

Marshall County Central Hall of Fame

January 19, 2019



FACIAL TWIST DOESN'T HELP



Macalester's Lindquist, left, is shown trying to twist himself over the tape ahead of St. Olaf's Pilon, but the latter got there first by a hair in mile run in the state college track meet. Pilon's time was 4:41.—(Sunday Tribune and Star Journal photo.)

ATE LEAGUES CERTAIN



HOLDING HANDS as they crossed the finish line in a dead heat in the state college mile event Saturday were these two St. Olaf teammates. Deadlocked in the close finish were Harold Pilon, left, and Ray Roberg, both timed in 4:56.9.—(Sunday Tribune photo.)

7th MCC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY
NEWFOLDEN COMMUNITY CENTER,
JAN. 19, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

Welcome.....John Rokke, Class of 1966

Invocation.....Marlin Bjornrud, Class of 1971, HOF member

Meal.....Catered by David Lee Catering of Thief River Falls

Introduction of current HOF members in attendance.....John Rokke

Introduction of Mark Pilon, son of Harold Pilon.....Ron Ueland

Introduction of Kinzie Anderson Jones.....Kelli Anderson Hanninen
Stacy Anderson Hanson

Introduction of Mike Rokke.....Jim Pederson

Introduction of Jeff Dahl.....Bob Dahl

Introduction of 1971 Baseball Team.....Ron Ueland

MCC Education Foundation Presentation.....Mark Knutson

Comments from the audience.....

Closing remarks.....John Rokke, Raynard Huglen

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

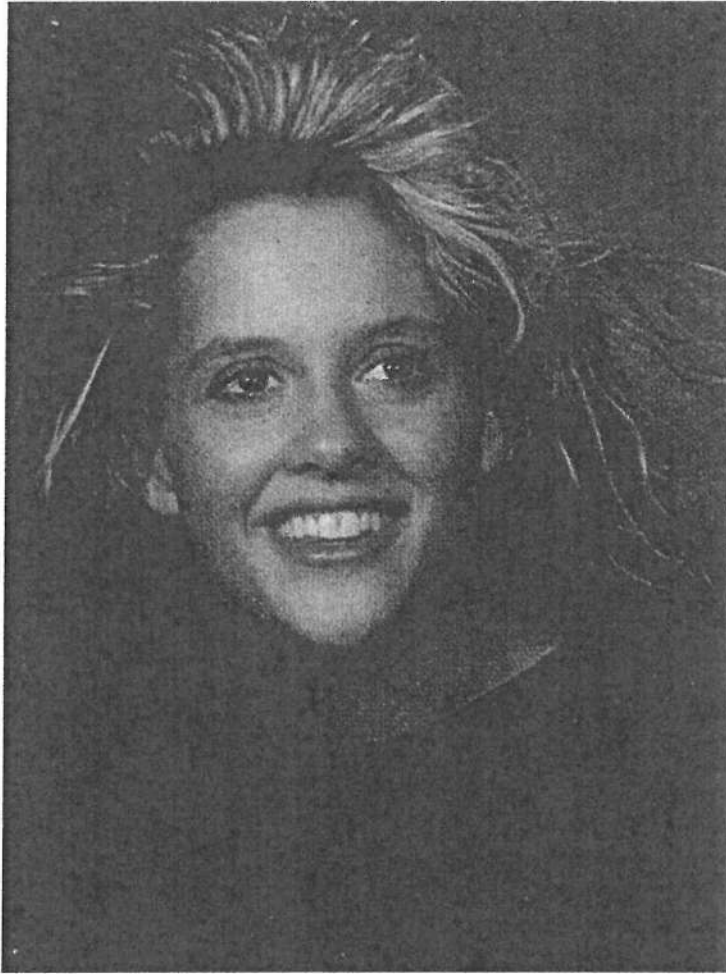
Class of 2019, #7

Harold Pilon	1939
Baseball Team	1971
Jeff Dahl	1982
Kinzie Anderson Jones	1991
Mike Rokke	1991

Class of 2016, #6

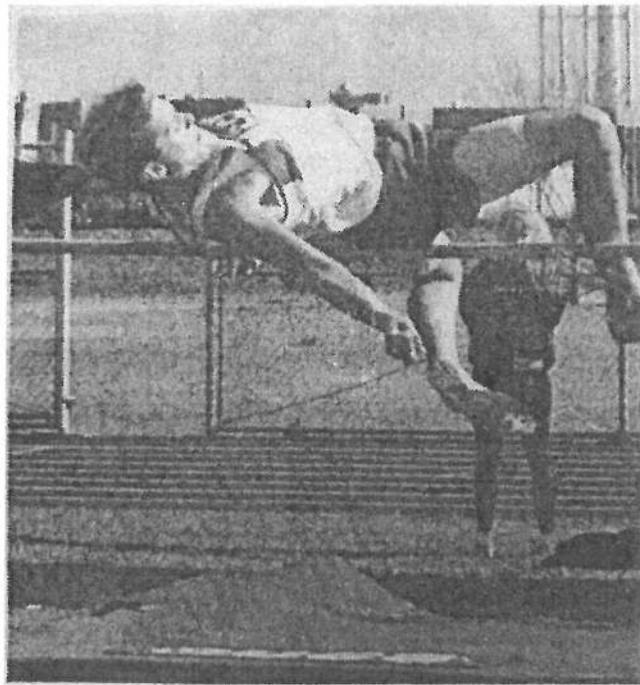
Julie Tunheim	1975
Diane Anderson	1976
Ray Kvalvog	1980
Bill Johnson	1983
Jeremy Underdahl	1991
Tricia Pederson Flohr	1996

Kinzie Anderson Jones, 1991

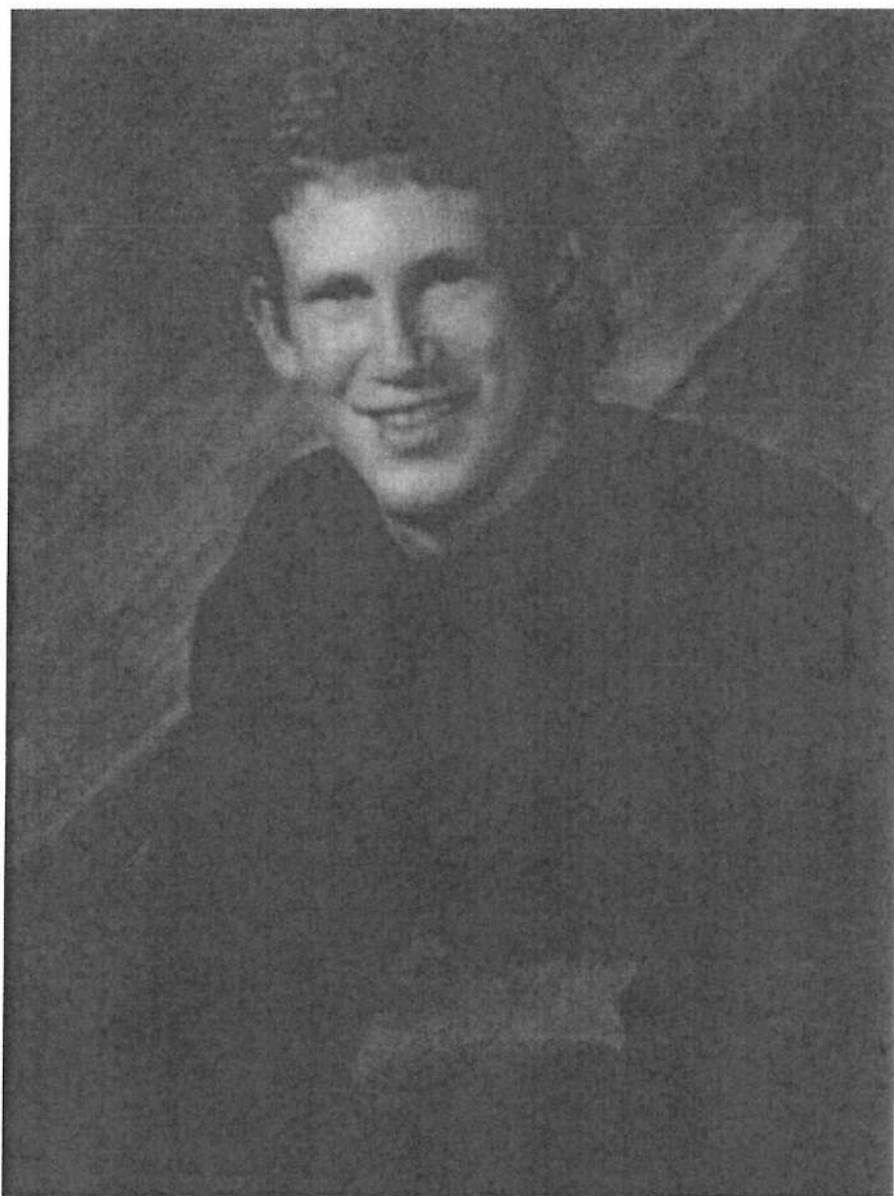


Kinzie earned 13 letters at MCC, 5 in track, 4 in volleyball and 4 in basketball. She was selected as captain in all three sports, and earned all-conference honors in both basketball and volleyball. Kinzie participated in the Minnesota State Track and Field Tournament in the high jump in both her junior and senior years.. She won the David Sparby Most Dedicated Senior

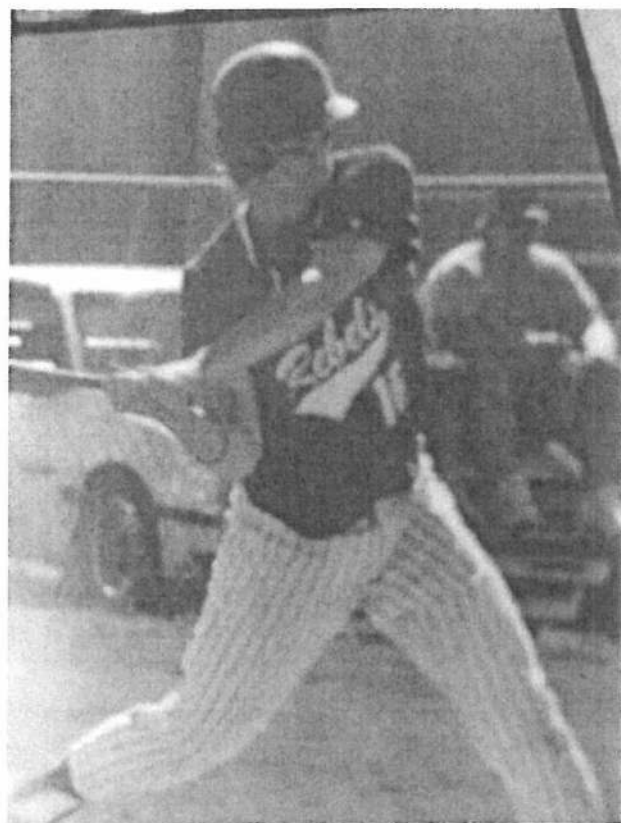
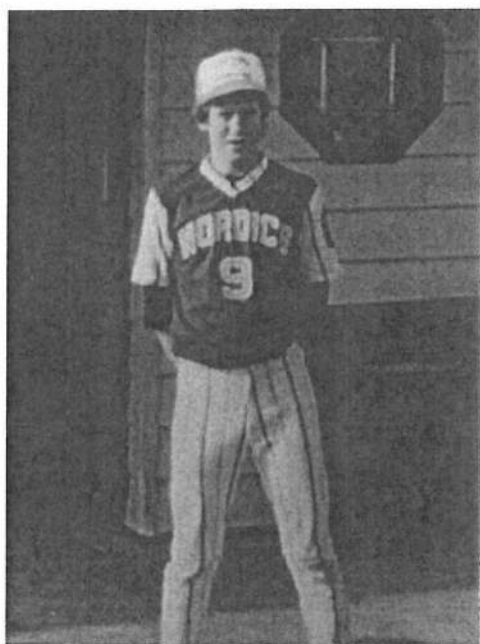
Athlete Award, Kinzie received a Bachelor's Degree from Minnesota State University in Moorhead and taught school in Nebraska and Texas for four years. After moving to California, she was very active in teaching fitness classes and kickboxing. She is a brand owner in the Yellow Company and is a co-owner in an MMA apparel company called EightSided. Kinzie lives with her four children in Detroit Lakes.



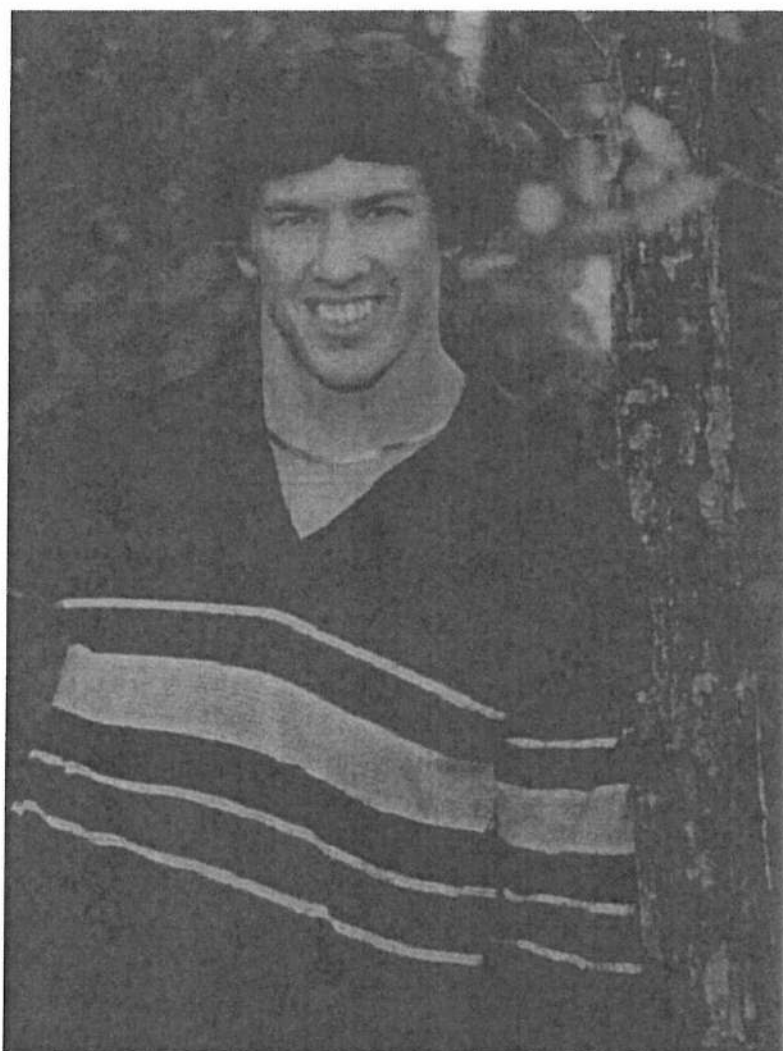
Mike Rokke, 1991



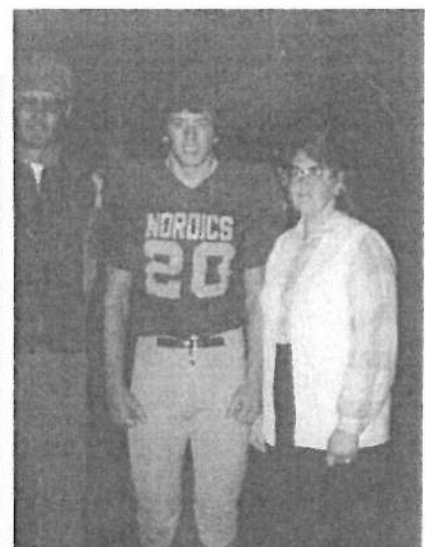
Mike earned 9 varsity letters at MCC, 3 each in basketball, football and baseball. In basketball, he earned All-Conference honors two years, Best Defensive Player 3 years and was captain his senior year. In football, Mike was All-Conference one year, team MVP his junior year and captain in his senior year. In baseball, he was captain, team MVP and Region 8A Subsection MVP as a senior. Mike helped lead the baseball team to the only state tourney in school history in his senior year. He was an excellent pitcher. Mike has worked in the logistics industry for the past 22 years and currently is a National Account Manager (Sales) for a trucking company in Eagan. He lives in Farmington with his wife and daughter.



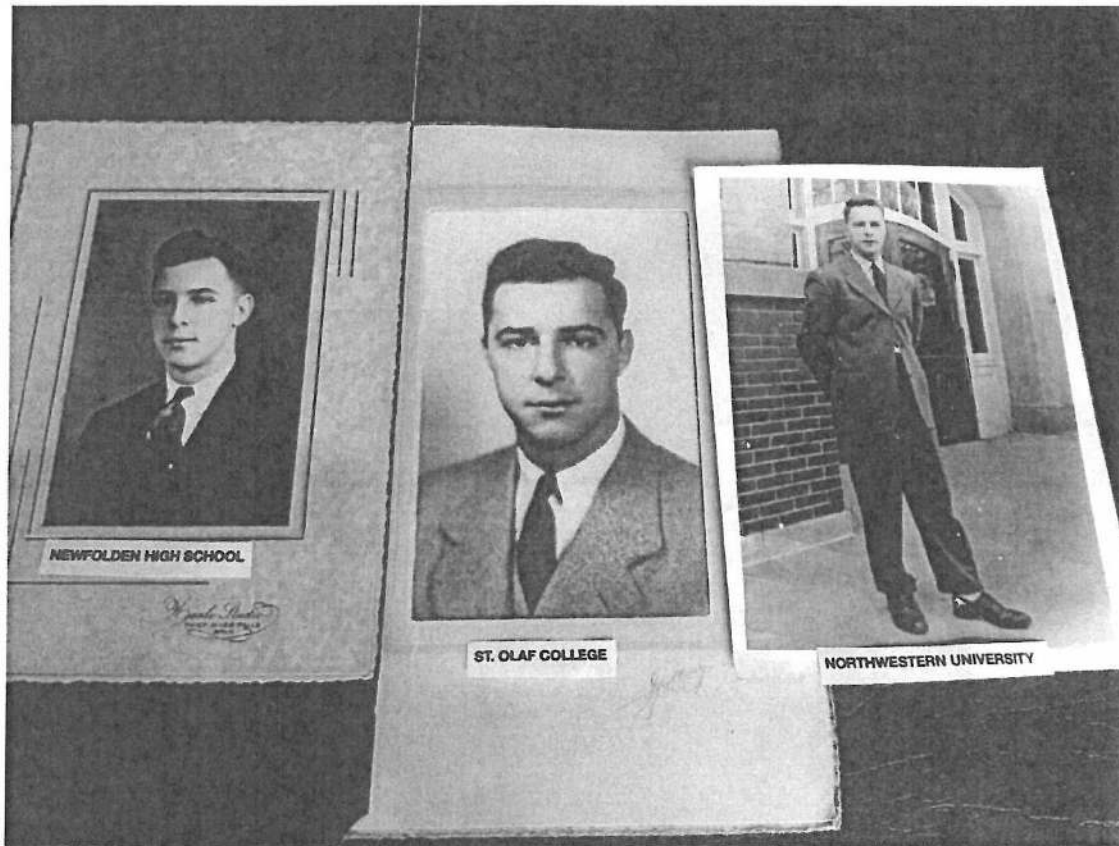
Jeff Dahl, 1982



Jeff was a four sport athlete at MCC. He lettered 3 years in basketball and football and 2 years each in baseball and track for a total of 10 varsity letters. Jeff earned All-Conference honors two years in basketball and one in football. He also earned MVP honors in basketball and football. Jeff played 1 year of basketball at Bemidji State University and 3 years at Northwestern College in Minneapolis. He also played a year of football and basketball at Northwestern and had the distinction of being on three conference championship teams, all in the same year. Jeff graduated from Northwestern in 1987 with Physical Education and Health Degrees. He taught and was an assistant basketball coach in Houston, Texas for five years before becoming head basketball coach in Warsaw, Illinois. His teams compiled a record of 120 wins and 17 losses in five years, culminating with an Illinois State basketball championship in 1997 in the smaller class in a two-class state system. Jeff was also named Illinois Coach of the Year in 1997. He also coached at Keokuk High School in Iowa where he coached his two sons. He currently lives in Keokuk with his wife and is a State Farm Insurance Agent along with being an assistant basketball coach at Culver Stockton College in Canton, MO, an NAIA Division One school.

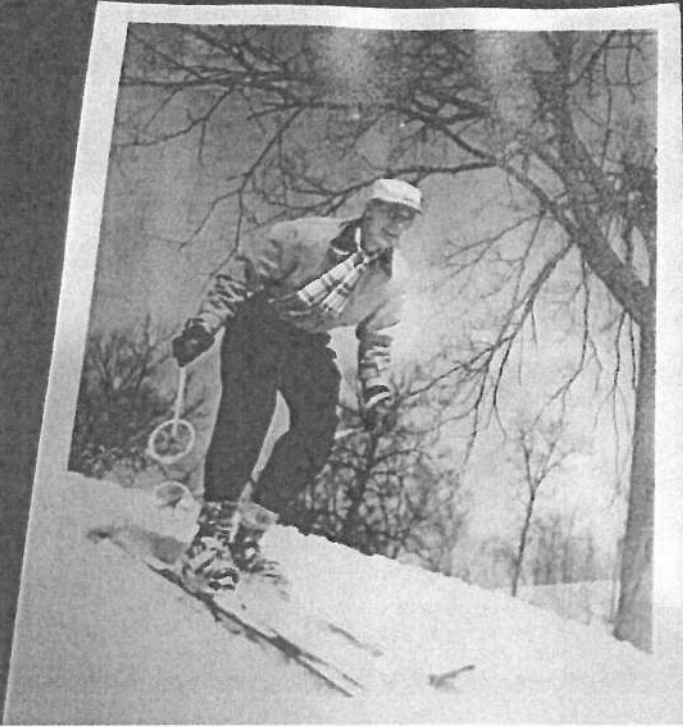


Harold Pilon, 1939



Harold was recognized as a superior athlete at a time when Newfolden High School had only 1 sport, basketball. He was a multiple letter winner and was captain in his senior year. Harold was a superior baseball player who played with the adult men's town team when he was only 16 years old. He was a great hitter and an excellent catcher who had success playing against grown men twice his age. Neighbors, classmates and friends said he was simply a tireless runner, often running to and from school from his parent's home 3 miles east of Newfolden. A

classmate said he was respected so much by his classmates who elected him senior class president and was recognized as the heart-throb of the school by the girls. After high school, he attended St. Olaf College, earning a degree in Biology, and earning 4 varsity letters on the track team. In 1943, Harold began a four year stint in the Army, serving as a medic in the 804th Tank Battalion, seeing heavy action in World War II. After returning to the states he enrolled at Northwestern University in Chicago, and graduated in 1949 with a Master's Degree in Hospital Administration. He worked in Russelville, KY, St. Luke's in St. Paul and in Albert Lea. He also worked as a hospital consultant with Ellerbe Architects, helping design 50 hospitals. Tragically, his life was cut short in a house fire in 1965. Harold was married and had three sons.



Harold J. Pilon —

New Administrator Is Named at Naeve Hospital

Harold J. Pilon, formerly hospital consultant for Ellerbe and Co., St. Paul, has been named new administrator of Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea.

Pilon will succeed Robert Faehn who resigned in August of this year. The new administrator will assume duties here Oct. 18.

A graduate of Newfolden High School and St. Olaf College,

Pilon holds a Masters degree in hospital administration from Northwestern University. He is 44. Pilon has been consultant for the St. Paul firm since 1958. During this time he has programmed about 50 hospital projects and has conducted community surveys to determine hospital needs. He has also worked on master plans for the 600-bed new City-County Hospital in St. Paul.

From 1950-52 Pilon was administrator for the Logan County Hospital at Russellville, Ky. He held a similar position from 1952-56 at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Paul.

Pilon in 1956 served as special consultant for North Memorial Hospital at Robbinsdale and in 1957 he was director of hospital administration for the Kentucky Mental Health Dept. in Louisville.

Pilon is married and has three children, Mark, 16, Bradley, 12, and Timothy, 9. The Pilon family are Lutheran. Pilon served in the armed forces from 1943-46.



HAROLD J. PILON
... New Administrator

Hospital Official Dies in Fire

Special to the Minneapolis Star

ALBERT LEA, Minn. — The recently appointed administrator of Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea died Sunday in a fire in his home next door to the hospital.



Harold J. Pilon, 44, formerly of St. Paul, was found dead near a bedroom window on the second floor of the home, which is owned by the hospital.

He apparently had broken a window but then collapsed before he could break the storm window.

Pilon moved into the home Oct. 18. His family remained at their home at 1962 Portland Av., St. Paul, in order to sell the home before joining him.

He had been employed as a consultant for Ellerbe Architects in St. Paul.

The fire apparently broke out about 9 a.m. and was brought under control in about 20 minutes. The house was heavily damaged.

Memorial services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, with private burial in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Elaine; three sons, Mark, 17, Bradley, 12, and Timothy, 9, and his mother, Mrs. Marie Pilon, Newfolden, Minn.

WINGARD, PAID HOME

1971 Baseball Team

15 wins, 3 losses

District 32 Champion

1971
Baseball
Team



Top Row: Bob Bjorgaard, Gary Borg, Kevin Kezar, Byron Slokke,
John Tunheim & Marlin Bjorgaard. Second Row: Bruce Bjorgaard,
Bruce Ueland, Ron Voth, Rick Sethre, Eldon Augustine, Tom McCauley,
Donavon Nelson & Davin Halvorson. Coaches: Ron Ueland & Dave Kragness

1971 Newfolden High School Baseball Team

(15 wins, 3 losses. District 32 Baseball Champion. Lost to Bemidji, the Region 8 Tourney.)

Seniors:

Gary Borg was an 11 letter winner, participating in baseball, football, basketball and track. He was basketball captain and MVP as a senior. Gary remained active for many years on the local sport scene in softball, volleyball, baseball and golf. He worked for Trans Canada pipeline for 33 years before retiring. He and his wife, Cindy, have two sons and live in Fargo.

Byron Stokke earned letters in four sports: 5 in baseball, 3 in basketball, 2 in football and 4 in track. After attending Northland Community College for 2 years, Byron worked in insurance for 20 years and another 20 years in the mortgage industry. He is retired and lives with his wife, Cheryl, in McGregor. They have four children.

Kevin Kezar lettered 2 years in football and 1 year each in baseball and track. After high school, Kevin enlisted in the Navy, serving our country for 6 years, while learning the machinist trade. He worked in that field for 33 years in Crystal and Aitkin. He and his wife live in Aitkin and have 4 children.

Bob Bjorgaard earned 8 varsity letters, 4 in baseball, 2 in track and 2 in football. He was named as an all-conference player in football as a senior, as well as the defensive MVP that year. After high school, Bob attended Northland Community College, graduating with a AA degree in business. He spent his entire working life in the auto parts business, working, managing, and also owning two stores. After losing his first wife, Kathy, to cancer in 2009, he remarried Gretchen Haug in 2014. Bob and Kathy had 3 children. He lives in rural Viking.

John Tunheim earned 15 varsity letters in high school, 5 in baseball, 4 in track, 2 in basketball and 4 in football where he was all-conference as a senior. After high school, he attended Concordia College where he lettered in track 4 years and cross country 1 year. John graduated from Concordia in 1975 and received a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1980. He practiced law for 3 years before becoming Minnesota Chief Deputy Attorney General from 1984-1995. He then became a United States District Judge, a position he still holds. In 2015, he became Chief Judge of the Federal District. He has served our country as a legal consultant

to several foreign countries, helping them organize their judicial systems. In , John was a Charter Member of the MCC Wall of Honor, He and his wife, Kathryn, live in Stillwater and they have 2 children.

Marlin Bjornrud lettered 5 years in baseball, 4 years in basketball and 3 years in football. In addition, he was captain in all three sports both years. He is a member of the MCC Hall of Fame, being inducted in . After high school, Marlin attended Oak Hills Bible College and graduated with a degree in Pastoral Studies in 1974. He served the White Oak Baptist Church in Akeley for 6 years and has been the pastor at the Embarrass Evangelical Free Church for 40 years, He and his wife live in Embarrass and they have 5 children.

Juniors:

Eldon Augustine earned 4 varsity letters, 2 in baseball and 2 in basketball. After high school, Eldon took over the family farm and retained ownership until his untimely death in 2012. In 1998, he and his wife, Marla, put their farm into CRP and Eldon went to work for Dan Engen construction until 2007. Eldon then worked for Hawkes Company of East Grand Forks until his death. He was most proud of his service on the Marshall County Central School Board. He and his wife have 3 children.

Bruce Bjorgaard earned five varsity letters, 3 in baseball and 2 in football. He completed two years of auto mechanic training at the Thief River Falls AVTI. After gaining experience at a couple of jobs, Bruce worked for Hydra-Mac for 22 years, including time spent in Egypt on a supervisory assignment. He has been employed at Digi-Key for the last 15 years. He and his wife Vickie have 1 daughter and live on his family farm in Viking.

Ron Voth lettered 10 varsity letters, 3 in baseball, 3 in basketball, 3 in track and 1 in football. He was co-captain of the basketball team in his senior year, Ron spent one year at Northland Community College and was a member of the basketball and baseball teams. Ron graduated from Bemidji State University with a degree in Biology. He spent 2 years in the Peace Corps, stationed in Malaysia, where he taught physics and science classes. He moved to the state of Washington, where he worked many years with Solvay Chemical, a producer of hydrogen peroxide for the pulp and paper industry. Ron has one daughter who lives in Portland, OR, and he is now retired.

Rick Sethre earned 9 varsity letters, 4 in baseball, 2 in track, 2 in basketball and 1 in football where he was elected a captain. He played football at Golden Valley Junior College. He also attended Bemidji State University and the North Dakota State School of Science where he earned an AA degree in HVACR. He worked in his chosen field at Bridgeman's in Thief River Falls, Proulx Refrigeration in Crookston, and is currently working at the University of North Dakota in their HVACR Systems. He is married and has 4 children.

Bruce Ueland lettered 12 time, 4 in track, 3 in baseball, 3 in football and 2 in basketball. He was named all-conference two years in football. After high school, Bruce played 1 year of football at the University of Minnesota at Morris, where he earned an education degree. He had worked 34 years in early childhood education and educational administration. Bruce worked in Hong Kong for 14 years, 5 in the Glencoe School System and 15 years in Cloquet before retiring in 2014. He and his wife, Pat, live in Roseville and have two sons.

Sophomores:

Donavon Nelson lettered 5 years in baseball (chosen MVP one season), 4 in football and 3 in basketball. After high school, Donavon worked in road construction for several years before moving to Wyoming, where he spent 32 years operating heavy equipment in the coal mines. He just retired last month and is returning to live in Newfolden.

Davin Halvorson earned 10 varsity letters, 4 in football where he earned Offensive MVP, all-conference honors and was chosen a captain. Davin attended Bemidji State University before graduating from Northland Community and Technical College with a degree in Broadcasting. Davin was on the air with Thief River Falls Radio for 37 years and was a very popular announcer with his golden voice. He is married to Baryth and they have 3 children. They live in rural Newfolden.

Tom McCauley lettered 1 year each in baseball, football and track in his sophomore year. He graduated from Moorhead State University with a B.A. degree in Archaeology. He worked in his chosen career for 30 years. He now lives in Thief River Falls with his high school sweetheart, Lori Dahle.

MCC Completes Best Baseball Season

Seniors Gary Borg and Marlin Bjornrud helped complete Newfolden's best season in history during the 1971 baseball campaign.

The Nordics recorded a 15-3 won-lost mark during the season as they captured the district 32 championship. Newfolden lost a region eight title bid with an 8-1 opening round loss to Bemidji.

Borg, the team's centerfielder, led the offensive charge for the Nordics as he collected 27 hits in

54 trips to the plate for a sensational .500 batting average. Borg also led the club in runs scored with 23; runs batted in with 24; and stolen bases 15.

Senior right-hander Marlin Bjornrud paced the defensive play for the Nordics as he ran up a 10-1 record on the mound.

Ron Ueland and Dave Kragness coached the Nordics to their record-setting season in 1971.

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Gary Borg	54	27	.500	23	24	7	7	13	2	2
Bruce Bjorgaard	28	9	.346	5	10	11	8	49	6	4
John Tunheim	55	16	.291	20	7	11	12	32	24	6
Don Nelson	42	12	.286	9	12	17	10	87	9	5
Rob Bjorgaard	27	16	.281	18	10	9	7	14	17	8
Bruce Ueland	21	5	.238	12	10	15	9	1	0	1
Byron Stokke	60	14	.233	18	9	9	11	17	32	10
Rick Sethre	26	6	.231	10	8	9	4	49	6	7
Ron Voth	46	10	.217	19	8	11	8	8	1	1
Marlin Bjornrud	58	12	.207	8	17	6	12	32	17	5
Tom McCauley	17	2	.118	5	2	6	3	0	6	8
Steve Nelson	2	1	.500	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Kevin Kezar	8	3	.375	2	2	1	1	0	1	0
Eldon Augustine	6	2	.333	3	2	0	2	1	1	0
Gary Halverson	8	1	.125	4	1	6	1	22	0	3
Dave Waterworth	2	0	.000	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Dave Nelson	3	0	.000	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Phil Waterworth	2	0	.000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Joel Waterworth	1	0	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Larson	1	0	.000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

MCC Nordics Drop Roseau Rams 5-2

Newfolden scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning Saturday to drop the Roseau Rams 5-2 and up their season record to 6-1.

Ron Voth walked to start out the ninth inning for the Nordics and went to second on a passed ball while Bruce Ueland also walked. The Nordic's third batter, Dave Holverson, bunted and the throw to third went wide and into left field scoring Voth from second.

Byron Stokke's sacrifice fly scored Ueland and Tom McCauley grounded to the pitcher but a run scored for the 5-2 lead.

Winning pitcher Marlin Bjornrud retired the Rams in order in the ninth.

The Nordics clobbered Strandquist 31-3 Wednesday behind Bjornrud's three hit pitching and the Nordic's 19-hit attack. Strandquist committed 12 errors in the ball game.

The Nordics split a double header with Argyle Thursday afternoon at the Eagles home field, winning the first game 16-3 but losing the second contest 5-0.

Donovan Nelson picked up the win in the first game for the Nordics with a three-hitter with McCauley losing the second game although he gave up just four hits.

Next action for the Nordics will be at Argyle on Friday, May 7.

Nordics Blast Badger Nine 25-1

Marshall County Central blasted Badger 25-1 Monday afternoon to open up their 1971 baseball season in grand style on the Rockets' home field.

The Nordics received no-hit pitching from senior right hander Marlin Bjornrud who went the distance and struck out 12 while walking three batters.

Gary Borg led the Nordic's 12-hit attack with a four for four performance which included six rbis. Bruce Ueland also had a perfect day at the plate, going two for two with five runs batted in.

The Nordics collected six runs in the second inning and erupted for 12 markers in the third, five in the fourth frame and two runs in

have all nine starters back from last year's squad, including five seniors and four guys who have started together for the past four years," said Ueland. "We feel we have a good shot at the district although Roseau is real strong," Ueland stated.

The Nordics are back in action this afternoon (Wednesday) in a 4 p.m. game at Greenbush before coming to Thief River Falls Saturday afternoon.

The complete MCC baseball schedule is as follows:

May 1, at TRF, 3, at Middle River, 5, at Strandquist, 7, at Argyle, 8, at Roseau, 10, at Karlstad, 12, at Badger, 14, at Nevis, 15, at Akeley and Park Rapids, 17, at Greenbush, 19, at Middle River, and May 22, at Strandquist.