

Named Endowed Funds

The Harry Newby Sr. Family Fund



In 1984 a group of Cloquet citizens met to talk about funding concerns for extracurricular activities available in Cloquet Schools. This was a hot topic; budgets were being cut and programs and activities eliminated.

The champion and crusader of the evening was Harry Newby Sr., president of an ad hoc committee that called the meeting.

According to a Pine Knot newspaper article about the event, Newby said, "The effort to raise funds in the community has become a nuisance, and a sore spot with members of the community as they are constantly being pressured to support these activities. The feeling is that a better way must be found.

The hope that after the information given here tonight is digested that a method can be devised to eliminate the hit-and-miss method now being used and that a permanent solution can be developed be an interested and concerned citizenry," Newby continued.

The article went on to outline the benefits of extracurricular activities including: decreased juvenile delinquency, higher grade point averages and better school attendance.

This historic meeting was the birth of the Cloquet Educational Foundation. From the leadership of an extraordinary visionary in Harry Newby Sr., and a group of dedicated community residents including Dick Brenner and Russ Smith, the Foundation has grown and provides opportunities to thousands of Cloquet children and youth.

The Harry Newby Sr., Family Fund was created to continue Newby's support of Cloquet schools and youth into perpetuity. Interest from the fund is used to promote youth golf programs. Contributions to the Harry Newby Sr. Family Fund are always welcome.