

# Keeping track

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## '30s


**Frederick Clifford '35 BA** of Georgetown, Texas, and his wife, Doris, celebrated 65 years of marriage in August.

## '50s

**Carl Mayer '59 BS, '62 MA** of Marquette served as artist-in-residence with the Porcupine Mountains Artist-in-Residence Program in September, where he presented a watercolor painting demonstration program.

## '60s


**Tom Renier '62 BS, '63 MA** of Laurium has earned the Gold Whistle Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association for 40 years of football officiating.

 **Don Hiltunen '66 BA** recently retired from private legal practice and from the position of city attorney of Hancock.

**Kas Zeltkalns '66 BA** of the country of Latvia retired from a career in community planning and development. He is learning the Russian

language and visiting European countries. [kzeltkalns@yahoo.com](mailto:kzeltkalns@yahoo.com)

## '70s

 **Don Stacks '71 BA**, director of the University of Miami public relations program, has been elected to the first class of research fellows by the Institute for Public Relations.

**Elizabeth Granger '71 MA** of Fishers, Ind., was named high school journalism teacher of the year by the Indiana Press Association.




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

**Nancy Osier '73 BS** has retired after 35 years as coach of the Ewen-Trout Creek Panthers girls basketball team. She retired from teaching several years ago.



**Michele (Goergen) Geiger-Bronsky '73 BSN (above)** has been named a 2008 Champion of Women's Health by the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation. She is executive director and nurse practitioner at the Wellness Center of Door County. [mgbnp1@gmail.com](mailto:mgbnp1@gmail.com)

 **William LaMora '75 BS** of Marquette has retired from the Board of Light and Power after 25 years and is currently working as a child care counselor at the Marquette County Youth Home.



**John Chappuis '78 BS (above)** has retired from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services after 28 years of service.

**Cindy Leep '78 BS** of Grand Rapids received the President's Volunteer Service Award from President Bush on Oct. 15. She is a volunteer with Uganda Amaranth Project for Partners Worldwide.

## '80s

**Bill Rivest '81 BS** is the new principal at Dollar Bay High School.


**Mark Easterwood '84 BS** of Escanaba was recently named manager of the OSF St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group Clinical Laboratory Services Department.

**Mary (Thibodeau) Droelle '85 BS** of Pensacola, Fla., has joined the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center as information and referral specialist. She was also recognized by the center for her service to people with disabilities. [mary@cil-drc.org](mailto:mary@cil-drc.org)

**Susie Fox '86 BS** was recently hired as the head golf professional at Pine Grove Country Club in Iron Mountain.

**Michael Kolasa '87 BS** of Marquette has been named vice president and wealth management specialist by Wells Fargo Wealth Management Group.



 **Gina (Grubb) Frank '88 BS** (above) has been appointed to associate dean of student affairs at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.

**Steve Tramp '88 BS** of Green Bay, Wis., is a regional commercial lender for M&I Bank. [steveandjodi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steveandjodi@sbcglobal.net)

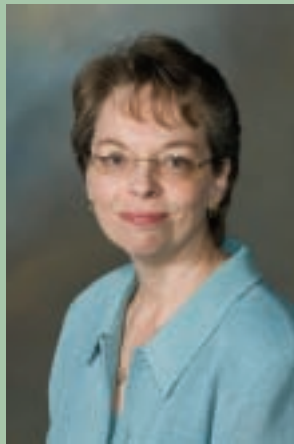
**Patrick Sertich '89 BS** of Sheboygan, Wis., has taken a position as a customer service-claims specialist for Doral Dental.

**Adriana (Bolwerk) Sertich '89 BS** is a credit and collections supervisor with the Vollrath Company.

## '90s

**Todd Brunelli '91 BS** is retiring from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service as a military policeman and having recently received the Meritorious Service Medal, the "Best of the Best Medallion," and the "Order of the Machaussee in Bronze."

**Darren Bray '91 BS, '07 MAE** of Escanaba is the new principal at James R. Fitzharris High School in Wells.




**Cynthia (Reliford) Abbott '93 BS, '95 MA** (above) of Winterville, N.C., has been appointed an international missionary by the International Mission Board.

**George Lahanas '93 BS, '95 MPA** was recently promoted to the position of deputy city manager for East Lansing.

**Greg Wood '96 BS** of Frostburg, Md., has been elected to the faculty senate at Frostburg State University. [gwood@frostburg.edu](mailto:gwood@frostburg.edu)

**Stephen Forsha '97 BS** of St. Charles, Mo., is teaching executive management and business ethics at William Woods University. [stephen.forsha@us.army.mil](mailto:stephen.forsha@us.army.mil)

**Paul Garber '97 BS** recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

 **Jason Graunke '97 BS and Amy (Emery) Graunke '97 BS** welcomed son Henry into the family in August.

**Jeremy Potter '98 BS** of Petersburg was recently named the Monroe County history teacher of the year. [potter@ida.k12.mi.us](mailto:potter@ida.k12.mi.us)

## '00s

**Kevin Dufresne '01 BS** is the new principal at St. Mary Catholic School in Rockwood.

**Frank Schneider '01 BS** of Cheboygan has been named principal at Pellston Elementary School.

**Jonathan Larson '02 BS** of Troy is a student activities program manager at the University of Michigan. [jonalars@umich.edu](mailto:jonalars@umich.edu)



**Erin Murphy '03 BS** (above) has joined the law firm of Plunkett Cooney in Detroit.

**Jennifer Yatchak '03 BS** is a physician assistant at Highland Park Hospital in Highland Park, Ill.

**Jamie Wilms '04 BA** is education director for Museum Village in Monroe, N.Y.

**Marcus Doxey '05 BS** of Holt has been promoted to senior accountant with Andrews Hooper & Pavlik.

**Susan Serafin '05 MFA** of Lansing taught a course in American Culture at the Harbin Institute of Technology in Harbin, China, last summer. [serafins@lcc.edu](mailto:serafins@lcc.edu)

**Cara Miller '07 BFA** was recently promoted to senior Web designer at the Detroit Media Partnership, which manages the business operations of the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Detroit News*.

**Luke Becker '08 BS** recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

**Dana Haddock '08 BS** has been hired in the group sales department with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers baseball team in Appleton.

## Marriages

**Patricia Slining-Forstner '76 BS** to Robert Cayla.

**Lisa Edwards '84 BS** to Bruce Morris.

**Joseph Yezak '95 BS** to Megan McHenry.

**Chris Trautman '96 AS** to Sherry Collin.

**Michelle Sommerfeldt '98 BS** to Todd Hansen.

**Craig Aho '00 BS** to Melissa Marlin '05 BS.

**Kim Draney '02 BS** to Dave Shepis '03 BA.

**Jessie Blizniak '04 BS** to Brian Garavaglia '04 BS.

**Jonathan Eifert '04 BS** to Natalie Knibbs '04 BS.

**Joseph Grimsby '04 BS** to Deborah Garner.

**Dena Tibbe '04 BS** to Erich Merrill '06 BS.

**Cason Harris '06 BS** to Kristy Pierce '07 BFA.

**Aaron Nieman '06 BS** to Melissa Cain.

**Tim Veirs '06 BS** to Nichole Zarkowski '06 BS.

**Kara Dehring '07 BSN** to Erich Kaminski.

**Stacy Hoffenbecker '07 BS** to Dan Toutant.

**Michael Mottes '07 BS** to Jocelyn Hoffman '08 BS.

**Carl Paul '07 BS** to Miranda Shannon '08 BSN.

**Kelly Reed '07 BS** to Lauren Holsworth '07 BS.

## Deaths

**Helen McKenzie '34 Cert, '35 AS**, Nov. 22, 2008, Ann Arbor.

**Palmer Brown '37 BS**, June 14, 2008, Athens, Ga.

**Angeline Tambellini '38 BA, '70 MAE**, May 14, 2008, Iron Mountain.

**Catherine Schenk '40 BS**, Oct. 16, 2008, Florence, Wis.

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

**Charles Kee '41 BS**, March 30, 2007, San Diego, Calif.

**Walter Hampton '45 BS**, July 28, 2008, Howell.

**John Benaglio '51 BS**, June 27, 2008, Sun City West, Ariz.

**Robert Stephenson '58 BS**, Aug. 24, 2008, Sault Ste. Marie.

**Alexander Brown '59 BS**, July 15, 2008, Marquette.

**Roy Maki '59 BS**, Aug. 19, 2008, Marquette.

**James Farrell '62 BS**, June 22, 2008, Rapid River.

**Howes Smith '62 BS**, Aug. 21, 2008, Ithaca.

**Jean Mathias '65 BS, '76 MA**, Aug. 9, 2008, Ishpeming.

**Gary Elmsblad '67 BS**, June 28, 2008, L'Anse.

**Donald Fyvie '67 BS**, July 12, 2008, Coldwater.

**Larry Crain '68 BS**, Sept. 9, 2008, Petoskey.

**Fae (Elliott) Gwinn '68 BS**, Nov. 14, 2007, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

**Kent Curtis '69 BS**, Oct. 10, 2004, Riverview.

**Gloria (Cox) Dausey '69 BS**, July 16, 2008, Caso Grande, Ariz.

**Pat Eschenbauch '69 BS**, July 31, 2008, Woodruff, Wis.

**Ernest Mattson '70 MAE**, July 23, 2008, Duluth, Minn.

**Rosemarie Bentti '72 BS**, Sept. 23, 2008, Michigamme.

**Larry Pearson '72 BS**, Aug. 10, 2008, Mankato, Minn.

**Sandra Bietila '73 BS**, Sept. 10, 2008, Ishpeming.

**Mary Sundberg '73 BSN**, Sept. 19, 2008, Gwinn.

**Thomas Bolitho '74 BS**, June 26, 2008, Marquette.

**Anne Dirkse '75 BSN**, July 7, 2008, Holland.

**Bradley Schwartz '75 BS**, July 25, 2008, Saginaw.

**Lynn Norell '79 BS**, Sept. 12, 2008, Gaylord.

**Valerie Clark '85 BSN**, Aug. 25, 2008, Albuquerque, N.M.

**Alan Johns '85 BS**, Sept. 4, 2008, Ishpeming.

**Raymond Gabell '87 BS**, June 12, 2008, Brandon, Miss.

**Marianne Evans '88 BS**, Aug. 6, 2008, Munising.

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

**James Denman '01 AS**, Aug. 10, 2008, Marquette.

**Shawn Coin '03 BS**, Aug. 18, 2008, Youngstown, Ohio.

**Kelly McQuillian '07**, Aug. 14, 2008, Ishpeming.

**Aaron Surrell '08**, Aug. 31, 2008, Marquette.

## Friends

**Marvin Thompson**, an NMU trades worker and 1982 retiree, Aug. 9, 2008, Marquette.

**Magaret Nadeau**, a 1987 retiree who worked in the bookstore, Sept. 18, 2008, Marquette.

**Evelyn D'Herin**, a bookstore employee and 1982 retiree, Sept. 19, 2008, Ovid, Mich.

**Paul Hutter**, an NMU building and grounds attendant since 1989, Oct. 31, 2008, Marquette.