

Our School



Our Children



Our Future

VIKING GALA



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Saturday, September 25, 2021

Welcome to the 2021 Viking Gala

Tonight is the 2nd annual Viking Gala! It is exciting to see what our community can do, when it comes together to support such an awesome cause - raising money for our FANTASTIC school district!

First, members of the Pelican Rapids School Foundation would like to thank you for attending! Without your ticket purchase, this event would not be taking place!

Also, thank you to everyone who has made donations, helped with set-up, printed tickets, and sold tickets. THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts and from the bottom of the hearts of the children in our school and community.

-Pelican Rapids School Foundation

2021 Viking Gala

5:00-6:30	Social Hour & Games
6:30-8:00	Dinner
7:30-8:30	Former Staff Recognition & Hall of Fame Inductees Honored
8:30-10:30	Games
10:30	Drawings

Teacher Honor Roll

Hazel Hovde



Hazel earned her bachelor's degree from Minot State University and her master's degree from University of North Dakota. She also took classes at Luther Seminary in Minneapolis and Seattle. She taught one year in Tioga, North Dakota during the oil boom, followed by two years at Dakota Lutheran Academy, which has since merged with Oak Grove. Her teaching career in Pelican Rapids began in 1960. Classes taught were World History, American History, Political Science, Reading Seminar for 10th-12th grades, and selections that she created for seniors so she could teach an "elective."

Hazel also coached declamation (speech) for 27 years.

Bob King



Bob King began his teaching career in Pelican Rapids as an Industrial Arts teacher or "Shop" as it used to be known as back in the day. Industrial Arts looked a bit different in that leathercraft taught and CAD drawings were done by paper and pencil rather than by 3-D technical programs. Small engine and diesel engine mechanics developed state and one National award honors for our school district. Electrical, welding and hands-on house construction were part of the teaching schedule for the Industrial Arts department. Bob also ran numerous study halls with his friendly demeanor and handle bar mustache.

Bob also coached junior high football and went on many scouting trips for the head coach with Phil Fauteck and John Matheson. Continuing, he and Dean Fox started the wrestling program in Pelican Rapids. They and other assistant wrestling coaches created teams that physically and eventually technically held their own and defeated local powerhouses such the Moorhead Spuds back when wrestling didn't have multiple classes for competition. Two cousins who wrestled for Bob back in the early years once stated, "While we were all learning the technical aspects of wrestling moves together and we didn't know a helluva a lot, physically, no one ever physically out wrestled us because we were in phenomenal shape and that was always something we were proud of then."

Thank you for all your years of service and dedication to the students, ISD 548 and the Pelican Rapids community!

Teacher Honor Roll

Ruth Holmgren



The oldest of seven, Ruth attended country school at Swift, Minnesota. She graduated from Warroad High School and then Bemidji State College with a K-6 Elementary degree. She taught for 35 years at Viking Elementary, retiring in 2006.

Ruth assisted with setting up the first LD programs. She taught kindergarten and sixth grade before spending 30 years enjoying third graders. Ruth was known for her huge collection of children's books, her reading bath tub, and her ability to walk the halls while correcting papers.

Ruth thought Pelican Rapids would be a one-year stop, but the school and town had everything she wanted. It was a small town with a great school system in which to teach, it had diversity, and any needs not available in town could be found in a neighboring community.

Volunteering has always been an enjoyment of Ruth's. When she wasn't teaching or doing projects for others you could and will still find her volunteering at the Pass It On Store, the Public Library, Faith Church, and the Book Trailer. She promotes Little Free Libraries, Friends of the Library, Friends of Maplewood State Park, and VFW Auxiliary. Ruth enjoys this school and community where a one-year stay has become 50 years. Ruth's and Van's daughter Mollie lives in Pelican Rapids with her husband Don Deckman.

Van Holmgren



Van attended a two-room country school in Carp, Minnesota. He attended Warroad High School, graduating in 1967. Van was involved in Band, Choir, Speech, Football, Hockey, and Track in high school. He is a member of the Warroad High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He graduated from Concordia College in 1971. Superintendent Chauncey Martin hired Van to be the first Elementary Physical Education teacher and to provide after-school activities

for grades 4-6. Van completed his D.A.P.E. certification through Mankato State and earned his Masters degree in Physical Education from Bemidji State University.

Van's teaching goals were to have fun, participate in team activities, and expose students to lifetime activity skills such as skating, sledding, running, climbing, and skiing. While teaching in Pelican Rapids he started the Pelican Rapids Special Olympics program, assisted with the Pelican Rapids Lions "Coats for Kids & Adults", and was active with the Pelican Rapids Education Association.

Van retired in 2006 and has enjoyed substituting and volunteering at Viking Elementary and the high school, traveling, visiting family and friends, exploring all 73 State Parks, riding bike trails throughout "outstate Minnesota", touring all 23 Scenic By-Ways of Minnesota, and volunteering in the community with OAKS, Maplewood State Park, City Park Board, and Bike Repair Team. He has also enjoyed the Christmas visits in Pelican Rapids for 48 years. Van and Ruth have one daughter Mollie, married to Don Deckman.

Pelican Rapids School Foundation 2021 Board Members

Bob Satterlie
Becky Wontor
Lloyd Nelson
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Brenda Olson
Jess Fahje
Sean Fitzsimmons
Brian Korf

GAME INFORMATION

- 1) Split the Pot
- 2) Rip A Card
 - Bison Meat Bundle-Otter Tail 23 Meats
 - Viking Pride Basket-Local Businesses
- 3) Plinco
 - Instant win
 - free drink
 - HOL Meat bundle-HOL Meats
 - iPad- Ripley's
- 4) Blackjack
 - Choice of DeWalt radio or Bose speaker-Jessica's Family Daycare
- 5) Wood Duck House
 - Bison Meat Bundle- Otter Tail 23 Meats
 - Gun Case-Hillbillies Vittles & Brew
 - Scheels Gift Card
- 6) Stretch Raffle
 - Booze Cooler-Kelly Funk Construction
- 7) Can Roll
 - Larry's Gift Certificate-Larry's Supermarket
 - Fire Pit- Envy Salon
 - Casino Package-Seven Clans
- 8) Pong
 - Bean Bag Boards-Alan Martinson
 - Golf Punch Card-Birchwood
 - Viking Pride Baskets-Variou Businesses

Games 1 & 2 will run during the social hour with the drawings happening at 6:30
Games 3-8 will run from 8:30-10:30 with drawings happening around 10:45.

Pelican Rapids Hall of Fame

Erling Kelting ~ Coach



Coach

- Head Boys Track
- Head Gymnastics
- Junior High Basketball
- Assistant Varsity Football

Coaching Awards

- Region Track Coach of the Year ~ 1984
- Region Track Coach of the Year ~ 1991
- Sub-Section Track Coach of the Year ~ 1992
- Region Track Coach of the year ~ 1992
- Minnesota State High school Coaches Association Award ~ 25 years

Coaching Accomplishments

- Football
- 1977 Football State Participant ~ Assistant Coach
- Gymnastics
- Section 6 Champions ~ 1986
- State Participant ~ 1986
- Section 6 Champions ~ 1987
- State Participant ~ 1987
- Track & Field
- Heart O'Lakes Conference Champions 1984, 1988 & 1990
- District 23 Track Champions 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985 & 1988

Pelican Rapids Hall of Fame

Janet (Lindberg) Rogelstad ~ Athlete



Graduating Class of 1977

Sports

- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Cheerleading.

Awards

- All-Conference Junior Year
- All-Conference Senior Year
- Heart O'Lakes Conference MVP -1977

Basketball School Records

- Most points per season: 330 points
- Most points per game: 30 points
- Most points for career: 531 points
- Highest average per game: 17.4
- Most rebounds in season: 284
- Most rebounds for one game: 28
- Average rebounds per game: 15 per game

Dale Robley ~ Athlete



Graduating Class of 1969

Sports

- Football
- Basketball
- Track

Track Accomplishments

- First Minnesota Track Athlete to throw shot put and break the 60 foot mark at the MSHSL state track meet.
- Shot Put State Champion in the Minnesota Track and Field 60'1/4' -1969
- Pelican Rapids Shot Put Record 60'1/4' – 1969

College:

- Moorhead State University
- All American
- Two-Time NAIA National Place Winner-Shot Put
- Swept all eight NIC Indoor and Outdoor Shot Put Titles – 1970-1973
- Reached Collegiate Highwater Mark of 55'7 3/4" in 1973
- Team Captain

David Robley ~ Athlete



Graduating Class of 1978

Sports

- Football
- Basketball
- Track

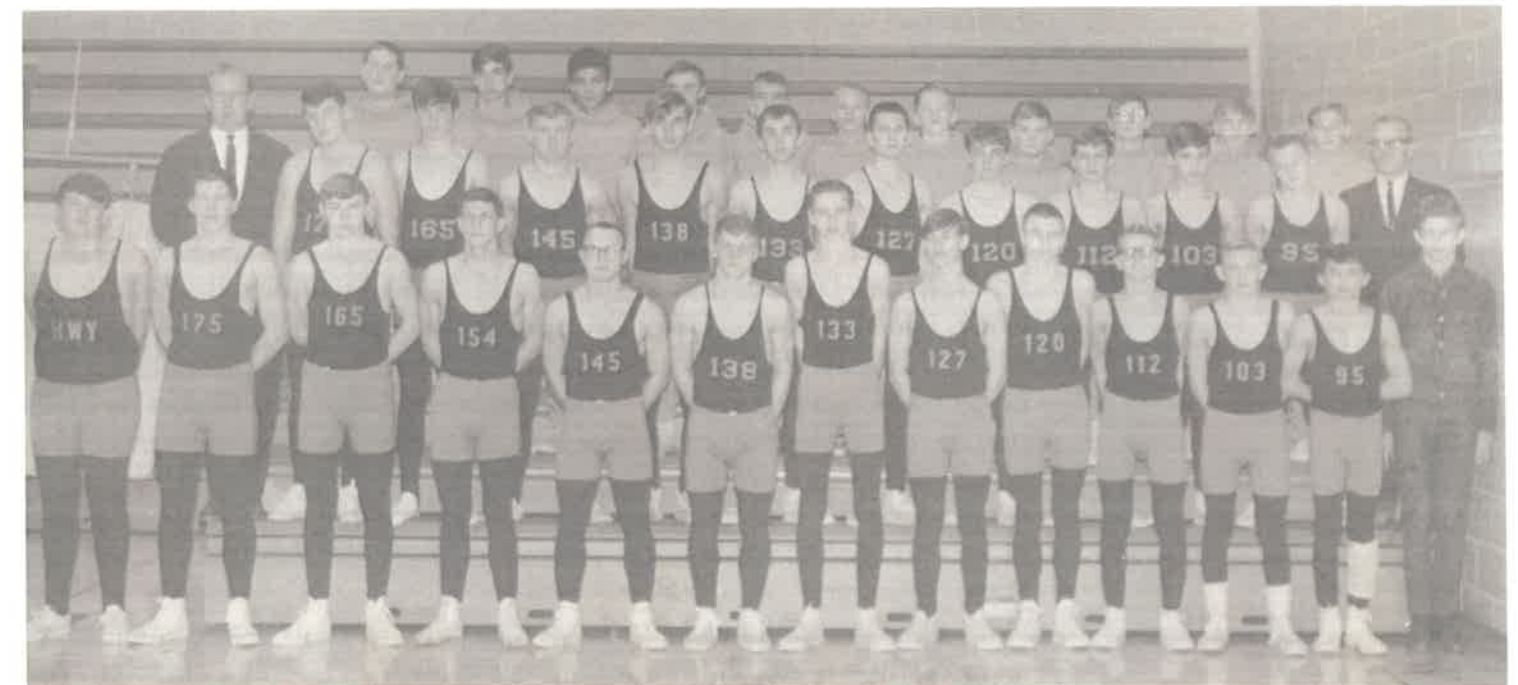
Track

- Pelican Rapids Pole Vault record of 14' 1/4 " - 1978
- Pelican Rapids Long Jump record of 22' 6" – 1978
- State Participant

College:

- Moorhead State University
- Pole Vault - All American
- 6th Place – NAIA Indoor
- ~Most Valuable Fieldman in 1982
- Team Captain
- Member of the NSIC Indoor and Outdoor Conference Titles

1966-67 Wrestling Team



Row 1

Bruce Nettetstad, David Thompson, Mike Erickson, David Ripley, Dale Velo, Paul Tabbut, Leslie Pierce, Jerry Jacobson, Karl Grefsrud, Larry Jacobson, Larry Hovland, Tom Michels and E. Norgren

Row 2

Mr Robert King, Steve Emery, T. Holderman, Jim Schultz, S. Sheer, Daryl Velo, Fred Trane, R. Dillon, M Flynn, Mike Nettetstad, Jon Grefsrud, Mr. C. Dean Fox.

Row 3

Charles Nettetstad, S Miller, L Ripley, L. Backstrom, D. Martin, Mike Fox, Norman Pierce, Larry Heisler, Steve Klovstad, S. Johnson, and Gary Hoadley

Overall Record: 12-0
Heart O'Lakes Conference Champions