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Special thanks to reunion volunteers, class chairs,  
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100 Year  
All Class School Reunion Program  
Marshall County Central High School  
Saturday, September 9th  
6:30 p.m.

## **100 Year All Class Reunion Program**

**Welcome/Introduction:** Superintendent Jeffrey Lund

**Acknowledgement of Staff:** Superintendent Jeffrey Lund

**Choir** - Directed by Sheila Nelson  
“An American Celebration” arranged by Adam  
“Say it with a Song ”arranged by Besig

**Wall of Honor Induction** - MCC Hall of Fame Committee,  
presented by Ron Ueland

**Joseph Mork** ~ District Superintendent from 1931 - 1943.

**Ethel Torgerson** ~ Mathematics Teacher for 31 years.

**Valborg Huglen** ~ Graduate of the Class of 1942 and elementary teacher for over 40 years.

**Chief Judge John Tunheim** ~ Graduate of the Class of 1971 and Chief Judge of the District of Minnesota

**Keynote Presentation:** Chief Judge John Tunheim

**Closing Remarks:** Retired Superintendent Ron Paggen

## **VALBORG HUGLEN**

Miss Huglen was born in 1924 and graduated from Newfolden High School in 1942. She enrolled at Moorhead State College and received her elementary teaching certification in 1946. She kept taking classes over the years and earned a B.S. in Elementary Education in 1967. Miss Huglen taught in Alvarado for one year before coming to teach in the Newfolden Elementary School in the fall of 1947. She taught there for 45 consecutive years before retiring in 1992.



Her love of children was beyond description and she still feels she enjoyed going to work every day during her 46 year teaching career. Former students still keep in contact with her as she continues to live in Newfolden. Many students had their children and grandchildren be taught by Miss Huglen. She has been characterized as being absolutely genuine in her concern for all students, regardless of their abilities or home situations. She was able to instill the love of school in so many children, especially effective in nurturing their love of reading. Her passion for the “Little House on the Prairie” series has remained with countless students.

Valborg Huglen is respected by the community of Newfolden in the highest manner possible. As one former student stated, “As wonderful a teacher as she was, Miss Huglen is even a better human being. She is simply the best!”

## **ETHEL TORGERSON**

Miss Torgerson was born in St. Thomas, North Dakota, in 1915. She graduated from St. Thomas High School as valedictorian of her class in 1933. After helping on the family farm for a few years, she enrolled at the University of North Dakota and graduated in 1942 with degrees in Math and Business. She taught in St. Hilaire before coming to Newfolden in the fall of 1945. Miss Torgerson taught Business classes, Shorthand and Math at the high school level for 31 years, retiring in 1976. She then returned to her home in St. Thomas and worked as the bookkeeper at the local elevator before retiring again in 1992.



It is difficult to find the words to describe the effect that this diminutive professional had on all of her students. Without a doubt, she was in control of her classes at all times, never needing to raise her voice because the "look" was sufficient. Her concern for the educational and personal well-being of all of her students was absolutely genuine. Her ability to command respect from everyone she came in contact with was simply amazing. Miss Torgerson is still held in high regard by so many former students, many of whom give her credit for the level of success they have gained in their lives. She was a professional educator in the fullest sense possible.

Ethel Torgerson presently resides in the Sunset Home in Grafton, North Dakota and is 102 years old.

## **JOSEPH M. MORK**

Mr. Mork was born in Winger, MN, and graduated from Grand Forks High School. He earned a degree in Economics and Principal Certification from St. Olaf College and a Master's Degree from the University of North Dakota. He worked at Freeborn and Lake Benton Schools in Minnesota as a teacher, coach, principal, and band director for a total of 7 years. He came to Newfolden in 1931 and served as Superintendent of Schools until 1943.



He then was superintendent in Milaca for 11 years before becoming the assistant superintendent of Moorhead Schools in 1955. He retired from Moorhead in 1970 but stayed active in the Minnesota and National Retired Teacher's Associations until his death in 1986.

During his tenure in Newfolden, he was very active in school, church, and community affairs. He was present at virtually every school activity, both home and away. He was very highly respected in all aspects of his life, and he and his wife had three children born during their years in Newfolden. Mr. Mork worked tirelessly to increase enrollment, with his first graduating class having 6 students and his final class consisting of 37 members. He made countless trips to homes and country schools in the district exhibiting genuine concern for the educational well-being of all students. He is remembered by students and staff as being very fair and friendly to all. Under his leadership, not only did enrollment grow, but student activity participation increased greatly with the offering of more opportunities including band, choir, football, and basketball. He led the school district through the construction of the gymnasium and second floor classrooms that were dedicated in 1942. The gym is still in use today. His son, Robert, who was born in Newfolden, will be accepting his father's plaque.

## **CHIEF JUDGE JOHN TUNHEIM**

John was raised in Newfolden and graduated from Newfolden High School in 1971. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Concordia College in 1975 and from the University of Minnesota Law School Cum Laude in 1980. He worked as a litigation lawyer with a St. Paul firm from 1981-84 after working as a law clerk to Senior U.S. District Judge Earl Larson for one year. He then spent 9.5 years as the Chief Deputy Attorney General in the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, responsible for supervising and directing all operations of the office. He was named a United States District Judge in 1995. He became Chief Judge of the District of Minnesota in 2015. His Minneapolis chambers handles civil and criminal trials for which the federal courts have jurisdiction. He served the Chairman of the U.S. Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency responsible for reviewing the assassination of President John F. Kennedy for 4.5 years beginning in 1993. In 1999, he received the James Madison Award from the Coalition on Government Information for his work in declassifying intelligence and law enforcement records. He has been an active member of the American Bar Association throughout his career and has served as an officer in this organization in several areas. In 2003, he received the Clair Nelson Award for Excellent Service to the ABA.



He has invested a significant amount of time in international rule of law development. In 2007-08, he worked as the principal outside advisor to the process that developed the Kosovo Constitution. He continues to assist that country, helping to restructure criminal law and procedure. Chief Judge Tunheim's international work also has led him to Uzbekistan, the Republic of Georgia, the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi, Russia, Montenegro, Jordan, Hungary, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Lithuania, Nepal, Tunisia and Ukraine. He is currently involved in a project with the United Nations Executive Directorate on Counter Terrorism, working with police, prosecutors and judges in 8 South Asian countries. In addition, he has taught Constitutional Law at the University of Minnesota Law School and was on the Concordia College Board of Regents.

He is a Past President of the Norwegian-American Historical Association and is remembered locally as having authored a book in 1984 on the Norwegian immigrants who settled New Folden township.

His biography could go on and on, but it is easy to see why Chief Judge John Tunheim has enjoyed success on the local, state, national, and international levels at a level unsurpassed by anyone from our school and community.

John and his wife, Kathryn, currently reside in Minneapolis, Stillwater, and Marine on St. Croix, MN.