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Friday, October 11

Northern Lights Art Gallery Open House

Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains

Based on the book by the same name published by the North Dakota Council on the Arts, this exhibit is a groundbreaking compilation thirty years in the making. Celebrating the proud folk heritage of the Northern Great Plains, most of the material in the exhibit comes from North Dakota, with every single one of the state's 53 counties represented. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.

4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Upper Level, MSU Campus Center

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner *

Join in recognizing this year's inductees, Allan Larson ('55), Rodney Anderson ('67), Ron Ness ('65), and Cedric Weatherspoon ('92). Michael Sly ('67) will be honored posthumously.

6:00 p.m., MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room

Alumni & Friends Social

All Mayville State alumni and friends are welcome! Cash bar.

9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Top Hat, Downtown Mayville

Saturday, October 12

Homecoming Parade

The homecoming parade will begin at the MSU Campus Center and make its way through town.

10:00 a.m., Downtown Mayville

"Sneak Peek" Preview at Larson Center

Renovation of the building won't be completely finished yet, but stop by and take a look at the progress that's taken place to date at Mayville State's soon-to-be home for alumni and friends.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon *

Enjoy lunch with the 2013 Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees, Jim Bisenius ('59), Dan Carr ('78), John Hutchison ('67), David Hanson ('70), and Bob Zimney ('74).

11:30 a.m., MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room

*** There is a charge for this event. Make your reservation by returning the registration card in this publication or by contacting the MSU Foundation at 701-788-4687 or alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu. Reserve by September 30.**

Saturday, October 12 (continued)

Alumni Meet & Greet

All alumni are invited to stop by the Alumni Association tent located near the tailgating area outside of Jerome Berg Field. Meet your friends! Catch up on the latest from Mayville State! Celebrate being a Mayville State alum! The first 100 alumni who stop by will get a free insulated mug, compliments of the MSU Alumni Association.

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Jerome Berg Field

Northern Lights Art Gallery Open for Viewing

If you can't make it to the open house Friday evening, stop by the gallery to see the Sundogs and Sunflowers exhibit Saturday afternoon.

1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Upper Level, MSU Campus Center

Homecoming Football Game

Mayville State University vs. Valley City State

Come out and show your Comet Pride! Cheer the Comets to victory! The homecoming honorees will be recognized during half-time.

2:00 p.m., Jerome Berg Field

All-Alumni Homecoming Reunion

All Alumni and Friends Are Welcome!

Call your friends. Bring some memories. Greet the Athletic Hall of Fame, Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, and Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees. Meet your former classmates, professors, and friends! A special invitation is extended to Mayville State's emeritus faculty and staff. Come out and have some fun! Cash bar.

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Picnic-Style Supper

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Social

All activities will be held at Mayville Golf Club.

Sunday, October 13

Homecoming Concert

Top off the weekend with a concert featuring the MSU Concert Choir and Band. Inductees into Mayville State's newly established Performing Arts Hall of Fame will also be recognized. Join in honoring inductees Merwyn Green (posthumously), Francis Colby, Christopher Jones, the Clark and Joann Ewen family, Dennis Connelly ('72), Vernon Gerig, Jr. ('58, posthumously), Eugene Gaffney ('57), and Olaf Ringerud ('52).

2:00 p.m., Classroom Building Auditorium

Performing Arts Hall of Fame Reception

The Alumni Association Board will host this reception to honor the Performing Arts Hall of Fame inductees. Everyone is welcome to join in congratulating these individuals.

Following Concert, MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room

See all the details about Homecoming 2013 at www.mayvillestate.edu/homecoming.

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Farmers Bowl September 21

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Honor Society President's Dinner November 16

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Poinsettia Ball December 14

Traill County/MSU Luncheon in Mesa February 11

A Sparkling Affair February 20

Tables du Jour April 26

Alumni Days June 20-22

See details at www.mayvillestate.edu.

On the cover: Mayville State's impressive 2013 season (34-6-1) won the team an at-large bid in the NAIA national tournament in Joliet, Ill. in May. The Comets defeated Trinity Christian of Palos Heights, Ill. in their first game (4-1), then were defeated by #1 York College of York, Neb. (1-5) and Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tenn. (5-6), ending national tournament play for Mayville State.

Join in celebrating Mayville State's 125th anniversary!



Dr. Gary Hagen.

Dear alumni and friends,

We've come a long way and have much to celebrate as we approach the 125th anniversary of the establishment of a normal school at Mayville, Nov. 2, 2014. Our campus has grown and improved greatly since the first half of Old Main was completed years ago. We have beautiful residential, instructional, and activity-focused

facilities. We've consistently set new enrollment records across the board for several years, including surpassing the 1,000-student headcount mark last fall semester. We have fantastic academic programs and our faculty are always at work to provide the best education possible for students. Things are going well and we look to the future with hope and enthusiasm.

A steering committee made up of faculty, staff, and alumni/MSU Foundation representatives has met and plans for a celebration are coming together. Mayville State's 125th anniversary will be highlighted at a number of our annual special events beginning this fall, and leading up to Nov. 2, 2014.

A grand celebration is being planned for Alumni Days, June 20-22, 2014. Plans include a Gathering of the Greats to honor all Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award recipients, an all-class reunion, Red Caps baseball reunion, campus open house, and much more. Rumor has it there may be an encore of "The Tonight Show," which first debuted in Mayville in the late 1980s.

The final activities in the 125th anniversary celebration will take place at Homecoming 2014, when all Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame members will be honored; and of course, on Nov. 2, 2014, the official date of Mayville State's 125th anniversary.

The privilege of having an institution of higher education in Mayville is truly a reason for all of us to celebrate! The notion of higher education was of great importance to the pioneers of Mayville, and I believe that ideal stands with community members today. We'd love for the 125th anniversary of Mayville State to be a celebration for the entire community. I cordially invite all Mayville State alumni and Mayville-Portland community members to get involved.

If you have questions or ideas you'd like to share regarding the 125th anniversary celebration, please feel free to contact Beth Swenson, director of alumni affairs, at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Hagen
President

Mayville State will mark its 125th anniversary Nov. 2, 2014.

Join in a year-long celebration beginning in the fall of 2013.

Special emphasis will be placed on this milestone during all MSU events leading up to Nov. 2, 2014.

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Make plans now to be in Mayville for Alumni Days June 20, 21, 22, 2014!

A big celebration is being planned in conjunction with Mayville-Portland's annual Summerfest.

**Gathering of the Greats to Honor All
Distinguished Alumni and
Distinguished Service Award Recipients
All-Class Reunion • Alumni Variety Show • Parade
Campus and Departmental Open Houses
Red Caps Baseball Reunion • And more!**

**A full schedule of events
will be printed in the next edition of
MSU Today - coming next spring.**

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All Athletic Hall of Fame and
Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame recipients
will be honored during Homecoming of 2014.

**Stay tuned to mayvillestate.edu/125
for more details!**

Want one of these?



**FREE insulated tumblers
will be given to the
first 100 MSU alumni
who visit the
Alumni Association tent
located near
Jerome Berg Field
after the parade and before
the Homecoming game!**

Saturday, Oct. 12

Mayville State's 125th anniversary is great cause for a community celebration

"The establishment of a college in Mayville marked the end of a dream and the beginning of a grand adventure. The vision of the advantages inherent in higher education had long abided in the thoughts and yearnings of the pioneers who settled in eastern North Dakota. Far from being untutored sodbusters, many had tasted enough education to feel its allure, and more understood, however imperfectly, that their children could rise in life beyond the station of their parents through the power of knowledge.

"The coming of a normal school, or college of teacher education, seemed the answer to half-whispered prayers and dimly defined hopes in the town of Mayville in 1890. The little city, really no more than a flourishing village at the time, was not yet ten years of age.

"A few straggling houses could be seen on the banks of the Goose River before 1881, but nothing which passed for a town was observable before that year. And then in a few short years Mayville became a thriving market town. It was a time of westward advance generally, with settlers leaving the forested land of the older Middle West and spilling out onto the plains, where they found a variety of natural conditions with which they were ill-equipped to cope. It was also the years of the great Norwegian migration to the United States, and that exodus brought the bulk of the settlers who peopled the Mayville area."

The above excerpts from James Warren Neilson's "The School Of Personal Service, A History of Mayville State College" set the scene in Mayville during the late 1800s, even before North Dakota became a state. Churches were being built, a public school was organized, and a brick school house was erected. An opera house made the scene. The town was growing.

The people of the young, proud community wanted a college. Such a thing would be unique in a country market town on the prairie, but it was important enough that the community leaders would invest their efforts to make it happen.

Through the work of the Fifty-first Congress, Dakota Territory, which had existed as an administrative unit for more than 25 years, was split and the two Dakotas were brought into the Union as the states of North Dakota and South Dakota.

The voters of North Dakota elected 75 delegates to a state constitutional convention in May of 1889. The convention convened in Bismarck on July 4, 1889, with, of course, the major agenda item of drafting a constitution. Article 19 of their constitution provided for the location of 14 state institutions, including normal schools at Mayville and at Valley City. The voters overwhelmingly ratified the new constitution for North Dakota in October, and the first legislature met in a special session held in November of 1889.

And so, Mayville Normal School, now Mayville State



Main Building and Palmer Hall as pictured in the the first edition of Mayville State's year-book, *The Mill*, published in June of 1913.

University, was born. By October of 1890, the institution was advertising the fact that it would soon open its doors to students, and by the first of December classes were meeting. The Mayville City Hall, actually a firehouse with rooms on the second floor, provided quarters for the first classes.

A total of 85 students enrolled for classes at Mayville Normal School in the first full academic year which began in 1891. Things were going well. This gave leaders the confidence to move forward with a building project, and some 145 students enrolled and the number of faculty members grew to nine during the second full year of operation.

Early in October of 1895, the operations of Mayville Normal moved to the new lone building, the east wing of what we currently know as "Old Main." The building featured steam heating, an office, a library, and classrooms. A few upper story rooms were used for dormitory purposes.

"And the rest," as they say, "is history."

Coffee & Conversation

MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen and Director of Development John Klocke have hosted Coffee & Conversation sessions in Hillsboro, N.D. and Grand Forks, N.D. this summer. Coffee & Conversation provides a time for Mayville State alumni and friends to gather, visit, enjoy refreshments, and hear the latest from Mayville State University.

If you're interested in having Hagen and/or Klocke visit your community, let us know. They'd love to get out and share the Mayville State story! Perhaps you'd like one or both to speak at your service club meeting. That would be fantastic!

For more information, contact Donor Services Representative Michelle McLean at 701-788-4687 or michelle.mclean@mayvillestate.edu.

MSU initiatives elevate STEM awareness



K-12 instructors enrolled in the MSP Summer Institute had a good time building structures using spaghetti and gumdrops.

There is growing concern across North Dakota and the nation about the low number of students, teachers, and professionals prepared in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Somewhere between the fourth grade and high school, students are falling behind in mathematics and science ability. By the time most students reach their final two years of high school, fewer than 15% have enough mathematics and science knowledge to pursue science and technology degrees in college (U.S. Department of Education). Not only are the students underprepared, they are also losing interest. Additional studies show that females and students from lower socioeconomic levels are less likely to enroll in STEM-related courses. Mayville State University is helping to address the need to elevate STEM awareness in pre-K-12 students and educators through its grant-funded STEM initiatives.

Mayville State University has been granted funding to assist with this issue. The funding has been used to implement several initiatives impacting Mayville State University's teacher education program, collaborative pre-K-12 partners, and the community. Mayville State University STEM Education has hosted professional development trainings and community outreach programs since the spring of 2010.

"Exciting" is definitely the definitive term when it comes to the STEM-related opportunities offered at Mayville State University. As has been the case for several years, the month of June was packed with three very big events, STEM Boot Camp, STEM College for Kids, and the Educational Engineering Institute.

North Dakota Superintendent of Public Instruction Kirsten Baesler was at Mayville State University on June 25 to see first-hand the exciting STEM activities that are taking place on campus. Mayville State's Mathematics and Science Partnerships Summer Institute and the annual STEM College for Kids were in session while Superintendent Baesler was on campus. Mayville State STEM also offers a Boot Camp for Educators and a STEM carnival.

Math and Science Partnerships (MSP) Summer Institute

The MSP Summer Institute is a segment of the Educational Engineering Institute presented by Mayville State University, in partnership with the University of North Dakota School of Engineering and Mines, West Fargo (N.D.) STEM Center, and the Red River Valley Education Cooperative. The Educational Engineering Institute is an intensive professional development program for K-12 teachers. The institute focuses on STEM education, different fields of engineering, and how to incorporate engineering concepts into classrooms. It is comprised of a kick-off day, a day in March, a two-week summer session, and a year-long online book study and lesson development. During the summer institute, engineers and STEM instructors provide content on engineering and 21st century skills to the participants. This is the third year of the program, and 29 North Dakota K-12 teachers are participating this year. It is funded through a federal Math and Science Partnerships (MSP) Grant administered by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

College for Kids

The STEM College for Kids gives young learners a time during the summer to become scientists and engineers. MSU teacher education students teach STEM project-based lessons for four days to students in grades one through eight. The STEM College for Kids was held June 24-27, 2013. About 100



Pictured from left to right are Molly Bestge, Gretchen Stafslien, Gretchen Peterson, Superintendent of Public Instruction Kirsten Baesler, and Sarah Konschak. Molly and both Gretchens are STEM instructors for Mayville State's summer professional development sessions. They are employed by the West Fargo School District. Konschak is Mayville State's STEM coordinator.

Pre-K - 12 students and teachers benefit

children took advantage of this free learning opportunity. Topics included bristle bots, solar oven s'mores, math manipulatives, Legos, and more.

Boot Camp for Educators

The STEM Boot Camp for Educators provides professional development opportunities for pre-K through 12 teachers. The boot camp works to engage faculty in STEM concepts and provide networks to allow for peer support that extends beyond the three days of the program. MSU STEM Education partners with teachers from the West Fargo STEM Center to provide instruction that adheres to these guiding ideas. Boot Camp for Educators was held June 10-12 this past summer.



A student enrolled in the STEM College for Kids works to construct a bristle bot, a robot made from a tooth brush.

STEM Carnival

MSU STEM Education hosts a day-long STEM Carnival for children, parents, grandparents, and community members of all ages. Each spring, MSU teacher education students pack the MSU Wellness Center gymnasium with booths that range across all areas of STEM. The carnival participants can go from booth to booth, engaging in science experiments, building structures, and playing with technology. The latest STEM Carnival took place Saturday, April 6. Adults and kids of all ages participated in this free event which featured more than 25 different STEM-related activities at the booths run by Mayville State University students.

Resources offered by MSU STEM Education

Mayville State's STEM Education program makes numerous resources available for checkout to teachers. The science-related resource kits available include "Animal Observatory," "Clever Levers," "Magnet Magic," "Pully Power," "Wheels at Work," and much, much more.

A number of mathematics resources are available as well. See the listing at www.mayvillestate.edu/STEM.

Mayville State STEM program

The mission of Mayville State University STEM Education is to enhance STEM instruction by working with pre-K through grade 12 teachers, Mayville State teacher candidates, parents, and community members to prepare all students for success in the 21st century. Mayville State's STEM Education is led by program coordinator Sarah Konschak. She is assisted by Missy Hutter. For more information, go to www.mayvillestate.edu/STEM, or contact Sarah Konschak at 701-788-4733 or sarah.konschak@mayvillestate.edu.



Several of Mayville State's students who studied from a distance came to Mayville State to participate in the spring commencement festivities.

Commencement, an end and a beginning

Graduation day at Mayville State University was May 11, 2013. Activities for the day included the Good Grad Morning open house, commencement exercises, and a reception in honor of graduates.

Festivities began with the Good Grad Morning open house, held from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Luckasen Room. The members of the graduating class were the guests of honor at the event. MSU faculty and staff and friends and family of the graduates were also invited to attend as guests of the MSU Alumni Association. Rami Carlson, Northwood, N.D., spoke on behalf of the Class of 2013 during a short program. Good Grad Morning, a variation on the traditional graduation brunch, was considered the first official alumni event for the graduates. It was hosted by the Alumni Association board.



Michael J. Holmes ('84).

Commencement followed, at 2:00 p.m., in MSU's Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. The commencement address was given by 1984 Mayville State University graduate Michael J. Holmes. Current graduates Elizabeth Jemar, Eagle River, Alaska; Todd Olson, Grand Forks, N.D.; and Jay Dyck, Calgary, Alberta; spoke on behalf of the graduates. Because he was injured in an accident a couple of days before graduation, Jay was unable to travel from his home in Calgary for the commencement ceremony. His speech was pre-recorded and played at the ceremony. State Board of Higher Education faculty representative Dr. Douglas Munski, Grand Forks, N.D., brought greetings on behalf of the SBHE.

Following the commencement ceremony, Mayville State faculty, staff, and administration hosted a reception in honor of the graduates. It was held at the Luckasen Room in Mayville State's Campus Center. The reception was open to the graduates and their guests.

See additional photos on back cover.

North Dakota Legislature provides funding for capital projects

During the North Dakota 63rd Legislative Assembly this past winter and spring, the Legislature increased operating funding for the Mayville State campus for the 2013-15 biennium, but they also agreed that the proposed capital projects were important and worthy of funding at this time. MSU had identified two priority capital projects that were included in the State Board of Higher Education funding request.

One project involves the replacement of the Old Gymnasium with a 37,344 sq. ft. building that will replicate and expand the current functions of the Old Gym. It will also provide additional instructional lab/practice space needed due to enrollment growth. The state funding request for the project was \$5,800,000. The Legislature provided \$5,510,000 directly to the campus for the project, and an additional 5% (\$290,000) will be held in a North Dakota University System pool for Mayville State's use, if needed.

The Old Gymnasium, built in 1929, poses serious safety concerns. The replacement project moved to the top of the MSU priority list when a rafter in the building collapsed. This, following two floor collapses, triggered an analysis that reconfirmed structural deficiencies, poor ventilation, outdated wiring and plumbing, the lack of a fire alarm system, and a lack of safe egress from the building. These safety concerns echo the State Board of Higher Education's number one shared priority - student and employee safety. The hazardous Old Gymnasium has become a critical concern and architects recommended that it be razed and replaced.

These safety issues have come at a time when Mayville State University is experiencing record enrollment levels and the strategic plan projects significant further growth. MSU's enrollment in Health, Physical Education and Recreation-related majors has increased by 92.9% in the last five years. In 2011, Sports Management, Fitness and Wellness, Health Education, and Physical Education majors were the third most popular majors at Mayville State University, after only Business Administration and Elementary Education. Most of the students in these programs utilize facilities in the fieldhouse and Old Gym as lab or practice spaces as part of their classes or for out-of-classroom activities. Similarly, the number of student athletes is projected to increase 24% by 2015. Since there are not separate facilities for academics and athletics, space must be shared between academics and athletics and other campus events.

A campus committee for the Old Gym replacement and improvement project has begun their work gathering input from stakeholders and taking steps toward the selection of an architect. Design of the project will take place over the next five or six months, with the goal of requesting construction bids early next spring.

The project committee is chaired by Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Keith Stenehjem. Committee members are Scott Berry, Mike Moore, John Klocke, Lindsey Johnson,

Donna Mark, and Jeremiah Moen. The soon-to-be-hired physical plant director will also be a member of this committee.

The second Mayville State project that received legislative funding involves campus-wide drainage improvements. In the 2011 legislative session, Mayville State was granted funding to conduct a drainage study that analyzed numerous safety issues stemming from poor drainage campus-wide. In the 2013 session, Mayville State received \$2,153,650 in direct funding to make the drainage improvements recommended in the study. An additional 5% will be held in a North Dakota University System pool for possible allocation, if needed.

Mayville State's flat topography is drained with minimally graded landscape areas directed to even shallower graded curb and gutter. Neither Mayville State nor the city has a storm sewer system in this part of town. All water ultimately discharges to a ditch that is severely undersized and drops only six inches in nearly a mile. Spring runoff becomes blocked by ice and snow, creating significant problems for pedestrian and vehicular traffic along Stan Dakken Drive and the nearby athletic and parking facilities. The road creates a negative impression that affects student recruitment and puts public safety at risk.

There are also many areas interior to campus that experience problems associated with poor surface drainage. These drainage problems are hazardous in winter months due to significant sidewalk icing from building downspouts with no other means for an outlet. Standing water contributes to saturated street sub-grade conditions that, when exposed to the freeze-thaw cycle and heavy traffic loads, cause significant pavement and sub-grade failure of the street and parking facilities.

"I extend my sincere thanks to our legislative delegation for their hard work and support of issues that affect Mayville State, our community, and the state of North Dakota," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "The capital funding provided in the 2013 legislative session will provide a significant boost to the Mayville State infrastructure, and will provide a safer and more comfortable campus."



The "Old Gym" will be replaced by a new facility using funds designated in the 2013 legislative session. The hazardous 1929 structure has become a critical concern and architects recommended that it be razed and replaced.

EMT students have invaluable training opportunity through AHEC

Students enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course offered by Mayville State this spring were given the invaluable opportunity to use a SimMan 3G manikin to help develop and enhance their skills in a simulation event that was held April 11, 2013. Tim Luithle, M.D. of Sanford Health Hillsboro Clinic and medical director for West Trill Ambulance, was on hand to offer feedback to the instructors and students. The event was coordinated by Stefan Hofer ('99), a paramedic with the local West Trill Ambulance Service, and EMT course instructor Scott Parker ('96).

The SimMan 3G allows variation of patient care issues on many levels and facilitates the testing of student skills. During the class period, a variety of scenarios, ranging from trauma to medical patients, was covered.

Simulation has gathered increasing acceptance over the years as an integral part of healthcare training and a fundamental approach to help improve patient safety. The challenge now for educators is how to make it more accessible to the wider healthcare community so that the educational benefits can be experienced by both healthcare practitioners and ultimately, the patients for whom they care.

The SimMan 3G injects a greater realism into scenario-based training to further enhance and contextualize learning objectives in preparation for real-patient encounters. The simulator responds to clinical intervention, instructor control, and programmed scenarios for effective practice of diagnosis and treatment of a patient. The manikin has spontaneous breathing, airway control, voice sounds, ECG, and many other clinical features. It can bleed, cry, vomit, etc.

There is great need for emergency medical technicians in rural areas. In response to that need, Mayville State University offers the EMT course for the general student population, as well as community members. Students have the opportunity to help out in the local community while they are enrolled as Mayville State students, but when they graduate and go on to jobs elsewhere, they will bring valuable EMT skills with them and have the opportunity to make a difference for others, no matter where they live.

The patient simulators are made available to the rural areas through the North Dakota Area Health Education Centers (AHEC). AHEC has purchased several human patient simulators to be used to provide rural health education and training. AHEC owns the SimMan 3G simulator, the ALS Simulator, Noelle - birthing simulator, SimBaby, and Pedia Sim. These simulators are an invaluable resource to this area.

AHECs are statewide networks of community-based organizations linked to academic health centers to address health workforce needs. They aim to improve access to health care services in medically underserved areas. In addition to the program office located at the Center for Rural Health at UND, North Dakota AHEC has two rural-based locations. Eastern N.D. AHEC, located in Sanford Health at Mayville, serves 28



Mayville State EMT students assess the condition of their patient, the SimMan 3G, at a simulation event held April 11, 2013. The computer that can be seen in the background is the nerve center for the activity.

counties and is directed by Dr. Bill Krivarchka. Western N.D. AHEC, located in Hettinger, serves 25 counties and is directed by Denise Andress. The Mayville and Hettinger offices are both contracted with Mayville State University.



Division of Business and CIS advisory board members who were on campus in April for a semi-annual meeting. Pictured from left to right are Don McMullen, Joni Keller, Jessica DeClercq, Scott Roller, Lukas Dziengel, and Aimee Larson.

Alumni and friends share working knowledge

The Division of Business and Computer Information Systems advisory board provides the division with input regarding trends in employment, skills employers seek, technology students need to know, and tips on job search. They also advise on curriculum matters. The board members bring real-life expectations to the division and frequently come to the campus to present information in the classroom. Advisory board members for 2013 are Scott Roller ('95), Lukas Dziengel ('04), Jessica DeClercq, Aimee Larson ('07), Joni (Bjornstad) Keller ('84), Don McMullen ('84), Matthew Larsgaard ('01), and Hyllis Dauphinais ('03).

Retirees honored for their years of service

Eight members of the Mayville State family earned the title of “retiree” during or after the 2012-2013 year. All had served Mayville State University and its students well, and are very deserving of an opportunity to slow down and enjoy time for themselves and their families.

Arlys Bye and Carol Eken both came on board as employees of dining services when Mayville State began its self-operated business several years ago. Arlys retired in December, while Carol wrapped up her work with Mayville State at the end of June.

Faculty members Dr. Kathleen Champion, John Lankow, Patricia Nordine, and Dr. Paul Meartz completed their tenures at the end of the academic year in May. While these faculty members will no longer be teaching classes on campus, all have agreed to continue to teach online courses on a part-time basis. They all have been trailblazers for Mayville State in the area of online education. Their services in this capacity are invaluable.

Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. Kathleen Champion had been with Mayville State since 1988. Pat Nordine worked as an instructor in Computer Information Services for 15 years. They ended their status as full-time faculty members after graduation this spring. Both plan to spend more time with their grandchildren and families in their retirement.

Director of Physical Plant Dennis Schultz and Beverly Holt, custodian, had both worked for Mayville State for 29 years when they retired.

Dennis completed his tenure at Mayville State the end of May. Bev retired the end of June.

Bev was selected by the staff of Mayville State to receive the Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award last spring. This award is given to an employee who shows outstanding dedication, loyalty, and trustworthiness toward Mayville State University and his or her fellow employees. Each year, staff members nominate and select a fellow employee to receive the distinguished award.



Bev Holt was selected by her peers to receive the Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award last spring.



2012-2013 Mayville State retirees (l-r) Dennis Schultz, Pat Nordine, Dr. Kathy Champion, Dr. Paul Meartz, Arlys Bye, Bev Holt, and John Lankow were honored at the annual employee recognition dinner. Retiree Carol Eken was not present at the dinner.

One of the fellow Mayville State employees who nominated Bev for the award had this to say about her, “Bev is the most positive person! No matter what the time of the day, she is willing to help you out and does so with a smile! She is always a welcoming face on campus. Her dedication to her work is superb. She is conscientious and very good at her job. She has been a faithful steward for many years and will be sadly missed upon her retirement.”

Holt says, “I have enjoyed my years at MSU very much. It was so much fun meeting students and getting to know them. The faculty and staff are so great, and my co-workers are a great bunch of people who are always there when you need them. Everyone works hard to make MSU a better place.” Bev will spend her retirement going to the activities of her grandchildren and spending more time visiting with family and friends ... and getting things done at home.

Completion of the tunnel project and the new steam power plant, two projects that he oversaw, are career highlights for Dennis Schultz. He is also proud of the fact that he was able to complete his bachelor’s degree as a part-time student while working full-time for Mayville State.

Dennis says, “I will miss the rat race, the midnight calls, and the water leaks. I have been coming to the same place every day for 29 years, and it’s a bit scary to think that I won’t be doing that any more, but I think I will be able to get used to it.” His plans for retirement include a garden, grandkids, and a fishing pole.

Dr. Paul Meartz was bestowed the title of Emeritus Professor of Geography and Political Science upon his retirement. He taught mainly geography and political science classes since beginning his tenure at Mayville State in August of 1977. He says the class movies he made for world geography and multicultural world classes over the last few years are a highlight for

Eight retire in 2012-2013

him. The movies are creative and maximize the use of technology to spur growth in cross-cultural, geographic learning.

In addition to his teaching and committee duties at Mayville State, Paul played a bedrock role in the establishment of the North Dakota Geographic Alliance. Alliances were pushed by the National Geographic Society beginning in the late 1980s, to overcome the decline in geographic knowledge among American K-12 students. Paul served as newsletter editor, web master, and board member in the organization. He received the Friend of Geography Award from the North Dakota Geographic Alliance in 2011.

In reflecting on his career at Mayville State, Meartz said, "Being a personal place, at Mayville you remember the individual students you grabbed with learning or otherwise helped to find themselves. Many are kids who just face bad times and you give them a break or help so that the future remains bright and life's events don't spoil their future. Others you know listened and learned more than what the required tests can show. Almost all of these remain personal things never noted by anyone but you and the student."

Dr. Meartz and his wife, Sue, have moved from Mayville to their Minnesota lake home, where they plan to enjoy their retirement years.

Assistant Professor of Biology John Lankow was named Mayville State University Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013. Willing to try new approaches, Lankow has been a pioneer in the development of online science courses for Mayville State. He first developed a niche with the anatomy and physiology sequence, offerings that have been very well-received, and he has delivered these courses to students around the world. He has recently been working on development of other online offerings such as microbiology.

Lankow retired at the end of the spring semester, after 20 years of service at Mayville State University. John and his wife, Nancy, who assists with the online anatomy and physiology courses, will enjoy retirement at their Minnesota lake home.

"These individuals epitomize what it means to be a member



The students of Mayville State selected John Lankow as Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013. The award was presented at the annual academic honors program held in May.

of the Mayville State University family," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "We are fortunate to have had them with us on a daily basis for many years, and we wish them the best in their retirement years."

These retirees were recognized



Paul Meartz was bestowed with the distinction of Professor Emeritus at the annual Mayville State employee recognition dinner April 9. Pictured here (l-r) are MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen, Chairman of the Division of Liberal Arts Dr. Dalton McMahon, Professor of Social Sciences Dr. Paul Meartz, and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Keith Stenehjem.

at Mayville State's annual employee recognition dinner held April 9. In addition, special recognition was given to a number of employees who have reached milestones in years of service. They are Dr. Raymond Gerszewski - 30 years of service; Dr. Robert Miess and Robert Sylskar - 20 years of service; Kathleen Ford, Sharyl Hanson, Wendy Hanson, Dawn Huard, Rhonda Nelson, Dr. John Pederson, Carmen Rygg, and Dr. Keith Stenehjem - 15 years of service; Mike Bakken, Lou Dauphanais, Brittany Stevenson, and Gary Stordahl - 10 years of service; and Susan Cordahl, Jane Grinde, Lindsey Johnson, Jeremiah Moen, Jim Morowski, Brian Norstebon, Denise Overmoe, John Peterson, Debi Race, Jennifer Rost, and Derek Schlieve - 5 years of service.

Ed. Note: At the time of this writing, Professor of English Mitzi Brunsdale had just announced her retirement, effective immediately. She will be honored at next year's employee recognition dinner.

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Mayville State University students named to 'Who's Who'

The 2013 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" includes the names of six students from Mayville State University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

The Student Affairs Committee at Mayville State is responsible for coordinating the selection of students for this recognition. Selection is based on the students' academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. These Mayville State students will join an elite group of students from more than 2,000 institutions of higher learning across the country.

Students named to "Who's Who" this year from Mayville State University are as follows:

Todd Olson, Grand Forks, N.D., completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in December of 2012. Todd was a dean's list student and scholarship recipient. He was named a Mayville State Student of the Year and received academic all-conference and academic All-American honors in football. Olson was active on campus as a member of the Business Administration Club and Collegiate DECA. His parents are Mike and Nanci Olson.

Tina Nygard is a senior from Edinburg, N.D. She is pursuing majors in English and social science and a minor in library science. Tina is a dean's list student and scholarship recipient who has been an active member of the MSU Concert Choir, Alpha Phi Sigma, Multi-cultural Club, Student Senate, and Peer Leaders. Her parents are Wayne and Elin Nygard.

Stephanie Genereux, Crookston, Minn., earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree at the conclusion of the

fall semester of 2012. She completed a major in elementary education and minors in early childhood and special education generalist. Stephanie was a dean's list student and scholarship recipient. She was active on campus as a member and officer with the Student Education Association, Student Activities Council, Student Senate, Newman Club, and MSU Concert Band and Choir. Her parents are David and Linnea Genereux.

Jay Dyck, Calgary, Alberta, completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration at the end of the fall semester of 2012. He earned specializations in marketing and real estate. He was a dean's list student and scholarship recipient, and received academic all-conference and academic All-American honors in football as well. Jay was an active member of Collegiate DECA and participated as a tutor and staff member of the student newspaper. He was named a Mayville State University Student of the Year in 2013. Pat and Dan Dyck are his parents.

Eric Domier, Mayville, N.D., earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration at the end of the spring semester of 2013. He completed specializations in banking, finance, and real estate. Eric was a dean's list student and recipient of numerous scholarships, and he was active as a member and award-winner in Collegiate DECA. He was a member of the MSU Concert Band, and was named a Mayville State Student of the Year in 2013. Eric is the son of Lowell and Deb Domier.

Elizabeth Cakebread is a senior who is pursuing majors in mathematics education and chemistry education, as well as a physical science education minor and endorsements in middle school mathematics and science. She is a dean's list student and

scholarship recipient, and is active in numerous campus clubs and organizations, including Student Education Association, MSU Concert Band and Stage Band, MSU Concert Choir, Alpha Phi Sigma, Student Activities Council, Campus Crusade, MSU Theater, Science Club, Peer Leaders, Residence Hall Association, the MSU student newspaper, and Student Senate. She was named a Mayville State student of the year in 2013. Elizabeth is the daughter of Ron and Julie Cakebread of Shelly, Minn.

Trail Blazers provide music scholarships

For the last several years, a group of approximately 70 men, known as the Trail Blazers, have performed concerts that have benefitted Mayville State. To date, the Trail Blazers have donated more than \$21,000 to music scholarships at MSU.

Rehearsals begin the first Wednesday in January of each year, and a home concert is presented at the MSU Classroom Building Auditorium on a Sunday in February. In addition to the home concerts, Trail Blazers have performed twice at the Capitol in Bismarck and the veterans home in Lisbon, N.D. They have also sung at the veterans hospital in Fargo, the Shrine auditorium in Grand Forks, and at various nursing homes throughout the area.

"These are guys that just like to sing and have a good time," says Mike Bakken, director. The group ranges in age from 18 to 75 years.

The Trail Blazers' 2014 concert will be held in February on a date to be determined.



2013 Trail Blazers Men's Chorus



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Mayville State joins North Star Athletic Association

Anderson named commissioner

The newest conference in the NAIA has announced the selection of its inaugural commissioner. Cory Anderson will lead the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA), which began full operation with the beginning of the 2013-14 academic year. The NSAA also unveiled a new logo.

The five charter members of the North Star Athletic Association, which is based in the Upper Midwest, are: Dakota State University (S.D.); Jamestown College (N.D.); Mayville State University; Presentation College (S.D.); and Valley City State University (N.D.). Also, Dickinson State University (N.D.) has accepted an invitation to become the sixth member of the NSAA, beginning July 1, 2014.

"We are so pleased that Cory Anderson is joining the NSAA as its first commissioner," said Dr. Steve Shirley, president of Valley City State University and organizing chair of the NSAA. "Cory brings a tremendous breadth and depth of relevant experiences to our new conference. We anticipate a bright future and continued growth within the North Star that will benefit student-athletes and supporters of all our institutions, and we are confident in Cory's abilities to lead the conference forward."



Anderson comes to the NSAA with more than 25 years of experience in coaching, higher education, the private sector, and non-profit administration, including his most recent position as the executive director of the James River Family YMCA in Jamestown, N.D. A 1989 graduate of Valley City State University, Anderson worked in several capacities over the next 19 years in higher education. He served as the head baseball and an assistant football coach at VCSU with additional responsibilities in enrollment services, sports information, and athletics administration. Anderson previously served as a chair and rater for the North Dakota Collegiate Athletic Conference, Dakota Athletic Conference, and NAIA Region III. In 2005, he was recognized as the first recipient of the NAIA Coach of Character Award for Region III.

"I am honored to be selected as the first commissioner of the North Star Athletic Association," Anderson said. "It is an exciting opportunity to work with student athletes, coaches, administrators, and fans in growing the NSAA. I plan to use my years of experience to enhance the opportunities for each conference member and to make a positive difference in the future development of the conference."

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Volleyball coming off strong 2012 season

The 2013 Mayville State University volleyball season is already in full swing. The players reported to campus on Aug. 4 to prepare for the 2013 season. The first official game



Kiah Smith from Lansford, N.D. prepares to hit the ball.

action was Aug. 16, when the Comets hosted Waldorf College and Viterbo College in triangular match play.

The Comets are coming off a strong 2012 season which ended with an overall record of 24-15. Mayville State hosted last year's Association of Independent Institutions Conference tournament in which they advanced to the semi-final round before falling to Jamestown College.

The Comets saw the departure of some major contributors in seniors Maggie Maroney, Brittany Olson, Ashley Torngusson, Laura Kolness, and Nikki Roholt. Last year's group of seniors contributed both statistically to many wins and brought leadership to the team. The Comets maintain experience as they welcome Kiah Smith, Betsy Smith, Remington Werner, and Josette Glatt back for 2013.

Josette Glatt earned a number of honors for her achievements on the floor last season, including NAIA All-American honorable mention team, all-region first team, and all-conference first team. On the season, the middle hitter from Bismarck, N.D. ranked second in Division I hitting percentage (0.417) and 18 in Division I in total kills (494). Glatt had a season-high 24 kills on two different occasions, against Ashford and Mount Mercy.

The 2013 team will feature 20 total student athletes. Head coach Lindsey Johnson, now in her sixth season, will be assisted by Ashley Nelson and Emily Liljestrand. Ashley is in her fifth season as an assistant coach for the program, but this year marks her first as full-time staff.

Football in pursuit of elusive winning season

After back-to-back seasons with five wins, the Comets look to get over the hump and capture the elusive winning season.

The team is bringing back a strong nucleus, including four pre-season All-Americans. The four Comet players who have earned this honor are Jacob Grosz at linebacker, Rashad Flanders at cornerback, Adam Popple at offensive line, and Taylor Kunkel at wide receiver. Jacob Grosz and Rashad Flanders captured first team All-American honors and Adam Popple and Taylor Kunkel were given second team honors. Four pre-season All-Americans is an all-time high at Mayville State University.

Jacob Grosz, from Barnesville, Minn., is a two-time all-conference and defensive player of the year selection. Rashad Flanders, Miami, Fla., is a two-time all-conference selection. Taylor Kunkel, Grangeville, Idaho, is a two-time all-conference selection and is currently 31 catches shy of 100 for his career. Adam Popple, West Bend, Wis., is one of the anchors of the Comet offensive line. Please visit Mayville State's official athletics website at msucomets.com and navigate to the football home page to see the entire pre-season all-American press release.

The Comets have already seen an unofficial start to the season as they hosted their annual Future Stars Football Camp, sponsored by Miller's Fresh Foods, in early August. The weather was as close to perfect as it gets to start football season with temperatures in the high 60s and a slight breeze to make

sure that there were no bugs. About 40 campers participated in this year's Future Stars Football Camp. The schedule included skills and drills for the youngsters, along with an opportunity to be coached by some of the current members of the Comet football team. All campers had a great time as they learned about football and teamwork.

The first game of the season for the Comets was Aug. 31, when they faced Midland University in Fremont, Neb. The first home game is Sept. 14, when they host Haskell University.



Dominique Bradley (5) from Spring Valley, Calif. carries the ball.

Men's basketball continues rebuilding process



Michael Lindsay, Becker, Minn., drives for the basket.

The men's basketball team is eager to get the 2013-14 season underway, as they continue the rebuilding process.

The Comets finished last season with an overall record of 10-17. The 2012-13 team saw the departure of four seniors in Cody Coquette, Austin Emerson, Steven Ivory, Jr., and Dexter Elliot. Nine players on the 2013-14 squad are returners, and 17 faces

are new to the program. The new group of players includes six North Dakota and Minnesota high school standouts and 11 transfer students from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, California, Idaho, and Australia.

The 2013-14 season also brings change to the men's basketball coaching staff. Bryen Pyles, a former student athlete at Mayville State University, begins his first season as a full-time assistant for the Comets. Bryen is originally from Bronx, N.Y. and played two seasons of college basketball at Sheridan College in Wyoming before arriving in Mayville. Bryen brings

recruiting savvy and on-floor skill development to the basketball program.

Kevin Ratzsch also joins the men's basketball program for the 2013-14 season. Kevin played collegiate basketball at Northern State University, where he earned Division II All-American and Northern Sun Player of the Year honors. Kevin has spent the last three years playing professional basketball in Europe and Australia. He brings a wealth of strength and conditioning knowledge and on-floor skill development to the program.

The men's basketball players reported to campus on Aug. 26 and will waste no time in getting to work as they begin their pre-season strength and conditioning and skill workouts. Play begins Oct. 18 with the Mayville State Classic, which features Mayville State, Jamestown College, Canadian Mennonite University, and Crossroads College. The Comets open play against Canadian Mennonite University Friday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The Comets look forward to competing in the newly formed North Star Athletic Association as they take on Jamestown College, Valley City State University, Dakota State University, and Presentation College.

"Our team greatly appreciates the support of our alumni and friends," said head coach Dan DeWitt. "We extend an invitation to all who are interested in receiving monthly updates about everything happening with the men's basketball program via electronic newsletter."

If you're interested in receiving an inside look please contact the basketball office via email at basketball@mayvillestate.edu. Go Comets!

Expectations high for women's basketball

The Mayville State women's basketball team is coming off one of the most successful seasons in school history. The Comets finished the season 20-6 overall and qualified for the national tournament for the first time in school history.

Expectations are very high for the 2013-14 season. The Comets return 12 of their top 14 players from the national tournament team roster. They have also added some keys players to their roster, who will hopefully help take the team to the next level.

Mayville State returns Marcisa McMillan (Seattle, Wash.) for her senior season. Marcisa was voted the A.I.I. Conference Player of the Year last year. She also earned second team All-American honors.

The Comets return two other all-conference players as well. Hailey Longtin (Walhalla, N.D.) will begin her final season with the Comets,

along with Sabrina Rude (McVie, N.D.). Longtin currently ranks sixth on the career scoring list for the Comets. She has scored 1,169 points entering her senior season.

The Comets will have solid veteran leadership from their seven seniors this season. Besides McMillan and Longtin, seniors include Angela Tauer (Hutchinson, Minn.), Sam Heier (Ray, N.D.), Kay Laforet (LaSalle, Ont.), Missy Kassube (Eagle Bend, Minn.), and Apiphany Asberry (Brooklyn Park, Minn.).



Kay Laforet, LaSalle, Ont., controls the ball in Mayville State's 2013 national tournament appearance.

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2013 season very successful for Comets baseball

The 2013 season was a very successful one for the Mayville State University baseball team. The Comets finished with an overall record of 35-8-1, qualified for the NAIA national tournament, and had several players earn all-conference awards. Head coach Scott Berry was named the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) Conference Coach of the Year.

The Comets searched out and travelled to all parts of the tri-state area to find dry, snow-free ground on which to play their 2013 season games. Regular-season game locations ranged from Winner, S.D. to Minneapolis, Minn., and Dickinson, N.D. The Comets battled the elements and captured 34 regular season victories, despite not playing a single game at home due to weather. The NAIA national tournament brought the baseball team to Joliet, Ill. where they captured win number 35 on the season before being eliminated at the hands of Cumberland University in the third game of the tournament.

Head coach Scott Berry and several Mayville State University baseball players earned conference awards for their efforts during the 2013 season. Coach Berry was named the (A.I.I.) - Frontier Conference Coach of the Year. Johnny Pistulka, 6'4" sophomore OF/P from Wabasso, Minn. was named the A.I.I. - Frontier Conference Player of the Year. In addition to player of the year, Pistulka also earned all-conference first team honors as an outfielder. Zachary Mihic, 5'8" sophomore catcher from Langley, British Columbia, earned all-conference first team honors for the Comets. Victor Sokolofsky, 5'10" senior from Moorhead, Minn., earned all-conference first team honors for his efforts from the pitcher's mound. Duell Higbe, 6'3" senior from Austin, Minn., earned all-conference first team honors for the Comets as a relief pitcher. Kurtis McCallum, 6'2" senior from Thunder Bay, Ontario, earned all-conference

first team honors as a designated hitter.

In addition to the all-conference first team honors, the Comets also boasted several Gold Glove award winners last season. Gold Glove award winners were Zachary Mihic at catcher, Dillon Lundin at first base, Spencer Kidder in center field, and Johnny Pistulka in right field.



Johnny Pistulka, Wabasso, Minn., throws a pitch in the Comets' national tournament appearance in Joliet, Ill. last spring.

VandeVeen named softball coach

Mayville State University alumna Ashley VandeVeen has been named head softball coach for her alma mater. VandeVeen has stepped up to replace former coach Tracy Marback.

Coach VandeVeen was born in Surrey, British Columbia and grew up in Abbotsford, British Columbia. She attended Robert Bateman Secondary School, where she played volleyball. Throughout her high school years, she played competitive softball and ice hockey. Upon graduation, VandeVeen attended Dodge City Community College, in Dodge City, Kan., where she led the team in batting average in her freshman year, and in home runs in her sophomore year. She transferred to Mayville State, where she was a pitcher for the Comets in her junior and senior years.

VandeVeen graduated from Mayville State this summer, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education, along with minors in developmental adapted physical education and coaching.

Make a nomination!

Athletic Hall of Fame

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for induction into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame. If you know of worthy candidates, please take the time to submit a nomination at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- Inductees to the Mayville State University Athletic Hall of Fame fall into the following categories: athlete, team, Mayville State coach, Mayville State athletic staff, or honorary member. In order to qualify for induction, athletes must have graduated from Mayville State at least ten years prior to induction, and have earned two letters in one sport or one letter in two or more sports.
- Inductees to the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame must have graduated or left Mayville State ten or more years prior to induction. The purpose of the award is to recognize those Mayville State graduates who have excelled in athletic coaching during their careers. The records of the nominees should be so outstanding that there would be little question as to the qualifications necessary for induction. Consideration will be given for personal conduct in sports and personal contributions to the ideal of sports.

Complete nominations on file June 1 of each year will be considered for induction in that same year.

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

Comet Athletic Club wraps up fantastic year, plans well underway for 2013-14

The Mayville State University Comet Athletic Club wrapped up a highly successful year Thursday evening, May 9, at the group's annual meeting held at the Mayville Golf Club. The Comet Athletic Club board members hosted a time of socializing and a meal prior to a business meeting which was led by the club's president, Shane Orr.

CAC Sportsmen's Raffle • Saturday, Sept. 7

Harvey McMullen Open held in Mayville July 26

The fourth annual Harvey McMullen Open Golf Tournament was held Friday, July 26, 2013 at the Mayville Golf Course. The 4-person scramble provided a fun-filled format for the 48 golfers who participated.

The Harvey McMullen Open Golf Tournament is sponsored by the Mayville State University Comet Athletic Club. Formerly known as the North Valley (Hoople)-Comet Connection, the annual golfing event was renamed in 2010 in honor of one of its founders, Harvey McMullen. Harvey, a native of Hoople, N.D., and Jerome Berg, both Mayville State University icons and steadfast supporters of the school, established the North Valley (Hoople)-Comet Connection Golf Tournament in the early 1990s. The purpose in starting the event remains the same today as it was then: to raise scholarship funds for Mayville State student athletes while having fun with friends from near and far. Over the years, the event has been held at Mayville and at northern Red River Valley golf courses.

The winning foursome of the day was made up of Todd Schmidt, Dean Schmidt, Tom Miller, and Mark Osland.

The second-place team included Jason Cline, Dave Erickson, Jim Gremmels, and Wayne Trudeau.

Third place honors went to Brett Kville, Brent Gullicks, John Murphy, and Jerrod Bergstrom.

A highlight of the day was the raffle drawing for a custom-made Harvey McMullen Open golf bag. Billy Balstad was the lucky winner of the bag that sports a Harvey McMullen Open motif, as well as the Mayville State University and Comet Athletic Club logos.



Golf bag designed especially for the occasion.

The Comet Athletic Club operates under the umbrella of the MSU Foundation to raise funds for scholarships awarded to Mayville State University athletes. The club's annual activities include a membership drive and a number of fundraising events. The Comet Athletic Club established and met their goal to provide \$97,500 for Mayville State University athletic scholarships this year.

"The Comet Athletic Club is led by a fantastic group of volunteer board members," said Mayville State University President Dr. Gary Hagen. "We are very fortunate to have this dedicated group of volunteers working together with alumni and friends from near and far to support Mayville State University Athletics. The success of the Comet Athletic Club is definitely a team effort and one that is extremely valuable, not only to the students as individuals, but to the university as a whole."

Last fall, the Comet Athletic Club set out to enlist 225 members and raise \$70,000 in the 2012-2013 membership drive. As of the end of the fiscal year, 285 members had joined the club, raising \$66,993 in membership dollars. Much of the success of the membership drive can be attributed to a phonathon that was held last fall. Nearly 900 calls were made and more than \$5,600 in pledges was committed. The phonathon served not only as a good fundraiser, but also as an opportunity to make connections with alumni and friends.

Throughout the past year, the Comet Athletic Club has sponsored a number of fundraising events. They include the annual Sportsmen's Raffle, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for girls and boys, and the Harvey McMullen Open Golf Tournament. In addition, they hosted the annual corn on the cob and hot dog feed held during Farmers Bowl festivities, as well as a supper for athletes and coaches held the week prior to Farmers Bowl.

A highlight for the 2012-2013 year was the sixth annual Sportsmen's Raffle on Sept. 8 in the National Guard Armory in Mayville. The event was an over-the-top success and netted about \$39,000. The event featured a 55-gun giveaway. Those who purchased the \$100 tickets had a one-in-ten chance of winning.

Finley Motorsports of Finley, N.D. sponsored the raffle of a 2012 Polaris 500 Ranger all-terrain vehicle. The drawing for the ATV was held at the Sportsmen's Raffle event. Eight cash consolation prizes were awarded in this raffle as well. Hunter Equipment donated a 22-gun John Deere gun safe that was awarded at the event, and numerous other side raffles and games were held throughout the evening.

The Comet Athletic Club's seventh annual Sportsmen's Raffle event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013. This year, 600 \$100-tickets will be sold and 60 guns will be given away. Finley Motorsports will again sponsor the raffle of a Polaris 500 Ranger ATV, and Hunter Equipment has donated a gun safe that will be raffled.

Halls of Fame honor former athletes and high school coaches

Mayville State University has a proud tradition in athletics. To honor and preserve the memory of those athletes, teams, coaches, and others who have contributed in a very outstanding and positive way to the promotion of the Mayville State athletic programs, the Mayville State Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1983.

The inductees in that inaugural year were Jerome Berg, Doug Eiken, Peter Flaa, Vernon Halda, Lewy Lee, Wilfred Luckasen, Al Meyer, and the 1955-56 basketball team. The number of inductees has grown over the years, and currently 121 teams and individuals are members of the prestigious athletic hall of fame.

Plaques featuring a photograph and description of each of the inductees are displayed in Mayville State's literal "hall" of fame, located in the north corridor of the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. One cannot help but feel nostalgic while perusing and reading about the great student athletes and coaches who have passed through the doors of Mayville State over the years. It's fun to learn about or reminisce about the times when the likes of Luther Aamold, Grady Rostberg, Harvey McMullen, Gene Roebuck, Beth Koppang Hughes, Patrick Keenan, Danny Swift, and Donna Johnson Hutchison graced the athletic fields and courts and classrooms of Mayville State.

Over time, it has been very evident that Mayville State has scores of alumni who were not necessarily outstanding athletes as Mayville State students, but who went out into the world and have greatly impacted others through their impressive coaching careers. Thus, the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame was born in May of 2010. Inductees that year were Mike Mahlen, Donna Ludwig Mark, Gelaine Orvik, and Ken Rio.

Each year, a selection committee meets to select the year's inductees for Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame from a pool of nominations that is collected throughout the year. Those not selected in a particular year remain a part of the active nomination pool for a period of three years.

Several committee members represent decades of male and female athletes. In addition, ex-officio voting members include the director of intercollegiate athletics, a member of the Comet Athletic Club, and a member of the Alumni Association board of directors. President Gary Hagen serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member, as does Beth Swenson, the director of alumni affairs.

Committee members can serve up to two three-year teams. Each year, the committee meets in June to select the current year's inductees who will be honored during the fall homecoming festivities. In addition to Hagen and Swenson, this year's selection committee included Mike Moore, Martin Johnson ('66), Kelly Morrison ('76), Ken Rio ('49), Clint Lein ('62), Curt Almlie ('66), Maxine Mehus ('72), Duane Rindy ('76), Mark Osland ('84), Kim (Kassenborg) Ulven ('85), Jeremy Strand ('99), Tami (Iverson) Parker ('97), Matt Stenehjelm ('08), and Jessica (Haugen) Eliason ('05).

"We've been fortunate to have many great volunteers participate on this committee over the years," said Beth Swenson, "and we are grateful to them for their service."

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this year's homecoming festivities when the newest members of the Athletic Hall of Fame and the Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame will be inducted. Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Allan D. Larson ('55), Rodney Anderson ('67), Ron Ness ('65), and Cedric Weatherspoon ('92) will be honored at a dinner on Friday evening, Oct. 11. Michael Sly ('67) will be honored posthumously. Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees Jim Bisenius ('59), Dan Carr ('78), John Hutchison ('67), David Hanson ('70), and Bob Zimney ('74) will be the guests of honor at a luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Nominations for the Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame are collected on an ongoing basis. Complete nominations received by June 1 of each year are considered for induction in that same year.

Make a nomination!

Performing Arts Hall of Fame

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for induction into the MSU Performing Arts Hall of Fame. If you know of a worthy candidate, please take the time to submit a nomination at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- Inductees to the Mayville State University Performing Arts Hall of Fame fall into the following categories: educators, professional musicians and/or performers, music industry, faculty, and honorary.
- In order to qualify for induction, candidates who are alumni must have graduated from Mayville State at least ten years prior to induction.
- The record of the nominee considered should be so outstanding that there would be little question as to the qualifications necessary for induction.
- Consideration will be given for personal conduct in performance and personal contributions to the ideal of performing arts.
- Criteria and qualifications for alumni will be based primarily upon the nominee's accomplishments after leaving the university.

Complete nominations on file June 1 of each year will be considered for induction in that same year.

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

Performing Arts Hall of Fame established at Mayville State University

The Mayville State University Alumni Association board and Mayville State administration have recently approved the establishment of the Performing Arts Hall of Fame at Mayville State University. The purpose of the PAHOF is to honor and preserve the memory of those who performed in band, choir, speech, or theater, and the representative faculty, and others who have contributed in a very outstanding and positive way to the promotion of Mayville State University performing arts programs.

The executive committee of the PAHOF has worked over the last several months to refine by-laws for the organization and get the selection process in place. Executive committee members are Mike Bakken, MSU music director; Bob Sylskar, director of MSU theater department; Lucia Jacobson, Alumni Association board member; and Herb Thomson, performing arts alumni representative. MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen and Director of Alumni Affairs Beth Swenson are ex-officio, non-voting members of the executive committee.

A selection committee met in July to make selections for this year's inductees, who will be honored during Homecoming 2013 festivities. A program will be held as part of the annual Homecoming concert which begins at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 in the Classroom Building Auditorium. The Alumni Association will host a reception to honor the inductees immediately following the concert.

Inaugural inductees to the MSU Performing Arts Hall of Fame are former faculty members Merwyn Green (posthumously), Francis Colby, and Dr. Christopher Jones. The Clark and Joann Ewen family is being inducted in the honorary category, for their steadfast support for music and all of the arts at Mayville State University and in the entire Mayville-Portland community. Dennis Connelly ('72) is being inducted in the category of professional musicians and/or performers. Vernon Gerig, Jr. ('58) will be recognized posthumously as a representative of the music industry category. Eugene Gaffney ('57) and Olaf Ringerud ('52) are being recognized for their great success as music educators.

Plaques recognizing the members of the MSU Performing Arts Hall of Fame will be on permanent display in the lighted case located in the corridor that joins the Science Building to the Campus Center, at the far west end of the Classroom Building.

In addition to executive committee members, selection committee members for the Performing Arts Hall of Fame are Marian Johnson ('57), Ruth Hall ('72), Barb Mahar ('68), David Trottier ('77), Debby Haugen ('72), Greta Paschke ('85, '99), John Dungan ('84), Kelly Kornkven ('01), and Samantha DeLong ('10). To the extent possible, the selection committee is made up of one representative of speech/theater and one representative of music from each decade within the last six decades of the present year.

"We are elated by the opportunity to recognize a whole new category of Mayville State alumni and friends who have made a difference for others throughout their careers," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "We have so many successful alumni. We are very proud of them, and it is a privilege to recognize them for their good work."

We want to hear from you!

The MSU Alumni Association is responsible for planning activities and events for Mayville State University alumni and friends. To help in this task, please share your ideas with us by contacting the Director of Alumni Affairs at 701-788-4750 or alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu.

Mark your calendar!

**Traill County/MSU
Luncheon in Mesa, Ariz.**

Feb. 11, 2014

Apache Wells Clubhouse

For more information, contact
Keith Anderson, 701-436-6311.

Alumni Association honors distinguished individuals



Pictured from left to right are Dr. G. Daryl Nord, Merle Boucher, Dr. Debra Follman, Curt Almlie, and Dr. Rodney Strand, 2013 Alumni Association honorees.

Merle Boucher, Rolette, N.D.; Dr. Debra Follman, Devils Lake, N.D.; Dr. G. Daryl Nord, Stillwater, Okla.; and Dr. Rodney Strand, Knoxville, Tenn. were each presented with the Mayville State University Distinguished Alumni Award at the 2013 Alumni Day festivities held June 21 at Mayville State University. Mayville native Curt Almlie, Detroit Lakes, Minn., received the Mayville State University Distinguished Service Award.

The awards were presented at the annual Alumni Association Awards Dinner held Friday evening, June 21, in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room.

The dinner was preceded by an open house reception in honor of the Alumni Association honorees, as well as Mayville State's 2013 retirees with 20 or more years of service. Retirees were Dennis Schultz, Bev Holt, Dr. Paul Meartz, and John Lankow. The reception was held in the upper lounge area of the MSU Campus Center, and hosted by the MSU Alumni Association board.

The third annual Mayville State University Alumni Association-sponsored Alumni Day festivities began with campus tours leaving from the front of Old Main at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. During this time, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the MSU Foundation hosted an ice cream social on the lawn at Agassiz Hall, across the street from the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center, Mayville State's future alumni center.

A variety show followed the Alumni Association Awards Dinner Friday evening. It was held in the MSU Classroom Building Auditorium. Performances included traditional Indian dancing by current Mayville State students Nisa Rajput and Kim Gundu. Klutch, aka Allan Nota and Lloyd Marimbire, MSU students from Zimbabwe, danced hip-hop-style. Flash Walrus, a band made up of local teens Tyler Cordahl, Ross Capouch (son of Nancy (von Ruden) (ex. '81) and Tom ('84) Capouch), Aaron Rekken, and Tucker Pearson, performed a

variety of songs. Drama Queens, a vocal group with Mayville State connections, performed songs from their past theatrical productions. Members of the group are Samantha (Agnes) DeLong ('10), Greta (Anderson) Paschke ('85, '99), Joan Osland, Teresa (Berry) Agnes ('96), and Doreen Cerkowniak. McKade and Kailer Riedman, sons of Cindy (Olson) ('81) Riedman and her husband, Greg, had the audience members doubled over with laughter during the performance of the humorous duo which they had competed with in the high school state speech contest last spring. Crooners John Klocke and Mike Bakken rounded out a very enjoyable program.

Mayville State's Alumni Day 2013 wrapped up with a social for all Mayville State alumni and friends at the Top Hat in downtown Mayville.

Alumni Association Honoree Biographies

Merle Boucher, Rolette, N.D., represented his home county of Rolette in the North Dakota House of Representatives from 1990 to 2010. In 1997, he was elected by his peers in the Democratic Party to serve as the House Minority Leader, a position he held for 14 years. A stalwart supporter of education, he made sure that North Dakota's public schools and colleges were adequately funded, and he was a persistent supporter of the smaller college campuses, including Mayville State University. In service to his constituents, Merle worked tirelessly toward improving educational opportunity for the state's Native American population and bettering health care delivery to them. As evidence to the high regard he earned, Boucher was selected to run for lieutenant governor in 2010. Although unsuccessful in the effort, he gained statewide recognition and respect. Upon returning full time to his ranch in Rolette County, Merle became a county commissioner, and he serves on the Rolette County Social Service Board. He is executive director of the developing Border Winds Project, a group of 66 electricity generating wind towers near Rolla, N.D. Prior to becoming a legislator, he was a teacher and coach at Rolette Public School. Always humble, Merle Boucher has represented the values of Mayville State throughout his career, contributing to society and the well-being of humanity. Boucher is a 1970 graduate of Mayville State. He and his wife, Susan, are the parents of four adult children.

Dr. Debra Follman, Devils Lake, N.D., is making a difference in her role as principal of Sweetwater Elementary

Alumni Day festivities held June 21

School in Devils Lake, N.D. Under her guidance, the school has made significant academic growth, as indicated in a North Dakota state assessment. Because of those strides, Sweetwater has become an award-winning school, and their principal was named a National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals in 2010-11. She has developed a standards-based K-12 district curriculum and assessment development process. In addition, she has led or served on numerous curriculum teams in the district and on the state level, and she has made it her goal to create a community of learners in the school where nurturing and caring in a safe learning environment are of utmost importance. Follman was named the Regional Principal of the Year in 2010-2011, and received the North Dakota Principals Association Bell Ringer Award in 2002-03. Deb began her career in education as a kindergarten teacher in Rugby, N.D. in 1982. After a year, she became a first-grade teacher in Devils Lake, and she became principal at Sweetwater Elementary in 1998. She earned her bachelor's degree from Mayville State in 1982, a master's degree from the University of North Dakota in 1998, and a Ph.D. from North Dakota State University in 2011. She and her husband, Rick, are the parents of a son and a daughter.

Dr. G. Daryl Nord, Stillwater, Okla., is a Professor Emeritus of Management Science & Information Systems at Oklahoma State University (OSU). He received the Outstanding Service Award from the Management Science and Information Systems Department, Spears School of Business, in 2010. In 2009, he traveled to the University of Primorska, Slovenia as part of a Fulbright Specialist Travel Award from the Council for International Exchange Scholars; and he has been a visiting scholar and professor at numerous other universities as well. Nord was invited to be a member of the program committee for the Management International Conference 2009 in Sousse, Tunisia. He also received the Outstanding Professor Award from the OSU MBA Association in 2009. He has served as the executive editor of *The Journal of Computer Information*



Mayville State students Allan Nota and Lloyd Marimbire gave a dance performance at the Alumni Association variety show.

Systems since 2008, and is a member of the editorial advisory boards for other international journals. He is an author of many journal articles, refereed papers and proceedings, and other research papers and presentations. Daryl

Nord graduated from Mayville State in 1969, and later earned a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of North Dakota. He began his career as a university professor at the University of New Mexico in 1976. Daryl and his wife, Jeretta, enjoy spending time with their family, sons, Jason and Nicholas, and daughters, Rebecca and Audrey.

Dr. Rodney Strand, Knoxville, Tenn., was selected to attend a NASA institute in space biology at UCLA in the summer of 1967, just after graduating from Mayville State. He attended the University of Utah, and finished a Ph.D. in ecology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1973, while working at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). He spent nearly 10 years at ORNL, followed by five-year stints at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bermuda; and Columbus, Ohio; and then the University of Tennessee, Knoxville as a technical director and associate director for research. For the last 20 years, he has served as lead assessor and team manager for programmatic assessments on a number of Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear production and remediation sites. He has served on technology review boards and provided guidance to the government on technology development and deployments. Strand has served as chairman of the statistical computing section of the American Statistical Association, and has been a member of the American Nuclear Society and the Executive Committee of SAS Institute, Inc. Dr. Strand founded the MK Foundation and has led the non-profit in inspiring and motivating the next generation of engineers and scientists, focusing on nuclear and affiliated engineering disciplines. Rod and his wife, Joann, are the parents of three daughters and a son.

Curt Almlie, Detroit Lakes, Minn., has in official and unofficial capacities helped to make many connections for Mayville State, connections that have contributed to the success of Mayville State University. Curt first made an impact at Mayville State in the 1960s, when he was enrolled as a student and was a standout athlete in both baseball and football. He has worked as a faculty member and coach, and he also served as executive director of the Mayville State Alumni/Foundation during the 1980s. During that time, Almlie was instrumental in providing many opportunities for Mayville State alumni to get involved not only with their alma mater, but also with each other. It was with Curt's guidance that the Mayville State University Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1983. He has worked to maintain the tradition associated with this institution throughout the years that have followed. Almlie proposed and helped to found the Mayville State Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame in 2010. The establishment of this award has proven to be very successful and valuable, providing an avenue in which to honor the plethora of Mayville State graduates who have been highly successful as high school coaches. Curt earned a bachelor's degree from Mayville State in 1966. He and his wife, Marlene, are the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Welcome, alumni, to your new home!

The doors will soon be opening to the Larson Alumni and Leadership Center on the northwest corner of the MSU campus. Major renovation work began in late March of this year, with an anticipated move-in date in December.

“We will be very pleased to invite alumni to their new meeting place for a ‘sneak peek’ preview this homecoming weekend,” said President Gary Hagen. “We are thankful for the massive support from around the country to complete the renovation phase of the building project.”

The Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center will be open for any alumni and friends who wish to stop by for a look on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

“There is a lot of work to be done yet,” said John Klocke, director of development. “The renovation has come along nicely and has remained on budget.”

Klocke added that once renovation is complete, all contributors to the project will be sent a special invitation, asking them to come and get the first look at the completed building. A grand opening of the alumni center is planned for Alumni Days 2014, June 20-22, when Mayville State alumni will be gathering to celebrate the university’s 125th anniversary.

“This has been a dream for the last ten years, and we are all very excited,” Klocke said.

The Larson Center, first constructed in 1911 as an infirmary for students, later became the home of several MSU presidents, and provided student housing at times as well. Once renovation is complete, the building will return to its former glory as it becomes a place for alumni to meet, as well as a home for the Larson Leadership program, a cross-curricular program that instills leadership values for MSU students, helping to send them out after graduation as potential leaders in their communities.

“We have one more fundraising campaign to fulfill to completely furnish the building inside and out,” Klocke said.

The MSU Foundation staff will move their offices into the building in December. Fundraising for indoor furnishings and exterior landscaping will continue until goals are met.

“We will see how much we need to raise at the completion of the renovation and will then begin a special campaign,” Klocke stated.

Deck the Hall for Doug

Doug Anderson, the visionary volunteer who began fundraising efforts more than ten years ago, will be the focus of this final campaign to furnish Larson Hall with the “Deck the Hall for Doug” campaign to honor his tireless efforts.

“We believe that naming a room after Doug would be a fitting tribute to his hard work and dedication,” said



Doug Anderson.



Interior demolition in June included removing the plaster walls and revealing the studs and the exterior brick walls.

Jon Ewen, chair of the MSU Foundation board. “This building might have been torn down if it were not for Doug Anderson and his team of volunteers and supporters. We owe him a big debt of gratitude.”

Ewen shared that if the final campaign goal is met, the Honor Room on the top floor of the Larson Alumni and Leadership Center will be dedicated in Anderson’s name and the funds from the final appeal will purchase all the remaining furnishings yet unsponsored. Contributors’ names will be listed on a special plaque in the Doug Anderson Honor Room as a permanent tribute of thanksgiving for Anderson’s efforts.

“We project our needs for this final phase will be approximately \$35,000 to \$75,000, depending on how much money might be left in the budget after renovation work is complete,” said Klocke. When alumni stop by for the “sneak peek” preview during homecoming, they will see and learn more about the final campaign and see color renderings of the key items still left to make this alumni center a comfortable home and meeting place for current students and returning alumni.

A partial list of the items that will be purchased or sponsored includes:

- A stove and refrigerator for the kitchen
- Restoration of the upstairs fireplace
- Sponsorship and furnishing of the elevator
- Special track lighting fixtures for art display throughout
- A multi-purpose board room table
- Wi-Fi connection hardware
- Touch monitors on each floor
- Restoration of the south balcony
- Sponsorship of landscaping designs and labor for a veterans memorial garden
- Sponsorship of a Larson Center sign with Comet blue back lighting and accompanying garden
- Special decorative sidewalks and general landscaping
- Hospitality endowment fund to permanently provide refreshments to students and alumni who visit the Larson Center for special meetings and events
- Comfortable, long-wearing furniture for several rooms.

Larson Alumni and Leadership Center will open soon.

In addition to these needed finishing touches, MSU alumni and friends are asked to look for memorabilia or photos for the 1911 room.

“We are looking for items of historical nature suitable for framing or display in a smaller room, primarily art and photography or small items that can be placed on shelves or hung on walls where there is space,” said John Klocke.

Those interested in having a 1911 item considered are asked to send a photograph and description to John Klocke at the foundation office. A decorating team will determine which items would be appropriate to the historical design. Once choices are made, those folks sending in photos will be contacted about donating the actual items.

Klocke mentioned that recognition plaques would not be in place until the building is completely furnished and all funds have been raised so that plaques can be placed all at the same time for the alumni day tours in June of 2014.

“We want to make sure that recognition is done appropriately in a way that accurately and completely reflects the generosity of the many wonderful benefactors to the project. Some



The brick walls were insulated prior to the installation of sheetrock.

folks may still be making a gift in our final appeal and we want to make sure all names are included on recognition plaques.”

If you have not yet made a donation to the project and would like to do so, please contact the MSU Foundation at 701-788-4687 or e-mail michelle.mclean@mayvillestate.edu. You can also make gifts to the Larson Alumni and Leadership Center project by credit card online at www.mayvillestate.edu/alumnnicenter. Make a gift and you'll be invited to be one of the first to see the completed alumni center.

To learn more about how to sponsor an item or area in your family or loved one's name, contact John Klocke at 701-788-4787 or e-mail him at john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu. He'll be happy to help you create a fitting tribute.

Who do you know?

Distinguished Alumni Award

Distinguished Service Award

We request your assistance in nominating deserving individuals for the Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Awards. If you know of worthy candidates, please take the time to submit nominations at mayvillestate.edu/recognition.

- The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to graduates of Mayville State who have been leaders in their fields for a minimum of ten years.
- The Distinguished Service Award was re-established in 1998. The award is presented to Mayville State personnel, faculty, or administrators who make exceptional contributions, with a minimum of ten years of service. Other individuals who are eligible to receive the award are those whose service activities enhance Mayville State. Both Mayville State alumni and non-alumni are eligible for the award.

Complete nominations on file Jan. 15 of each year will be considered for selection in that same year.

For more information, contact Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.

Be the first dinner guests at the Larson Alumni and Leadership Center!

Would you like to be part of a group of eight who will be served a fabulous gourmet dinner by members of the MSU Alumni Association board?

Some lucky group will make history in 2014 with this special elegant dinner if they are the top bidder on this item during the 2013 Farmers Bowl live auction to be held Saturday, Sept. 21. We already know of several competing groups who will want that honor, so don't delay. You can order tickets to attend Farmers Bowl by calling 701-788-4687 or you may purchase your ticket online at www.mayvillestate.edu/farmersbowl.



The Drama Queens, Greta Paschke, Samantha DeLong, Joan Osland, Doreen Cerkowniak (in back), Teresa Agnes, and Jenna Kvale, rehearse a scene from "Inside Out."

"Inside Out" performances scheduled

The Drama Queens are at it again! They are working on another musical, with performances scheduled for the end of September.

"Inside Out" centers around a therapist, Grace, played by Joan (Aasen) Osland (ex. '72), and five women who are members of a group therapy session, Teresa (Berry) Agnes ('96), Doreen Cerkowniak (MSU employee), Samantha (Agnes) DeLong ('10), Jenna Kvale ('12), and Greta (Anderson) Paschke ('85, '99). Musicians for the production will be Kathy Baldock (ex. '78), Ben Kvislen ('13), and Beth Cakebread (current student).

The ladies say, "We know that group therapy sessions don't usually include singing and dancing, but authors Russ and Haverty make the audience believe it's the most natural thing in the world."

"Inside Out" performances are scheduled for Sept. 19, 20, and 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sept. 22 and 29 at 3:00 p.m. in the MSU Old Main Theatre. All tickets are \$10. Advance tickets are available at the MSU Bookstore. (A surcharge will be applied to credit card purchases.) For information, call 701-788-4823.

The Drama Queens is a group of women drawn together by their love for theater, and they also have Mayville State connections. Their past productions, "Bingo!," "Nunsense," "Beehive," and "Cowgirls" have raised about \$10,000 for use by the Mayville State University Theater Department.

Tell us your favorite Mayville State story!

What's your story? Is it humorous, heartwarming, or just plain interesting? In honor of Mayville State's 125th anniversary, you are invited to tell your favorite Mayville State story or memory. We have various ideas for how we might share them.

Submit your stories to Beth Swenson at beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu or by mail at 330 Third Street NE, Mayville, ND 58257.

"Doc" celebrates 80th birthday

A number of friends enjoyed birthday cake and an opportunity to congratulate Dr. James W. "Doc" Neilson on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The party, hosted by Merwin and Myrna Lyng and family, was held Saturday, June 22 at Paula's Cafe in Mayville. (The date of Neilson's birthday is actually June 19.)

Neilson was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus of Social Science when he retired from Mayville State, where he taught for 40 years, from 1958 until 1998.

Because of his severely impaired vision, "Doc" has moved to Luther Memorial Home in Mayville. While he can no longer write letters, he enjoys getting mail. LMH staff are his "readers." His new address is Luther Memorial Home, 750 Main St. E, Mayville, ND 58257.



"Doc" (left), pictured with Karen (Lyng) Asmundson ('90), during the June 22 birthday party. He is Karen's godfather.

Submit your alumni news at www.mayvillestate.edu/alumniupdates.



Beth Herbel-Eisenmann (left) and Dawn Cruff, pictured at a winery in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

College reunion tour for Beth and Dawn

Dawn Cruff ('91) joined college friend and former women's basketball teammate Beth Herbel-Eisenmann ('90) when she made a business trip to South Africa last spring. They spent two days in Stellenbosch, one of the top 10 wine spots in the world; two days in Klein Karoo, participating in a Big 5 safari in an open Jeep; and one day at Robbins Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years. On the last day of the trip, Cruff ventured to Gansbaai for shark cage diving while Beth was making her work-related presentations.

What's new with you?

Your friends and classmates want to know!

Send us your updated information!

Go to mayvillestate.edu/alumniupdates.

We will report timely news about marriages, jobs, awards, family additions, and deaths. Please be sure to include your current address, job information, phone number, and e-mail address.

You may also update your information by calling the MSU Foundation at 701-788-4687.

A picture is worth a thousand words.

You may provide photographs that may be of interest to others for the Class Notes section. This submission does not guarantee publication, however. Photos can be returned if requested, and if an address is attached to the picture. Digital photos must be at least 300 dpi.

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1930s

Mildred (Lunde) Bigwood ('32) celebrated her 100th birthday on March 15, 2013.

1960s

Richard Barta ('64) was named the 2012 Annuitant Ambassador of the Year at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill. Barta serves as a volunteer at the Neal Welcome Center, assisting visitors, guests, and students. Each year an exemplary volunteer is honored by the EIU Foundation. Barta spent 28 years with the school's music department. In retirement, he keeps his "head in the game" as the Westminster Choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Mattoon, Ill.

Don Cavalier ('65) served as a district officer of Rotary International for 2012-13, representing 65 clubs and more than 2,000 members in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Canada. He is the director of the career and counseling department at the University of Minnesota Crookston, where he has been employed for 39 years. He and his wife, Mary, live in Crookston.

Ron ('65) and Carol (Sorbo) ('65) Ness celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 18, 2013 with a party at their Moorhead, Minn. home. Ron taught and coached in Minnesota for several years and worked in the crop insurance industry for 30 years. Carol taught in elementary schools in North Dakota and Minnesota for 42 years. They have a son, Marc, and twin grandsons.

John Washington ('69) retired in December 2012, after a long career with the Minneapolis, Minn. School District. The past 14 years he served as the district's athletic director. He began working for the district in 1969 as a teacher and coach at Patrick Henry High School. He later served as an assistant principal in the district. He and his wife, Annamae, live in his hometown of Minneapolis. An article on the Minnesota State High School League website described Washington as "a champion for athletics who is remarkable at managing a diverse group of people. John fulfills his responsibilities with integrity, grace, honesty, and with a strong work ethic. And we all know that John stands for all that is good in life."

1970s

Schela (Jorgenson) Gander ('70) retired from teaching in May of 2013. She had been teaching second grade in Mayville for 43 years. She plans to continue to work with students of all ages whenever she can. Schela and her husband, Larry, are

planning a trip to Boston in late September. They enjoy being with their daughter in Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. in the winter. Their son lives in Grand Forks, N.D., and they have a granddaughter in Cannon Falls, Minn.

Chuck Noel ('71) retired after 27 years as vice president of finance for Trail King Industries, Inc., a manufacturer of truck trailers for industrial use. Trail King has plants in Mitchell, S.D. and West Fargo, N.D. A business education graduate, Chuck spent 40 years in accounting and finance for manufacturers, including Steiger Tractor, Inc., Oakes Manufacturing, and Westgo Industries, Inc. He and his wife, **Judy (Grindeland) ('68)**, live in Mitchell, S.D. and Fort Myers, Fla., and have four grown children and seven grandchildren.

Van Swanson ('73) was named to the Newfolden, Minn. Nordic Hall of Fame in January of 2013. He was recognized for his athletic prowess at Newfolden High School, where he played basketball and baseball from 1965-1968. He continued his basketball career, first at Northland Community and Technical College and later at Mayville State. He later taught health and phy. ed. and coached at Thompson, N.D. and Grygla, Minn. For more than 20 years he has worked for the Minnesota Extension Service. He currently directs the 4-H program in Pennington and Marshall Counties. He and his wife, Dede, live at Thief River Falls, Minn. and have two grown sons.

Wayne Tunseth ('75) celebrated 25 years as an employee of the City of Grand Forks, N.D. He is a lead water treatment plant operator with the public works department. He previously worked for the City of Harvey, N.D. He lives in Mayville.

Brad Strand ('78) attended the White House's Let's Move Active Schools program kickoff celebration in Chicago in March. Brad attended the event as a past president of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. First Lady Michelle Obama started the Let's Move campaign to encourage physical activity across the nation. Shortly after, AAHPERD started its national Let's Move In Schools campaign, which is what was adopted by the White House as Let's Move Active Schools. An estimated 100 guests were at the celebration, along with about 6,000 children and celebrities such as Bo Jackson, Serena Williams, and Jordin Sparks. Strand said the first lady was active the entire time and danced around with the children. The president of Nike, one of the national program's primary funders, also spoke.

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John Lyng ('01) and Megan Savolainen will be married Sept. 14, 2013 in Minneapolis. John is an emergency physician and Medical Director of Emergency Medical Services at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale, Minn.

Brady Schwab ('01) was hired in August of 2012 as the junior high health and elementary physical education teacher at Thompson (N.D.) Public School.

Barton Rud ('02) was named the new principal and athletic director at Antelope Union High School in Wellton, Ariz. in August of 2012. Rud was previously an elementary teacher in the district.

Ben Saucke ('02), an agent with Coldwell Banker First Realty, was named the top professional in North Dakota and has earned the company's Bronze Level Circle of Distinction, which is given to top-ranking producers among Coldwell Banker Commercial professionals. Saucke has been with the firm since 2004 and specializes in investment properties, including sales and leasing of industrial, land, multi-family, office, and retail.

Jeff Waind ('02) married Jenna Rocksvold Feb. 23, 2013 in Grand Forks. He is a manager at Eagles Crest Grill in Grand Forks.

Amanda "Mandy" (Peterson) Harrison ('03) has been promoted to marketing manager at J.R. Simplot Co. She and her husband, **Brian Harrison ('04)**, live in Meridian, Idaho. Brian is an engine captain with the U.S. Forest Service.

Bryce Peterson ('03) has been promoted to director of equipment operations with Wanzek Construction. He has worked for the Fargo-based company for more than five years. He lives in West Fargo, N.D.

Kevin Clausen ('04) was named the Montana Coaches Association coach of the year for Class C football for the second year in a row. His team, the Fairview Warriors, had an undefeated regular season in 2012. They fell to Superior in the state title game. The coaching honor was announced in January of 2013. He and his wife, Camille, live in Fairview.

Emily Bydal ('05) married Joshua Ruemmele June 1, 2013 in East Grand Forks, Minn. She is a special education teacher at East Grand Forks Senior High School.

Jacob Maki ('05) married Kileigh Gard on May 31, 2013 in Fargo, N.D. He graduated from NDSU with a master's degree in leadership in physical education and sport in August of 2013. He is an assistant football coach at Mayville State.

Kasie (Braaten) Windfelder ('05) and her husband, Charles, are the parents of a daughter, Madelyn Karalena, born March 26, 2013.

Meghan Derksen ('06) and Scott Hovde were married March 30, 2013.

Matt Cordell ('07) married **Tiffany Aune (ex. '07)** March, 1, 2013 in Fargo. Matt is a warranty analyst for Butler Machinery Co. in Fargo.

Richard "Richie" DePaolis ('07) married Justin Metz Aug. 1, 2013 at the Clay County

Courthouse in Moorhead, Minn. They were among 18 gay and lesbian couples who participated in a mass marriage ceremony at midnight, marking the first day that same-sex marriages were legally recognized in the state of Minnesota. The couple's wedding day was documented by Minnesota Public Radio. DePaolis is enrollment manager at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead. The newlyweds plan to move soon from their West Fargo, N.D., home to one in Moorhead.

Jeff Hovde ('08) teaches science at Hope-Page (N.D.) High School. A greenhouse was built at the school in January, as part of a project that also added a science classroom and upgraded another. Life sciences, biology, and ecology students use the greenhouse for their studies, but students in other science classes get to work there too. Not only is the greenhouse providing exciting learning opportunities for the students, it also is helping to produce enough lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers to serve students and staff at lunch and for family and consumer science classes. This spring, the students also sold some of the plants they grew. To top it off, Hovde says the greenhouse helped to provide an attitude adjustment by showing life and color during a time when the snow banks and winter blues prevail.

Jessica Kijak ('08) signed to play second base and shortstop for the Therwil Flyers in the European Softball League for 2013.

Cyndee (Hegg) Strand ('08) was named Region 2 high school volleyball coach of the year in North Dakota. She coaches the Hatton-Northwood (N.D.) Thunder.

Orrin Weyrauch ('08) married Candie Schroeder Aug. 3, 2013 in Minot, N.D. Orrin is a physical education teacher at New Town (N.D.) High School.

Kyle E. Nelson ('09) joined Applied Engineering, Inc. as an application developer providing IT services in Bismarck, N.D.

Brandon Schafer ('09) has been named the new head coach of the Mandan (N.D.) High School boys basketball program. He has been an assistant coach in charge of the freshman players for the last four years. This is his first head coaching job. Schafer is a 2004 graduate of Mandan High School. He is also a high school mathematics teacher in the district.

Nicole Sivertson ('09) married Ross Blilie June 22, 2013 in Grand Forks. Nicole is a phlebotomist at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks. Ross is completing his elementary education degree at Mayville State and works full time at Wal-Mart in Grand Forks.

MSU grads gather at national meeting

Mayville State University, known in many circles as simply, "The U," was well-represented at the 94th annual National Federation of State High School Associations summer meeting in Denver, Colo. June 23 to 27, 2013.

Pictured in the front (l-r) are Cathy (Nygaard) Kolness ('89); Beth (Herzog) Olson ('91); Todd Olson ('91), North Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors



president; and Jim Roaldson ('91), North Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors.

In the back (l-r) are Mike Kolness ('89), Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors; and Matthew Fetsch ('03), NDHSAA Assistant Director.

Jason Wiberg ('96), NDHSAA Board of Director, was not available for the photo.

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2010s

Alyssa (Clancy) Horpedahl ('10) was hired in July of 2013 as a fourth-grade teacher and head volleyball coach for Hillsboro (N.D.) Public Schools. She had previously taught and coached in Colorado Springs, Colo., where her husband, **Heath Horpedahl ('11)**, was serving in the military.

Kyle Kornkven ('11) was hired as a help desk technician by The NetWork Center, Inc. in Fargo in March of 2013. He had previously been a consultant at a software company in Valley City, N.D. He and his wife, **Kelly (Brager) ('01)**, director at MSU's Byrnes-Quanbeck Library, live in Mayville with their son, Jack, who will celebrate his first birthday Nov. 10.

Chad Palowski ('11) is a high school social studies teacher at Minto, N.D. His wife, **Sara (King) Palowski ('12)**, is assistant director of ABC Daycare in Minto.

Aimee Heppner ('12) and **Michael Brown ('12)** were married July 27, 2013.

Chelsey Ihry ('12) married **Ian Beaton (ex. '12)** July 27, 2013 in Hope, N.D. She is employed by Quality Bank in Page, N.D. He is employed by SLS Construction in Hope.

Brent Luehring ('12) is an elementary physical education teacher at Dakota Prairie (N.D.) School District. During the 2012-13 school term, he taught sixth grade and was an assistant boys basketball coach at Midkota (N.D.) Schools. He was coach for the Nelson County American Legion baseball team this past summer. He lives in McVile, N.D.

Ashley Mooney ('12) began working as an enrollment services representative at Mayville State University in the fall of 2012.

Rami Carlson ('13) is a sixth-grade teacher at Binford, N.D. for the Midkota (N.D.) School District.

Amanda Fuller ('13) has been hired as a kindergarten teacher for the Fordville-Lankin (N.D.) School District.

Cody Gangl ('13) is a full-time teller for American Bank Center in Bismarck, working at the bank's Washington Center location.

Laura Kolness ('13) has been hired as mathematics instructor by the Montevideo (Minn.) Public Schools. She is the daughter of **Mike ('89)** and **Cathy (Nygaard) ('89) Kolness** of Ada, Minn.

Benjamin Kvislen ('13) was recently hired as an accounts receivable technician with the business office at Mayville State University. Previously, he was a foreman and carpenter for NorthStar Works in Larimore, N.D.

Grant Lonski ('13) deployed to Afghanistan with 30 members of the N.D. Air National Guard's 119th Security Forces Squadron on a security mission in March of 2013. During the six-month deployment, Master Sgt. Lonski was expected to lead a squad responsible for escorting personnel throughout the operating area. Lonski is a N.D. Highway Patrol trooper and lives in Lakota, N.D. with his wife, **JoAnna (Rygg) ('08)**, who is deputy clerk of court and recorder for Nelson County.

Maggie Maroney ('13) has been hired as a mathematics teacher by the Fertile-Beltrami (Minn.) School District.

Travis Martin ('13) has been hired as a mathematics and science instructor at Dakota College in Bottineau, N.D. He is also pursuing a master's of education degree at Minot State.

Daniel Mertens ('13) is assistant athletic director at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, N.D. He and his wife, Robyn, are the proud parents of a daughter, Ashtyn, born Jan. 19, 2012.

Todd Olson ('13) married **Morgan Bitz (ex. '09)** Aug. 10, 2013 in Grand Forks, N.D. He works for the FDIC, based in Grand Forks.

Dakota Pedersen ('13) has been hired as a high school mathematics teacher at McClusky (N.D.) schools.

Allyssa Reeves ('13) is a preschool teacher for College Care for Kids in Devils Lake, N.D.

Benjamin Strand ('13) has been hired as a third-grade teacher by Hillsboro (N.D.) Public Schools. He is the son of **Fred ('80)** and **Donalee (Domier) ('80) Strand** of Hatton, N.D.

Krysten Stutlien ('13) has been hired as a high school physical education teacher at Grafton (N.D.) Schools. She is the daughter of Vondell and **Daniel Stutlien ('90)** of Harvey, N.D.

Ashley Torgusson ('13) is working as a bridging room teacher for the Mayville State University Child Development Programs.

Former Staff/Faculty

Michael and Marilyn Worner of Mayville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 18, 2013. Michael served as a professor of education at Mayville State University. Marilyn was also previously employed at Mayville State, in Student Support Services. They have three children, **Matthew Worner ('94)**, Alexandria, Va.; **Michelle Kommer ('95)**, Fargo; and **Martha Velasco Suarez ('97)**, Houston, Texas, and three grandchildren.

Keep in touch with Mayville State at mayvillestate.edu!**MSU grads come "home" each summer**

For the last 17 years, Stacey (Sagvold) Jorgenson ('91), Becky (Beito) Dostal ('92), and Robin (Brantl) Torkelson ('92) have been getting together every summer when Robin's family comes to Minnesota from Illinois. In the first years, they held their reunion in Thief River Falls, but nine years ago, the trio made a change and started meeting on the Mayville State campus, and have done so ever since. They tour the campus and shop in the bookstore. Stacey says, "We have seen a lot of changes take place over the last nine years. Not being able to walk in the tunnel between Old Main and West Hall was really strange this year."

If you'd like to hold a reunion on the Mayville State campus, Director of Alumni Affairs Beth Swenson would love to visit with you! If you want to arrange for a meeting place, she'll be happy to make the accommodations. Contact her at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu.



Pictured (l-r) are Stacey, Becky, and Robin when they visited Mayville State in July.

Annual golf events in Detroit Lakes benefit Mayville State

Mayville State alumni and friends from near and far were in the Detroit Lakes area of Minnesota the second weekend in June for golfing and a time of socializing. This was the weekend of the MSU Golf Classic.

The festivities began with a 4-person scramble Friday, June 7 at Forest Hills Golf & RV Resort. This event was organized by the Mayville State University athletic department, and proceeds will go to athletic scholarships for Mayville State student athletes.

A Friday golf event, the Friday Classic, as it's known, was started several years ago as a prelude to the traditional MSU Golf Classic. This year, a record 99 golfers participated. As usual, fun was had by all.

"General Manager Bruce Olson's staff and course pro Peter Krier did an outstanding job again this year," said MSU Athletic Director Mike Moore. "They really treat us well. It's a great course for the event. This is our fifth year for the tournament, and attendance has gone up each year. We couldn't be happier with the work they do in hosting the tourney."

Friday evening, Mayville State supporters gathered at the Detroit Country Club for a time of socializing and the annual scholarship event.

The 38th annual Mayville State University Golf Classic began with a shotgun start Saturday morning, June 8, at nine o'clock. The Golf Classic is the

oldest medal play university golf tournament in the world. The Pine to Palm course provided a beautiful backdrop in which to play a game of golf and enjoy the company of Mayville State friends.

This year's Golf Classic was one of the most successful in the 38 years of its existence. A total of \$5,500 was raised. Of that amount, \$1,000 has been designated for general honor and leadership scholarships for incoming Mayville State students. The balance of \$4,500 will be used to purchase a touch screen recognition system that will be installed at Mayville State's future alumni center.

The Mayville State Golf Classic has been of great benefit to Mayville State University over the years, as thousands of scholarship dollars, academic and athletic, have been donated to students pursuing their educational goals at Mayville State. In addition, the tournament has served as a place where Mayville State alumni and friends can meet and renew acquaintances. Year after year, people from near and far make the "Classic" their meeting place.

"We owe a huge debt of gratitude to MSU Golf Classic committee members Gene Gaffney, Denny Hopman, Del Hultgren, and Paul Maltrud, who have spearheaded this important event since its inception in 1976," said MSU Director of Alumni Affairs Beth Swenson.

Curt Almlie, Roger Forsgren, Jim Hedstrom, Broc Lietz, Charlie Lindberg, and Chris Lindberg also volunteered

their services to ensure that the tournament would be a success. The Goose River Bank of Mayville, Hillsboro, and Hatton, and The First and Farmers Bank of Mayville and Portland donated prizes for the longest drive, closest to the

pin, and other contests. Mark Dokken coordinated this.

"Thank you to all who helped, golfed, or participated in any way," said Swenson. "This event provides important support for Mayville State University and its students and we are truly grateful."

Also on Saturday morning, Mayville State women gathered for brunch at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes. Special guest was Debbie Hagen, wife of MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. Debbie brought greetings on behalf of the university to about 20 women who gathered for a time of visiting and enjoying refreshments. Special thanks to Linda Engelman for organizing and hosting this event.

Make plans now to attend the 39th annual MSU Golf Classic and the Friday scramble on June 13 and 14, 2014. Remember, women are invited to participate in both of these golfing events.

MSU Golf Classic Flight Winners (after handicap)

1st Flight - 1st place, Neil Braaten (74); 2nd place, Korey Bartels (76).

2nd Flight - 1st place, Randy Hill (79); 2nd place, Paul McKinnen (82).

3rd Flight - 1st place, Danny Brustad (83); 2nd place, Kevin Braaten (86).

4th Flight - 1st place, David Enger (85); 2nd place, Bill Balstad (89).

5th Flight - 1st place, Jim Evanson (86); 2nd place, Broc Lietz (84).

6th Flight - 1st place, Don McMullen (82); 2nd place, Tom Strand (89).

7th Flight - 1st place, Rob Lauf (87); 2nd place, Bret Skalsky (89).

8th Flight - 1st place, Wayne Mathison (90); 2nd place, Mark Osland (95).

9th Flight - 1st place, Rob Parker (92); 2nd place, Bob Zimney (102)

Rookie Division - 1st place, Brent Halderson (79); 2nd place, Brent Blake (84).



Among the women who gathered at the Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn for brunch on June 8 were (l-r) Faye Helm, Shireen (Lindstrom) Grinager ('67), and Shireen's daughter, Tiffany (Grinager) Flaten (ex. '92).

**We'll see you in Detroit Lakes
June 13 & 14, 2014
for the MSU Golf Classic!**

The MSU Foundation

The purpose of the MSU Foundation is to serve as the vehicle for resource development in support of Mayville State University; and to raise, manage, and disburse funds for the sole benefit of Mayville State University-approved needs. The Comet Athletic Club and the Alumni Association operate under the umbrella of the MSU Foundation.

For more information about the work of the MSU Foundation, please contact MSU Director of Development John J. Klocke at 701-788-4787.

Want to increase your charitable gift by 50%?

A million dollars of matching funds will reward Mayville State supporters' gifts and pledges.

The 63rd North Dakota Legislative Assembly created an amazing new program to spur philanthropic giving to North Dakota State universities and enhance academic excellence. The new program and funding, called "The Matching Fund for Enhanced Academics," will provide a 50% match for each and every dollar donated to the Mayville State University Foundation for approved projects between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014.

"We are incredibly grateful to the North Dakota legislators and to the grants committee for this fund for approving up to \$1,000,000 in matching fund potential. This fund will be a transformative game-changer for Mayville State University," said John J. Klocke, director of development for the Mayville State University Foundation.

Klocke added that the foresight of these legislators creates the possibility to elevate academics throughout the state. "We were pleased that three projects President Hagen and I presented to the grants committee on Aug. 5 were approved for our immediate fundraising." The three parts of the fundraising will coincide with the 125th anniversary of Mayville State University, and together will be called the Mayville State University 125th Anniversary Foundation for Educational Excellence Campaign. The campaign will allow donors to contribute to one of three fund areas:

1. The 125th Anniversary Endowment for Excellence Fund. Individuals, businesses, and foundations can create a named endowment or contribute any amount from a dollar or more to an existing endowment through this program. Every dollar given, up to \$1,333,333, will be given a 50% match, creating a potential for \$2,000,000 in new endowment funding. This could allow for 60 or more new academic scholarships per year. Contributors can also make a pledge of up to seven years and have the entire pledge amount matched. Combine this program with the N.D. Endowment Tax Credit, which allows donors to receive a 40% state tax credit on endowment gifts of \$5,000 or more, and donors can leverage philanthropy tremendously. Endowments can be academic or endowments to fund specific educational programs. (Non-athletic.)

2. The 125th Anniversary Academic Excellence Scholarship Fund. Individuals, businesses, and foundations can help fund this drive to create a higher number of annual academic scholarships to attract more students and fuel MSU's continued new levels of high enrollment. Every dollar given, up to \$133,500, will receive a 50% match, creating a potential of \$200,000 to be awarded in 2014 or 2015, depending upon gift date. (Non-athletic.)

3. The 125th Anniversary Rural Nursing Excellence RN to BSN Fund. Individuals, businesses, and foundations can help fund this newly approved RN to BSN degree program. Every dollar given, up to \$333,000, will be given a 50% match, creating a potential for \$500,000 to develop, plan, staff, and accept nursing students by 2015 or sooner. This fund will carry the program to a level of self-sustainment. When fully functional and at capacity, the program will graduate 24-48 new nurses with BSN degrees each year to help alleviate the rural nursing shortage, especially in Traill County and throughout North Dakota.

"This new program has the potential to take MSU's academic excellence to an entirely new level through the increased support this matching grant offers," said MSU President Gary Hagen. "We are deeply grateful to the Legislature and look forward to the potential increase in philanthropy it will create."

Interested to know how you can participate with your gifts?

"To make a qualified eligible gift, there is one key qualifier," said Klocke. "A special gift form indicating that the gift is to one of the 125th Anniversary Campaign

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Things are developing

by John J. Klocke, CFRE

*MSU Director of Development
and Planned Giving*



Alumni and friends benefit MSU students at new record levels

As the director of development for the past year-and-a-half, it is with deepest thanks that I make a report to our loyal Comet alumni and friends. There is so much good news, it's hard to know where to start, so I'll start with you. As alumni and friends, more than 1,200 of you made gifts to our scholarship drives, memorial program, phonathons, annual fund drive, endowments, Comet Athletic Club, Music Makers Club, Victory Program, and Comet Connections for Business. Many also gave to the completion of the renovation phase of Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. Thank you!

One hundred percent of our executive board, 100% of our trustees, and 100% of our MSU President's Cabinet made significant gifts to support MSU. Nationally, 10-15% is the average percentage of employees who make a gift to support the work of their own non-profit. At MSU? Try 45%! Thank you, faculty, staff, Cabinet, and members of our board! It all starts with your example, and you have led the way.

The beginning of the 2012-2013 fiscal year started off with a \$340,000 gift from the Margaret and Edson Larson Foundation to help complete the Larson Alumni and Leadership Center, which, as I look out the window, now is really taking shape, with sidewalks being poured and a new electrical transformer being hoisted onto the property. Soon the reality of a home for alumni to meet and greet will be a reality!

Many of you took advantage of the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit and either increased an existing endowment fund or started a new one with a gift of \$5,000 or more, and to your benefit, received a 40% state tax credit.

Several of you took advantage of the IRA Charitable Gift Rollover Act which runs through the end of this year and allows donors to take out up to \$100,000 a year from an IRA without paying any income tax on the distribution. Combine this with the N.D. Endowment Tax Credit, and you have made some serious impact for students.

And now on top of all this good news comes the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund that provides up to one million dollars of matching funds for your gifts in the coming 18 months! That is so generous it's hard to fathom. The details to how your gifts this year can receive a 50% match are in an article on pages 29 and 31.

Hundreds of you visited our new planned giving website at www.msugift.org and learned important things for your family on the subject of getting a will or estate plan done. Still others visited the site and inquired about our new gift annuity program that provides very nice guaranteed lifetime rates of income return as high as 9% a year.

So, we started with you and your generosity. Add to that a team of dedicated MSU Foundation professionals including Beth Swenson, Michelle McLean, and Meghan Hovde, all working to help students achieve the dream of education.

Our faculty are the best in the region. Their personal attention to students has gained them national notoriety. Yet some students still need to find a way to say "yes" to Mayville State University recruiters like Jim Morowski or Carmen Pena. Sometimes, despite the fact that we have one of the most affordable rates of tuition in the state, scholarships are often the difference-maker for students who could not otherwise afford to go to college.

It all comes back to you. This year your generosity helped 350 students receive a scholarship of some amount. Because of you, \$464,707 was awarded in scholarships, and for every one of the dollars you gave to the annual fund drive, our staff was able to raise six more! Now that is impact! We are just getting started with a new day at the MSU Foundation. Thanks to you, more than \$950,000 was raised to support students and faculty at Mayville State University. You helped us become and retain the title of "School of Personal Service!"

With the upcoming celebration of our 125th anniversary, the future is looking so bright I think I better get out my shades. Give me a call and set up a time to stop by and visit. The coffee pot is always on.

Thankfully yours,

John J. Klocke
Director of Development

Got a will? If you need a will created or an old will updated, the best place to start is the free estate-planning website offered to alumni and friends of MSU! Watch videos, take estate quizzes, and test your knowledge. Find an estate-planning professional. Learn what you need to know to accomplish the important goal of completing a will. Visit our new 24/7 website with no obligation at all.

www.msugift.org

Planned gift spotlight: the charitable gift annuity

Do you know what your annual income will be at retirement?

You may be placing your hopes in Social Security or funding an IRA or 401k plan, but your investments are subject to market fluctuations and may not get you to your target income. One way to have certainty about your future is to create a charitable gift annuity.

A gift annuity can be created by transferring your cash or appreciated property to the MSU Foundation. We create a contract with you and promise to pay you fixed income, starting now or in the future. Your payments never change, and a portion of your income could be tax-free.

How does a gift annuity work? Let's say you are 78 years old. Your gift annuity rate is 6.4%. If you fund a charitable gift annuity with \$10,000, you will receive \$640 every year for the rest of your life. When that same charitable gift annuity is funded with \$100,000, your lifetime income could be \$6,400 annually. If you transfer \$1,000,000, your income could rise to \$64,000 annually.

In addition to cash, a gift annuity can be funded with securities or even hard-to-sell real estate. One idea is to exchange your underperforming CDs, stocks, or municipal

bonds for the generous fixed payment of a charitable gift annuity this year.

The benefits of creating a charitable gift annuity this year don't stop with the income. You will enjoy a charitable tax deduction. The larger your gift annuity income, the more you can receive tax-free. Call or e-mail us to inquire about your gift annuity rate (based on your age) and your income and tax savings. With a gift annuity, you can enjoy a lifetime of dependable payments while helping the MSU Foundation continue its good work.

To learn more about gift annuities and find out what guaranteed rate you would qualify for based on your age, call John Klocke at 701-788-4787, visit the MSU planned giving website at www.msugift.org, or fill out and return the request form found in this issue of MSU Today.

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Funds is required so that a proper totaling of gifts can be done. Optionally, a donor can write the name of the campaign fund area as indicated above on the memo line of their gift, in lieu of the gift form. Klocke is also available to meet with MSU alumni and friends to help with the creation of new endowment funds or making gifts to increase existing endowment funds. To qualify, gifts must be given after July 1 of this year through December 31, 2014. Gift pledges to the three funds of up to seven years are also acceptable.

"We are extremely excited for the potential this gives to our supporters who may want to create a named endowment," said Klocke. "Our minimum is \$15,000 for a named endowment. With this program, a gift of \$10,000 pledged over a period of up to seven years will receive a 50% match, thus bringing the endowment to a fully funded level."

For the convenience of our alumni and friends, a special gift form for the 125th Anniversary Academic Excellence Campaign is available online or by calling the MSU Foundation office at 701-788-4687 or by e-mailing michelle.mclean@mayvillestate.edu. Simply write down your immediate or pledged gift and check the fund or funds you would like your gift to benefit. By December 31, 2014, all gifts given to one of the funds will receive the 50% match.

For more information, call John Klocke at 701-788-4787 or e-mail him at john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.

Join the Blue Crew!

Would you like to help the Mayville State University Foundation on fun projects and events as we work to help students achieve the dream of a college education? Maybe the Blue Crew is for you! If you are age 15 to 100, you could be a member of our new volunteer group called "The Blue Crew." The MSU Foundation is always looking for alumni or friends from the community who could help with special events, or perhaps office work for a mailing, or data entry on a computer. The needs vary, and we can guarantee you will have a good experience and be treated well for your gift of time. We realize that the gift of time is a preferred way for many folks to make a difference, and the MSU Foundation can definitely make use of that type of help on a variety of projects throughout the year. If you'd like to find out more, call Michelle McLean, donor services representative, at the Foundation office, 701-788-4687, or you can send her an e-mail at michelle.mclean@mayvillestate.edu. Let her know what type of volunteering you are interested in and how many hours you have to share, and she'll see what opportunities might fit. The Blue Crew would love to have you!



The MSU Foundation has been very fortunate to have benefitted from the generosity of volunteer extraordinaire Jayda Zacharias. For more than a year, Jayda has logged hundreds of volunteer hours while assisting with the clerical and other tasks of the MSU Foundation office. She is pictured here (far left) with staff members Michelle McLean (center) and Meghan Hovde (right). The trio was greeting guests at the Honor Society President's Dinner in November of 2012.



Tisha Lopez, band and choir member and Student Senate president from Clarissa, Minn.

Music Makers strikes a new chord

Music Makers

As the second year of the new Music Makers club wrapped up, it was clear that music scholarships ended on a new high note. This meant that more than 80 students in band or choir received a scholarship.

That is 100% of students in band or choir. Music Makers made it possible for audiences to attend fantastic fall, holiday, and spring concerts. Comments from many concert attendees included, "Mike Bakken has taken these kids to a level of performance we have not seen before!" "Way to go, Mike, and staff, for making music ring throughout the halls of MSU!"

As the year wrapped up on June 30, more than 60 donors gave over \$43,327. Of that amount, \$21,000 was given to permanent music endowments to help students add the dimension of music to their MSU experience. This year, in addition to the regular concerts, the Madrigal Feast, performed every other year, will be a holiday classic you won't want to miss. The Madrigal Feasts will be performed Dec. 6 and 7, and tickets will be available to parents, the general public, and alumni by going to www.mayvillestate.edu/madrigal. Check out this year's menu and performance time. This is always a sell-out, so order early! You can also order tickets by calling 701-788-4687.

The annual Music Makers' goal is \$25,000 in annual support. See who all of our wonderful supporters for last year's campaign were at www.mayvillestate.edu/musicmakers.

Use the tear-off coupon in this magazine to make your gift to Music Makers, or make your gift online at www.mayvillestate.edu/musicmakers.

Farmers Bowl 2013

Saturday, Sept. 21 • Mayville

"Back Behind the Barn" 5K Run/Walk Parade • Corn on the Cob & Hot Dog Feed
Titan Machinery Farmers Bowl Football Game • Auction

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Executive Committee position available

Are you an alum or friend who believes in the mission of Mayville State University and who is seeking a professional leadership volunteer experience, a way to give back to your alma mater? The executive committee of the MSU Foundation periodically seeks members for three-year terms. Board members give advice, input, and influence, and help our Foundation to be effective and supportive to MSU. The best part is, with phone technology, you can reside in any part of the country and be a member of our executive committee ... or if you live nearby, you can attend the meetings in person. There are three meetings per year, and many opportunities to share your unique gifts with the MSU Foundation. Of course, there is more to tell, but if you have an interest, simply call Director of Development John J. Klocke at 701-788-4787, or e-mail John at john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu, and he can give you more information and send a board member job description for your perusal. Not ready now, but maybe in the future? Give us a call and request the description so you can put it on your professional volunteer bucket list. We have a great board of directors and there has never been a more exciting time of positive, successful momentum! Call John today.



This photo of Foundation board members was taken in March of 2012. In the back (l-r) are Kelly Morrison, Brent Freeland, Paul Batesel, Brent Kohls, Jon Ewen, and John Klocke. Pictured in the front are Beth Swenson, Meghan Hovde, Cheryl Simmons, Betsy Ewen (former board member), Shireen Grinager, Gary Hagen, and Michelle McLean.

A big thank you to the MSU Foundation board

We are thankful to have absolutely the best executive committee and trustee board of directors. Through their efforts, the MSU Foundation has been able to support thousands of students since its inception. If you have received a scholarship at Mayville State University, then you can join us in thanking them for their outstanding leadership. We couldn't do what we do without them. Here are our current members:

Executive Committee: Jon Ewen (president), Corey McGillis (vice president), Shireen Grinager (secretary), Brent Kohls (treasurer), Paul Batesel, Shannon Bergstrom, Jeff Braaten (ex-officio), Brent Freeland, Gary Hagen (ex-officio), Meghan Hovde (ex-officio), John J. Klocke (ex-officio), Michelle McLean (ex-officio), Kelly Morrison (ex-officio), Ernie Strube, Beth Swenson (ex-officio).

Trustees: Terry Bachmeier, Dawn Cruff, Dianna Krogstad, Broc Lietz, Craig Richie, Cheryl Simmons, Connie Tharaldson, Paul Twenge, Matthew Worner.

Fun was had by all on Alumni Day 2013!



Foundation Board members Corey McGillis ('92), Shannon Bergstrom ('93), and Paul Batesel (retired faculty) served ice cream.



Kelly Morrison ('76) sold raffle tickets for the 2013 Farmers Bowl watercolor painting by Doug Anderson.



Alumni Lucia (Holum) Jacobson ('74), Mary (Hanson) Iverson ('68), Doug Anderson ('74), and Connie (Christianson) Kaldor ('94) enjoyed the reception to honor the Alumni Association honorees and MSU retirees.



Debbie and Gary Hagen represented Mayville State in their Model A in May-Port's Summerfest parade.

Homecoming 2013 October 11-13

Join in honoring these Hall of Fame Inductees during Homecoming 2013 festivities!



Athletic Hall of Fame

Top (l-r): Rodney Anderson, Allan D. Larson, Ron Ness, Michael Sly.

Left: Cedric Weatherspoon.

See story on page 16.



Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame

Top (l-r): Jim Bisenius, Dan Carr, David Hanson, John Hutchison.

Left: Bob Zimney.

See story on page 16.



Performing Arts Hall of Fame

Top (l-r): Francis Colby; Dennis Connolly; Joann Ewen; Clark Ewen.

Middle: Gene Gaffney; Vernon Gerig, Jr.; Merwyn Green; Christopher Jones;

Bottom: Olaf Ringerud.

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**Renovation at the Larson
Alumni and Leadership Center
is nearing completion!**

Stop for a "sneak peek" during homecoming festivities!

Saturday, October 12

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.