

Mary (Spies) Stocking ('87) and her husband Tom took over the Pizza Shop business in Mayville when Mary's mother, Marge Spies, retired in 2001. Flooding severely damaged the building this last spring. The inside of the building needed to be redone, right down to the studs, a project that kept the business closed for about two-and-a-half months. The Stockings are back in business serving up that infamous Pizza Shop pizza.

Craig Erickson ('88) was named the Fargo (N.D.) Teacher of the Year in the spring of 2009. He is the marketing teacher and DECA advisor at Fargo North High School. He was one of four finalists for North Dakota Teacher of the Year in 2009.

Kim (Domier) Holder ('89) of Kindred, N.D. is serving on the Mayville State Division of Business and CIS Advisory Board. She is a human resource manager with Microsoft in Fargo, N.D.

Daniel ('89) and Michelle (Miller) ('91) Nybo, of Leeds, N.D. welcomed a baby boy December 11, 2007. Leif Donald Jon Nybo joins sister, Grace.

Neil Trottier ('89) is superintendent at the Kickapoo Nation School in Powhattan, Kan.

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Tamara (Shepherd) Manchester ('90) of Moreno Valley, Calif. welcomed a healthy baby boy, Dakota William, on November 23, 2007.

Pennie (Hertwig) Reinke ('90) is a city carrier for the United States Postal Service in Valley City, N.D.

Lane Curry ('91) is principal of Rosenfeld Elementary School, a K-6 school in Rosenfeld, Manitoba.

Bonnie (Swenson) Irvine ('91) and her husband Jessie are the parents of a daughter, Bailey Sue, born March 13, 2009. She joins a big brother, Brayden, who is three years old.



Bailey Sue Irvine.

Nick Amb ('92) is mayor of the city of Karlstad, Minn.

Jason Deitchler ('92) lives in Fargo, N.D. His son, Jake Deitchler, competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics as part of the Greco-Roman wrestling team. When he was a student, Jason wrestled for Mayville State.

Robert McCulley ('92) and his wife Marlene are the parents of two children, Madeline Grace and Carter Reed.

Jim Richardson ('92) is an account executive with FedEx Express Canada. Addison Grace Annie Richardson was born December 23, 2007 to Jim and his wife Melanie. She joins a big sister, Alicia.

Julie (Enger) Winger ('92) is the chief financial officer/business office manager at the Luther Memorial Home in Mayville. She was previously a development associate with the MSU Foundation.

Mark Holman ('93, '00) is the library director at Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, N.D. A new student support center and library was recently dedicated there. Mark earned his master's degree in library science from Emporia, Kan. a few years ago.

Corby Kemmer ('94) of Crookston, Minn. is Director of Development, Alumni Relations and Chief Development Officer at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. In the winter of 2008, he was nominated for the President's Emerging Leaders program.

Dr. James Mehus ('94) and his wife Wendy (Garrett) are the parents of a daughter, Zoey Bella Mehus, born March 13, 2009. She was welcomed home by brothers Chantz and Noah and sisters Haley, Anna, and Tatum.

Jeff Watts ('94) is superintendent of Hope and Page (N.D.) School Districts. He and his wife Betsy became parents of a daughter, Haylee Rose, born on September 17, 2007.

Matthew Worner ('94) of Alexandria, Va. graduated with a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) on May 9, 2008.

Dylan ('95) and Heidi (Groth) ('95) Abler are the parents of a daughter, Ella Marie, born December 13, 2008. She joins brothers and sisters Taylor, Devon, Colvin, Nova, Simon, and Dayton.

Amy Amsden ('95) and Christopher Cain were married on October 18, 2008. Amy is teaching fourth grade in Mankato, Minn.

Joel Barta ('95) of New London, Minn. is coaching baseball at Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minn.

Darin Everson ('95) is managing the Class A Greensboro (N.C.) Grasshoppers, a Florida Marlins farm club. Prior to this, he spent two years with the Jamestown (N.D.) Jammers.

Roger Petersen ('95) is a distribution analyst at United Sugars Corporation in Moorhead, Minn.

Emmaline (Heuer) Tretter ('95) is the administrator/CEO of St. Catherine's Living Center, Wahpeton, N.D. She was previously administrator at Lake Country Manor, Devils Lake, N.D., Prairie Rose Assisted Living, Lakota, N.D., and Hubbard Care Center, Hubbard, Iowa.



Kent Anderson.

Kent Anderson ('96) is an ag and business banker with American Federal at the Fargo South banking location. He holds a master's degree in management from the University of Mary. His wife **Audra (Duval)**

('98) is an administrative assistant with the Fargo chapter of the American Cancer Society. They have two children, Isaac and Kate.

Jennifer (Strom) Berger ('96) of Grand Forks, N.D. is working as a paramedic with Altru Health System. She and her husband Dave are parents of a son, Alex, and a daughter, Ashley.

Kimberly (Damlo) Cameron ('96) and her husband Brad welcomed twins February 5, 2008. Braxtyn Drue and Kenady Suzan joined big brothers Bennet and Kayne.

Tim Grove ('96) of Morris, Minn. is head women's basketball coach at the University of Minnesota, Morris. He and his wife Kristen have two children, Madelyn, born in May of 2005, and Tyson, born in July of 2007.

James Simmons ('96) and his wife Michelle of St. Cloud, Minn. welcomed their daughter, Autumn Beverly Simmons, on July 17, 2008.

Eric Nygaard ('97) is a school counselor for grades K-6 at May-Port CG School District. He has earned a master's degree from NDSU. Eric's wife **Wanda (Johnson) ('92)** is a Title I teacher at Peter Boe, Jr. Elementary School in Mayville. They are the parents of two children.

Dr. Ronald Reilkoff ('97) of New Haven, Conn. graduated from the Yale Internal Medicine Residency Program on June 9, 2008. His wife **Thea (Kaldor) ('97)** is Director of External Relations at Yale School of Engineering & Applied Science in New Haven. She was contributing author and editor of the inaugural issue of the Yale Engineering Digital Magazine. You can view the magazine at www.seas.yale.edu/publication/fall2009/index.htm. The Reilkoffs have two daughters, Avery, age 5, and Alex, age 3.

Tara (Grabanski) Taylor ('03) is a commercial loan operations supervisor at Alerus Financial in Grand Forks, N.D.

Greg Ash ('04) is an assistant manager at one of the busiest Holiday Station Stores in the state of Minnesota. He lives at Eagan, Minn.

Brian Barnes ('04) is the recreation coordinator for Berthold (Colo.) Parks and Recreation Department.

Gretchen (Tollefson) ('04) and **Lukas Dziengel ('04)** are the parents of a daughter,



Claire Dziengel.

Claire LaVonne, born April 10, 2009. Gretchen is a Unix administrator for Allied Building products in Fargo, N.D. Lukas is in tech support at Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota/Noridian, also in Fargo.

Piotrek Paprocki (ex. '04) and his wife Heidi hosted former NBA assistant coach Dick Helm in the spring of 2009. They traveled in Poland for ten days, visiting basketball clubs and sports universities in Warsaw, Crakow, and Kaowice. Coach Helm spoke on leadership and influence. Papi and Heidi are the parents of a son, Nikodem.

Jamie Wirth ('04) was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Valley City (N.D.) State University Student Senate in the spring of 2009. The award is given annually to a professor who shows dedication to the students of VCSU through innovative teaching methods and continued professional development both inside and outside of the classroom. Jamie is an instructor in the VCSU Department of Mathematics. Before joining the faculty at VCSU, he taught high school math for four years in Wyndmere, N.D., where he also served as head boys basketball coach for three years.

Tasha Ziegler ('04) of Bismarck, N.D. has been teaching intermediate algebra and college algebra at Bismarck State College.

Derek Beaudry ('05) is an agriculture banker at Bremer Bank in Grand Forks, N.D. He has five years of agricultural lending experience, and earned a master's degree in business from the University of Mary in Bismarck following his graduation from Mayville State.

Jerrold Bergstrom ('05) of Minot, N.D. married Dena Benge on July 12, 2008.

Betty Binsfeld ('05) and **Bryce Jacobson ('05)** were married on August 2, 2008.

Nicole (Staven) Bonds ('05), Norwood, Mo., has earned a master of education degree from Williamswood College. She plans to further her education by pursuing a degree in speech pathology at Missouri State University.

Charlie Gerszewski ('05) is assistant principal at Aldine Middle School in Aldine ISD, Houston, Texas.

Sandra Gowan ('05) of Thompson, N.D. married Marc Fetsch on May 31, 2008.

Mandy Heuchert ('05) teaches 6th grade at Cavalier, N.D.

Travis Klabo ('05) of Fargo, N.D. is serving on the Mayville State Division of Business and CIS Advisory Board. He is an analyst/programmer with Noridian of Fargo, N.D.

Aubrey Madler ('05) of Grand Forks, N.D. completed her Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University in August, 2008.

Jodi Schroeder ('05) operates her own day care center in Oakes, N.D.

Sarah Wisthoff ('05) is applying the technology skills she acquired at Mayville State in her fourth grade classroom at South Elementary in West Fargo, N.D. All teachers in the West Fargo district were issued notebook laptops last fall. Wisthoff says she uses laptops in her classroom on a daily basis. She says, "The more familiar (students) are (with technology), the better. Anytime you use technology ... they're so excited."

Meghan Derksen ('06) is employed at The First & Farmers Bank, Mayville and Portland, N.D.

Preston Zachariah Dean Dockter was born October 28, 2008 to **Katie (Karlstad) Dockter ('06)** and the late **Preston Dockter ('06)**, Pahrump, Nev. Preston was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident early in October of 2008.

Ashley Hanson ('06) is a regional representative for EF Education, an international travel company providing world-wide educational tours. Her region includes Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and the Dakota. She is living in Denver, Colo.

Shannon (Kazeck) Kalash ('06) of Gardner, N.D. married Curtis Kalash on April 14, 2007.

Jamie Klemisch ('06) and **Matthew Rarick ('06)** of Drayton, N.D. were married October 25, 2008. They are both employed by the Drayton Public School.

Heidi McMillan ('06) completed a master's degree at NDSU last spring. She is working as a recreational director.

Katie Svoboda ('06) of Grand Forks, N.D. has joined Choice Financial as a customer service representative.

Kayla Brown ('07) of Grand Forks, N.D. married Andrew Sorbo on July 12, 2008.

Eric Deisler ('07) of Grand Forks, N.D. has been promoted by U.S. Bank to relationship manager in the Business Banking department.

Haley Fore ('07) and Paul Stinar were married November 8, 2008. The couple resides in East Grand Forks, Minn.

Kailey Kasprick ('07) and **Kelly Restad ('08)** were married July 4, 2009. Kailey teaches fourth grade in Minto, N.D. Kelly is employed with the North Dakota University System as a learning technology specialist. The couple resides in Grand Forks, N.D.

Jenna Langerud ('07) and Ryan Kemnitz were married October 24, 2009. Jenna is a first grade teacher at Century Elementary in Grafton, N.D.

Sara Lauritsen ('07) and **David Schneck ('07)** of Houston, Texas, were married August 9, 2008 in West Fargo, N.D.

Cassandra Austfjord ('08) of Eagan, Minn. married Dustin Doyle on July 5, 2008.

Misti (Holte) Baker ('08) is a property operations specialist with Alerus Financial in Grand Forks, N.D.

Chad Baldock ('08) is a credit analyst for Western State Bank.

Jessica Davey ('08) attended graduate school at Indiana University in Pennsylvania. She is currently teaching in Casa Grande in Arizona.

Rebecca Evans ('08) and **Ken Hayden ('08)** were married August 2, 2008.

Amy Evenson ('08) and **Kyle Swenson ('09)** were married June 13, 2009.

Jodi Langlois ('08) and **Zachary Skovlund (ex. '08)** were married November 21, 2009. Jodi and Zach are employed at Welu Dental Laboratories in Fargo, N.D.

Sarah Mach ('08) and Josh Overby were married November 29, 2008.

Roberta (Charette) Mastin ('08) is a child protection worker with White Earth ICW. She resides with her husband Reuben and two children in Twin Valley, Minn.

Abby Mooney ('08) and Kolt Hjelmstad were married August 8, 2009. Abby is a teacher at Standing Rock Elementary in Fort Yates, N.D.

Heather Olson ('08) and Jared Hoyt were married October 3, 2009. Heather is employed

in the office of distance and extended learning at Mayville State.

Travis Stegman ('08) has joined AgCountry Farm Credit Services as an associate loan officer serving customers in the Cavalier, N.D. area.

Scott ('08) and **Lindsee (Adams) ('07)**

Theis, Taylorville, Utah, are the parents of a son, Colton Joseph Theis, born August 30, 2009.

Paul Waterman ('08) has played in the German baseball league during both summers since he graduated from Mayville State. He



Paul Waterman.

was in Mannheim last year and Gauting (near Munich) this year. He played in Melbourne, Australia between the two summers. He played in the world cup for the Great Britain national baseball team in September.

Drew Bergerson ('09) was married in August of 2009. He began employment with AT&T in September.

Dan Knox ('09) is a pitcher with the Tucson (Ariz.) Toros baseball team. He was named a Golden Baseball League all-star in July.

David Moe ('09) and Sheena Kindseth were married June 6, 2009. Dave is the assistant women's basketball coach at Mayville State.

Jessica Tack ('09) and **Joshua Westra ('09)** were married June 20, 2009.

We Mourn Their Loss ...

In addition to grieving for alumni and friends of the college who are no longer with us, we at Mayville State mourn the loss of colleagues. Sadly, that includes John "Jack" Sand, Tom Iverson, Jeff Grimm, and Lee Vinje.

Jack Sand, 73, died July 2, 2008 at Rosewood on Broadway in Fargo, N.D. A 1961 MSU graduate, Jack taught in McHenry and Grafton, N.D. before joining the business division faculty in 1968. He earned a master's degree from UND. After a five-year stint at the Goose River Bank in Mayville, Jack returned to MSU to be the chair of the division. He retired in 1993. Jack was dedicated to Mayville State and earned recognition for his support of the business organizations Phi Beta Lambda and Future Business Leaders of America. His wife, Janice, a longtime MSU employee, now lives in Fargo. Jack and Janice have four sons and six grandchildren.

H. Thomas "Tom" Iverson, 67, lost his battle with cancer on January 5, 2009. A 1963 MSU graduate, Tom earned a master's degree in mathematics from NDSU in 1965. He taught for more than 40 years in the high schools in Larimore, St. Thomas and May-Port, all in North Dakota. He was

a part-time mathematics teacher at MSU for a number of years. Tom and his wife Mary, who was MSU's registrar for 28 years, are parents of MSU graduates Kenn and Tami. They have two granddaughters. In addition to being a well-respected mathematics teacher, for years Tom was known as the Comet men's basketball player who held the record for scoring the most points in a national NAIA tournament game.

Jeff Grimm, 66, died on March 15, 2009 when he was overcome by health complications brought on by cancer. A professor of psychology at MSU from 1991 to 2001, Jeff will also be remembered for his musical talents. That included playing the trumpet at meal-times when the campus was a flood recovery site following the disastrous Flood of 1997. He was active in church, community, music, and education circles wherever he lived. His education background includes a degree in music, attending the seminary, earning a doctorate in education, and, most recently, pursuing a longtime goal of being an independent educator by offering classes in psychology, religion, and spirituality. After leaving MSU in 2001 Jeff, who then chose to be called Liam, moved with his wife Joan to Campbell River, British Columbia.

S. Lee Vinje, Portland, N.D., died February 21, 2009. A graduate of Finley, (N.D.) High School, Lee attended NDSU and graduated from the UND law school in 1968. After serving in the U. S. Army, he began practicing law in Mayville. He was a part-time instructor in the business division at MSU for many years.

Well-known for his wit and warm personality, Lee was a much-sought-after emcee for various events. He served as the Portland city attorney for 30 years and was on Mayville's Union Hospital board and Portland's First and Farmers Bank board for many years. He was also active as a Mason and a Shriner. He is survived by his wife Sheryl, Portland; a daughter, Sara Triggs; a son, Eric; and five grandchildren.

Blessed be the memories of Jack, Tom, Jeff, and Lee.

Kruger Enjoying Retirement

Dr. Bob Kruger, Mayville State Professor Emeritus of Biology, retired in 2006. He has returned to Lindsborg, Kan., the home of his undergraduate alma mater, Bethany College. Kruger says he loves the cultural scene and brick streets, but jokes that "you could volunteer yourself to death in this town." He regularly helps with mailings, data entry, filing, events, and even weeding flower beds on the Bethany campus. He copy-edits the Bethany Magazine and helps cover the alumni office when needed. Dr. Kruger continues to enjoy bird watching and participates in lots of volksmarches.



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