



News photo by Kaylin Hreha

Tim Freeland, an NHS alum, has scanned over 60 Northfield High School yearbooks and uploaded them to Facebook in an effort to help classmates reconnect.

Yearbook project has helped former NHS graduates reconnect

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For Tim Freeland, it started as an experiment. One thousand, four hundred and forty three pages later, his efforts to scan all of Northfield High School's senior yearbooks has helped thousands of former graduates rekindle past friendships.

Freeland, a 1991 Northfield High School graduate, is an involved member of the community. But as is often the case, when Freeland finished his senior year, he lost touch with many high school friends.

Last winter, he decided to open up his senior yearbook— but he didn't just take a look at the Norhian and put it back on the shelf. Instead, he decided to scan the pages and upload them to Facebook in hopes of being able to reconnect with former classmates.

Freeland says the experiment was "a wild success," with many NHS alumni tagging themselves and their friends in the photos. He says it was especially useful for female graduates who had married and changed their last names, and he enjoyed the way his experiment helped people reminisce.

"There's a certain nostalgia factor to it," said Freeland. "It's been fun to see who's looking at it."

After the response his initial experiment received, Freeland decided to add more NHS yearbooks to Facebook. The official Norhian Facebook page has grown to include 67 photo

BY THE NUMBERS
250,000 — NUMBER OF HITS THE Norhian Facebook page has gotten
1,063 — Those who have 'liked' the page.
6,000 — Individuals who have tagged themselves and their classmates in the photos
13,000 —The number of seniors listed on the Norhian page

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For more information on the Norhian yearbook project, visit www.facebook.com/norhianyearbook, or www.timfreeland.com/norhian.

albums depicting NHS yearbooks of the last century, including the oldest scanned yearbook, from 1914, then called "The Orange and Black." The 1927 edition of the NHS yearbook commemorated the first 50 years of Northfield High School, and includes photos dating back to the first graduating class in 1877.

The 1948 copy of the NHS yearbook is the inaugural year of the Norhian.

With the help of yearbooks on loan from the Northfield Historical Society and the Northfield Public Library, Freeland spent four months scanning yearbooks from nearly every decade of the last hundred years. He estimates that scanning the pages and getting them ready for Facebook took about an hour per book.

His favorites include the 1975 Norhian, in which all the students contributed sketches for the front cov-

er, and the 2008 Norhian, which has a collage of the past 60 years of Norhian's covers on its front.

According to Freeland, there was initially some worry about the legal aspects of the project. But after learning that NHS holds the copyrights to the yearbooks, he was given the go-ahead to put the yearbooks on the Web.

Besides helping graduates get in touch, Freeland says the project also helped drive people into the library to see the historic books. He's glad that his time spent scanning old photos of graduations and proms has helped people realize the kind of artifacts available through the library and historical society.

"I want people to appreciate the resource, and find their old friends," said Freeland.

All of the information about the people in the photos and the history of the yearbook has come from comments on Facebook and e-mails Freeland has received. Over the course of the project, Freeland says he has learned a lot about Northfield High School, especially about former school traditions, and how the Raider became Northfield's mascot. His hope is that the project will help others will learn as much about NHS's history as he did.

"I hope people see that there's something unique to our town, to them," said Freeland. "I want people to have fun with it."

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LWV asks residents to help draw redistricting lines

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NORTHFIELD — While opinions on the Legislature's redistricting plan were varied, nobody who spoke at a Thursday forum on a reapportionment seemed to believe it's possible that any map would be satisfactory.

"It's a tough job," said former state senator Steve Engler, "and nobody ever likes what's done when it's done."

But that hasn't stopped the Minnesota League of Women Voters, which hosted the event, from gathering residents input on what they want from reapportionment, a process that takes place every 10 years.

In Minnesota, legislators redraw the maps, dividing districts so there's no more than a +/-2 percent differential between them. But when the Legislature and governor can't agree — which has long been the norm — the decision is left to the courts.

Some who spoke Thursday had specific suggestions.

Former Rice County Commissioner Molly Woerhlin wants women and minorities considered during reapportionment, while Bridgewater Supervisor Kathleen Doran-Norton prefers to see Northfield, Dundas and the four surrounding townships in a single district.

"We're a community that works together," she said.

Communities should remain whole, said former state senator Kevin Dahle of Northfield, who criticized the current map, rejected by Gov. Mark Dayton, that splits both Faribault and Northfield.

Ray Cox, a former state representative, favors diverse districts like District 25 which includes Northfield, Lonsdale, New Prague and Belle Plaine.

"When you do that I think you'll get very competitive districts," he said.

But Paul Zorn, a St. Olaf College math professor, be-

COULDN'T MAKE IT?

Additional comments on reapportionment can be sent to the state League of Women Voters Draw the Line Minnesota project. To do so or to see videos of meetings across the state, visit www.drawthelineminnesota.org

WHAT'S NEXT?

Members of the LWV Draw the Line commission will take input received from eight meetings across the state and formulate as many as three proposed maps. They will then be presented during a second round of meetings, modified if necessary and presented to a five-judge panel appointed to oversee the reapportionment process.

lieves that keeping the status quo should be a low priority.

"Some creative destruction is a good thing," he said. "Representatives should not get too frozen into the way they do things."

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News photo by Suzanne Rook

Former state senator Kevin Dahle was just one of a dozen speakers who commented on what should be considered during reapportionment. Keeping communities, especially cities, together should be a priority, he said.

Northfield LINK Center a winner

Northfield's LINK Center, a welcome center that opened earlier this year, has been named a 2011 Minnesota Community Pride Showcase winner.

The award, sponsored by InCommons, a statewide initiative that encourages collaborative problem solving, recognizes projects that use a cooperative approach to benefit the community.

The LINK Center, a collaborative effort lead by Growing Up Healthy and the city of Northfield, began after budget cuts in 2010 forced the city to close its Welcome Center.

The public outcry following the closing of the center, with one bilingual staffer, was palpable. Supporters wondered where newcomers — including the city's growing number of native Spanish speakers — would get information about available services and programs. That realization led the City Council to appoint a task force to consider alternative solutions.

"The LINK Center connects newcomers with information, programs and resources through direct referral, while also provid-

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ing a space for organizations that may not have a physical presence in Northfield to meet with clients and/or provide services that previously were only available outside of Northfield," said Janet Lewis Muth of Growing Up Healthy in an application for the award.

Of the 30 awards statewide, three came from Rice County.

Also recognized are Faribault Summer Youth Program, a collaboration of Carleton College, Growing Up Healthy and So How Are the Children, and Rice county Olympic Day, an effort of Rice county Public Health's SHIP Initiative and nearly 20 community partners.

Winners receive \$500 from the Minnesota State Fair, exhibit space to share their project and will be formally recognized at Community Pride Day at the Fair on Sept. 3.

Details offered on the Eat Local Challenge

The Eat Local Challenge is to eat 80 percent of your diet — that's four out of five ingredients — from the five-state area for four weeks. It begins with an Eat Local Sample Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 20 with at Just Food Co-op and ends with the annual Harvest Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 17 in the Just Food parking lot, with several community events

in between.

There will be a \$5 root cellar building workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 20 at SEEDS Farm. Contact SEEDS at 507-581-9453 to register. There will also be a bulk buying class focused on local foods from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 30 at Just Food. Call 507-650-0106 to register. The five-course Taste of Minnesota Local Food Dinner at 620

Grill is at 6 p.m. on Aug. 29 for \$45. Contact 620 Grill at 663-1351 for details.

Find more details on the Eat Local Challenge at <http://justfood.coop/news/eat-local-challenge/>.

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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who has expressed their sympathy by kind words, flowers, cards, food, memorials and participating in the celebration of life for Raymond L. Simon.

Special Thanks to the caring staff at Northfield Hospital, Father Thomas, Father Troy and the staff of White Funeral Homes.

Your thoughtfulness and support is very comforting during such a difficult time. "Tenderly we treasure the past, with memories that will always last".

Ann, Ray & Marlene, Tom & Janet, Mike & Sandie, Marcia, Dick & Roxanne, Tony & Mary, Joe & Sandy Simon, Darl & Mary Ray and families.

In Lieu of individual Thank You's, a donation has been made to Holy Cross Catholic School, which was Ray's wish.

Vintage baseball game coming up

The Northfield Silver Stars will take on the Rochester Roosters in a match of vintage baseball at 1 p.m. Aug. 20, near the Rice County Historical Society, just east of the ice arena.

The teams will play the game as it was played in the mid-19th century, using 1860 rules. They include no gloves, no called balls and strikes, no bunting, sliding or leading off. The game places a premium on good defense and hard-

hit, low liners or "daisy cutters." The game of the era also required certain decorum, no spitting, swearing or betting will be allowed by players or fans.

This event is free and open to the public. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Peanuts, root beer and water will be available for purchase. Contact the Rice County Historical Society at 507-332-2121 for more information.

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City of Northfield

NORTHFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
801 Washington Street,
Northfield, MN 55057

CALL TO ORDER
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
PRESENTATIONS
REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion - Review Disbursements
2. Resolution 2011-081— Approve Cooperative Purchase of Election Equipment with Dakota County
3. Items related to Annexation of 8062 Falk Avenue:
 - a. Resolution 2011-082 — Providing Final Approval of a Request by Patricia Otte for Annexation of an Existing Residential Property Located at 8062 Falk Avenue
 - b. Resolution 2011-085 — Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation with Bridgewater Township
4. Motion — Approve Gateway/downtown beautification RFP

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
REGULAR AGENDA

- 5 Items related to Jefferson Road
 - a. Resolution 2011-083 — Accept bids and award contract
 - b. Resolution 2011-084 — Adopt assessments
6. Motion — Possible Recreational Fire Regulations Amendments
7. Ordinance No. 924 — First Reading of Adult Use Ordinance
8. Discussion — Northfield Roundtable

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE
ADJOURN

Further information may be obtained by contacting members of the City Council or Deb Little at Northfield City Hall, 801 Washington Street, Northfield, MN 55057 - Phone 507.645.3001. TDD users can call 507.645.3030. E-Mail Deb.Little@ci.northfield.mn.us

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