Student model vibraphone ~ FMS. Based on the number of percussion students enrolled in band, there was a need for another mallet instrument for students to rehearse on during class.

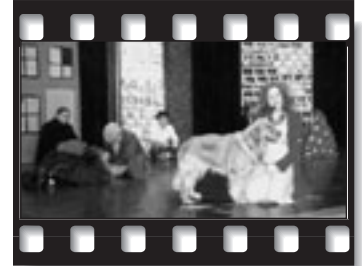
Technology for FFA contests ~ LHS. Instructional DVDs for Career Development Events.

Junior Golf ~ Community Education.

Close Up Trip ~ LHS. A study of the government.



"Annie, Jr." rehearsal at Franklin Middle School March 19, 2007. You can see the overhead "track" and the new black velourette stage curtains purchased with funds from the School District #564 Music Budget and a grant from the TRF Education Foundation.



Annie, Sandy and a few New York City "bums" on stage at FMS. The new stage curtains create a welcome new backdrop.

Thank You . . .

Dear Education Foundation,

We have now had our first performance using the new stage curtains that the Foundation helped us purchase. They really made a difference. They covered all of the clutter on the back and sides of the stage. They gave us a bit of usable "off stage" area and they gave us a variety of possibilities for entrances onto the stage.

They will add a touch of class to any type of performance that is done on the stage. We also purchased plastic covers to protect the curtains when they are not in use.

Thank you for helping us make this big purchase at Franklin.

Sincerely,
Ruth A. Stenson
Franklin Choir Director

MEMORIALS

Donations Have Been Given In Memory Of

- Leah Susann (Skibicki) Burtness • John N. Burtness • Donna Poole • Chuck Follett • Lois (Jordahl) Dahlen
- Ruby (Hegrenes) Smith • Micky Hanson • David Korsmo • Deceased Members of the Class of 1945 • Gene Mogen
- Viola Jaranson • J. Miles Nelson • Dolores Berg • Brian Mostue • Fern Kranz • Don Fugleberg
- Jane Reuter • Trudy Jopprru Johnson • Reggie Jopprru • Jan Jopprru Han • Terry "Corky" Jopprru • Steve Jopprru
- Lloyd Sunde • Brian Mostue • Sharron (Benke) Anderson • Helen Mc Kercher • Emery Wicklander
- Ardelle Offerdahl • Elizabeth M. & N. Quentin Jones • Helen & Raymond Wlferts • Dwight C. Myhrer
- Geneva B. Anderson • Alf Anderson • Pat Dorn • Donald Breiland • Ted Hellie • Kenneth Finstad
- Viola Jaranson • Bob Flynn • Mla DeLap • In honor of Tony Dorn Sr. (Gift to Scholarship)

ALC Receives Wireless Mobile Lab



Pictured are Destiny Klade and Chris Bradley, the first ALC students to use the new wireless mobile lab, which was granted to the department through donors gifts in October 2006.



I really appreciate the help that the Foundation does for these students. With the increased costs, I find that we are depending more and more on our fundraising. Having the Foundation has been a wonderful thing for many students!!

Thanks again.

Michael Nordine
Lincoln High School
Social Studies

Enclosed is my tribute/gift of \$ _____ to the Thief River Falls Education Foundation in loving remembrance of _____ or in celebration of _____

An attractive card will be sent in your name to the family of the deceased or honoree. An acknowledgement of your gift will also be sent to you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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From: Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to the Thief River Falls Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization.

All gifts are tax deductible.

Farewell Prowlers . . .

The Journey	
1963-1965	Eagle Bend MN-High School
1965-1966	Moorhead State university
1966-1976	Thief River Falls-Lincoln High School
1976-1995	University of MN-Crookston
1995-2007	Thief River Falls-School Dist. #564

The decision to retire carries many personal emotions. After 44-years of being involved in education as a teacher, coach, official, and athletic/activities administrator, I could write volumes. Instead, I will try and be concise and relative in my comments. My constitution remains one of unsurpassed pride, respect, and love for a life's work that I chose a long time ago. I believe so strongly that the student/activities participation combination has such a profound effect on the development of well rounded individuals.

Our activities program derives it's strength from the vitality and energy of its people. Contributions by the students who participate, their coaches, directors, plus the game time/showtime support staff, are the lifeline of the program. I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such a lifeline. I thank you.

Community, Parent, Booster Club, and local Media support of the activity programs in Thief River Falls has been unparalleled. They recognize that a school district's activities program affords visibility for the entire district, and the influential impact activities have in our society. Along with the school district's administration and board of education, we have worked together to protect a balance between society's expectations, and the educational goals and objectives sought through activities participation. I thank you.

It has been a good journey for me. I would be remiss not to take this opportunity to thank my wife (Sharon) of 44-years, and our two children, Sue and Steve. Without their many sacrifices and lifelong support, this journey would not have been possible for me.

Farewell Prowlers, and thanks for the memories.
May a successful tradition continue to be your trademark.

Jim Sims



NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Tony Dorn Sr. Student Athlete Scholarship



The children of Tony Dorn Sr. have established the Tony Dorn Sr. Student Athlete Scholarship at the Thief River Falls Education Foundation in honor of Tony's 80th Birthday.

Pictured presenting the award to their father are children: Tony Dorn Jr., Kaye Dorn Marvin, and Lynn Dorn

Tony Dorn Sr. a 1944 Lincoln High graduate, lettered three years in Sr. High in football, hockey and track. (Senior High was then Sophomore, Junior and Senior years). He was captain of the hockey team and played on the 1942 Invitational State Team, which won that championship. He was named in the Minnesota High School League handbook, as one of the outstanding football players in the state.

He was invited by the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team in 1944 to their training camp and was signed and played the winter of 1944-45 in the East Coast League. Tony was the first hockey player from Thief River Falls ever to be signed to a professional contract.

In 1945 he enlisted in the Navy, and after service intended to go back to the Blackhawks, but his father died and family circumstances dictated a

change in plans. He stayed in Thief River Falls and played hockey in the States-Dominion and Northwest Hockey Leagues for many years. He was named to numerous all-star teams, one being the all-star team representing Crookston, which team went on to win the U.S. Senior Hockey Championship.

Tony was invited to the Olympics and this time business prohibited his accepting. During that time he was one of the first youth hockey coaches in Thief River Falls and helped organize the youth hockey program which has now evolved into the present TRFAHA program.

He was employed by Grundy's Office Supplies and eventually bought the business he had worked for for many years and has made it into a large and still-growing business operation. He opened a store in Grand Forks as well, and has been recognized by the Canon Corporation as one of the most successful distributorships in their company.

The Tony Dorn Sr. Student Athlete Scholarship will be awarded to one Lincoln High School graduate in May 2007.

Scholarships at the TRF Education Foundation are funded entirely by the families, individuals or organizations which have endowed them. Additional donations maybe added to them at anytime.

The Thief River Falls Education Foundation, is a nonprofit organization, that supports public education through scholarships and grants. For more information, call 681-8711 or write to the Thief River Falls Education Foundation, 230 LaBree Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

Loren Stadum Athletic Scholarship

An athletic scholarship has been established in honor of Loren "Bones" Stadum by his family and friends. Bones grew up in Thief River Falls and was the 1939 senior class president. No matter the season, there was a sport for Loren with basketball being his personal best.



He was a two time member of the Minnesota State High School League Basketball All Tournament Team and played center for the 1938 Thief River Falls State Champs. After high school he received a scholarship to Syracuse University in New York and completed his education degree at the University of Minnesota following World War II.

Bones became a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Greenway High School in Coleraine, Minnesota where he was able to pass on many of the lessons he had learned during his years as a Prowler. One of the proudest moments of his later years was his induction into the Prowler Hall of Fame in 1999. Loren passed away in March of 2006.



SCHOLARSHIPS *Awardees Announced*

Don L. Olson Memorial Scholarship -
Brittni Johnson

Carl and Melva Lee Scholarship
Michelle Noreen

**Loren "Bones" Stadum
Athletic Memorial Scholarship**
Shawna Rogalla

**Quentin and Elizabeth McBride Jones
Athletic Perseverance Award**
Lee Peterson

Fred D. Jensen Scholarship
Ryan Winkelman

**Tony Dorn Sr.
Student Athlete Scholarship**
Sean Sorteberg

Web Maves Family Scholarship
Kassi Sparby

St. Hilaire Lions Scholarship
Carli Cota, Joe Field, Sarah Mattison,
Margaret Miller

**Frances A. Eide
Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
Jessica Appel and Danielle Meyer

Teddy Dorn Nursing Scholarship
Danielle Meyer, Chelsey Ann Sawatzke,
Allyson Helling

Dave Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Patrick Barry, Michael Blix,
John Carlson, Brittni Johnson,
Matt Olson, Jordan Swanson

MeriJo Paschke Educational Scholarship
Matt Olson

Sami Haj Business Memorial Scholarship
Jordan Swanson



**Ted Hellie
Teaching Scholarship**
TBA

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The Honoring Power of Endowments

If you wanted to honor your parents or another person who has influenced your life, you would be hard-pressed to find a more fitting way than to establish a named endowment. Such a fund carries the honoree's name far into the future as it benefits a worthy cause through annual gifts.

For example, you could create an endowment fund at Thief River Falls Education Foundation in honor of your mother. This fund, bearing her name, would produce a certain amount each year to support the purpose of the endowment. It could be for special projects, to underwrite a specific program, or for operations.

Every time the fund is mentioned, the memory of your mother would be acknowledged and honored. The association of her name with TRF Education Foundation would recognize her as one having values consistent with the mission of TRF Education Foundation. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren would identify with the endowment and perhaps contribute to the fund through their charitable gifts, thus developing their own philanthropic instincts.

Endowment funds are easy to establish and they last indefinitely. They can be launched now with current gifts, or created later through a will bequest or other deferred gift. Another possibility is to start an endowment now and add to it

later through a bequest. Of course, the advantage of getting an endowment started now is that you can enjoy the experience of seeing your loved one honored while you are alive.

To learn more about establishing an endowment fund with TRF Education Foundation, fill out and return the

response form below. We will provide you with more information on endowments without cost or obligation. Also, you can use the form to indicate whether you would like Denise Laymon to contact you. If you would rather contact her by phone, please call 218-681-8711 Ext. 228.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM

Dear Friends at Thief River Falls Education Foundation:
 Please contact me about establishing an endowment at TRF Education Foundation

The best time to call is _____

Names(s) _____

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