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Pre-1960s

Benjamin Hassenger '52 BS of Ishpeming has been married 48 years, has two children and five grandchildren, is active in the Ishpeming United Presbyterian Church, the Marquette County genealogical society, and is a Mather Nursing Center volunteer. He is a retired social worker from the Lansing Public School system.

Melvin Holli '57 BS of River Forest, Ill., published *The Wizard of Washington: Emil Hurja, Franklin Roosevelt and the Birth of Public Opinion Polling*. Melvin is a professor of history at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Jane Piirto '63 BA of Ashland, Ohio, published *My Teeming Brain—Understanding Creative Writers*. Jane is a professor of education at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

Barbara (Lofgren) Lindstrom '64 BS of Escanaba, received the 2001 Elinor Benedict Arts Achievement Award. The award recognizes a volunteer who has helped to enrich daily life in the central Upper Peninsula through dedication to the arts and arts education. Barbara is a retired teacher.

Rick Antin '66 BS of Rome, Wis., retired from IBM after 30 years in marketing and corporate staff management/leadership development. His wife

Karen (Urli) Antin '65 BA is still active in her dual careers in teaching and speech therapy.

Jerome Cvengros '66 MA of Okemos retired as associate director of the Michigan High School Athletic

Association. During his 30 year teaching career in Escanaba, he coached football for 27 years, was athletic director for 13 years, and principal for 5 years.

Robert Foti '67 BS of Menominee Falls, Wis., retired from the Milwaukee public schools after teaching biology and photography for 33 years.

Suzanne (Hunter) Wilson '67 BS of Orion retired after 30 years of teaching in the Troy School District. She taught 6th grade in every middle school in Troy and was the 1999 Oakland County teacher of the year. Suzanne is an active volunteer in the local community.

John DaPra '68 BS of Marquette retired after 22 years as a physical education and history teacher and 11 years as an assistant and principal of a middle school in St. Clair Shores. He moved back to Marquette and works at NMU supervising student teachers in the history department.

Robert Knivila '68 BA, '75 MA of Trout Creek retired from the Pinconning Area Schools, where he worked as a counselor. Since retiring he returned to his hometown and keeps occupied with township government and community activism.

Mike Palluconi '68 BS of Green Bay, Wis., retired after 33 years of teaching, 32 of which were in Green Bay. kpalluconi@aol.com

Susanne (Wendt) Homant '69 BA, '81 MBA of Tallahassee, Fla., recently accepted a position as executive director of the Florida Hospices and Palliative Care. Previously, she was the executive director of the Michigan

Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Susanne is also completing her doctorate in public administration at Western Michigan University.

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Howard Funke '70 BS of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, is a partner in Givens, Funke, and Work law office.

Allan Miller '70 BS of Miami, Fla., is an international service manager at Flint Ink.

Douglas Treado '70 MAE of Ithaca, N.Y., is the project and sales manager at Challenge Industries. The company just signed a contract to record all the documents for the National Baseball Hall of Fame onto microfilm. Douglas has been honored as the first American elected to the Friends of the National Archives of Canada board of directors.

Vicki (Lustila) Gassen '71 BS of Sugar Land, Texas, works for the Fort Bend Intermediate School District as an English as a second language specialist. vgassen@houston.rr.com

Irma (Kelly) Hamilton '71 BA of Detroit was selected as Michigan's Secondary School Principal of the Year.

Edwin Jachimski '71 BAE of Negaunee retired from the United States Army.

Marilyn (Cook) Kahl '71 BS, '85 MA of Marquette is a trainer/professional development coordinator for health educators in the central U.P. She is a physical education and health consultant for 47 school districts in the central Upper Peninsula and is the advisor to the only state chapter of Nu Delta Alpha, which is affiliated with the National Dance Association.

Carolyn (Burton) Smith '71 BS of Boise, Idaho, retired from banking.

Lewis Amendola '72 MA '75 BS of Greensboro, N.C., earned a doctorate in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is an assistant professor of nursing at North Carolina A & T State University's School of Nursing. He is an accreditation site

visitor for the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission. amendola@ncat.edu

Robert Downing '72 BS of Mackinaw City has taught in the Mackinaw City School District for 28 years. He has coached varsity boy's and girl's basketball, football, baseball, and softball. He received a Gatorade certificate for 25 years of coaching and a 200 victory plaque from the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association.

Michael Gardiner '73 BS of Grayling is a counselor at Gaylord High School.

Gerald Hamood '74 BS of Commerce Township is a State Farm Insurance agent. His wife **Jeanne (Victorson) Hamood '75 BS, '86 MA** is an elementary school counselor at Walled Lake Schools.

Jane Hart '74 BS of Plainwell is a Michigan State University Extension Educator for Allegan County. She is also the family nutrition program training coordinator for the West Central Region of the state. hartj@msue.msu.edu

Dean Ramsay '74 BS of Apple Valley, Minn., was promoted to assistant vice president of property claims at St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company. dcramsay@aol.com

Vincent Thompson '74 BS of Marseilles, Fla., coaches the junior varsity cross country team at Ottawa Township High School. The team won its conference for the first time since 1975.

Tom Dingeman '75 MA of Greeley, Colo., is the wastewater treatment division manager for the City of Greeley. He is also the president-elect of the Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association.

David Hoeh '75 BS of Kaleva retired after teaching 25 years at Kaleva Norman Dickson School. He still coaches varsity golf at the high school. He has been a registered Michigan High School Athletic Association official for 25 years for football, girl's and boy's basketball, and baseball.

Kim Van Osdol '75 BS of Menominee left MFC/Wells Fargo Bank after 26 years to become president of a new

community bank that recently opened in Green Bay, Wis. His wife is **Lauri (Lundquist) Van Osdol '74 AN**. kvanosdol@new.rr.com

Dave Belanger '76 BME, '79 MM of Chicago, Ill., has returned to teaching music in the Chicago Public schools and says that he is thoroughly enjoying it. DABEL76@aol.com

Peter Tracey '76 BS of Pleasanton, Calif., is vice president and general manager of Tharco Corporation. Peter has been married for 20 years and has two sons. He said that his best NMU memory was being the 1975 Homecoming King. *"It's been 25 years since I left Marquette, but the memories are like yesterday—of my fraternity brothers, the Greek system, late nights, Andy's bar, the ladies of Chi Omega, and yellow Pintos."*

Maxine Honkala '77 BS, '84 MAE, '87 EDS, '00 MAE of Ishpeming was selected Michigan's Middle School Principal of the Year.

Carol (Koski) Schwemin '77 BS of Muskegon received her master's degree in social work from Grand Valley State University. This goal was postponed for 25 years while she raised her family. Carol recently accepted a position as a substance abuse assessment/referral specialist. Her husband **Greg Schwemin '85 BS** is the classification director at Muskegon Correctional Facility. He has worked for the Department of Corrections for 30 years.

Allan Hagelthorn '78 BS of Seattle, Wash., is raising money for Take Flight, a scholarship program aimed at helping underprivileged youths earn pilot's licenses. In recognition of a mission he flew during Operation Desert Storm in 1991, Allan won the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the nation's highest awards for extraordinary aerial heroism. ahagelthorn@hotmail.com

Marsha (Blanchard) Page '79 BS, '88 MAE of Marquette was selected as Marquette Area Public Schools Teacher of the Year.

Christine Weymouth '79 BS of Minneapolis, Minn., taught school for

five years in Minnesota and Wisconsin and earned master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is currently the assistant superintendent for Edina Public Schools. chrweymouth@edina.k12.mn.us

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Ron Caviani, Jr., '81 BS of Huntington, Va., is the string and orchestra director at Cabell-Midland High School, music director and conductor for the Tri-State Youth Orchestra, and vice president and director of curriculum for Renaissance Fine Arts Academy. tyso@aol.com

Sharon (Vella) Hall '81 BS of Canton is attending the University of Detroit-Mercy pursuing secondary certification in special education learning disabilities. She will be student teaching in the fall of 2002. She and her husband have four children: Robin 15, Kelli 12, Joe 11, and Emily 9. Hall1837@mediaone.net

L. Susan Hudson '81 BSN of Flint was the only registered nurse selected to attend the Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis program at the University of Michigan Schools of Biostatistics and Public Health. She is the field supervisor for a multi-million dollar National Institutes of Health grant and is working on her doctorate in epidemiology at the University of Michigan. Susan is a proud member of the only NMU BSN class to graduate in August. Hudson_rn@yahoo.com

Pentti Joronen '81 BS of Espoo, Finland, is a marketing manager at Kesko/Citymarket Hypermarket Stores. After graduation, he settled in Helsinki, got married and has two children, a son, 11 and a daughter, 4. *"Maybe I will hear news from old skiing Wildcats from 1978-1981 as well as some student friends from those years."* Pentti.joronen@kesko.fi

David Sevick '81 BFA of Lakewood, Colo., started his own design firm, Starving Artist Design, specializing in Web site design as well as traditional graphic design, illustration, and fine art.

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He also works as director of marketing and media for Denver Marble Concepts. starving_artist_design@yahoo.com

Meldene (Crall) McTaggart '82 BSN of Port Huron left her career at Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Midland as a post-anesthesia care nurse to help her husband run a CPA firm in Port Huron.

Sherri (Gunville) Morgan '82 AS, '85 BS of Woodstock, Ga., is vice president and director of marketing for Bank of North Georgia, an affiliate of Synovus Financial Corporation. They are headquartered in Alpharetta.

Clifford Smith '82 BS of Palm Harbor, Fla., is national sales manager for AOL Time Warner. He is active in scuba diving and sailing, has been married for over 15 years, and has an 8-year-old daughter. Clifford.Smith@Twcable.com

Jeffrey Haliczner '83 BS of Reno, Nev., is a case manager for WCSO Opportunity School. He received a master of arts in administration and supervision from the University of Phoenix last year.

Earl Joki '83 BS of Rochester Hills is director of project management delivery for the information solutions line of business at EDS. He holds a certificate in management accounting and project management professional certification. He earned a master of business administration degree from Lawrence Technological University in 1998. His wife is **Lauren (Harma) Joki '83 AB.**

Andy Kaufman '83 BS of Lake Zurich, Ill., is president of the Institute for Leadership Excellence and Development. He provides keynote presentations to companies and talks at conferences around the world on personal and leadership development topics. He and his wife have two sons, ages 7 and 5, and a 1-year-old daughter. andy@i-leadonline.com

Lorrie (Long) Bruce '83 BS of Southfield is a master technician at WJBK-TV. Her husband **Richard Bruce '89 BS** received a master's in humanities from Central Michigan University and teaches at Pulaski Elementary School in Detroit. Longsqu@bignet.net

Lillian (Lipski) Bonetti '84 BS of Fletcher, N.C., a marketing and public relations coordinator for Pardee Hospital, received a Silver Wallie Award for single audience publications at the Carolinas Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing Society fall conference. lmbonetti@yahoo.com

Tom Dabaldo '84 BS of Bloomfield Hills founded Channel Partners, LLC, a commercial real estate development company in 1997. In 2000, he founded Stone Construction Services, LLC, a commercial construction management company that builds all of Channel Partners' developments. Most recently Channel Partners developed the Automotive Solutions headquarters for Owens Corning.

Kathy (Dale) Peavley '84 BS of Aurora, Ill., graduated with a master's of business administration from Northern Illinois University. She is senior manager for corporate tax at Sears Roebuck and Company.

Jerome LaPage '85 AT, '87 BS of Marquette is an LCDR in the United States Navy Reserve serving as an administrative officer with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25 at Fort McCoy, Wis. He is a customer service manager with U.P. Power Company.

Lee Anderton '86 BS of Houghton is a senior account processor for Houghton County.

Robert Eiben '86 BSW '90 MA of Manistee is a prison counselor for the State of Michigan at the Oaks Correctional Facility in East Lake. He also teaches criminal justice classes part-time at Baker College in Cadillac.

Shelley Kammer '86 BS of Grayling is counselor/transition coordinator for COOR Intermediate School District. skammer@freeway.net

Gary Mayle '86 BS of Windsor, Colo., is a program manager for Hewlett Packard in Fort Collins, Colo. He leads large-enterprise, global infrastructure programs for HP information technology. Since graduating in 1986, Gary has enjoyed an exciting, dynamic career with HP—starting as a field engineer

and transferring to Colorado in 1993. His wife is **Lori (Cook) Mayle '86 BS.**

Ellen Wallingsford '86 BS of O'Fallon, Mo., is detective sergeant at the Maplewood Police Department.

Paul Lehto '87 BS of Everett, Wash., was elected to the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors. He operates his own law firm and is raising two children under age 3 with his wife, Karita.

Rebecca Long '87 BS of Denver, Colo., is an event manager for Peak Creative Media.

Yurdakul Birgen '88 BS of Istanbul, Turkey, is a fund manager with Eczacibasi Menkul Degerler. ybirgen@superonline.com

Asim Vehbi '88 BS of Lefkosa Mersin, Turkey, is a general secretary for Cyprus International University. avehbi@ciu.edu.tr

Barbara (Philp) Neaves '89 BSN '92 MSN of Marquette is a family planning coordinator at the Marquette County Health Department.

Adriana (Bolwerk) Sertich '89 BS of Sheboygan, Wis., was promoted to credit manager at VPI, LLC. agsertich@vipcorp.com

Renee Strothman '89 BS of Monroe is the community liaison supervisor at Monroe Community Mental Health. She teaches group home training, rights, and CPR/first aid; monitors program providers; works with the homeless; and develops housing.

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Thomas Baranowski '90 BS of Birmingham is a sales representative for Terminal Supply Company in the greater Detroit area.

Toby Kuivinen '91 BS of Gladstone spent ten years in the paper industry working throughout North and Central America. Last year, he bought Mr. Tire and its four locations at Escanaba, Marquette, Iron Mountain, and Menominee.

David Knetter '91 AS of Gwinn is instrumentation technician with the

A New Vision

DAVID VON BEHREN '80 BS

When **David von Behren** was a child, he loved to paint and won many art contests. But he never considered art as a livelihood.

After graduating from Northern, von Behren joined the fast track corporate world instead, working for Dow Chemical, then G.E. Detroit, an automotive-related business. But he continued to paint and sell some of his oil and acrylic works.

Then in December of 2000, von Behren, 43, at the time director of marketing for G.E. Detroit, made a life-changing decision to trade his briefcase and six-figure income for paintbrushes and the life of a self-employed artist.

"I don't want to look back when I'm 62 and say, 'I could have done that,'" he said.

With more than 20 years of marketing experience, he also felt confident that as an artist, he could continue to do something else he enjoys—please customers.

Von Behren began his new life by setting up his studio in his West Bloomfield home. His set-up costs were minimal: \$1,000 for supplies and materials, and another \$1,000 for scaffolding.

His studio is just off the kitchen and, surprisingly, has a white carpet. A work-in-progress features a woman with a musical instrument. Other pieces, ranging from an Italian city scene to a fruit still life, hang on the walls.

Though each work reflects his style, they range from abstract to impressionist, landscape to portraiture, tropical colors to muted neutrals, original compositions to recreations of master artists' works.

The reason becomes apparent as von Behren explains that his art reflects what his customer likes as well as his own vision. For instance, a half-completed painting rests on the floor. It depicts a family, "who wanted to know whether there was a way to incorporate the family into a 1900's scene." So, he is painting them in period clothes, working from family photos.

"I'll do any style," he said. "I'll customize it for what the clients like, and I really like a challenge."



Top: David von Behren stands next to a contemporary landscape painting.
Bottom: A Mediterranean patio scene.

His orders have ranged from \$150 for a small piece to over \$5,000 for a wall mural. He has clients from Atlanta to Midland, and throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.

Von Behren said in general, the pros of changing careers have outweighed the cons. One big drawback was giving up the salary and perks he previously enjoyed, such as medical insurance and a corporate car. But among the pluses have been less pressure, and, subsequently, more time with his family.

"I've gotten to know my kids again," he said. "It's really been a blessing."

His family agrees. They include wife Andrea, owner of an aerobics studio in Union Lake, and daughters

Jamie, 19, Brittany, 17, and Briana, 11.

"I like it now that he's involved in our lives more," said Brittany.

Von Behren honed his artistic skills as a teenager when he worked at an art gallery in Frankenmuth, where resident artist Irene Isler took him under her wing. By selling his works, he helped to fund his college education.

He has also taken art classes and seminars, and is a member of Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

Since leaving the corporate world, he said he has had several calls from business acquaintances saying, "I hope you have that out of your system now. Are you ready to come back?"

"I'll never say never, but if it continues to go as well as it's going, I won't go back. Owning my own business, setting my own marketing plan, that whole challenge of getting a business off the ground has been tremendous."

—Susan Steinmueller

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Business is booming for von Behren. He recently took on a partner and an apprentice to help him with large, commercial murals, which comprise approximately 80 percent of his work. According to von Behren, prices for these murals range from \$2,000 to \$100,000.

Making History

CAROL HAMMERLE '70 BS, '72 MA

Northern Illinois University women's basketball coach **Carol Hammerle** attributes much of her career success to defense. So it was only appropriate that her team would register one of its best defensive efforts to give the long-time mentor her 500th career victory by defeating the University of Akron Zips by a score of 63-42 on Feb. 2.

Hammerle joined an elite group of coaches in NCAA history with this win. The veteran boss became only the 20th NCAA Division I coach to reach the 500-win milestone, a group that includes such notables as Tennessee mentor Pat Summitt, Illinois boss Theresa Greentz, and Stanford's Tara VanDerveer.

"It's definitely a good feeling to reach 500 wins, and I feel fortunate to be associated with some of the other coaches who have accomplished this feat," Hammerle said. "But this isn't about me as much as it is the players I've coached and my staff through the years. They've been a big part of helping me achieve this."

At season end Hammerle's career record stands at 505-293. In her 29-year coaching career (25 years at Wisconsin-Green Bay before taking over the Huskie program in 1998), she has had 21 winning seasons, twelve 20-win campaigns, two NCAA appearances, and one National Women's Invitational Tournament appearance.

Hammerle was a member of the first women's basketball team at NMU and a two-time letter winner. She was inducted into the NMU Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

—Copy and photo courtesy of NIU Sports Information



Carol Hammerle

Board of Light Power's Shiras Power Plant. He and his wife, Marie, have three children and are very active in hunting and fishing.

Kelly (Bennett) Olson '91 BA of Killeen, Texas, is an advanced placement and international baccalaureate French teacher at Killeen High School; a recipi-

ent of the 2001 French Embassy scholarship to Toulon, France; and a translator for the United States Army at Fort Hood, Texas. Madameolson2@hotmail.com

Nancy Toward '91 BS of New York, N.Y., is vice president of quality at Dimensional Media. nancytoward@hotmail.com

Matthew Samuelson '91 BS of Austin, Texas, is a senior investigator with the Texas State Auditor's Special Investigations Unit. He also is a certified fraud examiner and a certified public accountant. He says he is a die-hard Packers fan living among a host of Cowboy fans. ferrethome@yahoo.com

Michael Brinker '92 BS of Appleton, Wis., was promoted to site engineering manager at Plexus Corporation in Neenah. His wife is **Karen (Willig) Brinker '93 BS**. mike.brinker@plexus.com

Michael Decet '92 BS of DePere, Wis., is a design engineer for SBC/Ameritech. Michaeldecet@msn.com

Troy Huggett '92 BS of Battle Creek teaches personal training exam preparation courses and practical training workshops for personal trainers in cities across the country. He teaches four physical education classes at Kellogg Community College, is the project director for the Branch-Barry-Calhoun Intermediate School District Career Prep Teachers Internship Program, and is finishing his master's degree.

Cheryl (McFadden) Lajoie '92 AS '00 BS of Marquette is an energy management supervisor at NMU. She has worked at the university for 13 years. She is working on a master's degree in public administration/finance.

Brent Olson '92 BS of Elmhurst, Ill., is an auditor for the United States Department of Labor, Office of the Inspector General. Last year he passed the certified internal audit exam and became a CIA. brent212@hotmail.com

Lori (Eatherton) Wellner '92 BS of Menominee is a law enforcement dispatcher and is the proud mother of a one-year-old daughter.

Robert Case '93 BS of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., is a manager of testing and consulting services at Renaissance Learning.

Kathy Koos '93 BS of Gold Canyon, Ariz., met her husband **John Headman '93 BS** in Spooner Hall while attending Northern.

Deana (Beauchamp) Martinson '93 BS of Sarasota, Fla., is an internal trainer at Unicare Systems. She and her husband have a daughter, Sarah Marie, who was born last October.

Patrick Modjeski '93 BS of Milwaukee, Wis., is a financial planner with AXA Advisors. mistico23@hotmail.com

Bruce Neumeier '93 BS of Menominee is a paint systems operator at Lloyd-Flanders. He and his wife have a four-year-old son named Dalton. Braut@webtv.com

Ashby Richardson IV '93 BS of Shrewsbury, Mass., wrote, directed, and produced his first feature film titled, *Under the Bus*, which premiered at the Marche du Film in Cannes, France. It has a tentative domestic release date of June 2002. The film stars **Chad Chimenti '92**, who along with Richardson and their production company Atom Bomb Productions have offices in Boston and Chicago.

Jed Koski '94 BS of Gladstone is a mechanical maintenance supervisor for Mead Paper. parts@k2-engineering.com

Jenel Livermore '94 of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., is the manager of Norman's Hallmark. jmldei@earthlink.net

Gina Nickels '94 BSN of Rochester, N.Y., completed her master's degree in nursing and is now a family nurse practitioner. She became nationally certified through ANCC. gnickels@yahoo.com

Christopher Pokorski '94 BS of Clinton Township was appointed as the account supervisor for Buick's regional advertising business by McCann-Erickson. Pokorski@Ameritech.net

Craig Schuster '94 BFA of Crestwood, Ill., is a photographer/image specialist for Andrew Corporation. Craig.Schuster@andrew.com

Kelly (Podrasky) Carbone '95 BS of Warren is a human resource representative for U.S. Manufacturing in Fraser.

Heather (Newburg) Ferguson '95 MA of Sault Ste. Marie was promoted to director of academic support programs at Lake Superior State University after

six years as the Learning Center director.

Juliann (Gerber) Finger '95 BSN of Rochester Hills is an administrator at Alpha Manor Nursing Home. Her husband **John Finger '71 BS** is the human resource director at Michigan Business Alliance. Her son Kris Drumrey is attending NMU majoring in education. *"My husband and I met in 1997, and on our first date during dinner noticed we were sitting by an NMU flag. That's when we found out we both attended Northern."* JuliAnnC99@aol.com
JackMBA99@aol.com

Lynne (Rantala) Hackett '95 BS of Streamwood, Ill., is marketing manager/product manager for John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc. lynn_hackett@yahoo.com

Scott Herzberg '95 BSW of Traverse City is the Upward Bound academic coordinator/counselor at Northwestern Michigan College. sherzberg@nmc.edu

Jill Vandenameele '95 AT, '97 BS of Rochester, Minn., is a medical technologist at Mayo Clinic, where she works in the molecular microbiology lab. Her job focuses on the testing of infectious diseases at the RNA or DNA level.

Aelin Peterson '96 BS of Fairbanks, Alaska, gave up an equity trader job in Milwaukee, Wis., where she handled multibillion dollar accounts to try for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Cross Country Skiing team. She won the bid to compete at the Salt Lake City Winter Games and placed 55th in the 10km classic.

Steve Sickle '96 BS of Traverse City is a 7th grade history teacher at Kingsley Middle School. He and his wife **Susan (Barker) Sickle '95 BS** are the proud parents of a two-year old daughter, Allison, and are expecting a second child in June. ssickle@yahoo.com

Chad Devereaux '97 AS '99 BS of Elberta Ala., is a project manager at W. G. Yates & Sons Construction. cdngs@yahoo.com

Penelope Selleck '97 BS of Newberry is a finance and budget analyst at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital.

Amanda (Palzewicz) Zimmerman '97

BS of Stephenson is a CAD operator for Ansul, Inc.

Chris Lange '98 BS of Austin, Texas is a systems engineer for Dell Computer Corporation. He is engaged to **Paula Phillips '96 BS**, who is a finance director at the Austin Community Foundation. They met at Northern in 1993.

Richard Samson '98 BS of Lancaster, Ohio, is a project engineer at Precision Air in Midland. He manages jobs in Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. In his spare time he enjoys a variety of outdoor activities like soccer, hunting, fishing, tennis, and boating.

Jeremy Stover '98 AS '00 BS of Seymour, Wis., works for the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department.

Andrew Thompson '98 BS of Ishpeming is the regional operations center supervisor with Charter Communication's High Speed Data Center in Walker. His wife is **Angela (Washburn) Thompson '97 BS**.

Kelly Wagner '98 BS of Hutchinson, Minn., is a judicial law clerk in McLeod County. kelmichele@hotmail.com

Greg Wheeler '98 BS of Pontiac is a network administrator at MGM Grand Detroit Casino. His wife is **Dawn (Smith) Wheeler '99 BS**.

Alec Egnatuk '99 BS of Marshall is a facility technician for Eaton Corporation, a major supplier of automotive components to the Big 3. He and his wife **Elizabeth (Cline) Egnatuk '98 BS** have a two-year-old daughter who, Alec says, is walking and talking and makes their life complete.

Grant Lewis '99 MS of London, Ohio, was named the informal educator of the year in Mississippi by the Mississippi Science Teachers Association. He developed environmental education programs for over 10,000 students in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. Grant is director of the Elam Environmental Education Center. gandjlewis@yahoo.com

Raci (Lancour) Pinar '99 BS of Cornell is a 5th grade teacher at Rapid River Public Schools. She is married and has two children.

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Ryan Smithers '00 BSN of Fairborn, Ohio, is a lieutenant in the United States Air Force. His wife, **Amanda (Mesaros) Smithers '99 BS**, is working on a master's in biology.

Cheryl Stapleton '00 BS of Salem, Wis., is accounting coordinator at Circuit Works Corporation.

Lori VanDamme '00 BSN of Rock is a registered nurse and serves as nuclear medicine patient care coordinator at Marquette General Hospital.

Luke Estola '01 BS of Greer, S.C. was the National Undergraduate winner in the 2000-01 AAA-CPA Foundation Essay Contest. He is a staff accountant for Smith, Kesler & Co.

Nicole Partica '00 BS of Bonita Springs, Fla., is the manager of Dock at Crayton Cove restaurant.

Mike Demske '01 BS of Royal Oak is account manager at Summit Funding Group. He says he is building a career in computer marketing and enjoying all it has to offer. mikedemske@hotmail.com

Lindsay Harmon '01 BS of Royal Oak is an account executive at Structured Information Public Relations Firm. She says she is pursuing a career in public relations and loving it. harmonlindsay@hotmail.com

Shannon Mirasolo '01 BS of White Lake is a pull coordinator at General Motors Powertrain. smirasolo@aol.com

Marriages

Vicki Lustila '71 BS to Steve Gassen.

Sherri Gunville '82 AS '85 BS to Kerry Morgan.

Adriana Bolwerk '89 BS to **Patrick Sertich '89 BS**.

Renee Strothman '89 BS to Corey Petkovich.

Thomas Baranowski '90 BS to Susie Matick.

Brad Kemp '92 AS to Julianne Wainio.

Mary Hernandez '93 BS to Ryan

Rosenthal.

Pamela Lewis '93 BFA to Randall Veeneman.

Patrick Modjeski '93 BS to Tracy Chapp.

Daniel Budinger '94 BS to Gretchen Feldt.

Jenel Livermore '94 to David Iceland.

Victoria Pergande '94 BS to Matthew Shea.

Kelly Podrasky '95 BS to Michael Carbone.

Lynn Rantala '95 BS to Bruce Hackett.

Benjamin Sager '95 AS, '96 BS to **Tori Koski '00 BS**.

David Grigg '96 Cert to Cory Heliste.

Angela Keranen '96 Dipl, '99 Cert to Derek DuShane.

Scott Krznarich '96 BS to Lisa Schurrer.

Tracy Spaulding '96 BS, '98 MA to Cory Steinman.

Kevin Hamel '97 AAS to Beth Bertucci.

Ryan LaMere '97 BS to **Michelle Argall '98 BS**.

Jarett Moyle '97 Cert to **Amy Drummond '01 Cert**.

Richard Zambon '97 Cert to **Kelly Andersen '00 BS**.

Wade LaFreniere '98 BS to Lana Johnson.

Michelle Peterson '98 BS to **Andrew Powers '00 BS**.

Greg Wheeler '98 BS to **Dawn Smith '99 BS**.

Amy Goke '99 BS to Jason Evans.

Gary Matelski '99 BS to **Alison Johnson '91 BS**.

Nicole Matonich '99 BS to Kevin Nelson.

Amanda Mesaros '99 BS to **Ryan Smithers '00 BSN**.

Amber Pascoe '99 Dipl to Joe Renaud.

Erick Hinze '00 AT to Sara Hanninen.

Natalie Hoiska '00 BSN to Bryan Mulheron.

Angela Kangas '00 AB to Jerry Harris.

Brian Matthews '00 BS to Kelly Pearson.

Bradley Monnett '00 BS to Andrea Howes.

Eric Kiviniemi '01 Cert to Angela Graham.

Michelle LaPointe '01 Cert to David Heidtman, Jr.

Patricia Ruff '01 BME to Bryan Roti.

Kimberly Stone '01 BS to Brian Wismer.

Deaths

Anna (Lindblom) Taipale '25 LC, Nov. 27, 2001, Tumbling Shoals, Ark.

Helen (Rickmond) Grant '27 LC, Nov. 17, 2001, Chicago, Ill.

Pearl (Bant) Lean '27 LC, '49 BS, Nov. 2, 2001, Warren.

Esther (Michel) Britton '28 LC, Dec. 25, 2001, Watersmeet.

E. Grace Chinn '30 LC, '59 BS, Nov. 22, 2001, Painesdale.

Rosalind (Giesregen) Decook '30 BS, Oct. 28, 2001, Newberry.

Arlene (Cordy) Gaspar '30 LC, Oct. 29, 2001, Marquette.

Agness (Leffler) Trebilcock '31 LC, Jan. 14, 2002, Plymouth.

Ethel (Beatty) Schnauffer '32 LC, Nov. 19, 2001, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Irene (Bant) Schwartz '33 LC, '34 BS, Jan. 14, 2002, Grand Blanc.

William Raffin '34 BS, Oct. 20, 2001, Kingsford.

Gordon Aho '36 BS, Oct. 19, 2001, Marquette.

Jeanne (Drury) Carland '39 BS, Oct. 9, 2001, Frankfort.

Naomi (Greifer) Rubin '40 BA, Dec. 26, 2001, Naperville, Ill.

Taisto Orhanen '42 BS, '42 MA, Feb. 3, 2002, Marquette.

Zita (Liberatae) Wright '44 BS, April, 4, 2001, Decatur, Ill.

Ruth (Hillila) Bickel '49 BS, Oct. 21, 2001, Mentor, Ohio.

Melissa

By LAYVEN REGUERO



This image was taken late last year as a part of photography major, Layven Reguero's senior art exhibit. Reguero just completed a sixteen-week internship as a photographer's assistant at Polo Ralph Lauren in New York City. When NMU photography professor Dennis Staffne was contacted by Ralph Lauren photographer David Friedman about the internship, Staffne said it was a clear choice to recommend Reguero, who has been working with portraiture and fashion for the last two years.

Reguero said the most exciting part of his internship was being able to witness the evolution of the Ralph Lauren clothing line from drawings to seeing the finished products on models and on in-store mannequins.

He told Staffne that he has learned a lot about commercial photography, location photography, lighting techniques, and the business of photography.

Melissa is one of three images Reguero sent to Friedman when he applied for the internship. He said that it best represents the style of his photography during his years at Northern.

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Last year, our family grew by one, and she's already attended her first NMU Homecoming. We figure with 17 more Homecomings to go, Alexa will have the words to the NMU fight song memorized and have a complete wardrobe of green and gold when she steps foot on campus as a freshman. And between now and then? We'll continue to be involved by volunteering our time and supporting the Alumni Association — our lifetime link to the university we are proud to say we attended.

Angela (Washburn) '97 BS and Andrew Thompson '98 BS, Lifetime Alumni Association members since 1999. Photo by Bill Davie



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