

## **Ron and Cheri Hylla**

Ron was born and raised on a farm in the St. Wendel-Opole area, graduated from Holdingford High School in 1971. Cheri grew up in the St. Cloud and Sartell areas and graduated from Cathedral High School in 1973. Ron continued his education at Willmar Community College and St. Cloud State University. Ron and Cheri have 3 children, Ryan (38) and twins, Christina and Corey (35), along with six grandchildren (Devin, Bradon, Landyn, Elliana, Easton and Makena). Ron is retired from the Transportation Communications Union as a Senior Vice General Chairman. Cheri is retired from Wolters Kluwer Financial Group as a Digital Customer Service Representative. In their spare time, Ron and Cheri assist their daughter Nina and her husband BJ at their café and catering business in Swanville, Minnesota. Ron and Cheri have been actively involved in the Husker Athletic Booster Club for many years. Ron is a charter member of the Husker Athletic Booster Club (HABC) when it was established in 1982. In 1996, Ron was elected President of the HABC and held the position for 17 years. Cheri began as a director of the HABC and was elected as the Secretary Treasurer position. Cheri held the position for over 13 years. During this period, Ron and Cheri have been immersed in several major projects of the HABC, including the

Track/Football Field seating project in 1998, the High School Gym renovation project in 2006 and the Track Renovation project in 2009, along with many other projects.

Cheri has volunteered as Chairperson for the HHS Post Prom Committee for several years and secured numerous donations for the event. Cheri has also been a member of the Holdingford Community Education Advisory Council for over 10 years. Ron and Cheri participated in the Holdingford Dreamcatcher playground projects.

In 2003, Ron was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award from the Central Minnesota Conference. In 2006, Ron and Cheri were honored with the Holdingford Schools Outstanding Layperson in Education award. While Cheri did not attend Holdingford Schools, Ron participated in football, wrestling and baseball while at HHS. However, football was Ron's passion. Ron recalls a football game at St. Michael/Albertville his senior year when there was a driving rain throughout the game. Even though it was cold and wet, Ron had one of his best games playing linebacker. Ron currently assists in the Press Box at home football games and at home boys' and girls' basketball games.

When planning and preparing for any Husker Athletic Booster Club projects, it was always Ron's and Cheri's philosophy, "If you are going to do it, DO IT RIGHT."