

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

SPECIAL EDITION

February 2024

CEF Blue Jean Ball



40 Fabulous Tables “Highlight the Night”

We can't thank our TABLE SPONSORS ENOUGH for their work and support. Table sponsorship is a GREAT WAY to honor an individual or organization, recognize a CHS Class or get your business name out in our community as a supporter of education.

3D Construction

ACCT

Bearaboo Coffee Escape

Black Bear Resort and Casino

Boldt Construction

Carmen's Restaurant

CEF Board

Churchill Elementary

Class of 1973

Class of 1990

Cloquet High School

Cloquet Middle School

Community Memorial Hospital

Community Printing

Compensation Consultants

Education Minnesota - Cloquet

Essentia Health

Fond du Lac Tribal & Community
College Foundation

Frandsen Bank & Trust

Fryberger Law Firm

In Memory of Katie Modoc

JOM & LEIC American Indian

Johnson Electric/Lake Superior
Energy Company

L&M Fleet Supply

Members Cooperative Credit Union

Mini Mos Childcare

TITLE TEAM

Northwoods Credit Union

NuLuxe Salon

Quilted Dog Quilt Shop

REACH

Re/Max

Sappi Fine Paper

Think Minnesota Realty

Up North Insurance

The Warming House

Washington Elementary School

Wood City Motors

Woodlands National Bank

Hundreds come out to “Celebrate Education in Cloquet”

Cloquet Educational Foundation hosted the 22nd Annual Blue Jean Ball, February 4, 2024 and raised over \$30,000 in support of education in Cloquet!



Fun and Games make for a lot of fun, and \$ for excellent education!

There was no shortage of fun as guests played great games, took in the silent auction and socialized after a long winter! Many thanks to the following “Game Sponsors” for the evening:



Holly Osvold was the “BIG WINNER” of the Head's and Tails “ game.



Games featured at the 2024 Blue Jean Ball:

Treasure Chest: Sponsored by Steve Micke and Reliable Insurance Agency; Keys donated by Hagens Glass and Paint, Cloquet

Heads and Tails: Sponsored by Lenny Conklin State Farm Agency

Pack Your Bags...Your Going to Stillwater!: Sponsored by the CHS Class of 1973

Luck of the Draw: (2 winners) Sponsored by Superintendent Mike Cary and the ISD94 Administrators

Plinko: Sponsored by Sappi Fine Paper

Wine Toss: Sponsored by Allison and Dean Crotteau, Cold One Liquor, Cloquet

Not enough WORDS OF THANKS to volunteers

CEF Director, Jody Acers, has still not found enough words of thanks to the fabulous volunteers who helped to make the 22nd Annual Blue Jean Ball a success. Many of these committed individuals worked months to ensure a great event. Blue Jean Ball volunteers are the most creative, energetic and truly amazing folks who care about the students of Cloquet. Thank you CEF volunteers!



NEW in 2024:

MC, Auctioneer, and “Bonus Fundraising”

Thanks to Mike Klyve, CMS Social Studies Teacher for his positive energy and “football coach voice” as “MC” at this year’s event. He was joined by fellow CMS teacher, Cameron Lindner who “kicked in” as Auctioneer for the Silent Auction. They did a great job and we look forward to seeing more of them in the future. (Both Mike and Cameron were treated to cookies made by Mary Marciniak, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Cary. Mary provides a Silent Auction item each year, “Treats in Appreciation”, to one -or two- district employees.)



“Bonus Fundraiser” is on-going!

Copy the code to extend the outreach of the CEF!

In Case you missed it, we added a “Bonus Fundraiser” this year to the Blue Jean Ball. This activity allowed folks who were not able to join us participate in the evening by making a donation to the table of the person who sent them (via text) the code.

In the end, one table was given an “incentive prize” for raising the most money. Dr. Ken and Carolyn Ripp and their table came away with some great gifts sponsored by Ascential Wealth.

Remarkably, we still have donations coming in from this outreach!

1. Scan the code
2. Copy the link
3. Text it to friends and family who support excellent education in Cloquet.
4. Feel good about extending our outreach!



Find us on Facebook or check out our website at www.cloquetedfoundation.com.

We are pleased to announce the 22nd Annual Blue Jean Ball, Saturday, February 1, 2025! Mark your calendars!

Crimsen and Ryan Hanson:

Setting the “Tone” for a great evening

Crimsen and Ryan Hanson, teachers in the Cloquet School District have again outdone themselves! They entertained the crowd by lending their talented voices to the evening. Thanks Crimsen and Ryan...we appreciate you!

Silent and Live Auction:

Supporter’s Generosity Is Abundant

The generosity of The Cloquet Community, alumni and friends of the CEF was on full display! Many of the featured items were hand-crafted, one-of-a kind and very popular. Thanks to all who donated to these two vital events of the Blue Jean Ball.



The “Case of the Missing Tickets”



Organizers of the Blue Jean Ball can laugh about it now, but at the time it was “total panic” as we could not locate the “Pack Your Bags” plastic, ticket- container creating a stressful “lull” in the room for a few minutes. Quick thinking by volunteers corrected the issue for the time, but many wondered where the tickets went off to. It was during the clean-up that Ryanne Battaglia went to pick up a “roll of tickets”. Those tickets had slid down perfectly covering the plastic container! They were right under our noses the whole time. What a relief!