


# Keeping track

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## '50s

 **John "Jack" Schils '52 BS** was recently inducted into the Battle Creek Central High School Hall of Fame. He served 34 years in education, retiring in 1986.

**Virginia (Hintsala) Coleman '54 BS, '61 MA** of Pacific Grove, Calif., has retired after 44 years of teaching and is now director of child and youth education at the First United Methodist Church in Pacific Grove.

## '60s

**Robert Morrison '60 BS, '65 MA** of Munising is writing his 37th book. He began writing in 2004 after retiring from a career in shipping and boating.

 **Margaret Chapman '65 BS** of Ferndale is working to establish a new art business, after which she'll begin painting full time. [PicturePntr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:PicturePntr@sbcglobal.net)

**Roger Finlan '67 BS, '78 MAE** recently retired after a 42-year career in education, most recently at Grand Valley State. [finlanr@gvsu.edu](mailto:finlanr@gvsu.edu)


**Phillip Kukkonen '68 BA** of Hancock has retired after 18 years as chief judge for the 97th district court.




*Joe '66 BS, Ora Mae, Dick and Rosalie Sullivan caught clowning around at a craft fair in Florida.*

## '70s

**Lois Millet '70 BS, '74 MAE** is principal at the Norton Elementary School in Three Rivers.

 **Gary Lewinski '71 BS** of Marquette is a ground contractor covering Central Upper Peninsula routes for FedEx.

**Bob Downing '72 BS** was recently inducted into the Michigan Softball Coaches Hall of Fame. He is retired after 34 years of teaching at Mackinaw City.

 **Linda (Wirtanen) Fitzgerald '73 BA** of Dexter had her book *Mantra for Murder* featured in the *Ann Arbor Chronicle*. [lindafitz@fitzgeraldcommunications.com](mailto:lindafitz@fitzgeraldcommunications.com)

**Linda Henderson '73 BS** has been appointed academic dean of University College at Northwood University.

**Sterling Schrock '74 BS** of St. Joseph has been appointed by Gov. Granholm to fill the remainder of the term of the retiring Berrien County trial court judge.

**Norann Chadwick '75 BS** was recently selected as the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association Region XIII's 2008 honoree.

**Chris (Gnuechtel) Hanson '76 Cert, '79 AB** of Kimberly, Wis., president of Hanson Benefits, and her husband, Steve, were named 2008 volunteers of the year for Best Friends of Neenah and Menasha. They are the first couple to receive this award.

**Bruce Pierce '76 MAE** of the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps participated in the Visiting Ministers series at Epworth Heights last summer.

**Don Charlevoix '77 AS** has retired after 20 years as Dickinson County sheriff. He was the longest-serving sheriff in the county's history.

**Spencer Libby '79 BS** was recently named Business Person of the Year by the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Dionysus-Magers Hall Reunion

Calling all residents from 1972-75 for a reunion—and a stay back in the hall—July 24 and 25. Check out the blog with information at <http://dionysusreunion.blogspot.com> or contact Karen Spehar Wittkopp at [klwitt@umich.edu](mailto:klwitt@umich.edu).

**Glenna MacDonald '79 BS** is supervisor of finance for the Huron Valley School District.

## '80s

**Jean Arvan '83 AB** of Gladstone is manager of physician recruitment with OSF St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group.

**Bonnie Woodruff '83 Cert., '84 BFA, '03 BSN** of Hancock is an allied health instructor for Gogebic Community College at their Copper Country Extension Center, and lead instructor for their Copper Country nursing program.

**Mary Henry '85 MAE** is principal/teacher for the Arvon Township School in Skanee.


**James Lee '85 MAE** is superintendent of Paradise Valley Unified School District in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Susie Fox '86 BS** is head golf professional at Pine Grove Country Club in Iron Mountain.

## '90s

**Michael Reynolds '91 BFA** operates Reynolds Photography in Plymouth and says he misses skiing Cliffs Ridge on the "monster powder days" of the late '80s.

**Christian Johanneson '91 BS** of Redmond, Wash., is working for Microsoft Corporation and is responsible for Xbox, Zune and Microsoft hardware in retail.

 **William Bowerman '91 MA** of Central, S.C., and **Katherine Leith, '05 BS** of Seneca, S.C., have been initiated into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, Clemson University chapter. William is a professor and Katherine is his Ph.D. student in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources.

**Gregory Kleinheinz '93 BS** of Winneconne, Wis., is president of the Great Lakes Beach Association Board. He is an associate professor of microbiology at UW-Oshkosh.

**Morten Haugland '94 BS and Kristi (Porter) Haugland, '99 BS** of Columbus, Ohio, welcomed daughter Annika to the family in December. [mhkhoh1@gmail.com](mailto:mhkhoh1@gmail.com)



**Joseph Urban '94 BS (above)** has been elected to membership of the Clark Hill Law firm in the Birmingham office.


**Dorothy Alexander '93 Cert., '95 AB** of Gladstone has retired from OSF St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group after nearly 14 years as a transcriptionist in the medical records department.

**Bryan Hyska '95 BS** of Escanaba is business banking manager for Michigan and north central Wisconsin in addition to serving as market president for Escanaba and Menominee.

**Patricia Strand '95 MSN** is a full-time instructor with the Allied Health Department at Gogebic Community College.

**William Baker '96 BS** of Fairview Park, Ohio, is partner at the law firm of Giffen and Kaminski.

**Timothy Spreen '97 AS** of Iron Mountain is manager of Twin County Airport. He holds a pilot's license and is experienced in helicopter and aircraft maintenance.

 **Chad Devereaux '97 AS, '99 BS** and his wife, **Jessica (Niemi) '99 BSN**, of Charlotte welcomed baby boy Noah (right) in July. [chaddevereaux@hotmail.com](mailto:chaddevereaux@hotmail.com)

**Dean Hartin '97 BS** of Chelsea is Sergeant First Class with the State

Medical Command, Detroit, Michigan Army National Guard.

**Scott Murphy '97 BS** is a partner in the Grand Rapids law firm of Barnes & Thornburg.


**Matt Weston '98 BA** is adult services librarian for the Van Buren District Library.

**Heidi Kattula '98 MAE** is principal at West Hills Middle School.

**Mark Burton '99 BS** is caucus legal counsel for Senator Mike Prusi.

## '00s


**Beth Jerdon '00 BS** of Niles is a connecting people coordinator with the Mennonite Central Committee in Nicaragua.

 **Stacy Welling '00 BS, '02 MPA** of Marquette is the Upper Peninsula field deputy for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

**Travis Neville '01 BS** of Kendallville, Ind., had an article in the May issue of *Off Road Magazine*.

**Daryl Vizina '01 BS** is the Cheboygan County prosecutor.

**John Miller '02 BS, '03 MPA** is an associate in the Litigation Group of the law firm Giarmarco, Mullins, & Horton P.C.

 **Timothy Tanis '04 BA** recently passed the Senior Professional in Human Resources exam. [timothytanis@gmail.com](mailto:timothytanis@gmail.com)

**Barry Johnson '04 BS** is administrator of Tendercare Sault Ste. Marie long-term health care and rehabilitation center.



**John Arenz '05 BS** of Marquette is an associate attorney with the Wideman Law Center.



**Michael Brown '05 BS** of Southampton, Pa., is director of veterans affairs for U.S. Congressman Patrick Murphy. nmumike@gmail.com



**Jane Stieber '06 BA** (above) has been selected as one of 42 students nationwide to participate in the National Institutes of Health's prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Scholars Program. Jane is a fourth-year dental studies student at the University of Michigan.

**Jeremy Brown '06 BS** is a member of Jet City Improv in Seattle. He has also been part of several shows produced by Wing It Productions, the umbrella company of Jet City Improv.

**Auna Oman '06 BS** worked in India last summer as a volunteer for the Women's Development center in Kuttikanam, Kerala.

**Ryan Carlson '07 BS** of Daggett is a teacher at North Central Area Schools.

**Kimberly Dykwell '07 BS** spent the past year as a health extension volunteer in the Dominican Republic.

**Kathy Stenlund '08 BA** is a Spanish teacher at Kingsford High School.

**Keri Thill '08 BFA** of Marquette designed a Christmas ornament



## All in the Family

*The Stanek family gathered to celebrate a continuing tradition of graduating from NMU. Here Dennis '68 BS, '74 MS and Cheryl '68 BS and their daughters Leslie Nault '96 BS and Brooke Buckley '01 BS attend daughter Holly Stammer's '05 Cert. 2008 commencement where she received a master's degree in education administration/supervision. Dennis and Cheryl also taught for more than 35 years (Dennis continues to do so in the School of Education at NMU), and they wonder where their seven grandchildren will attend college.*

representing Michigan's First Congressional District that was displayed on the White House Christmas tree.

**Jay Tasson '03 BS** had his second paper published in the top physics journal, *Physical Review Letters*. He is finishing his doctorate at Indiana University.



## Champions of literacy

*Two NMU alumni—Keri Bath '05 MAE (left) and Sandra Bonsall '82 MAE (right) (who also happen to be married to NMU employees Mike Bath '07 MA and Dave Bonsall '74 BS), received this year's Literacy Award from the Michigan Reading Association. They are shown with MRA awards chairperson Marcia Klemp.*

## Marriages

**Kristen Portale '86 AB, '94 BS, '05 MPA** to **KC Bjorne '01 BS**.

**Carrie Snowaert '87 BS** to **Bob Rabitaille**.

**Kathleen Heideman '94 MAE** to **Daniel Rydholm**.

**Dean Laitinen '94 BS** to **Jill Laurila '94 BS**.

**Kristin Mann '94 BS** to **Thomas Knapp**.

**Craig Schuster '94 BFA** to **Jaime Spink**.

**Joseph Houle '97 BS** to **Michelle Pelon**.

**Michael Kaurala '97 BS** to **Julee Basal '05 BS, '07 MPA**.

**Laura Ballweg '98 BS, '04 MA** to **John McCormack**.

**Colleen Galor '98 BS** to **Scott DuFlo**.

**Julie Stein '99 BS** to **Nicholas Johnson '03 BS, '08 AAS**.

**Dylan Morgan '00 BFA** to **Ellen Dully**.

Kara Kallio '01 AB,'08 Cert. to Daniel Rose.

Autumn Klaker '01 Cert. to Todd Collins '05 AAS.

Christy Salonen '01 BS to Jeff Provost.

Brandi Garbett '02 AB to Adam Siefert.

Brita Haile '02 AT,'04 BS to Brandon Williams '06 BS.

Heather Reno '02 BS to Kurt Crozier '03 BME.

Penny Doherty '03 AAS to Michael Merkle.

Sarah Etelamaki '03 BA to Kevin Kennerly.

Sam Graci '03 BS to Kara Farquhar '06 BS.

Laura Guizzetti '03 AAS to Gary Sovey.

Mischelle Johnivan '03 BS to Joshua Swanson.

Brian Krahn '03 BS,'05 AAS to Vallery Heitmeier '05 Cert.

Jeffrey Niemi '03 BS to Jodi Paquette '06 BS.

Julie Stein '03 BS to Nicholas Johnson '03 BS,'08 AAS.

Ryan Truhn '03 BS to Sarah Pliml.

Jessica Maynard '04 BSW to Daniel DeRoche.

Angela Patnode '04 BS to Daniel Keranen.

Kyle Anderson '05 BS to Mary Phillips '05 BS.

Amy Bennett '05 BS to Philip Wickstrom.

Jess Bortolini '05 AAS to Ashley Hanttula '06 BA.

Shannon Boyer '05 BS to Andrew Luehmann.

Anthony Dorvinen '05 Cert. to Heidi Iery '07 BSN.

Teresa Hautala '05 AB,'08 BS to William Gribble '08 BS.

Kristen Rolig '05 BS to Douglas Gordon.

Philip Dix '06 BS to Sarah Champion.

Darlene Prois



*Gus Kaeding '08 BS won the 2009 American Birkebeiner, the largest cross-country ski race in the U.S. Gus is a member of the CXC Elite Team. He is bib number 342, toe-to-toe with skiing legend Bjorn Daehlie.*

Andrew Eliason '06 BS to Jodi Jacobson.

Michele Kipling '06 AB to Jon DeVold '08 Cert.

Sarah Massoglia '06 BS to Matthew Hampton '07 BS.

Isaac Micheau '06 BS to Sarah Badini '07 BS.

Daniel Berryman '07 AAS to Melanie Borg.

Kara Dehring '07 BSN to Eric Kaminski.

Lauren Holsworth '07 BS to Michael Reed '07 BS.

Kenneth Kasten '07 BS to Natalie Harper '08 Cert.

Justin Kleinschmidt '07 BSN to Shana Paveglio '07 BS.

Katherine Kreis '07 BS to Michael Buchinger '08 BS.

Molly Niepoth '07 BS to Kevin Roussin.

Tammie Sager '07 MAE to David Carr.

Cathryn Webb '07 BS to Lyle Schultz.

Justin Carriere '08 BS to Kelsey Keskitalo '08 BS.

## Deaths

George H. Holman '33 AS, Jan. 24, 2009, Spokane, Wash.

Dorothy (Roberts) Kimpton '34 BS, '34 Life Cert., Jan. 28, 2009, Minneapolis, Minn.

William Garrett '40 BS, Oct. 26, 2008, Ishpeming.

Imogene (Harter) Beattie '41 BA, Oct. 30, 2008, Midland.

Margaret (Miller) Reilly '41 BS, Dec. 30, 2008, Marquette.

Lily Korpi '42 BA, '65 MA, April 4, 2009, Ishpeming.

Helmi (Ollila) Goudreau '46 BS, April 17, 2009, Jackson.

Rudolph Heino '49 BS, Nov. 16, 2008, Petoskey.

William Annelin '50 BS, Dec. 10, 2008, Midland.

Arthur Hammar '50 BS, March 27, 2009, Ishpeming.

Henry Valli '50 BA, Feb. 3, 2009, Kernersville, N.C.

Mildred (Lampi) Gamble '51 BA, Oct. 9, 2008, Longmont, Colo.

Evangeline Frisk '52 BME, Jan. 27, 2009, Marquette.

E. Louise Frisk '52 BME, Jan. 27, 2009, Marquette.

Marie (Larson) Salley '52 BS, July 11, 2008, Waterford.

William Holmstrom '53 BS, March 13, 2009, Gladstone.

Gildo Canale '56 BS, Feb. 26, 2009, Marquette.

David Slick '56 BS, Dec. 19, 2008, Ishpeming.

Ruth (Nordine) Chown '57 BME, '76 MME, Nov. 11, 2008, Escanaba.

Andrew Gauthier '57 BS, '66 MA, Feb. 9, 2009, L'Anse.

Martin Duffy '58 BS, Dec. 6, 2008, Seagrove Beach, Fla.

Kenneth Peterson '58 BS, Dec. 1, 2008, Escanaba.

**Bernard Vandette '58 BS**, Dec. 9, 2009, unknown location.

**Peter Arseneault '59 BS**, Feb. 13, 2009, Marquette.

**Ward Van Laanen '59 BS**, Sept. 18, 2008, Lake Odessa.

**Melvin Kivela '60 BS**, March 26, 2009, L'Anse.

**Effie (Anderson) Leppaluoto '62 BS, '66 MA**, April 4, 2009, Marquette.

**William MacNeil '62 BS, '65 MA**, Nov. 17, 2008, Green Bay.

**Warren Weber '62 MA**, Dec. 30, 2008, Iron Mountain.

**Robert Wehmanen '62 BS, '68 MA**, March 7, 2009, Marquette.

**Lois LaMothe '63**, Nov. 19, 2008, Linden.

**Elaine (Keskimaki) Bollero '64 BS, '66 MA**, Oct. 13, 2008, Ishpeming.

**Kathryn (MacDonald) Baca '65 BS, '69 MA**, Oct. 13, 2008, Marquette.

**Robert Newhouse '65 MA**, Oct. 10, 2008, Oshkosh, Wis.

**Donald Sangala '65 BS**, Jan. 17, 2009, Ishpeming.

**Joseph Washburn '65 BME**, Oct. 16, 2008, Peoria, Ariz.

**Phyllis (Villemure) Bernard '66**, Feb. 12, 2009, Newberry.

**Aili (Sarkela) Koski '66 BS**, Nov. 20, 2008, Negaunee.

**Randell Moreau '67 BS**, Jan. 16, 2009, Oxford.

**Michael Carpenter '68 BS**, Dec. 29, 2008, Newberry.

**Richard Sofio '68 BS, '80 MAE**, Feb. 28, 2009, Lansing.

**William Pesola '69 BS, '71 MAE**, Jan. 18, 2009, Marquette.

**Norman Stanaway '69 BS**, Dec. 28, 2008, Negaunee.

**Larry Wadaga '70 BS**, Nov. 20, 2008, Marquette.

**Ruthann Malato '71 BA**, May 22, 2006, Chicago, Ill.

**Sammy Wolfe '71 BS**, March 29, 2009, Pelkie.

**Bernice (Schaffer) Polkinghorne '72 BS**, Jan. 5, 2009, York, Pa.

**Patrick Fetherston '73 BS**, Feb. 10, 2009, Ann Arbor.

**John Okesson '73 BS**, March 9, 2009, Boynton Beach, Fla.

**Lois (Carlson) Roti '74 BS**, Feb. 14, 2008, Negaunee.

**John Dalpra '77 BS**, Dec. 23, 2008, Iron River.

**Mary (Kivisto) Waara '79 BS**, Jan. 10, 2009, Ishpeming.

**Phyllis Burrell '80 BS**, March 8, 2009, Marquette.

**Lawrence Campbell '82 BS**, Oct. 1, 2008, Marquette.

**Anthony Filizetti '82 Cert.**, Jan. 7, 2009, Gwinn.

**Ruth (Seglund) Pond '83 MAE**, Oct. 22, 2008, Marquette.

**Kurt Ericson '86 BS**, March 26, 2009, Ishpeming.

**Laurel Portale '88 AS**, Dec. 22, 2008, Ishpeming.

**Jean (Bott) Fende '89 BSN**, Nov. 28, 2008, Marquette.

**Rodney Parkkonen '91**, Sept. 5, 2008, Traverse City.

**Rick Lawson '92 AS**, Feb. 4, 2009, Ishpeming.

**Mark Weber '94 BS**, Dec. 18, 2008, Dixon, N.M.

**Matthew Hall '96 BS**, March 13, 2009, Sumner.

**Michael Melka '98 Cert.**, April 28, 2009, Marquette.

**Gordon Seaman '98 BS**, Dec. 3, 2008, Gold Coast, Queensland.

**Beverly Stroh '98 BS, '00 MPA**, April 29, 2009, Rockwood, Tenn.

**Aimee Walters '04 BSW**, Jan. 17, 2008, Phoenix.

**Patrick Parsley '05 BS**, April 19, 2009, Marquette.

**Neil Johnson '06 Cert.**, Feb. 1, 2009, Newberry.

**Amanda Henson '07 BS**, Dec. 26, 2008, Marquette.

## Friends

Robert Carter, audio visual instructor, Aug. 6, 2008, Marquette.

Gary Jerry, help desk consultant, Dec. 8, 2008, Gwinn.

Elizabeth (Murphy) Wiltzius, retired office professional, Jan. 8, 2009, Marquette.

Susan (Martin) Goodrich, modern languages and literature professor, Jan. 11, 2009, Marquette.

Robert Stephenson, retired music professor, Jan. 24, 2009, Marquette.

Gertrude Peterson, retired food service worker, Feb. 12, 2009, Marquette.

Frances VanAbel, retired coffee shop attendant, March 3, 2009, Marquette.

Arthur Beauchamp, retired building attendant, March 7, 2009, Marquette.

Richard Parmenter, retired senior electrician in Plant Operations, April 16, 2009, Detroit.

Robert Danziger, former music professor, May 4, 2009, Modesto, Calif.

Edna Britton, retired custodian, May 7, 2009, Marquette.



Pat (Trent) Appleberry (above) of Louisville, Ky., passed away on May 23, 2009. She served as NMU's first lady while her husband, Dr. James Appleberry, was president from 1983-91. She was a national speaker on ataxia, a strong proponent of hospice programs, an avid fund raiser for many groups and was also a recognized watercolor artist and interior designer.