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'50s

 **Sandy MacLean '56 BA** of St. Louis, Mo., competed in the 2009 National Senior Games in Palo Alto, Calif. Sandy came in eighth in the 5k run in his age group and qualified for all-American status with the United States Track and Field Association. stannard624@yahoo.com

 **Cory Hartbarger '56 BS** competed in the 2009 National Senior Games in Palo Alto, Calif. Cory placed second in the shot put in his age group and qualified for all-American status with the United States Track and Field Association.

'60s

Harold Miller '67 BS of Gaylord has retired after 40 years with the Department of Natural Resources' Fisheries Division.

'70s

William (Ben) Troughton '70 BS recently retired from FedEx after 30 years with the company. He has

traveled throughout North America, Europe and Asia. bktrough@bellsouth.net


Gary Smith '70 BS, '72 MAE of Chula Vista, Calif., recently retired as a former superintendent for the Delano Joint Union High School District and the Strathmore Union High School District.



Lynnae Ruttledge '71 BS was recently appointed by President Barack Obama as the new Rehabilitation Services

Administration commissioner.

James Graham '72 BS has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Counties. He is a 12-term Saginaw County commissioner.

 **Richard Peterson '72 BS** teaches at Presbyterian Ladies College in Melbourne, Australia. Richard's recently completed thesis was an investigation into the life of an Australian war hero and his wife, Jessie Vasey. His research revealed the untold story of this woman who helped 12,000 war widows by establishing the National War Widows' Guild of Australia, which is still active.


Paul Tebbel '77 BS is executive director of Friends of the River, California's statewide river conservation organization.



Maureen Donker '75 BS is mayor of Midland, serving for a term of two years. She was selected by the Midland City

Council and is the first female mayor in the city's history.

'80s

 **Sara (West) Moore '80 BS** was recently named 2009 Counselor of the Year for the state of Alaska. She is a school counselor at Soldotna High School and serves on the Alaska School Counselor Association Board.



Stephen Leisenring '82 BS (above) was recently promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the United States Army. He is the commander of the U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Clifford Vallier '88 BS is chief executive officer of Greektown Casino-Hotel in Detroit.

'90s

Jeannie Jafolla '91 BS is west regional coordinator for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Shawano, Wis. jeannie.jafolla@nwtc.edu

Edward Vopal '91 BS was recently elected vice president of The Wisconsin Association for Justice, a statewide voluntary bar association. Edward is an attorney with Habush, Habush & Rottier's Green Bay office.



Lynn (Barrette) Gaunt '93 BS is a new enrollment officer in the Office of Admissions at Finlandia University in Hancock. lynn.gaunt@finlandia.edu

John Gudwer '95 BS has been promoted to detective with the Escanaba Department of Public Safety.

Paul Lauria '95 BS is a lieutenant with the Mount Pleasant Police Department. He has worked with the department for 13 years and held the positions of patrol officer and detective before his promotion.

Mark Mattson '97 BS, '02 MAE is assistant principal and athletic director at Maple City Glen Lake High School, located northwest of Traverse City.

Robert Rees '99 BS recently joined the professional medical staff at Marlette Regional Hospital.

Walter Sinko '99 BSN is an emergency room nurse at Bay Regional Medical Center in Bay City.

'00s

Matthew Sayles '00 BS is executive director of Ventura Hillside Conservancy in Ventura, Calif.

Brian Barabe '01 BS recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Sechew Powell '02 was recently selected to headline the World's Greatest Ever Boxing Show held in Las Vegas. Sechew is a junior middleweight rated sixth with the International Boxing Federation.

Damian Matacz '02 BS of Muscat, Oman, is a business analyst for Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

Kelly Westeen '03 BA, '05 MA recently accepted a position as the

assistant director of the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards at the University of Arkansas. kwestee@uark.edu

Gregory '03 BS, '07 MAE and Tricia (Herzog) Rose '05 BS of Clintonville, Wis., welcomed fraternal twin daughters Gwendolyn and Giselle in December. They join big sisters Cassidy and Cadence.

Jamie Wilms '04 BA of Lakewood, Colo., is the museum curator at Lakewood's Heritage Center.

Joseph Lawrence '04 BS and his wife, **Karrie (Wassilus) '05 BS**, of Milwaukee, Wis., welcomed their first son, Andrew, in October.

Nathan Oystrick '06 is a defenseman for the Atlanta Thrashers hockey organization. Prior to his professional career, he appeared in 151 games with the NMU Wildcats, recording a total of 89 points.

Nicholas Kilduff '06 BS is starting a new role with Abbott Nutrition International, one of Abbott Laboratories' newest divisions. He recently finished an assignment in Wiesbaden, Germany, during which he was able to tour Europe on his 2009 Harley-Davidson. nicholas.kilduff@gmail.com

Evan Luczak '06 BS of Chicago, is an assistant vice president at JP Morgan Chase. evan.p.luczak@chase.com

Dirk Southern '06 BS is a forward for the Victoria Salmon Kings hockey team. Prior to turning professional, he played 149 games with the NMU Wildcats and collected 122 points.

Joshua Gustafson '07 BS is program manager for the employee health and wellness program at Samaritan Health Services based in Corvallis, Ore.

Peter Hankey '07 BS is a sales representative for Kraft's Nabisco division in the southeastern Colorado market.



Megan Lazier '08 BS is assistant graphic designer at SmartPak Canine in Plymouth, Mass.

Kevin Avery '08 MA is an adjunct instructor at Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill.

Benjamin Wielechowski '09 MA is a part-time instructor at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Correction: In the Founder's Landing photo in the last issue, Steve Pelto was pictured, not Bruce Closser.



Nineteen NMU Alumni gathered for the September wedding of **Lindsay Harmon '01 and Mike Demske '01** in Iron River. The bride says, "We all loved NMU so much that we sang the fight song right after this picture was taken and the fight song was played at the wedding!" Pictured are, front row: Tera Holzschuh-Duvall '01, Lindsay and Mike, Lacey Harmon '04; second row: Roger Repuyan '01, Steve Duvall '02, Katie Rytkonen '02, Tricia Walli-Vicenzi '01, Meghan Marsden-Parsche '98; third row: Tim Haag '01, Brian Baechtold '98, Chris Kohler '05, Dan Linsky '00, Tom Hadley '94, Andy Parsche '99, Adam Quiring '99, Sara Ginicchio-Quiring '97, Mary Kudwa and Shannon Breisacher '00.

Marriages

Virginia Tague '95 BS to Ronald Turner.

Renee Garbett '97 AB to Justin Turri '98.

Jayne Petersen '98 BS, '00 BS to Gregory Michels.

Mariann Luoma '00 BS to Jason Annala '06 BS.

Amy McGrail '00 BSN to Michael Smith.

Michael Demske '01 BS to Lindsay Harmon '01 BS.

Eric Koski '01 Cert. to Shari U'Ren '04 AB.

Andy Evans '02 BS to Angela Gischia '02.

Nikki Saari '02 AAS, '04 BS to Aaron Loehr '04 Cert.

Luke Selden '02 BS to Trisha Verhasselt.

Branden LaPin '03 AT to Diana Black.

Denise Alderton '04 BS to Grant Bannan.

Gary Roehm '04 BS to Delina Soumis '05 BA.

Todd Carlson '06 BS to Lindsey Garipey '04.

Megan Fowler '06 BSN to Matthew Mouser '07 BS.

Tommy Giovanis '07 BS to Amanda Rosenburg '07 BS.

Caitlin McSweeney '08 AB, '08 BS to Christopher Woods '08 AS.

Rebecca Waters '08 Cert. to Mark Korpi.

David Hedberg '09 BS to Bethany Crofoot.

Heather Tryan '09 AAS to Michael Mattson.

Deaths

James Dehlin '38, Aug. 27, 2009, Marquette.

Walter McClintock '39 AS, Oct. 24, 2009, Marquette.

Arthur McCombie '39 BS, Oct. 22, 2009, Marquette.

Katherine (Nebel) Price '39 BA, Dec. 21, 2009, Marquette.

Helen (Frankovich) Hellsten '41 Lic., July 27, 2009, San Antonio.

Norman Kukuk '41 BS, Sept. 26, 2009, Marquette.

Barbara (LeDuc) LaBerge '41, Aug. 9, 2009, L'Anse.

Saima (Riippa) Aho '42 BS, Nov. 21, 2009, Petoskey.

Thomas St. Germain '48 BS, July 18, 2009, Grayling.

Verna (Etelamaki) Burkman '49 BS, '66 MA, Nov. 10, 2009, Marquette.

Joyce (Reynolds) Olson '49 BS, '66 MA, Sept. 29, 2009, Marquette.

Richard Nelson '50 BA, Feb. 11, 2009, Duluth, Minn.

Frederick Hirn '52 BS, '52 Cert., Nov. 10, 2009, Wausau, Wis.

Aarne Holmio '52 BS, Oct. 17, 2009, Escanaba.

William Layne '52 BS, Dec. 28, 2009, Harvey.

Robert Davis '53, Oct. 16, 2009, Alexandria, Va.

Warren Gardipee '54 BS, Jan. 1, 2010, Gwinn.

Lois (DeCaire) Arseneault '58 BA, '66 MA, Oct. 20, 2009, Marquette.

Nancy (Jernquist) Hooper '59 MA, July 7, 2009, Mount Pleasant.

James Thompson '59 BS, Sept. 13, 2009, Newberry.

Clare Willman '59 BS, Oct. 23, 2009, Kingsford.

Raymond Carlson '60 BS, June 24, 2009, Marquette.

William Hooper '60 BS, '67 MA, Aug. 27, 2009, Mount Pleasant.

Elmer Alanen '62 BS, Nov. 7, 2009, Marquette.

Sylvia (Mackey) Belmore '63 BS, '71 MAE, Oct. 4, 2009, Independence, Mo.

Paul Blewett '63 BA, '72 MAE, Nov. 30, 2009, Marquette.

Jane Anderson '64 BS, '70 MAE, Oct. 2, 2009, Marquette.

Bette Wright '64 BS, '67 MA, Sept. 12, 2009, Concord, Calif.

Robert Anderson '65, July 16, 2009, Chicago.

David Koski '65 BS, '72 MAE, Dec. 30, 2009, Marquette.

Dennis Carlson '66 BS, July 22, 2009, Saginaw.

Scott Dickson '67 BS, Nov. 19, 2009, Hancock.

William Nyquist '67 BS, Oct. 20, 2009, Astatula, Fla.

Leroy Salmio '67 BS, Nov. 9, 2009, Ishpeming.

Joanne (DeCaire) Goodrich '68 BS, Nov. 5, 2009, Port Huron.

Thomas Hickey '68 BS, Nov. 9, 2009, Palm Coast, Fla.

James Alford '69 BS, Oct. 18, 2009, Petoskey.

Shirley (Stolpe) Peano '69 BS, '72 MA, Sept. 20, 2009, Marquette.

Jon White '69 BS, June 23, 2009, Pembine, Wis.

Robert Beaudoin '70 BS, Oct. 28, 2009, Green Bay.

George Bush '71 MAE, Nov. 5, 2009, Marquette.

Helen (Johnson) Lubenow '71 BS, Dec. 3, 2009, Marquette.

Thomas Johnson '72 BS, Oct. 24, 2009, Iron Mountain.

Carl Carlson '73 BA, '73 Cert., Nov. 11, 2009, Detroit.

Irene Corcoran '73 BS, '82 MAE, Dec. 14, 2009, Escanaba.

Paul Nicolai '73 BS, Nov. 2, 2009, Sun City, Ariz.

Monte Pokela '75, Dec. 17, 2009, Munising.

Karen (Aartila) Seder '75 BS, Dec. 2, 2009, Escanaba.

William Bollero '76 BS, Nov. 10, 2009, Marquette.

John Hurst, Jr. '77 BS, Dec. 23, 2009, Orchard Lake.

Willis Tarpley, Jr. '77 BS, Aug. 13, 2009, Milwaukee.

Mary (Michaud) Borga '79 MAE, Nov. 13, 2009, Iron Mountain.

Rita (Porte) Leppanen '79 BS, Oct. 30, 2009, Marquette.

Daniel Adams '81 BS, May 20, 2009, Lake Oswego, Ore.

Donald Manning '82 Dipl., Sept. 19, 2009, Ishpeming.

Leonard Pizziola '83 Dipl., Nov. 7, 2009, Ishpeming.

Walter Labhart '87 BS, Nov. 10, 2009, Marquette.

Diane Juneau '90, Aug. 27, 2009, Bark River.

Mayme (Mahlanen) Liupakka '90 AB, Nov. 17, 2009, Marquette.

Marion Adzima '91, Nov. 22, 2009, Ashwaubenon, Wis.

Michael Jasper '92 BS, Oct. 3, 2009, Carney.

Nisha Boda '97, Dec. 10, 2009, Marquette.

Gregory Wainio '97 BSW, Jan. 14, 2010, Gaines.

Amy (Chenier) Kositzke '99 BS, '03 MAE, Jan. 2, 2010, Escanaba.

Sharleen Kari '00 Cert., Oct. 29, 2009, Ishpeming.

Vernon Forrest '02, July 25, 2009, Atlanta.

Clayton Maki '04, Aug. 8, 2009, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Friends

Carol Kunick, retired food service worker, Oct. 16, 2009, Marquette.

Robert Hunter, former NMU Foundation trustee, Oct. 23, 2009, Gaithersburg, Md.

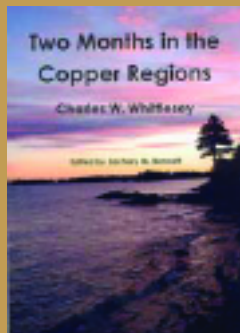
Louise Bourgault, communication and performance studies professor, Oct. 31, 2009, Marquette.

Phyllis Reynolds, former chair of NMU Foundation, Nov. 10, 2009, Marquette.

Dorothy Mercure, retired food service worker, Nov. 14, 2009, Negaunee.

Martha Laurion, retired professor emeritus of speech, Dec. 7, 2009, Longmont, Colo.

New titles from the Center for Upper Peninsula Studies



History student Zach Bennett edited *Two Months in the Copper Regions*. In 1845 Geologist-Historian Charles Whittlesley spent two months exploring and documenting his travels from Sault Ste. Marie to the Ontonagon River. At that time the U.P. had only been open for settlement for 3 years and was still very much a wild and unsettled frontier. Until recently this fascinating account of life in the early U.P. was "lost" in archives. \$12.95.



A project that two dozen NMU students have worked on over the course of 26 years has finally come to fruition. *Immigrants and their Occupations as Seen in the 1910 Census of Michigan's Upper Peninsula* is now available on CD. The searchable format includes data listed by county, political subdivision, ethnic group and occupation. It should be an invaluable resource for researchers in many fields. \$10.



A Jewel in the Crown: An Environmental History of Presque Isle Park, Marquette, Michigan collects professor John Anderton's geographical and historical research on this beautiful park. \$12.95.

Native Americans of Michigan's Upper Peninsula: A Chronology to 1900, by history professor and center director Russell Magnaghi is a great guide for researchers interested in the region's rich Native American history. \$18.



Monsignor Louis Cappo's life, ministry and community involvement are described in *Shepherding the Upper Peninsula*. Edited by Leigh Barry, the book is about faith, family and friends and a tribute to a man who put community above himself. \$10.

Northern Michigan University, A Personal History, 1899-1943 shares a unique view of the times on campus written by Francis Roy Copper, NMU's first university historian. \$19.95.

To purchase an item, send a check to the Center for Upper Peninsula Studies, NMU, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855.