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May 19, 2021 was an exciting evening for the MCC graduating class of 2021. When it was over, \$220,000 in scholarships were awarded! We are excited to show off the recipients of the scholarships given through the MCC Education Foundation.



MCC Education Foundation Scholarship
\$300 each
Brooke Fredrickson and Katie Longerbone



Lloyd Melvie Aviation Scholarship
\$2000
Jacob Knutsen



The David and Marge Bakke
Scholarship -
\$1000
Emmaleah Lund

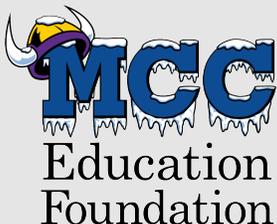


Spencer Brein Scholarship
\$300 each
Natalie Larson, Zoey Magner, Kinzie Melvie



Taylor Moen Memorial Scholarship
\$200 each
Kinzie Melvie, Ashley Olson,
Tristan Lolland (not pictured)

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The vision of the MCC Education Foundation is to provide MCC students opportunity for creativity, growth and scholarship by building community partnerships.

MCC Education Foundation Board

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Thrivent Choice Dollars are another way you can donate to the MCC Education Foundation! Please think of us when you choose where your dollars go.

We would like to thank
Viking Diner & Antiques
for being a sponsor of this issue.

Jerome Peters, NHS Class of 1965 and Cheryl (Swenson) Peters, NHS Class of 1969, are the owners, cooks and collectors.

We would like to thank
Shelly Guzek
for being a sponsor of this issue.

Shelly Helm Guzek is a 1986 graduate of MCC.

Do you enjoy the Spotlight 2.0?

The Spotlight 2.0's hope is to reach out to alumni and friends of NHS/MCC to encourage, inform and possibly entertain. There are many alumni who do not receive the Spotlight 2.0 because we do not have their address or email. When you are in contact with classmates, relatives or friends, please mention that we would **Love** to send them a copy. They can sign up on our website or by contacting us at mcceducationfund@mccfreeze.org

Visit us at www.mcceducationfoundation.org
You will find:
*past issues of the Spotlight 2.0
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The mission of the MCC Education Foundation is to support and enhance innovative education for all MCC students.

Meet the MCC Education Foundation Board

I would like to introduce you to Patti Anderson. Patti is our MCC Education Foundation Board Secretary. She has been a member of our board since it was formed in 2015. Patti is a 1992 graduate of MCC, known then as Patti Amundson. She is married to Jason, a 1990 MCC graduate. They have 3 children, Ty and Tessa, MCC Class of 2020, and Trig, who is a 6th grader. Patti's mom, Doreen, taught 1st grade at MCC during the 1960's and was an MCC School Board member. Being involved with education is important to Patti and she is following in her mom's footsteps by currently serving on the MCC School Board.



After graduating from high school, she attended the University of North Dakota where she earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 1996. Patti has been working as an RN for 25 years! Currently she is working at Intercounty Nursing Service in Thief River Falls as a public health nurse.

When Patti isn't busy working or at meetings, she enjoys spending time with her family, watching football or basketball or hanging out at the lake at their cabin in the Northwest Angle where they enjoy summer and winter fishing, kayaking, boating and spending time together.

In Patti's words, "I wanted to be a part of the MCC Education Foundation so I can somehow help future generations with their own education excellence, whether it is attending a trade school or an Ivy league college. I want to give back to my community and support others in the hope that they may someday remember the support our local Foundation gave them and pay it forward. I feel that it all starts with the support we as a community give our young scholars, we are building our future right here in Newfolden, Viking, and Holt."

Scholarship recipients continued from page 1



Marshall County Driftskippers Snowmobile Club
Scholarship in Honor/Memory of Paul Magner
\$250
Zoey Magner



Marshall County Driftskippers
Snowmobile Club Scholarship
\$250 each
Jacob Knutsen and Autumn Swenson
(not pictured)

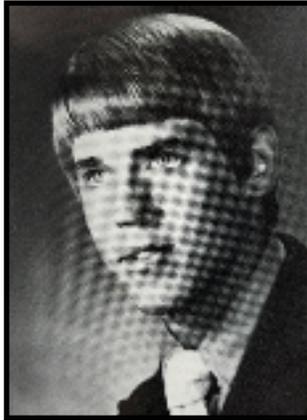


Myles Westman Memorial
Scholarship
\$100 each
Emmaleah Lund and Tristan Loiland
(not pictured)



Earl Gast Scholarship
\$250 each for up to 4 years
Eylie Homme and Emmaleah Lund

*Congratulations
to all the
scholarship
recipients!*



Mike Sollom
Class of 1972



For every road we take in life there are countless roads untaken. We all know that, instinctively, in the moment. But we don't truly contemplate it or question it until we get 50 to 60 years down the road.

I grew up in Newfolden. But, while I was still a teenager, I took a road that led me away and I never returned. For better or worse, I am who I am because of, or in spite of, that road.

I am married to my high school sweetheart, LuAnn Sorenson. We were best friends in junior high and fell in love in the summer of '69. For half a century, through thick and thin, we've never left each other's side. We graduated together in 1972, were married in the fall of '73 and then moved out--out of town, out of the area and out of the state.

LuAnn went to college right after high school and had a successful career as a medical transcriptionist. I didn't complete college until I was almost 30 years old and went on to earn a Master's Degree when I was 40.

I've had several careers throughout my life and made my income through 26 unique and diverse jobs - from Corporate Chaplain to Custodian; from College Ministry Director to Graphic Art Designer; from Professional Musician to Athletic Director; from Foreign Missionary to Furniture Maker; from Pastoral Counselor to Public Speaker; from Child-Care Provider to Published Author; from "Change Management" Specialist to Certified Health Coach; from Recording Artist to Truck Driver; from Christian Camp Director to Corporate Consultant; from Bicycle Shop Manager to Freelance Writer; from Lumberjack to Jack-of-All-Trades. I've worn a white collar, a blue collar, a clerical collar, and no collar at all.

LuAnn and I have moved 28 times. We've lived in several states across this country and a couple countries around the world. All four of our children were born in California and all in the '80s.

Our youngest son, John, lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our son, Nathan, and his wife, Kirra, live in Lynnwood, Washington with their son, Ashton James. Our daughter, Anna (always Annie to me), lives with her daughter, Farrah Jaye, in Holland Michigan.

Our beloved firstborn son, James, died of cancer on November 11, 2005, the day after his 24th birthday. God bless him...our brave, sweet boy. Not a day goes by when we don't think of him and miss him.

Jesus Christ has been my Lord and Savior since I was a boy. My spiritual journey is one of my favorite stores to tell. It influences and informs every other story. But it's also a story unto itself. It's too long and convoluted to tell here.

In spite of my faith, the story of my life is a story filled with grief and loss. The litany of loss was so extensive it eventually touched every area of life--family, health, finances, work and faith. In 2015, after years of tragedy and layers of loss, LuAnn and I lost our home. Then we lost our jobs.

We decided to take a big risk. We couldn't change what had come to us, but we could choose what to do with what had come. Determined to rise above our circumstances, we packed the back of our minivan with the essentials to survive, threw a mattress on top and drove off on a Great Adventure--a Grand Quest to expand our faith, rekindle our love, find our joy, restore our hope, discover God's direction for the next chapter of our lives and reconnect with people and places from our past. It was like starting over.

And guess what? We're still driving. Who'd've thought?

We've been "houseless" since the fall of 2015, traveling through and exploring parts of Canada and Mexico and all but one of the continental United States with a rusty 2007 Dodge Caravan as our primary residence and wondering how we ended up being the ones "living in a van down by the river."

An odyssey is defined as a long series of eventful wanderings usually marked by many changes of fortune,

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notable experiences and hardships. That pretty much sums it up. LuAnn's and my life together and the roads we have taken, is an odyssey.

In an attempt to chronicle our journey, I have written a blog--*Ordinary Pilgrims: Stories along the Way*. If you'd like, you can follow along at sollomclan.com.

Do You Know?



1. Do you know which year Saga this picture was taken from? (hint: the seniors will be celebrating 60 years this summer)
2. This team took first place in which holiday tournament?
3. Do you know who the Coach is?
4. Can you name the team members? (answers can be found in this Spotlight 2.0 issue)

From the desk of Superintendent Jeffrey Lund

The MCC School Board has been focused on sharing information about the school district building project proposal this spring. The priority of the project is to address space needs as our student population has been steadily growing the past 15 years. The project will go to vote this summer with the election date set as August 10. Our district is a mail ballot district and registered voters in the district will receive ballots on or around June 25.

The goals of the project are to consolidate the two Newfolden schools by replacing the current elementary school with a new elementary building connected to the high school site. This will allow sharing of a new cafeteria and new second gym. Viking Elementary will receive an addition to provide additional preschool space, special education space, cafeteria space and restrooms. The project cost is estimated at \$22 million dollars. Voters will be asked to approve building bonds providing \$21,390,875 towards the project. The remaining funds would be allocated by a school board approved bond of \$930,600 which can cover some remodeling costs to parts of the current high school building.

Marshall County Central has been an area leader in education and this project is slated to provide quality building infrastructure that will meet our current and future education needs. Our school district has been financially successful from an operational standpoint. We have not asked the voters for a tax increase since 2011. We have maintained a healthy fund balance and have one of the lowest operating referendums in the region. For continued long-term success we must address our priority space needs. Addressing these now will set us up for a bright future. We have been growing and foresee continual, gradual growth. It is important we have the space to meet the needs of students now and into the future.

The proposed project is a vital investment in our local communities that will pay long-term dividends. The plan addresses our space needs and addresses safety concerns. It replaces our aging infrastructure which will lead to reduced maintenance costs. The facility upgrades will improve student learning opportunities, safety, air quality, and energy efficiency.

For more information we encourage you to visit our web site dedicated to information about the project: www.buildmccstrong.org. You are also welcome to contact the school board or me if you have questions.

Bits From The Past

by Gail Larson

From the February 1976 Spotlight

Debbie Swenson has been named as local winner in the 1976 Betty Crocker Family Leaders of Tomorrow contest. General Mills is the sponsor of the annual contest.

Mrs. Goldie Johnson, first grade teacher, was recently elected Teacher of the Year for 1975-1976.

MCC students and Mr. Gillie went to Crookston, Wednesday, February 4, for Business Activity Day. People who participated were Sue Larson, Pam Taie, Kristy Knutson, Jenny Johnson, Sarina Johnson, Marilyn Hagenbeck, and Tonia Larson.

HEARTS AND HEARTACHES:

Hearts - to the girls' BB team for going to the district.

Heartaches - to homework during the sports season.

Hearts - to the wrestlers for working so hard during their season.

Heartaches - to Monday mornings.

Hearts - to Diane and Pam for winning all-conference.

The Roving Reporters visited the second grade and asked them "Who is the smartest person in the world?"

Kyle Tanner - God and Jesus.

Patty Odberg - George Washington

Kristin Lysne - Christopher Columbus

Karla Hanson - My Dad, because he knows everything

Carla Bengtson - George Washington because he was president

Shelly Helm - George Washington

Four MCC wrestlers will advance to regional wrestling competition - Philip Waterworth (at 126 lbs.) and Rick Waterworth (at 132 lbs.). Second place finishers were Don Waterworth and Bernard Blawat (at 98 lbs.).

MCC Education Foundation Members

Becoming a member of the MCC Education Foundation for a year (May 1 to April 30) is just a donation of \$25 per person! A lifetime membership is obtained by a \$500 donation, either as a one time gift or over time.

Jason Anderson

Mandy Beech

Twile Ellingson

Nancy Fisher

Winton Forsberg

Claudette Forsberg

Marlyce Grabanski

Paula Gustafson

Kelli Hanninen

Kathryn Harstad

Sharon Hook

Denise Laymon

Delmar Lofstrom

Hjalmer Lofstrom

Karen Lorinser

Sandy Lubitz

Jeffrey Lund

Valerie Maki

Audrey Nelson

Ronald Paggen

Mary Radatz

Howard or JoAnne Rokke

Nancy Samuelson

David Sethre

Faythe Thureen

Ron & Linda Ueland

Lifetime Members

Mary Anderson

Patti Anderson

Craig & Emily Bakke

David & Marge Bakke

Lester Bakke

Daniel or Tricia Brein

Darren & Jenny Brein

Betty Carlson

Gordon Collin

Shelly Helm Guzek

Raynard Huglen

Ernie or Linda Johnson

Mark & Sue Knutson

Mitchell Knutson

Glen Larson

Lloyd Melvie

Clifford or Lynette Nelson

Ronald Paggen

Karen Ranum

Brian Rokke

Kevin Sethre

Ronald Shern

Faythe Thureen

John Tunheim

Dale or Verna Westman



Milestones

Honors, Achievements, Accomplishments

The Class of 1992 has given a bench and a monetary donation to the school in memory of classmates Jared Boe, Mike Nelson and Leif Stennes.

Passings

Marion (Johnson) Davidson
1941
Gerry Peterson
1942
Lowell Anderson
1943
Violet (Erickson) Becklund
1947
Harlan Dyrud
1954
Janet Collins
1955



Howard Davis
1961
Judy (Hagen) Tandberg Mason
1963
John Lubitz
1965
Karen Turner
1965
Gordon Bring
Bennie Hanson
Bruce Knutson

We publish those we know about,
we apologize if we have missed a loved one.

If you would like to submit a name for Logbooks and Ice Caps, please send it to MCC Ed Foundation, PO Box 189, Newfolden, MN 56738 or mcceducationfund@mccfreeze.org

Answers to "Do you know?"

1. This picture is taken from the 1961 Saga.
2. They took first place in the Soo Line Holiday Tournament. 32 - 31 over Strandquist and 55 - 27 over Karlstad.
3. Coach Frank Kohoutek.
4. Team members: Ronald Shern, Gerald Hestekind, James Elseth, Richard Inman, Harold Steinhauer, David Haug, Howard Davis, Neil Martin, Ronald Ueland, James Dahl, and Student Manager DeVere Chapman.

The NHS Class of 1961 will be celebrating
60 years!

The class of 1961 will celebrate their 60th year
Class Reunion during Newfest in Sept 2021. On
Saturday, they plan to meet at Chuck and LuAnn's
in Middle River, late afternoon and eat at the
Middle River Community Center around 6 pm.
Wouldn't it be fun to be able to listen to the
stories that will be told!

Gifts Given

In Memory of

Ryan Bendickson
Zola Belle Bleth
Spencer Brein
Larry Ekman
Harlan Dyrud
Gordon Everson
Darrell Hetland



Valborg Huglen
Rose Jacobson
David Kalmoe
Clarice M Lambrecht
Clarence & Myrtle Larson
John Lubitz

Audrey Maki
Judy (Hagen) Mason
Maynard Samuelson
Vernette Stokke
Ethel Torgerson
Myles Westman
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