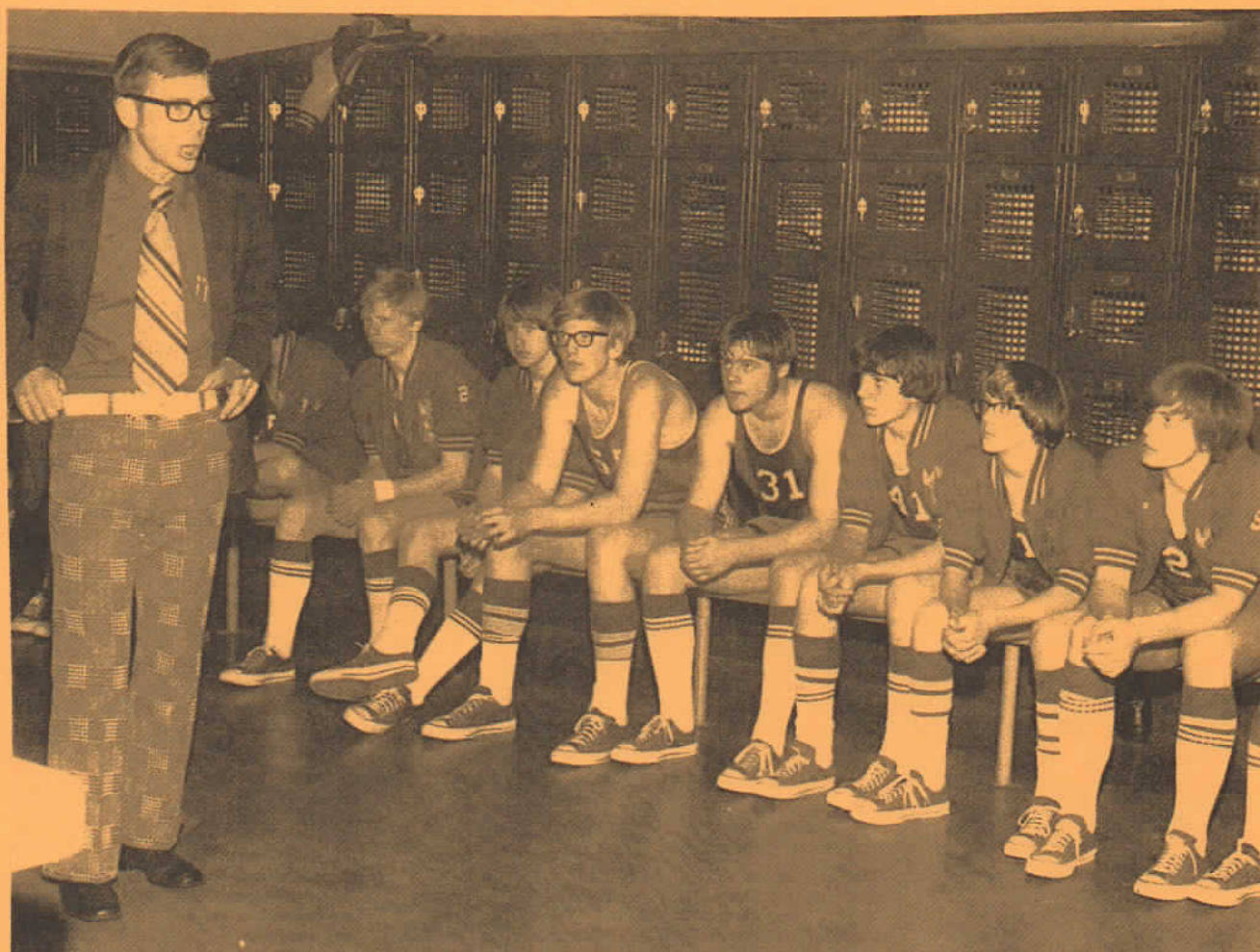


Marshall County Central Hall of Fame

January 24, 2015



1974 Basketball Team with Coach Ron Ueland

5TH MCC HALL OF FAME

INDUCTION CEREMONY

NEWFOLDEN COMMUNITY CENTER,

JAN. 24, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

- Welcome.....John Rokke, Class of 1966
- Invocation.....Jerry Strandquist, Class of 1964, HOF member
- Meal.....Catered by David Lee Catering of Thief River Falls
- Introduction of current HOF members in attendance.....John Rokke
- Introduction of Kelli Anderson Hanninen.....Mark Jorgenson
- Introduction of Darcene Moen Burgess.....Mark Jorgenson
- Introduction of Bob Dahl.....Randy Dahl
- Introduction of Keith Grandstrand.....Jerry Strandquist
- Introduction of Jim Pederson.....Ron Ueland
- Introduction of Ron Ueland.....Jeff Ueland
- Comments from the audience.....
- Closing remarks.....John Rokke

Nordic Fight Song: Stand up and cheer, stand up and cheer for Central High School, pledge your loyalty for she's your alma mater, too! Rah, Rah, Rah! Our boys and girls are fighting and we will help them see it through. We've got the steam, rah rah, we've got the team, rah rah, so Central, here's to you!

Blood and thunder, brick and tar, Central High School , here we are! (3 times)

PAST/PRESENT INDUCTEES INTO THE MCC HALL OF FAME

Charter Class of 2005, #1

Myron Anderson	1939
Ray Anderson	1940
Lowell Anderson	1943
Erling Huglen	1950
Dennis Bakke	1959
Boys' Basketball Team	1953

Class of 2007, #2

Mike Fincher	1977
Denise Stokke Rokke	1979
Sue Olson Lee	1984
Kevin Boe	1985
Girl's' Basketball Team	1987

Class of 2010, #3

Leroy Lokken	1943
Gene Halvorson	1955
Don Engelsrud	1959
Jerry Strandquist	1964
Sara Lokstad	1994
Football Teams	1953-54

Class of 2013, #4

George Fricker	1950
Van Swanson	1968
Marlin Bjornrud	1971
Nathan Stokke	1981
Jill Johnson Maxwell	1982
Jodi Foss	1987
Natalie Ueland Price	1988
Boys' Basketball Team	1959

Class of 2015, #5

Bob Dahl	1959
Coach Ron Ueland	1961
Keith Grandstrand	1964
Kellie Anderson Hanninen	1989
Darcene Moen Burgess	1991
Coach Jim Pederson	Retired

Kelli Anderson Hanninen, 1989



Kelli earned 11 varsity letters at MCC, 4 in basketball, 4 in track and 3 in volleyball. She earned all-conference honors 2 times each in basketball and volleyball and was captain in both sports her senior year. She earned 5 MVP awards, 3 in track and 1 each in basketball and volleyball. Kelli is still the school record holder in the long jump, having set the record in 1987 as a sophomore. She won the David Sparby Most Dedicated Senior Athlete Award. Kelli was a ferocious competitor and leader, and performed at a very high level in the state basketball tourney as a sophomore. She graduated from Moorhead State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and also earned a Master's Degree in Education from St. Mary's University. She has taught school for twenty years and is currently in the Detroit Lakes school system. Kelli lives with her husband and their 3 children in Frazee.

Darcene Moen Burgess, 1991



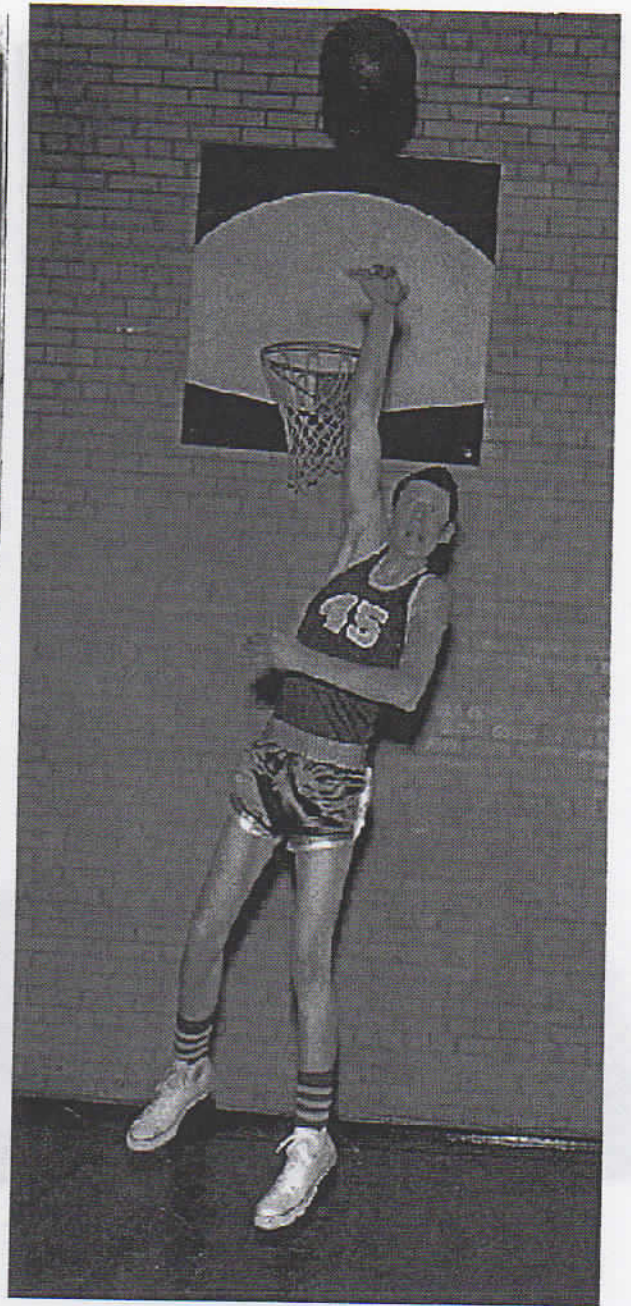
Darcene earned 15 letters at MCC, 5 in basketball, 4 in volleyball and 6 in track. She was an all-conference selection for 3 years each in both basketball and volleyball as well as being captain in both sports her senior year of 1991. She is a member of the elite 1000 point scorer club at MCC, totaling 1092 points in her career. Darcene received a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education and early childhood education along with a coaching minor from Mayville State University. She lettered four years in basketball, earned all-conference honors and was a captain her senior year. Darcene also lettered three years in volleyball and was an all-conference player. She taught 17 years at North Border Schools in North Dakota and coached basketball, volleyball and track, earning District Coach of the Year one season in volleyball. She is currently owner-operator of a floral shop in Hallock, MN. Darcene lives in Cavalier, ND, with her husband and their 2 children.

Bob Dahl, 1959

Newfolden Nordic Five Has 12-0 Season Record

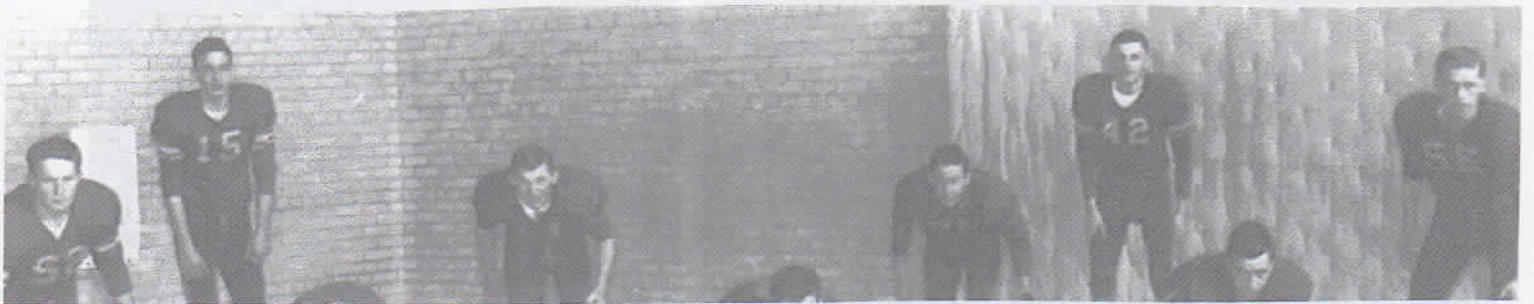
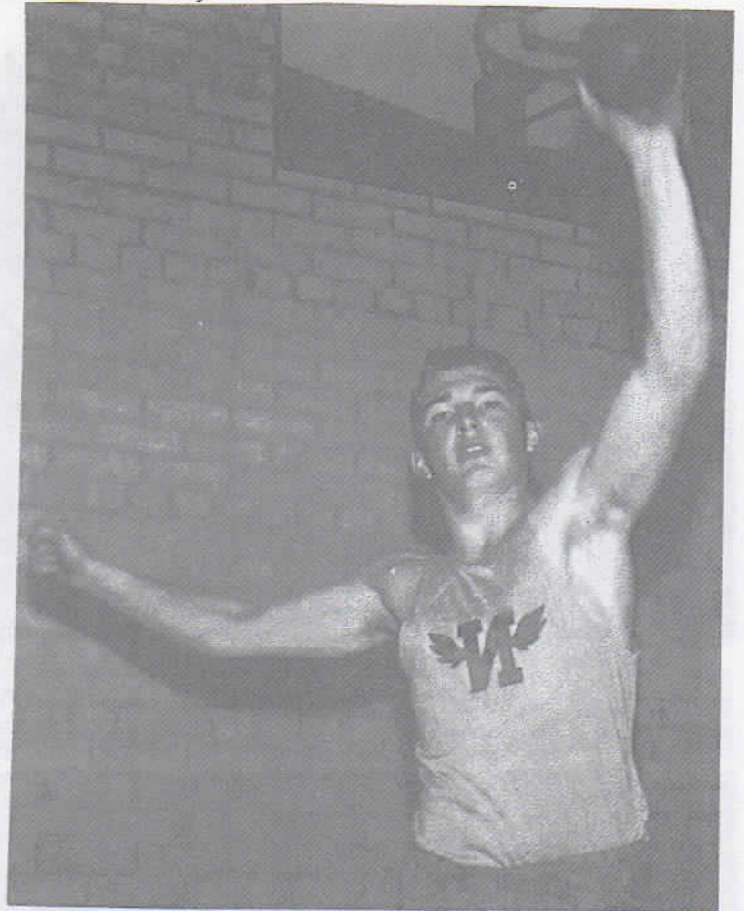


Here is the starting five for the Newfolden Nordics who kept their season's slate clean Tuesday night with a 52 to 43 victory over Warroad in a game played at Newfolden. This makes the Nordic record 12-0 in all games played and 8-0 in east sub-district 32 play. Together with coach John Junker are, from left: Dennis Bakke, who was high point man in the game with Warroad with 20 points; Don Engelerud who tallied 13 points; Bob Dahl who earned 12 points; John Haglund who counted five points and Jim Elseth who earned two points. Haglund held Warroad's high-scoring Dick Johnson to six points.



Bob was a three sport athlete in Newfolden High School. He lettered 3 years in basketball and football and one year in baseball. He was a standout player on the 1959 District 32 Championship team, averaging 13.2 points per game. Bob played independent basketball in the area for the Viking Trotters and other teams for many years. He coached JH basketball for 9 years at Newfolden/MCC High School and has been a volunteer assistant in basketball at numerous levels for many years. He excels at teaching young athletes fundamental post play and his trademark hook shot. Bob has farmed in the Newfolden area for the last 44 years and is an avid follower of high school basketball. His 4 children and 12 grandchildren have been or are high school athletes. Bob feels his greatest blessing is that all of his and Carol's children and grandchildren and their spouses love the Lord.

Keith Grandstrand, 1964



Keith lettered two years in track and three years in football at Newfolden High School. He was chosen as an all-conference player in football in both his junior and senior years. A fierce competitor, Keith played offensive guard and middle linebacker. In a game versus Baudette during his senior year, he had an incredible 36 tackles. He was "tougher than nails" and played every down with the same intensity. His bone-jarring play earned him the highest level of respect from his teammates as well as the opposing players. He earned an accounting degree from Northland Community College and operated his own tax preparation service for many years. He and his wife have 2 children and they live in Coon Rapids, MN.

January 19, 2015

55 (August of 1960) years ago this rookie football coach began 25 years of coaching, and 50 years of teaching. It all began with the Newfolden Nordics. My fondest coaching memories, and I have forgotten more than I can remember, truly are of the six years with the Nordics.

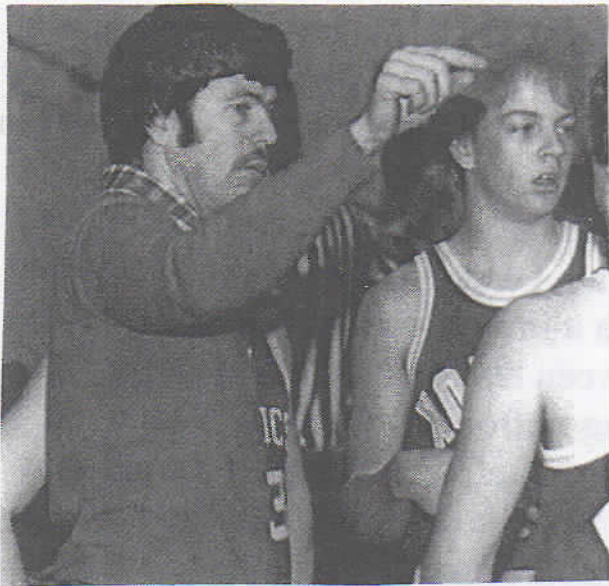
Keith Grandstrand was an integral member of those years. Keith's playing positions were as an offensive guard on our Split-T, and Wing-T style offensive formations. Keith's job was to clear out a running path for Jerry and Terry Strandquist and Merlin Anderson. As a former interior lineman myself in high school and college, I appreciate the tough job he had and did it very well. On defense Keith was our linebacker on the various defenses we would use. While the linemen's focus was primarily to block up the running lanes or penetrate into the backfield, Keith's assignment was to tackle any ball carrier running between the ends positions. I believe in one game Keith made over 30 tackles - incredible. Keith loved the toughness and challenge of the game. No opponent was ever going to get the best of him.

Keith not only loved football, he loved living life. My memory picture of Keith is always having that smile or grin on his face. My most outstanding memory of Keith involves an incident at one of our class parties. I had a bottle of root beer in my hand but could not locate a bottle opener. I say bottle opener because in the 1960's pop was "bottled" in glass bottles sealed with a metal cap. Asking Keith if he had seen an opener he just said "give that to me, I can open it for you." I obliged and he obliged back - by gripping my bottle with a firm grip and opening his mouth slightly he placed the edge of the bottle cap between his front teeth and yanked the bottle with a downward motion. As I am standing in front of him with, I am most certain, a gaping mouth and wide open eyes of disbelief, Keith handed me my root beer and the biggest grin any person could have while holding a bottle cap between his teeth. Now that's "TOUGH." Without using your name Keith, you are a legend to my students and football players in Pine Island and Rochester. I have recited this "pop bottle opener" story every year as an example of "you think you are tough? Let me tell you about the toughest kid I know..."

Congratulations Keith.

Sheldon Elseth

Jim Pederson, Coach from 1970-2011



Jim graduated from Underwood High School in 1966 and then attended Fergus Falls Community College where he played baseball. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Science Education from NDSU. Jim came to Newfolden High School in the fall of 1970 and taught Science for 43 years before retiring in 2013. He coached for 39 years. Jim was a football assistant coach for twenty five years, head baseball coach for 2 years, assistant girls' softball coach for 2 years, assistant track coach for 2 years, assistant varsity girls' basketball coach for 5 years and spent 25 years as the assistant varsity boys' basketball coach. His boys' basketball "B" squad record was 403 wins and 188 losses. As girls' "B" squad coach, his teams won 84 games while losing only 18. Jim and his wife have two children who both were MCC athletes and graduates. They live in Newfolden.

Ron Ueland, 1961



Ron was a three sport athlete at Newfolden High School, earning 4 letters in football, 4 letters in baseball and 2 letters in basketball. He was an all-conference football player and was chosen captain of all 3 teams his senior year. Ron graduated from Moorhead State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and minors in History and Coaching. He graduated in 1966 and taught for 2 years at Nevis High School, where he was head coach of the baseball, basketball and football teams. Ron came to Newfolden High School in the fall of 1967 and taught for 32 years before retiring. In his career, Ron coached for an astounding 99 seasons. He coached boys' basketball for 35 years, compiling a career record of 532 wins and 337 losses. Ron's teams won 12 conference titles, 4 sub-district titles and 4 district titles. He was twice chosen as Region 8A Coach of the Year and was also selected as the Minnesota State Class A Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year in 2002. He was chosen to coach in the state basketball all-star series in 2000 and was elected to the Minnesota Boys' Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2002. Ron was also head football coach for 3 years, won one conference title and was an assistant for 5 years. He was head track coach for 18 years and had 14 state track meet participants. He was head baseball coach for 4 years and his team won a district title in 1971. Ron also coached junior high girls' volleyball for 11 seasons. Ron has 5 children, all of who were MCC athletes and graduates. He and his wife live in rural Newfolden.

