

# SPOTLIGHT 2.0

## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The MCC Education Foundation is proud to announce that the following MCC Seniors have received scholarships through the Foundation.



Tessa Anderson

- MCC Education Foundation Scholarship
- Taylor Moen Scholarship
- Spencer Brein Scholarship



Hayden Bakke

- MCC Ed Foundation Agricultural Studies Scholarship
- Lloyd Melvie Aviation Scholarship
- Myles Westman Memorial Scholarship
- Spencer Brein Scholarship
- Marshall County Driftskippers Snowmobile Club Scholarship



Logan Gast

- Myles Westman Memorial Scholarship
- Gordon Collin Second Chance Scholarship



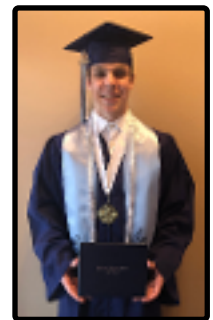
Serena Ratzlaff

- Taylor Moen Scholarship



Mackenzie Lubitz

- Taylor Moen Scholarship



Caleb Nelson

- Spencer Brein Scholarship
- Marshall County Driftskippers Snowmobile Club Scholarship

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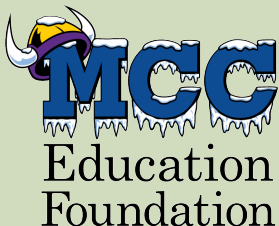
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*The vision of the MCC Education Foundation is to provide MCC students opportunity for creativity, growth and scholarship by building community partnerships.*

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Jon Leader is a 2007 MCC graduate

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Ron graduated in 1965, Kevin & Patty (Odberg) in 1986, and Kim in 1992

**MCC Education Foundation Annual Meeting was postponed. New date will be posted on website.**

**\$20,000 in 2020**  
Our goal is to reach \$20,000 in donations in 2020! We are on our way! Thank you to those have have donated! Our total as of this printing is: \$1620!  
If you would like your gift to go towards \$20,000 in 2020 remember to indicate it is for the \$20,000 or for the endowment fund.

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## **Participation in Thrivent Choice makes a difference.**

As eligible Thrivent Financial members direct Choice Dollars to the MCC Education Foundation the momentum continues to build. The funds we receive from Thrivent are used to help fund a scholarship to a graduating senior. Thank you to Thrivent and its members who helped make this possible. Together, we can strengthen communities and change lives.

*The mission of the MCC Education Foundation is to support and enhance innovative education for all MCC students.*

## Feature Story - Taylor Moen Memorial Scholarship

by Shelly Helm Guzek

The Taylor Moen scholarship was created in “thought” before he passed away. Taylor struggled through school all of his high school years as he was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) at 12 years old. He had several treatments for this disease and a bone marrow transplant which took him away from school. He missed his entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade as his immune system was too low to attend any public functions. There were two teachers that would come to the house once or twice a week to try to do homework with him. He hated every minute of it as he wanted to go to school. Even though he struggled to catch up to his class he was able to graduate with them in 2009.

However, just before high school graduation he relapsed with MDS but Taylor still had a goal in mind and that was to graduate high school and at least start college before having to undergo more treatments and another bone marrow transplant. He underwent his second bone marrow transplant and treatments and as soon as he was given the “green light” by his doctors he again started college. After the first quarter he became ill once again and his body forced him to quit college because of his illness. It was during this time that we talked about creating a scholarship to help our youth. He wanted to create a scholarship IN HONOR OF Taylor Moen but that was pretty uncommon 7 years ago. His intentions for the scholarships that it should go towards anyone that was going to achieve a degree in Auto Mechanics or the health field. We later added anyone going into the music field as guitar was his favorite thing to play. The scholarship is not based on a high GPA as Taylor struggled through school and knew that there are several barriers that can affect a student’s GPA. The scholarship is based on your “drive” to succeed in life by taking a step to further your education.



Education is not something that should be taken for granted. Taylor wanted to attend school and take part in all of those things that students do while creating lifelong memories.

I feel scholarships are a way to show our youth that we really care about their future and we want them to succeed in life. What is one question we always ask our juniors or seniors? What are your plans in life or what are your plans after graduation? Let’s make them want to continue their education beyond graduation. Let’s make it easier for them to do so by creating and giving to more scholarships.

*Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of overcoming of it. - Helen Keller*



This newspaper picture and the following article were sent to the Foundation anonymously. There is no date. Enjoy.

First School At Newfolden -

The first school built in the village of Newfolden was a 2 room concrete building located in the block of the present elementary school. It was erected in 1908. The first teachers were Esther Thomas and Martha Thorson. In 1916 it was moved to the south to provide room for a new 7 room brick building to be joined to it. In 1940 the original building was torn down to be replaced by an auditorium which held classrooms on its second floor. In more recent years a new elementary wing has been built, also a new junior-senior high school.



**Raynard Huglen**  
**Class of 1946**



In 1940, my mother, Inga Huglen, moved to Newfolden from Westby, Montana, with her three youngest children: Valborg, who would be a junior in High School, Erling, who would be in third grade, and me, who would be in seventh grade. Our father had died in 1938 and we came here to be near relatives. It was a logical move.

Valborg became a teacher and taught here for 45 years. She is one of the original members of the MCC Wall of Honor. Erling is known for his basketball prowess and is an original member of the Newfolden/MCC Hall of Fame. He was less than 100 points short of being the first player to score 1000 points. And he played when the games were four minutes shorter and there was no three-point shot. When we came to Newfolden, the new school a WPA project, was being completed. School was late in starting. I believe it didn't start until early October. We considered the school very nice. A new gym, library, classrooms for the 7th, 8th, and 12th grades and a large assembly room, and there were lockers for all.

There was an inter-com system so announcements could be made to each room simultaneously. Should say that freshmen had their room in the old part and the commercial room and another classroom and the principal's office. The superintendent's office was on that floor, too.

I had only met two of my classmates before school began; Grace Ronholm and Donald Tweet. At that time, Donald spelled his name Tvedt. The school was on the Junior High plan so we had five or six teachers. Miss Mary Keogh (later Tandberg) taught art once a week. She had surplus fruit from the government and passed some out to us. This was likely the beginning of a school lunch program.

In my freshman year there was a big influx of new students from rural schools. There were at least 32 students in my class. Not all of them continued on to graduation at Newfolden. I remember when on Dec 8, 1941, we moved across the hall to hear President Roosevelt declare war on Germany and Japan after that "day of infamy". Of course, we knew that some from the upper grades at least would be going to war. Three boys from our time would make the supreme sacrifice: Bertil Gustafson, Harlan Engelsrud and Lawrence Folden.

Because of the war some things were curtailed at school. There was no band. There was always basketball, but football (six-man) was eliminated after a two-game season my sophomore year. That year we defeated Strandquist twice. I played halfback, but don't remember any contributions I made to the victories. Football did not resume for six years, so Erling missed out altogether and he would have been a good one.

In basketball, getting coaches was a problem. In Newfolden our superintendent, Mr Leland, took over for 1944-46. He did the best he could, but it wasn't good enough. I went out for basketball all four years. There was no B team and so I was someone to play against in practice for the boys who made the team. I lettered my senior year and was what now would be called the sixth man.

Every year there would be a Junior Class play and one by the Seniors. My Junior year one was "The Mummy and the Mumps" and the Senior year one was "Professor, How Could You?". I took part in both.

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They were in three acts. The musicals presented now every two years are excellent, but I miss those 3-act plays.

I think of all the teachers I had in the six years, some over 20. Each one contributed something to my education. In Sophomore English, my sister Irene was my teacher. I had some apprehension about her teaching in Newfolden. Would the kids be nice to her? But they were and she was well-liked. Actually, she did her practice teaching in Newfolden the year before. It was good to have her living at home, if even for a shorter time. Her year of 1943-44 had quite a few days of stormy weather and missed school days.

Our baccalaureate service as Seniors was held on a Sunday morning. That may have been the only time that was done. My pastor, Rev. E.J. Raaum, spoke.

We were 38 graduates, the biggest number to that time, one more than Valborg's 37 in 1942. We were augmented by eight students from Holt, probably the most ever. Also there were a transfer from Hallock and Lois Swan returned to school after being out for a year.

I am proud of our class of 1946. Not as many went on to college in those days and there was no junior college 20 miles away. Probably only 3 of us got Bachelor degrees. Two were struck down early in life: Archie Edeen and Kenneth "Swede" Larson. But all of our class have been productive citizens, partly due to the education we received at NHS (Newfolden High School).

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## From the desk of Superintendent Jeffrey Lund

The 2019-2020 school year ended much differently than we expected this year for our MCC Schools. Usually the spring of the year is very busy with state testing, field trips, spring sports, and year end celebration events. That all changed when we were required to abruptly make adjustments in mid-March at the request of the Governor of Minnesota due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The last day we served students in school was March 16. We were given time from March 17-March 27 to plan for a short period of distance learning. That ended up not so short in the end with the Governor closing all school buildings and requiring distance learning for the remainder of the school year. Our teachers worked very hard to serve students in their homes. We generated learning packets for our students. Many teachers held meetings with students using online tools like Zoom or Google Meets. Students in grades 9-12 were allowed use of their school Chromebook from home.

The state requested schools consider serving students lunch through the closure. Our kitchen staff made adjustments and were able to serve nearly 30,000 meals from March 23 - May 28. We served most of our food out of Newfolden Elementary. Our bus drivers brought food out to remote sites in Viking, Holt, and Middle River to provide closer access to meals to families in those areas. We provided child care to emergency workers. On average we had between 6 and 13 children each day throughout the distance learning period. We were still able to host a graduation ceremony for our graduation class of 2020. It was held in the west parking lot of the school. Graduates and their parents stayed in their cars to listen to my introduction and senior Speaker Serena Ratzlaff's student speech. Then, one at a time, graduates and their parents were allowed to come forward and take their diploma. Graduates posed for a photo while other graduates' families honked horns to celebrate.

I am very proud of our community. Our teachers, school support staff, students, and parents made adjustments in very short order and made everything work out. Of course there were some hiccups but everyone was patient and we made improvements as we went. We were able to complete the school year making the most out of an extraordinary situation. This summer it will be quiet around school as we are not allowed to provide our typical programming. As conditions across the state improve, they are opening more up. We are hoping for a normal fall but are spending time this summer planning for various contingencies. The district office is open throughout the summer Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to answer questions and provide support.

## Bringing Back the Class Pictures - Update

Plans were put on hold because of Covid-19, but we are still looking for individuals who would like to be on a committee that will work towards the gathering, publishing, and fundraising of this project. If you are interested, please contact us at 218-874-3832. **Thank you** to all that have responded with offers of yearbooks and pictures. We are keeping you in mind.

## Bits From The Past

From the May 1979 Spotlight by Gail Larson

Music Students earning stars: Dorene Larson - Trombone Solo

Tami Anderson & Diane Maki - Vocal Duet

District Track Meet: Denise Stokke - 1st in Discus

Lisa Bush - 2nd in 400 meter

Charmaine Broderson - 3rd in 800 meter

Tami Wilcox - 3rd in Long Jump

Nathan Stokke - 3rd in Pole Vault

Orienteering: First-place tie in Special Team competition -

Randy McKenzie, Rick Bothum, Carl Kezar, Nate Stokke.

Mr. Pederson, Advisor

Baseball Captains: Jim Sethre and Ray Kvalog

Orchids and Onions: Orchids to the musical production of "Dracula, Baby"

Onions to the hours spent on it.

Summer Plans: Brian C. - take flying lessons

Rose S. - not sure but it's going to be fun.

What Seniors are doing after graduation:

Chuck Skadsem - go into the Army, work.

Karen Lee - get a part time job and then go to school.

Funniest thing you ever saw happen at MCC:

Shelly Shern - The King Tut Skit at Sno-fest

Stacy Larson - when Mr. Ueland got a pie in the face.

## Gifts Given

### *In Memory of*

Spencer Brein

John Carlson

Mark Carlson

Clayton Hjelle

Kenneth Hjelle

Ken Hodny

Erling Huglen

Dan Hogberg



### *In Honor of*

The Lubitz Family:

LuAnn, Linda

John & Terry

Ron Paggen

Jan Klopp

Wayne Larson

Joyce Liedberg

LeRoy Nelson

Keith Ranum

Floyd Nelson

Vernette Stokke



### **Milestones**

### **Honors, Achievements, Accomplishments**

### **Passings**

Roy Jorgenson  
1939  
Iola (Fisher) Rokke  
1942  
Vernette (Tanquist) Stokke  
1942  
Beverly (Gustafson) Halverson  
1946  
Lois (Krohn) Weiss  
1953  
Mark Carlson  
1963



Kenny Hodny  
1972  
Michael Jarshaw  
1975  
Elaine (Larson) Ekman  
Larry Ekman  
Bernice (Sostad) Wagner  
Janice Klopp  
Former Teacher

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](mailto:mcceducationfund@mccfreeze.org)

### **Mark Carlson**

Mark Carlson, Newfolden, passed away suddenly on April 2, 2020 in his home. He grew up in the Holt/Newfolden area, graduating from MCC in 1963. He graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, in 1967 and served in the Army from June 1968 to Jan 1970. He received many awards for his service, most of it spent in Vietnam. He married Betty and they were blessed with 4 children.

Mark was the Head Start Director at Northwest Community Action in Badger as of June 1986 until his passing. He was on the MCC school board for over 38 years, many of those years as chairman.

Mark was a passionate supporter of education. He supported the Education Foundation by giving financially and by giving encouragement, either by words or by being at events. He always had a smile. Personally, he gave confidence to this editor by telling someone that "she has an eye for photography." We will miss Mark. Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty, Seth, Sarah, Christopher, and Charles.

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### **Ron Paggen retires from the MCC Education Foundation Board of Directors**

I would like to thank Ron Paggen for his years of service to the MCC Education Foundation. Ron, as MCC superintendent, was one of the first people, that I am aware of, to suggest the idea of forming an education foundation. I was fairly new on the MCC School Board at the time and honestly I didn't know what an education foundation was or what functions it could serve. Ron had the vision to see that this was something that had the potential to bring together people who cared about education and wanted to give back to MCC and its students. It took a few years for the MCC Education Foundation to become a reality, but when it did Ron stepped up out of retirement to be an integral part of its formation and organization. I remember specifically how thoughtful he was in the discussion of what the mission and vision of the Foundation would be. Your wisdom will be missed at the board table. Thank you, Ron, for your dedicated service to MCC and to the MCC Education Foundation.

--Mark Knutson

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