



H~545 Herald

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What is up in Henning?

It is time to take you back for a good look at your hometown, Henning. Every year brings about changes, and there have been many good things happening. Mayor Jim Hermanson '67, has been very aggressive in keeping the community looking great. This summer will see the completion of the new water and sewer line project, the resurfacing of streets and new curbing and sidewalks. Included in the project are boulevards and trees. Besides the appearance of these installations they are an improvement in safety and offer handicap accessible sidewalk entrances. The City Hall and Ambulance Garage are very well located and provide better, efficient service with ample storage. The Fire Station, Community Center and Henning Law Enforcement office are centrally located and accessible. The Henning Food Shelf is located in the old original city hall building.

The Landmark Center continues to be used for local gatherings, including art displays, birthday parties, meeting rooms and luncheons for businesses and clubs. The museum is located in the lower level of the building. Several new clubs will be happening this summer, including a Reading Club, Creative Company, the possibility of a Photo Club and a book exchange. The Landmark is working on a Retreat Center, and hopes to soon be able to offer overnight space for small groups. It would be perfect for a weekend workshop, retreat, or a place for visitors looking to stay overnight. The Gas Station, located next to the Landmark, will open soon, and will offer ice cream, coffee and light snacks.

The old Trinity Church building is in a state of need. A group of local residents are working to rescue the building. The first and immediate need is a new roof in order to save the rest of the building. It is a beautiful church and efforts will be made to get it on the National Registry of Historic Buildings.

As you approach town from the west on Hyw 108, you will see the new Veteran's Military Park. Construction has been ongoing for over a year, and it is nearing completion. Flags which identify each branch of the Military, our Nations Flag, State Flag and MIA flag all fly together. There is a walkway, fountain, benches and parking. Tiles with the names of Veterans from our area line the pathway. There is room for additional tiles for Veterans who are interested in being a part. This Memorial Day, as well as the preceding one, a 5-K Walk/Run was held at the park. The event was a great success and helped raise money for the park.

We are proud of our school and community. We have an excellent ambulance service, fire and rescue personnel and local medical service. There is some new industry, and efforts are being made to add more services and continue to be a friendly and welcoming place to live.



Henning School District H-545 ... Moving Forward

Jeremy Olson, Superintendent

Henning School has a rich tradition of educational excellence and a very bright future ahead. This is my first year as a member of the Henning team and I have really enjoyed working with the various school personnel and community members. This is one of the most supportive communities that I have ever had the opportunity to be a part and I am so proud to call myself a “Hornet”. This fall, I had the privilege to watch as the community supported a referendum that will provide quality technological resources to our students, maintain our bus fleet, and provide a means by which we can replace our aging roofs. I was amazed by the support that the community gives to the school and the importance that this community places on education.

I would also like to thank everyone for your welcoming attitude and friendliness. It has been an absolute honor to get to know the community of Henning and be welcomed in to the community. I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to serve as your Superintendent. Here are a couple of things going on at Henning School.

- Henning High School was recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a “Best High School”.
- Henning School District scored above the state average in all three tested areas: Reading, Math, and Science. The District is committed to augmenting these scores with communication skills, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem solving skills. We know that tomorrow’s leaders must not only have strong academic preparation, they must also possess employment skills that allow them to creatively analyze and solve problems as a member of a team.
- The School Board saved tax payers 41,000 dollars by accepting L.O.R. (Local Optional Revenue).
- Henning School in partnership with the City of Henning has been working to find ways to provide daycare opportunities for our children in our community. High quality childcare is a real need not only in Henning community but also in various other communities around our area. The City of Henning has been instrumental in starting a dialogue on how to make this happen in the coming years.
- Henning School has been making strides in replacing aging roofs and transportation through the adoption of a transportation replacement plan and a new roof for the 1985 section of the school scheduled to be completed this summer.
- Henning School has also seen some very modest growth as a district going from 380 students in September to 385 students as of the end of March.
- The second phase of a two phased plan is to extend wireless internet throughout the building. This project is projected to take place this summer.
- The Henning School Business was awarded a Minnesota Department of Education Finance Award for outstanding business office practices, reporting and procedures.
- Henning School District had a strategic planning meeting on April 10th and 11th to determine next steps for our district over the course of the next five years. This is an exciting time as we chart our path as a district.

Great things happen at Henning School! The most rewarding portion of my day takes place when I get to see our kids in the hallways and classrooms. We have an extremely good group of students that take education seriously, care for each other, and are developing into the leaders of tomorrow. To say that we have great kids at Henning would be an understatement. I am incredibly proud of the students, parents, staff, and community of Henning. I am happy to be a part of this great community.





2015 Scholarship Recipients

*H-545 Seniors
~ \$500 ~*

Cassidy Anderson
Quinton Borchardt
Carl Colburn
Richard Erlandson
Alexandra Frederick
Tisha Pederson
Sara Volkmann
Paige Weber
Abigail Weniger

*C. M. Anderson Family
~ \$1,460 ~
Savanna Cichy*

*Marlys Cordes Scholarship
~\$500~
Alyssa Houselog*

*Kimber Family Scholarship
~\$750~
Britta Torgerson*

*Frank Formanek Scholarship
~\$500 ~
Josh Wojcik*

*H-545 Post Secondary
~ \$500 ~*

Kaleb Thalmann
Collin Dague
Kaitlyn Richter
Andrew Smith
Keith Stueve

*Marly Johnson Family
~\$500~*

Britta Torgerson
Lexi Frederick

~
Patrick Dilly
Anthony Helmbrecht

Report of H-545 Annual Meeting Monday, January 19, 2015

The Annual Meeting of the H-545 Foundation was called to order by President Donna Smith at 7 p.m. at the Landmark Center, Henning. Business items and reports were heard and discussed.

- The secretary's report was read and approved.
- Financial report of savings, checking and CD's. A financial report is included.
- Report of financial investments and CD rotation discussed.
- Discussed adopting a logo for H-545 to be used on correspondence and promotional material.
- We will continue the annual printing and distribution of the H-545 Herald for communicating with Alumni and information for fund raising for scholarships.
- Scholarship information is given to all HHS Senior students at a scheduled presentation.
- Applications are given to post secondary students upon request.
- Discussed funds for scholarships. We will present H-545 scholarships of \$500 to 13 students and \$500 for the Cordes and Kimber scholarships.
- Discussed committee for 2017 All School Reunion. Action will be taken soon. Dave Holmgren will work with the steering committee.
- Decision made to organize financial advisory committee to look into the best way to manage our investments. Our goal is to assure the best investing so that we are able to benefit as many students as possible.
- Officers for 2015 were elected by unanimous vote and are listed on page 6.
- Next annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2016.

H-545 Financial Information	
1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014	
Expenses	\$ 2,467.06.
Scholarships paid	\$ 15,490.00
Total Expenses	\$ 17,957.06
Donations	\$ 6,507.00
Interest	\$ 8,124.04
Total Income	\$ 14,631.04
Total Assets	\$521,723.36

<u>2014 Donation Summary</u>	
Businesses	\$ 410.00
Personal Memberships	\$ 2,482.00
Honor Roll of Classes	\$ 430.00
Memorials	\$ 3,185.00
Total	\$ 6,507.00

**From 2001 through 2015, H-545 Scholarship Foundation has awarded
\$500 scholarships to 272 students totaling \$136,000.00**

H-545 Contributors

Member \$545

Class of 1944
 Class of 1945
 Class of 1950
 Hornet's Nest
 Henning Reading Club
 Henning Chamber of Commerce
 Jean (Holmgren) '41 and Harvey Benson
 Josephine (Saetre) '35 and Robert Johnson
 Relma (Deckert) '46 and Paul Sirrila
 David '50 and Joyce Finke
 Clarice (Saetre) '39 and Arthur Espeland '34
 Virgil '51 and Royce Cordes
 Myron Cordes '56
 Kathleen (Von Ohlen)'50 and Richard Cloeter '50
 Joyce (Turchin) Revering '61
 Gertrude (Espeland) Odegaard '24
 Grace Melville
 Richard Sorkness '55
 Frank and Liz Formanek, Principal
 Clay Amundson '82
 Gaylord Saetre '34
 Mike '57 and Janice Pikal
 Ardis (Bogen) '48 and Raynard Masdal '45
 Roger '70 and Sharon (Eckhoff) '70 Rinerson
 Web and Grace Messer, Custodian
 Ray '55 and Kay (Albright) '55 Thoreson
 David Koppe '74
 Robert '84 and Amy Wangeren
 William Ralph Boline '47
 John and Louise Quam
 Shirley (Melvold) Rourke '53
 Terry '71 and Nancy Klemek
 Magdalene (Brutlag) Deschane '38
 Valerie Buchan '53

In memory of:

Delores (Husefeldt) Thun '55
 Leslie Moe, Math Teacher
 Bea Perreten
 David Ferber '50
 Leonard Espeland '33
 Norma Olson '31
 Ruby Bredberg, English Teacher
 Lucille (Lystrom) Snyder '56
 Anna and John Meyer, School Board Member
 Ella B. Olson, Elementary Teacher
 Gaylord A. Saetre '34
 Ruth (Johnson) Waldemar '23
 Ruth (Berggren) Smith '20
 Ken '24 and Margaret Anderson, English Teacher
 Irene Judson
 Bill Prigge, Shop Teacher
 Dal Geyer, Art Teacher
 Myrna Rockswold
 Marie Espeland '27
 Herb Iverson
 Ed and Ethel Salmon
 Duane Peterson '57
 Norman Ellenson '52
 Altha (Hay) '38 and Ralph Doolittle
 Hub Nordgren
 Richard "Dick" Peterson '53
 Rheta (Westad) Prigge '52
 Jane (Albright) '50 and Alton Broten

Booster \$1,000

Class of 1942
 Class of 1948
 Class of 1949
 Class of 1952
 Class of 1953
 Class of 1955
 Henning School Activity Fund
 VFW and Auxiliary
 Vining Alumni
 National Honor Society
 AAL Branch #7980
 Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8890
 Microsoft Matching Gifts
 West Acres Development. LLP
 Albright, Jane '50, Barbara '52, Donna '54,
 Kay '55. Linda '61, Rebecca '65. Jacki '73
 Ruth (Thoreson) '51 and Lee Amundson '49
 Lawrence '34 and Marilyn Belmont
 Dale Cordes '61
 Lee '61 and Gail Dusa
 David '50 and Virginia Holmgren
 Lois (Thoreson) '42 and Cliff Skjegstad '42
 Homer '44 and Esther Saetre
 Gerald Ziesmer '61
 Eva Young '28
 Alice Haile '46
 Lori (Thalman) '84 and Joe Pytlik
 Dale Dunn '41
 Dean '61 and Merrisue Soutor, Superintendent
 Daniel and Lois Soutor, English Teacher
 Roland '48 and Janice (Froslee) Saetre '52
 Allen "Bud" Waldemar '47
 Lenora (Dreyer) '50 and Frank Johnson
 Lois (Kelly) '63 and Richard Smith '63
 Ernest Reed '54

In memory of:

Craig Anderson, School Board Member
 Harvey Johnson '49
 Ben and Lucille Albright, School Board Member
 Edwin and Anna Skjegstad, Custodian
 O.A. and Anna Young
 Urben and Eva Oscarson
 Lyndon '28 and Lois Johnson
 June (Sorkness) Kimber '45, Principal
 Hilda Miller, Elementary Teacher
 Dale Cordes '61
 Art and Emma Fessenbecker
 Harry and Dorothy Witt
 Michael Peterson
 Ida (Thoreson) Saetre '08, School Board Member
 Dale Odegaard '63
 Jens and Jacquelyn Ree, Superintendent
 Marly Johnson, Phy Ed Teacher, Driver's Training



H-545 Contributors—Continued

<p>Class of 1928 Class of 1943 Class of 1951 Henning Lions Gary Maki Roger Melvold '64 Ken Skjeggstad '49</p>	<p>Leader \$2,500</p>	<p>In memory of: Ellen Egan '53 William Egan '45 Arthur Espeland '34 Luella Skjeggstad '37 and Monroe Kelly</p>
<p>Class of 1958 Henning Community Fund Robert Rudenske HHS All School Reunion 2011</p>	<p>Scholar \$5,000</p>	<p>In memory of : Frank and Nora Stewart Janet Stonelake '34 Dr. Jay and Alice Kevern Virgil Cordes '51</p>
<p>Henning Student Loan Fund HHS All School Reunion 1996 HHS All School Reunion 2000 HHS All School Reunion 2005 First National Bank of Henning Lloyd A. Amundson '42 Scholarships, Inc Mercece (Holmgren) '49 and David Johnson</p>	<p>Heritage \$10,000</p>	<p>In memory of Carlyle '28 and Elizabeth Anderson Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Anderson Ben and Grace Kimber Marlys Cordes, Home Ec. Teacher Mabel Espeland '39 Duane Johnson '51 Frank Formanek, HHS Principal</p>

Information from the H-545 Financial Advisory Committee

The H-545 financial committee met on 2/11/15 and 4/9/15 at the Landmark Center to explore investment options in the near future. A guest speaker was invited to attend each meeting to give possible options for investments. After much discussion, the financial committee decided that the contributions given by individuals and/or estates would not be considered for any investment options. The only monies that may be considered are funds raised through the All School Reunion or any fundraising monies that were raised by H-545. We want our contributors to feel that we are safe-guarding their money and distributing their funds as they so desired in their generous gifts. With this in mind, we would like to encourage any contribution, large or small, to the H-545 Foundation, Inc. to continue to assist students in our community with their further education.

Your support in the past has made our Scholarship Foundation successful. Your continued interest in the Foundation will be appreciated by students for many years to come.



ALL SCHOOL REUNION 2017

We are one year closer to our reunion celebration! **The date is June 20,21,22 2017.** The plans are getting off the ground and a steering committee is in place. Doug '85 and Pam Bjorklund '87, and Barry '68 and Carleen '71 Markuson have agreed to head up the committee. It is a huge job, and we are counting on a lot of help from Alumni and the Henning Community. If you have ideas and suggestions, please contact any of these alumni, offer to chair an activity or event, or share any feed back that you may have. We are counting on you and are looking forward to another successful Reunion



President
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 Shari Haberer
 Dave Holmgren
 Clay Houselog

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 Vivian Palm
 George Smith
 Jim Wallevand
 Manila Wiebe

***** H-545 Wall of Fame 2014 *****

Dean Soutor’61 spent his entire life in education. Following graduation from the U of ND in 1965 with a degree in English and Physical Education, Dean taught and coached in Grand Forks N.D. until 1968. After receiving a master degree in secondary school administration, he served as assistant principal in Hibbing, Fergus Falls, Rosemount and Apple Valley schools. Later he served as senior high principal in Owatonna and Anoka Senior High. In 1998 he was named associate superintendent in 1998 at Anoka-Hennepin School District. From 2001 to 2007 Dean served as site coordinator and associate professor for St. Mary's University and as a consultant for Northwest Integration and Anoka-Hennepin School Districts. His professional and educational career came full circle when he served as superintendent of Henning School from 2007 to 2012.

The nomination letter stated “Dean Soutor knows the value of the small community of Henning where he was born and raised. He always had ties to the community and was pleased when he and his family could move back to enjoy the people and local outdoor activities of Otter Tail County and its lakes. As the superintendent of HHS he strived to lend his expertise to provide leadership to benefit the school and ultimately the Henning Community.” Dean and his wife Merrisue reside near Battle Lake.

Kevin Wallevand ‘80 was born and raised in Vining. Following high school he graduated from Moorhead State University. The nominating letter stated “I feel Kevin fulfills the three requirements: outstanding achievement, positive contributor and role model.” Kevin began working at WDAY in Fargo, N.D. in 1983 as an intern and states that his passion has always remained in being a reporter and telling the stories of those who live in the region.

Though much of his career has been reporting about local events, Wallevand has had his share of opportunities to travel outside of the area to work on feature stories that touch the lives of others. In the 1990’s WDAY sent Kevin around the globe to do a series of documentaries in Peru, Mongolia, Haiti and Africa. In an interview with the Fargo Forum, Wallevand said the stories were live changing for him. In “The Quilt,” which won an Emmu for writing, Wallevand followed a quilt from Fargo to the African country of Angola which was in the middle of a civil war. In another story, which won an Emmy for directing, Wallevand joined local Vietnam veterans on their first trip back to the country since the war. Kevin said the experience was one of the most emotional things he has done in his life.

Outside of his work, Kevin makes an annual trip to join a local medical team that travels to Haiti to deliver supplies and help those affected with cleft pallet or severe burns. It is a trip he has made for over 17 years. Following the death of his mother Ginny, who died 11 years ago of pancreatic cancer, Kevin joined a local pancreatic cancer awareness group. The group raises money for local familites stricken by the deadly disease.

Kevin enjoy his “free time” at his Vining home on East Battle Lake. He is also generously involved with local and area events.

The inductees for HHS Wall of Fame for 2015 will be presented at the Henning Festival on July 10, 2014.

You are invited to join the H-545 Foundation

Name _____

Class of _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to H-545 Foundation
All contributions are tax deductible

Mail to:

H- 545 Foundation
PO Box 463
Henning, MN 56551

My Donation is for :

_____ Personal Membership

_____ Class Membership

_____ In Memory of:

Name _____

Donations may be any amount and accumulate to reach the next higher category at any time.

Member	\$ 545
Booster	\$ 1,000
Leader	\$ 2,500
Scholar	\$ 5,000
Heritage	\$ 10,000

For additional information contact an H-545 representative

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Rita Ellenson 218-

Just so That you Have this Straight....

There is some confusion about email you may be receiving. An independent writer has created a "Chat Room" called Henning Alumni. They have a monthly newsletter which is generic information and are not receiving any official news from HHS or H-545 Foundation. They open the door for meeting classmates and even buying merchandise. Several people have checked it out.... and once they have your name it is not easy to remove yourself.

We are not aware of any illegal processes or motives. Be cautious about sending any money. They ask for "membership" payments.... ? Of what?? Again, H-545 has no affiliation with this organization or knowledge of their activity. They make similar "newsletters" for other school districts.

The H-545 Foundation, Inc. is the official Henning Dist 545 Alumni Association. If anyone has other information about this email or any other claims, please let the officers of H-545 or the administrators of HHS aware.

The H-545 Herald may be accessed on the City of Henning website, or on the Henning School website. Just click on the appropriate link on that site. We would love to have an interactive website..... It would be very helpful for the upcoming reunion in 2017, however not sure that is a possibility. We are open to suggestions.

Look for the *H-545 Herald* online at [www.henning.k12.mn.us /H-545 alumni](http://www.henning.k12.mn.us/H-545%20alumni)
City of Henning website is: henngov@arvig.net

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Summer Events —Henning 2015

Henning Festival July 10—12, Parades, Queen Coronation, Street Dance ,
Fireworks, Demolition Derby, Community Worship



Phelps Mill Festival July 11, 12

Annual Henning Quilt Show July 11

~ ~ Fly-In/ Drive-In Pancake Breakfast July 18 ~ ~

~ ~ Crazy Days, Turkey BBQ August 14 ~ ~

~ ~ Vining Watermelon Days August 15 ~ ~



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#### **At the Landmark Center**

Old Fashioned Pie and Ice Cream Social ~ Wednesday, June 24 @ 6:30 pm

Come and enjoy Live Music and Classic Car Show



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Garden Party Luncheon ~ Sunday Noon, July 26

Corn and Brats Feed ~ Friday, August 21, 5- 8

An outdoor food & music experience

and Silent Auction

