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**Longtime Mayville family will name NW Hall alumni center;
announcement will be made during Homecoming 2012.**





Mayville State Homecoming 2012

Friday, October 12

Northern Lights Art Gallery Open House

See the work of Naomi (Lindaas) Roisum, Mayville native and 1998 Mayville State graduate. Visit with Naomi and enjoy refreshments. No admission fee.

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

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner *

Join in honoring this year's inductees, the 2002 baseball team, Jason Deitchler ('92), and Bruce Weinreich ('79).

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

Alumni & Friends Social

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

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

Saturday, October 13

Northwest Hall Announcement

Stop by for a donut and coffee and hear the latest on what's happening at MSU, including a big NW Hall announcement.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., MSU Campus Center Foyer

Homecoming Parade

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

10:00 a.m., Downtown Mayville

Alumni Volleyball Game

Join in the fun as the current team gets together with alumni for what is sure to be a spirited match.

10:30 a.m., Lewy Lee Fieldhouse

Campus Tours

See the great campus updates, including Agassiz Hall, the new Department of Education & Psychology facility, the newly renovated library and science buildings, and Old Main.

11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Meet at Campus Center Foyer.

Saturday, October 13 (continued)

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon *

Enjoy lunch with the 2012 Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees, Ron Carlson ('74), Dennis Horner ('63), Kay Olson-Rabel ('70), Richard Strand ('70), and Ken Towers ('61).

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

Homecoming Football Game Mayville State University vs. Cole College

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 & Business & CIS Alumni, Faculty, & Staff Reunion All Alumni & Friends Are Welcome!

Call your friends. Bring some memories. Greet the Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees. Business & CIS alumni ... meet your former classmates, professors, and friends! 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 KT Hall in Portland.

Sunday, October 14

Homecoming Concert

Top off the weekend with a concert featuring the MSU Concert Choir and Band.

2:00 p.m., Classroom Building Auditorium

*** 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 October 1.**

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On the cover: Mayville State students pose with President Hagen beside Mayville State's newest addition, signage that marks the edge of campus at Third Street and Third Avenue. Fashioned after the columns that grace the entrance to Old Main, the structure was designed by Doug Anderson ('74). A soon-to-be-placed light fixture will add the finishing touch to the middle column.

Pictured (l-r) are: Taylor Olson, Marcella Biho, Jesse Wahlin, President Gary Hagen, Niralee Ranchod, Gerald Cabagua, and Nisa Rajput.

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Dr. Gary Hagen.

Dear alumni and friends,

The exciting times continue at Mayville State University! The facilities and grounds are beautiful. The campus is a-buzz with activity. We look forward to the new school year with optimism and enthusiasm.

Mayville State University experienced a large increase in enrollment for the summer session of 2012,

marking the university's largest summer headcount enrollment since 1931. Headcount enrollment was up nearly 20% when compared with last year. The number of full-time and part-time students increased 11% and 23% respectively over 2011 counts. The full-time equivalent figure grew by 18% over last year.

At the time of this writing, the number of applications for admission received for the fall semester of 2012 was up 11% over 2011. This, combined with the fact that many of the students enrolled in the high enrollment summer session will continue as students in the fall semester, puts Mayville State on pace to break enrollment records again this fall. The 1,000-student headcount mark could very well be reached this fall.

Housing staff are working hard to make the best possible accommodations for students. On-campus hall capacity is 300 beds. Some of the family housing units and faculty apartments on campus will be occupied by single students this fall.

Because of the improved facilities and the increase in campus programming, more students are choosing to live on campus than in the past. Students who had been living off campus have moved back on campus, and more students who would normally have moved off campus after their sophomore year are choosing to stay on campus. (Freshmen and sophomores are required to live on campus, except in special situations, such as living at home with parents.)

We're talking with local investors about possible new campus housing projects, and plans are to begin work this fall with an architect who will help determine the actual campus housing needs.

I encourage you to come to campus and see for yourself the improvements that have been made. You're welcome to come any time, but it would be especially great to see you during the homecoming festivities. Join us in the Campus Center Foyer at 9:00 a.m. Oct. 13 and hear the latest news from Mayville State. Stay all day and join in the fun at the social planned for KT Hall that evening. All alumni and friends are invited to attend, and a special invitation is extended to Division of Business and CIS alumni and former faculty and staff of the division.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Hagen
President

Come "Home" for Homecoming 2012

You are cordially invited to join us at Mayville State University October 12-14 for Homecoming festivities.

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Jason Deitchler ('92), Bruce Weinreich ('79), and the 2002 baseball team will be honored at the annual Hall of Fame dinner Friday evening.

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees Ron Carlson ('74), Dennis Horner ('63), Kay Olson-Rabel ('70), Richard Lee Strand ('70), and Ken Towers ('61) will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday.

You'll want to be there when a big announcement is made in the MSU Campus Center Foyer at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Refreshments will be served, and you'll have plenty of time to get to the parade.

Cheer on the Comets as they face Cole College in the big game at Jerome Berg Field!

A special invitation is extended to the alumni and current and former faculty of the Division of Business and Computer Information Systems. There will be a reunion for these folks at the KT Hall in Portland after the football game. All alumni and friends are invited to join in the fun as this is the site for the all-alumni reunion and social too.

See the complete schedule of activities planned for Homecoming 2012 on the front inside cover of this issue of MSU Today. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Contact Director of Alumni Affairs Beth Swenson at 701-788-4750 or beth.swenson@mayvillestate.edu for more information.



Chancellor Shirvani visits Mayville State

North Dakota University System Chancellor Hamid Augustine Shirvani visited Mayville State July 16. While on campus he was able to take a tour and meet with President Hagen and his cabinet. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Keith Stenehjelm, vice president for academic affairs; President Dr. Gary Hagen; Chancellor Shirvani; Mike Moore, athletic director; Steven Bensen, vice president for business affairs; and John Klocke, director of development.

Shirvani was named chancellor of the NDUS in March. He began his appointment July 1.

Commencement 2012: brunch, diplomas, big smiles

The 120th commencement exercises were held at Mayville State Saturday, May 12, 2012. The day's activities included the traditional graduation brunch, the commencement ceremony, and a reception in honor of graduates.

Festivities began with the annual graduation brunch in the Campus Center Luckasen Room, where members of the

graduating class were the guests of honor. Their families and friends, together with Mayville State faculty and staff, joined them in celebrating their accomplishments. The graduation brunch, considered the first official alumni event for the graduates, is sponsored each year by the Mayville State University Alumni Association.

Student speakers at this year's graduation brunch were Jesika Henrickson, Fergus Falls, Minn.; Ashley Paquin, Mentor, Minn.; and Marcus Hagness, Pembina, N.D. Jeff Sieg, Mayville State's 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year, as selected by the Student Senate, also addressed the audience, as did Mayville State President Dr. Gary Hagen and MSU Director of Development John Klocke. Pam Soholt, member of the Alumni Association board, emceed the program.

Commencement exercises followed in the Lewy Lee Fieldhouse. Mayville State's commencement formally recognized individuals who earned or would earn bachelor's and associate's degrees following the fall semester of 2011, the spring semester of 2012, and summer sessions in 2011 and 2012. Just over 100 graduates participated in the ceremony.

The commencement address was given by retired District 20 Senator Elroy Lindaas, Mayville. Lindaas was also awarded an honorary bachelor's degree in political science during commencement exercises. Graduates Ashley Mooney, Hillsboro, N.D., and Kristen Bakkum, Mayville, spoke on behalf of their peers. State Board of Higher Education student member Robert Vallie, Fargo, brought greetings on behalf of the Board. Pastor Jeff Macejkovic of Mayville Lutheran gave the invocation and benediction.

Graduate Ashley Rae Haines' degree was presented posthumously. Her sister and parents accepted her diploma. Ashley was killed in a tragic car accident last December.

Following the commencement ceremony, Mayville State faculty, staff, and administration, together with the MSU Foundation, hosted a reception in honor of the graduates.



MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen (right) presents an honorary degree to Elroy Lindaas during commencement exercises.

Lindaas receives honorary degree

Former North Dakota District 20 Senator Elroy Lindaas was presented with an honorary baccalaureate degree in political science during Mayville State University's commencement exercises Saturday, May 12, 2012. Lindaas retired from his position as state senator in 2010. He was also keynote speaker during the annual commencement ceremony.

During his 20-year tenure, Elroy Lindaas worked tirelessly to fund K-12 and higher education. He also worked to address issues related to long-term care and the state's aging population. His colleagues in the Legislature have described him as level-headed, a strong supporter of small colleges, a hard worker, and one of the most principled legislators the state has had. Elroy has lived his entire life in the Mayville area, where he has been a successful farmer, businessman, and community member.

According to Mayville State University President Dr. Gary Hagen, "Elroy Lindaas is a man of unwavering integrity, intelligence, and dedication. It was my privilege to work with him in his role as a state senator."



These Mayville State emeritus faculty members participated in the 2012 commencement exercises. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Merwin Lyng, Dr. Paul Batesel, Dr. Rick Holman, Dr. Ron Semmens, and Dr. James Neilson.

See more commencement photos on back cover.

Longtime Mayville State University faculty retire

Commencement 2012 marked the end of distinguished college teaching careers for three longtime Mayville State University full-time faculty members, and an 11-year part-time faculty member as well. Dr. Nannette Bagstad, Darryl Gulbranson, and Terry Kemmer joined the academic procession as current faculty members for the last time at the university's commencement exercises last spring. Pete Young also retired after the spring semester.

"We have been truly blessed to have had these outstanding faculty members at Mayville State University," said MSU President Dr. Gary Hagen. "Countless numbers of students have benefited from the influence of these individuals, and in turn, the students have gone on to make a difference in the world. In addition, the impact they have made on Mayville State as an institution is huge. Their actions have helped to shape the Mayville State we all know today."

Bagstad proud of MSU's reputation for training teachers

Dr. Nannette Bagstad joined the faculty at Mayville State University in August of 1989. At retirement, she held the title of Professor of Education and was chair of the Division of Education and Psychology. She was also director of graduate studies. From 1995-2010, Dr. Bagstad served as Mayville State's National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) coordinator.

In addition to her teaching duties at Mayville, Bagstad was a member of the North Dakota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, serving as secretary/treasurer of the organization for two years. She had the responsibility of organizing and overseeing the distance elementary education program offered by Mayville State University on campuses at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, N.D., Williston (N.D.) State College, and North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, N.D. since 2005.

Named the 1993-1994 MSU Teacher of the Year, Bagstad worked on numerous campus committees. Her work on the contractors committee for the education/psychology building marks a career highlight for her. The recently completed Division of Education and Psychology building is now occupied and located in the place she had envisioned for years.

Dr. Bagstad cites the age of technology as one of the top changes she's experienced during her career. She never thought it would happen when a friend told her several years ago that some day she'd teach her classes over the computer. "But here



Longtime faculty members (l-r) Terry Kemmer, Nannette Bagstad, and Darryl Gulbranson celebrated their last commencement as current faculty members last spring.

we are," she said, "offering distance classes to students nationally and internationally."

Reflecting on her time at Mayville State, Nannette says she is proud of the reputation that Mayville State has maintained. "When I meet with prospective students, I usually ask, 'Why are you considering Mayville State?' The answer invariably is because of its reputation for training teachers."

She is happy to have been affiliated with an institution where everyone works together to accomplish what sometimes seems

impossible. "No matter what challenge is placed in our path, we are resilient. Who would have thought that we could lift ourselves out of nearly one million dollars in deficits, rebound, renovate the library, science building, and Agassiz Hall ... and build an addition that would become a new home for the Division of Education and Psychology?"

Nannette says she is ready for retirement and will seek sufficient sleep, read books, and focus on genealogy and new hobbies. She promises to return to the campus occasionally as she is leaving her Kuerig to her dear friends, so she'll have to stop by for a cup of coffee.

Darryl Gulbranson grew up knowing Mayville State

Darryl Gulbranson, affectionately known as "Gub," served MSU as an associate professor of mathematics. He began his employment as a full-time Mayville State faculty member in the fall of 1989. He had previously been a faculty member in 1966-67 as a replacement for the about-to-be Dr. Merwin Lyng, who was completing his doctoral program at Ohio State at the time.

In addition to fulfilling his teaching duties, Gub has advised students, served on committees, and also served as a vice president of the faculty senate for a brief period. He volunteered as a golf coach, before he'd even played the game. "Naturally," he says, "our 'successes' were minimal."

Gub grew up knowing Mayville State. "While growing up in 'Mayberry,' Mayville State was my primary mode for entertainment. I attended virtually all of the games, concerts, plays, (and even a few beer busts), without ever paying for any of them. Later, I was indeed fortunate to become a student at Mayville State, where I received a quality education taught by several excellent inspirational teachers, and was able to participate in several sports under a couple of legendary coaches."

Darryl is a three-time inductee into the Mayville State Athletic Hall of Fame. He was honored as an individual in 1997, and he was a member of teams that have been inducted as well,

specifically, the 1958 baseball team that competed in a national tournament and the 1961 undefeated football team. He has three times been selected “Teacher of the Year” by the MSU Student Senate. Gub received the MSU Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011.

Gulbranson summed up his Mayville State experience by saying, “Mayville State has been good to me for a long, long time. It’s been a privilege and an honor for me to return ‘home’ to MSU and close the final chapter of my professional career where it actually began. It’s all been a joy!”

Terry Kemmer proud to be a Mayville State Comet

Terry Kemmer retired as a professor of business, after having moved through the faculty ranks beginning as an assistant professor at Mayville State in September of 1981. In addition to being a classroom teacher, Kemmer supervised student teachers and interns and was an academic adviser. He served as chair of the Division of Business and Computer Information Systems, in addition to being an off-site course instructor and an online course developer and instructor.

Beyond the classroom, Kemmer served as adviser to a number of campus organizations, including Student Senate; Phi Beta Lambda, the collegiate business club; and BAC (Business Administration Club). He was the first-ever faculty president for the Faculty Association, serving three two-year terms. He served on a number of campus faculty association and administrative committees, including NCA and NCATE accreditation committees.

Terry was a member of the Total Quality Management (TQM) steering committee and served as a seminar leader and trainer on this topic. Kemmer was a lead for Mayville State’s Success II curriculum streamlining process, as well as the writing across the curriculum program. He organized and developed the highly successful Mayville State University and Lake Region State College business administration remote program partnership and chaired the task force for the development of Mayville State’s IT certificate.

For the benefit of Mayville State students, Kemmer organized and developed campus-wide job-search training seminars. He took on consulting work for local and state organizations, as well as for private corporations, utilizing teams of students to get the job done while giving them invaluable experience.

Terry Kemmer has been named Mayville State University “Teacher of the Year” three times, and has been nominated for the award every year since it was established in the 1988-1989 school year. He was a recipient of the Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award and was a nominee for the Mountain Plains Business Education Association Outstanding University Professor Award. In addition, Kemmer has been the NDPEA Chapter 46 Employee of the Year and Phi Beta Lambda Adviser of the Year.

Kemmer cites his involvement in the Mountain Plains Business Education Association and the North Dakota Business and Office Education Association, regional and state professional organizations, respectively, as career highlights. He served in leadership roles for both groups.

Terry says that because of the Bush Foundation Instructional Improvement grants, his own professional growth and development were greatly enhanced. Through his successful classroom teaching, “Kemmer classes” have become legendary, and many students claim to have been “Kemmerized.” The success of his graduates from the business and computer information systems programs is a source of great pride, and he enjoys maintaining relationships with his former students.

As he prepared to celebrate his last commencement as a current faculty member, Kemmer reflected by saying, “I am proud to be a Valley City State University Viking (He is a VCSU grad.), but I am even prouder to be a Mayville State Comet. It feels great to have impacted Mayville State University, the Division of Business and CIS, and the thousands of students who have entered my classroom. I have left my mark, and I am proud to have had my teaching experience enhanced because of the innovative thinking at Mayville State University.”

Pete Young used life experience in teaching college

Pete Young began his role as a part-time lecturer teaching social science classes in the Division of Liberal Arts in the fall semester of 2001.

Teaching at Mayville State was a retirement job for Young, who had already finished a career as a pastor. He served the United Church of Christ in Mayville for many years.

In 2005, Young and Mayville State colleagues went to Finland to attend an international conference on problem-based learning. He says he enjoyed the experience very much and considers it to be a highlight of his teaching stint at Mayville State.



Pete Young addresses the crowd at the annual employee recognition dinner held in May. Mayville State retirees were honored at that event.

Always part of the Mayville State family

While Bagstad, Gulbranson, Kemmer, and Young are leaving the ranks as current faculty, they will always be a part of the Mayville State family. Bagstad, Gulbranson, and Kemmer have been bestowed the distinction of emeritus faculty. They were awarded certificates acknowledging this distinction at MSU’s annual employee recognition banquet held Thursday evening, May 3, 2012.

**Congratulations to
Mayville State’s newest retirees!**

Former Mayville coaches Miles, Smith look good in red



Tim Miles.

The jury might be out as to which NCAA conference is the best, but the Big Ten has to be in the running. And when “local boys make good” in the rarefied atmosphere of the NCAA, interest is piqued, even if you don’t know whether a basketball is round or egg-shaped. Seeing someone you know on the sidelines makes watching the game a lot more fun.

The fun quotient is going to ratchet up starting with the 2012-13 men’s basketball season. Not one, but two coaches with Mayville State connections will be seen on the sidelines for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the newest addition to the Big Ten conference. Tim Miles and Craig Smith will wear the scarlet and cream at Nebraska.

Miles and Smith have hit the big time as they are part of the “Big Red” family in Lincoln, a school better-known for being a football powerhouse. Men’s basketball? Not so much.

The ‘Huskers basketball program endured two losing seasons in the last three years and had not made the NCAA tournament since 1998. Miles was hired from Colorado State to turn the program around and Nebraska is giving the program both money and facilities to help in the process.

Hiring Smith as an assistant was almost a slam-dunk, given the pair’s history and the way their coaching styles mesh. “We figure out ways to win,” Miles said.

When he hired Craig last April, it was the fourth time that Tim had called on Smith. After Mayville State, Miles hired Smith at NDSU. When Miles went to Colorado State, Smith followed.

Both have a history of turning programs around. Miles took the Comets to the national tourney twice in his two-year stint, and Smith bested him by one, taking the Comets to three national tourneys.

With the dynamic and peripatetic duo in the house, fieldhouse officials might want to keep a few bucks in the bank to buy sandpaper and varnish. Miles is the king of pacers and Smith is the crown prince. For sure the floors will need to be re-surfaced more often than usual as they forth-and-back during games.

It’s been a circuitous route from Mayville State to Lincoln. But the differences between the Lewy and Lincoln aren’t necessarily that huge. According to Smith, it’s still all about people.

And Tim and Craig are two of the best. Treat them right, Nebraska.



Craig Smith.

Mayville State hosts Shrine teams and coaches

Mayville State University hosted the North Dakota Shrine Bowl players and coaches during their week of training prior to this year’s 9-man and 11-man games. The 39th annual Shrine Bowl was held July 14 at Fargo Shanley High School. The event is sponsored by the Kem and El Zagal

Temples of Grand Forks and Fargo, N.D. Participating players and coaches are selected by the North Dakota High School Coaches Association.



Drew Dorholt, Warroad, Minn., a member of the 11-man East team, is interviewed by a television reporter during Press Day activities at Jerome Berg Field Thursday, July 12.

The 132 members of the East and West 9-man and 11-man teams and their 16 coaches practiced at the Mayville State practice fields and Jerome Berg Field. Accommodations were provided in Mayville State residence halls and dining services.

Special activities during the week included a movie at Mayville’s Delchar Theater, sponsored by community individuals and businesses, and a visit to the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital.

Players and coaches left Mayville residence halls Saturday morning, July 14 and headed to Fargo for the annual banquet and games. The West team came out on top in the 11-man game, while the East won the 9-man.

Teams were made up of 120 athletes from North Dakota and 12 from northwest Minnesota, areas included in the Kem and El Zagal territories. The 16 coaches were selected based on their respective 2011 seasons.

Mayville State alumni Sandy Laxdal (’91), Cavalier, N.D., and Loy Ham (’79), Beulah, N.D., were assistant coaches, Sandy with the East 9-man and Loy with the West 11-man.

“Having this group on our campus was wonderful,” said President Hagen. “Our new and updated facilities provided a great atmosphere and experience for this distinguished group.”



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2012-13 looks promising for Comets athletic teams

One of the first signs of the beginning of the fall semester is the return of athletes to campus. Pre-season camps for the football and volleyball teams began the second week of August, and the seasons for both sports are now in full swing.

The volleyball team roster includes 23 players who are led by fifth-year Mayville State head coach and Mayville State graduate Lindsey Johnson. Coach Johnson is again assisted by Mayville State graduate Ashley Nelson, who is now enrolled in a graduate program at the University of North Dakota. The volleyball team concluded pre-season activities Aug. 17 when they hosted Dickinson State University in a home match.

The football team played their first game Aug. 30 when they hit the road to face Dakota College at Bottineau, N.D. At the time of this writing, 130 players were expected to report for camp. The football team is scheduled to play six home games, five road games, and four junior varsity games (two at home and two away).

Mayville State alumnus Derek Schlieve is the Comets' second-year head coach. Coach Schlieve is assisted by David Pena, Jim Gremmels, Jason Cline, Nathaniel Gill, Kasey Koepplin, Scott Parker, Jake Maki, and Billy Tomblin. All football coaching staff members are Mayville State graduates.

Dennis Hutter is returning for his eighth season as the head coach of the women's basketball team. He will be assisted by 2009 Mayville State graduate Dave Moe. The women's basketball roster includes 23 players.

This will be the first season at Mayville State for newly named head men's basketball coach Dan DeWitt. His assistants will be Mayville State alumnus Andrew Mondry and student assistant Bryen Pyles. Practice for the men will begin this fall. Coach DeWitt expects to have 20 players on the roster.

Tracy Marback will return as head women's fastpitch softball head coach for the second year. She will be assisted by Krista Hendricks. There are 20 players on the softball roster.

Head baseball coach Scott Berry will be returning for his 31st year as head coach. Coach Berry will be assisted by Peter Pratt, who was pitching coach at St. Cloud State before joining the Comets coaching staff a couple of years ago. Mark Goodman will also serve as an assistant baseball coach. Coaches expect to have 60 players join the team this year.

Mayville State will remain a member of the NAIA Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) in 2012-2013, and will host the A.I.I. volleyball tournament in Mayville Nov. 9-10. The tournament will be sponsored by State Farm Insurance. The A.I.I. basketball tournament for men and women will be held at the Jamestown (N.D.) Civic Center. All post-season tournaments for softball and baseball will be held in our part of the country this year, but the exact sites for these events are yet to be determined.

Keep up with the Comets teams at the Mayville State University Athletics website at www.msucomets.com. Check out schedules, rosters, and game results, watch games via the Internet, sign up for text message alerts, and more!

Join Comet Athletic Club today!

Help provide scholarship assistance for deserving student-athletes.

mayvillestate.edu/joincac

DeWitt named head men's basketball coach

Dan DeWitt has been named to the position of head men's basketball coach at Mayville State University. DeWitt will also serve as the university's sports information director. Coach DeWitt began his duties in late April.

DeWitt comes to the Comets from St. Cloud (Minn.) State, where he was an assistant men's basketball coach. The Lino Lakes, Minn. native graduated from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., where he played for legendary coach Don Meyer. He also worked as a graduate assistant for Tubby Smith at the University of Minnesota.

"We are very excited to have Dan join our coaching staff," said Mayville State Athletic Director Mike Moore. "Dan and his wife Laura will fit in great with our university and community. Coach DeWitt brings a high level of technical experience and enthusiasm. He is a solid person who we believe can get our program back on track."

Dan DeWitt is a 2009 graduate of Northern State University. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance, economics, and mathematics. DeWitt earned a Master of Education degree in applied kinesiology/sport and exercise science from the University of Minnesota in 2011.



Dan DeWitt.

Moore named to national committees

MSU Athletic Director Mike Moore has recently been named to two national committees within the NAIA.

In May, Moore was appointed to the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) executive committee. He will serve as secretary for the committee. The committee is comprised of five other A.I.I. athletic directors, along with A.I.I. Commissioner Ted Breidenthal. The committee oversees the operations of the A.I.I., making a variety of executive level decisions concerning the business of the A.I.I.

Moore was named to the NAIA National Administrative Council in June. Together with Commissioner Breidenthal, he will represent the A.I.I. This committee is a governing council of the NAIA that develops policy for NAIA member institutions. It is made up of athletic directors and conference commissioners representing all of the conferences and the A.I.I. Moore began serving immediately by attending the summer meeting of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Convention held in Dallas this year. The NAC meets twice a year, once at the NAIA national convention and in the summer at the NACDA convention.

Great turnout for "Around the Horn" golf

The Comets Baseball-sponsored "Around the Horn" golf tournament was held in Mayville Friday, Aug. 10. Among the 70 golfers were (l-r) Wayne Westphal ('68), Wayne Lingen ('67), and Wes Sigette ('69).

Tourney participants enjoyed a beautiful day for golf, prizes, and the opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones while supporting the Comets baseball program. Twenty teams played.



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 a worthy candidate, please take the time to submit a nomination at mayvillestate.edu/AlumniFriends/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.

Football program poised to take next step

MSU football Head Coach Derek Schlieve begins his second year as head coach for the Comets this fall. During his inaugural year, Schlieve and the Comets earned a record of 5-6, placing second in the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.).

Twenty starters from the 2011 team will return in 2012. Six 2011 starters will not return this fall. Thirty-five letter-winners will return, while 15 letter-winners were lost.

The Comets won more games in 2011 than in the previous three years combined. Their five wins for the season are the most since 1990. The Comets defeated rival Dickinson State for the first time since 1990.

“The Comets are a very young team that is hungry to take the next step as a program,” said Coach Schlieve. “We brought in more than 100 players to fall camp for a third consecutive year, which shows improvement in recruitment and retention, two crucial elements needed to help foster healthy competition and improve the product put on the field.”

Key players lost after the 2011 season are Tim Seeley, a senior who was named First Team All-A.I.I.; Jake McLain and Ryan Tucker, seniors who were named All-A.I.I. Honorable Mention; Ben Rayfield, a senior starting inside linebacker; and senior Nick Rogers, the Spark Plug Award winner.

Top returners for 2012 include six 2011 First Team All-A.I.I. players, sophomore Rashad Flanders, junior Dom Bradley, junior Taylor Kunkel, senior Brandon Zahn, sophomore Jacob Grosz, and senior Justin Popovich. Top newcomers for the 2012 season include freshmen Raven Smith, Homer Reed, Jason Holmes, Dantrel Horne, and Jeff Hodges.

Of the 2012 season, Coach Schlieve said, “The players have been working hard and are looking to improve on last year. The school, the community, and the entire Comet Nation will be excited about seeing this young team take the next step as a program.”

Anderson drafted by Milwaukee Brewers

Mayville State University senior pitcher Nick Anderson was selected in the Major League Baseball draft by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 42nd round. He currently plays for the Rockford Riverhawks. He has started in three games since being signed, pitching 15 innings and notching a 3.52 ERA. In the last two outings, he gave up two unearned runs respectively and is now nursing a back issue that has kept him out of action.



Nick Anderson.

In the 2012 season, Anderson was named DAC Pitcher of Year to go along with his First Team All-Conference selection in both the DAC and Independent Conferences.

In 60 innings pitched on the season Anderson had an ERA of 1.95 while striking out 70 batters and walking a mere nine batters. Anderson led the nation in fewest runs allowed, giving up only 13 all season.

“This is not only a great day for Nick, but a tremendous day for Mayville State baseball and Mayville State University as a whole,” Assistant Coach Pete Pratt stated. “The true testament of a program starts with its leader in Coach Berry. Mayville State University baseball has over 30 years of greatness and Nick falls in line with roughly 40 other players who have earned an opportunity to play at the next level.”



Mayville State's Dominique Bradley (#5) gets past one Robert Morris University defender and prepares to face another in a 2011 game hosted by the Comets at Jerome Berg Field. Mayville State alum Jared Williamson ('06) is head football coach for Robert Morris.

Softball season marked by individual success, improved record

Comets softball had a competitive 2012 season, finishing 16-23 overall. The team played aggressive ball all season, but came up short in many games throughout conference play. The Comets were in the running to make the conference tournament until the last day of selections, when they were eliminated by the host team. The softball team's record in 2012 improved over the 2011 record by five victories, and the coaches and team members are looking forward to keeping that progress going into the next year.

Individual success highlighted the season. Several players were instrumental in the turnaround of the Comets team in the 2012 season.

Six players received post-season recognition for their work on the field. Four Comets, Katie Corbin, Jessica Flores, Angelique Macias, and Elizabeth Best-Still, were named to the DAC All-Confer-



Mayville State's Nicole Samida runs safely to the base in the April 11 game in which MSU hosted Jamestown College at Paul Karlstad Field in Portland.

ence Team. Corbin and Macias were selected to the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) First Team All-Conference as well. Three Comets were selected to the DAC Gold Glove Team. Julie Jackson was selected at second base, Corbin at the catcher's spot, and Ashley McMahon as a pitcher.

Mayville State team awards were presented as well. Elizabeth Best-Still, senior third baseman from Sacramento, Calif., was named team MVP. Best-Still graduated last spring with a degree in university studies. Angelique Macias, senior shortstop from Stockton, Calif., was named Offensive MVP. She graduated with a degree in psychology in May. Defensive MVP was Julie Jackson, senior second baseman from Ukiah, Calif. She'll return to Mayville State this

fall. The Unsung Hero is awarded to the player who exemplifies what it means to be a team player. She may not be the MVP statistically, but her contributions were a big part of the team's success. Winner of the award this year was Krista Hendricks, senior outfielder from Sacramento, Calif. She graduated in May with a degree in psychology. The Comet Award, given to the player who shows dedication to the success of the team both on and off the field, was awarded to two Comets this season, Katie Corbin, a senior from Apache Junction, Ariz., and Krista Brustad, a sophomore catcher from Devils Lake, N.D. Katie graduated in May with a degree in psychology. Krista will return to Mayville State this fall.

Baseball ends 2012 with third-place finish at A.I.I. tourney

The Mayville State University baseball team recorded a 34-19 record in the 2012 season, finishing third at the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) tourney in San Marcos, Calif. There were record-setting performances both in the classroom and on the field for Mayville State Head Coach Scott Berry's team. Berry completed his 30th season in 2012.

Those earning post-season honors were Dillon Lundin, Phillip Steer, Ricky Alvernaz, Victor Sokolofsky, Nick Anderson, and Kurtis McCallum, who were named to the First Team All-DAC.

The Second Team was led by Brad Ferraro, a Gold Glove recipient and 2012 Daktronics NAIA Scholar Athlete; James Olderbak; Zach Mihic; Trevor Lishanko; and Spencer Mal-lonee, who also received a Gold Glove for defensive play.

Nick Anderson had a standout season where he was near the top in several pitching categories in NAIA play. He was named the Pitcher of the Year, and was also named to the A.I.I. Team.

Junior Kurtis McCallum was named Player of the Year in the Dakota Athletic Conference.

"The 2012 season was one for the ages at Mayville State University, continuing the rich tradition that was set forth many years ago, and hopefully was the building block for many more to come," Coach Berry stated.

Football alumni gather for golf tourney

Dan Jorgensen ('86, '91) (left) and Dave Hanson ('71) (right) golfed in the annual football alumni golf tournament held at the Mayville Golf Club June 1, 2012.



The tournament provided a time of socializing and golfing for former Mayville State football players and coaches and others as well. Funds raised in the annual event are used to support the football program at Mayville State University.

Alumni, friends enjoy Alumni Day festivities

Mayville and Portland were bustling with excitement Friday, June 22 as activities associated with the annual Mayville-Portland Summerfest and an all-school reunion in Portland unfolded. The campus of Mayville State University was buzzing as well, with a celebration of the university's second annual Alumni Day.

"Alumni Day 2012 was a fabulous day at Mayville State," said Director of Alumni Affairs Beth Swenson. "We are very pleased with the number of people who participated in the festivities, and elated by the fact that so many alumni and friends were able to share first-hand in all of the great things happening at Mayville State."

About 50 people took advantage of guided campus tours led by MSU Director of Enrollment Services Jim Morowski.

Tour participants were able to take a stroll through historic Old Main and see the new addition to the library and science buildings which is now the home for the Division of Education & Psychology. Another tour highlight was the newly renovated Agassiz Hall, which has been transformed to provide suite- and apartment-style living accommodations for students.

Mayville State's future alumni center, Northwest Hall, was the site for an ice cream social. About 200 guests were entertained with music by Jan Klocke on the keyboard while they enjoyed their ice cream. They could also find out more about the Northwest Hall project and take a "sneak peak" into the building.

Dr. Nannette Bagstad, Darryl Gulbranson, Terry Kemmer, and Pete Young were the guests of honor at an open house reception held to recognize Mayville State's 2012 faculty retirees. Friends, relatives, and current and former co-workers joined in the celebration held in the upper lounge area of the MSU Campus Center from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. June 22. The social was sponsored by the MSU alumni of Pembina County/Hoople in honor of their 20th year of supporting Mayville State University. Polar Communications also helped to sponsor the event, in honor of their organization's 10th year of doing business in the Mayville-Portland area.

The annual Alumni Association Awards Dinner began at 6:00 p.m. that evening in the MSU Campus Center Luckasen Room. Distinguished Alumni Award recipients were Dawn Cruff, Jeff McCanna, and Dr. James Mehus. Kelly Morrison, Terry Kemmer, Tim Garrett, and Neil Lurfald each received Mayville State's Distinguished Service Award at the program. (See honoree biographies on pages 12 and 13.)

The Alumni Association Variety Show, which began at 8:00 p.m. in the MSU Classroom Building Auditorium, featured musical and other talents of people from the Mayville-Portland community. Performers included vocalists John Klocke; Joan Osland; Triplicity, a group comprised of Lori Nelson, Helen Hoyt, and Teresa Agnes; The Cast of "Beehive: The 60s Musical"-- Greta Paschke, Joan Osland, Teresa Agnes, Samantha DeLong, and Doreen Cerkowski (accompanied by Greta Paschke and Ben Kvislen); and Mike Bakken. Cassie Thuen played a trumpet solo and Tyler Cordahl played his guitar. Harry Lipsiea entertained the audience with a comedy routine, and Keith Stenehem made a surprise appearance with his magic act.

A social for alumni and friends held at the Top Hat in downtown Mayville wrapped up Mayville State University's 2012 Alumni Day festivities.



Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Jeff McCanna ('91) (left) is pictured with his high school coach and mentor Ron Carlson ('74). Carlson coached for 34 years at Minnewaukan, Minnewaukan-Sheyenne, and Minnewaukan-Leeds. He will be inducted into Mayville State's Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2012 festivities.

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 MSU Foundation office at 701-788-4750 or alumni.mail@mayvillestate.edu.

2012 Alumni Association award winners recognized

A highlight of Alumni Day 2012 was the recognition of three Distinguished Alumni Award and four Distinguished Service Award recipients Friday evening, June 22.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Dawn Cruff exemplified the term “student-athlete” during her years at Mayville State University as an outstanding talent on the women’s basketball court and a leader in student government. After graduating in 1991, Dawn quickly converted her business administration degree into a successful career in sales management. As vice president of sales for Jordahl Custom Homes in Fargo, she increased annual sales volumes over 500 percent and helped develop five “best in show” homes in the past decade. Unfazed by her award-winning successes in the business world, Dawn has remembered her roots by giving back to her alma mater. She serves as a trustee on the MSU Foundation Board and fosters a close connection with the university’s Business Division. Her charitable efforts have aided the Humane Society and Habitat for Humanity. She also volunteers with the YWCA. Dawn lives in West Fargo.

Jeff McCanna is 1,400 miles away, but he maintains close ties with his alma mater. After earning his education degree in 1991, he was first a history teacher and then an assistant principal and principal who proved to be a dynamic instructor and innovative strategist. Since 2004, he has been director of human resources at Aldine Independent School District in Houston, where he has partnered with MSU to offer student teaching positions. He has hired more than 20 Mayville State graduates. As co-founder of Engaged Innovations, he works with 32 universities across the country to develop teachers to work with children of poverty. He co-authored “Transition to Teacher” for educators seeking employment. He has secured hundreds of college scholarships for economically disadvantaged students, motivated by the people who helped him overcome his own challenging upbringing and the notion that people’s actions, not their past, define who they would become. Jeff and his wife Peggy (Bichler), a 1991 Mayville State graduate, live in Spring, Texas and have four children, Nathan, Nicholas, Aubri, and Brant.

Dr. James Mehus’ chosen profession could have taken him anywhere in the world, but he chose to return to his roots and serve his community “at home.” The Hatton, N.D. native’s educational journey took him first to Mayville State, where he graduated in 1994 with double majors in biology and chemistry and a minor in mathematics. Next he went to the University of North Dakota, where he graduated first in his class from the



Alumni Association honorees were recognized during Alumni Day 2012 festivities. Pictured (l-r) are Tim Garrett, Neil Lerfald, Terry Kemmer, Jeff McCanna, Kelly Morrison, Dawn Cruff, and Dr. James Mehus.

UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences in 2000. He also earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in biochemistry and molecular biology, only the fourth student in UND’s history to complete the dual-degree program. He gained international recognition for his biochemistry research on the nm23 gene family. After his residency in Wisconsin, he had offers from prestigious medical facilities nationwide, but held true to his plan to serve his hometown. He and his family moved back to the Red River Valley in 2004. He is now an internal medicine and pediatric doctor for Sanford Health based in Mayville. He and his wife Wendy Garrett-Mehus have six children, Chantz, Haley, Ahna, Noah, Tatum, and Zoey.

Distinguished Service Award

Terry Kemmer has exemplified service to Mayville State University, the community of Mayville, and the region for more than 30 years. In his roles as a college professor, business owner, concerned citizen, and mentor to hundreds, he has been a constant resource for committee work and leadership. From 1981 until May of 2012, he was a professor in the Division of Business and Computer Information Systems, where his work won the respect of colleagues and the praise of students. He has earned recognition on the state, regional, and national levels. When Kemmer retired this spring, he was awarded the distinction of professor emeritus. He has contributed as a volunteer for Mayville Lutheran Church, May-Port CG School District, and Mayville Union Hospital. He and his wife Sandi have three grown children, Corby, Jason, and Lindsay, and six grandchildren.

Kelly Morrison is a “true blue” ambassador for MSU whose willingness to help others is proof of his generous

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nature. He graduated from Mayville State in 1976 and spent his entire career as a teacher and administrator in North Dakota, serving schools in the communities of Garrison, Clifford-Galesburg, Crystal, Neche, Elgin, Carson, and Warwick. Retiring in 2008, Kelly returned to Mayville, where he continues to demonstrate his commitment to MSU as a constant presence at athletic and music events on campus, as well as through his financial contributions to alumni activities and scholarship fundraising. Just as MSU boasts a reputation for “personal service,” Kelly has earned a reputation for personal service to his alma mater, giving back and passing on “Comet Pride.” He has formalized his commitment to MSU through his involvement with the Alumni Association and MSU Foundation, serving on both boards as an active volunteer.

As a farmer for 34 years, **Tim Garrett** is familiar with long hours and hard work. That work ethic helped Tim and Neil Lerfald grow the popular Comet Athletic Club 3-on-3 basketball tournament, an annual event for elementary, junior high, and high school athletes. The 17-year-old event has grown into a major fundraiser for the Comet Athletic Club, which provides scholarships for Mayville State University athletes. In addition to the tournament’s financial impact, the event exposes hundreds of young athletes and their parents to what MSU has to offer in terms of facilities and education. Tim’s tireless

efforts have helped grow Mayville State University enrollment, stabilize Comet Athletic Club finances, and promote MSU far beyond its campus. He is a 1978 graduate with a bachelor’s degree in business education and physical education. He is the father of two grown daughters, Amy and Kayla. He farms near Mayville, and in his free time, he’s spent 35 years as a basketball referee.

Neil Lerfald’s reputation as a builder is evident in more than his construction business. He built the popular Comet Athletic Club 3-on-3 basketball tournament from the ground up. Working with Tim Garrett, he has coordinated the annual event for elementary, junior high, and high school athletes. Besides spotlighting the talents of young athletes, the event has become a major fundraiser for the Comet Athletic Club’s mission of providing scholarships for Mayville State University athletes. Neil’s efforts have had a direct impact on growing Mayville State University enrollment, increasing financial stability, and extending campus and community goodwill. A 1976 graduate of MSU with a degree in business management, Neil is the owner and operator of Lerfald Construction. His volunteerism extends to the Masons, Keystone Kops, Portland Commercial Club, Aurdal Church, and MayPort Economic Development Corporation. Neil and his wife Kathy live in Portland and have four daughters, Jill, Rachel, Caitlyn, and Pam.

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 a worthy candidate, please take the time to submit a nomination at mayvillestate.edu/AlumniFriends/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 January 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.

MSU alums’ fundraiser attracts hockey stars

Put together a golf course on the edge of the Pembina Gorge, support from the locals, UND hockey greats, and two Mayville alumni and what do you have? A golf



Frank White (left) catches up with former student and UND hockey standout Jay Panzer (right).

tournament that raised enough for three years of scholarships at UND and Mayville State, Francis “Koko” White’s (’79) and Chris Snortland’s (’93) alma mater.

Chris, the son of MSU football great and longtime Langdon, N.D. teacher Roger Snortland (’68), came up with the idea of the fundraiser that was held in White’s hometown, Walthalla, N.D., July 14, 2012. Ten UND hockey greats, plus Coach Dave Hakstol, showed up to play.

People came, in part, as a tribute to White, an award-winning teacher at UND, and for what he had meant to them as students. The hope is that the event becomes an annual thing and if White’s former students have anything to say about it, the golf tournament will continue. “When Frank asks, I try to do whatever’s possible, because I know he would do the same for me,” stated Andy Kollar, a Sioux goalie from 1998-2002.

Jennifer Keating presents research results in Germany

After three years of conducting biomedical research on Aldehyde Dehydrogenase (ALDH) enzymes at MSU, Jennifer Keating competed in the Ester and Henry Weiner poster competition as part of the 16th International Enzymology and Molecular Biology of Carbonyl Metabolism symposium held at the Plön castle in Plön, Germany July 10-14. The MSU research focused on the effect of magnesium on the performance of the ALDH1 enzyme, an enzyme present in mammals and many organisms that helps fend off oxidative stress products once antioxidants have been depleted. A manuscript of the results will be submitted to the peer-reviewed journal, *Chemico-Biological Interactions*.

Jennifer graduated this spring with one of MSU's first two B.S. degrees in Medical Laboratory Science. She also carries the distinction of being one of ten recipients of the national Siemens Legacy Scholarship for 2012. Jennifer is currently employed as a medical technician at Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria, Minn.

Waldner gives insight to life as a Hutterite



Jesiah Waldner.

In the early 2000s, Jesiah Waldner was sent by the Forest River Hutterite Colony to Mayville State University to earn a degree in education so that he could return to the colony and become their principal and teacher. Waldner finished his degree in December of 2005, and since that time, has done just that.

Jesiah returned to Mayville State this summer to take some additional classes. While

on campus, he took the time to share information about the unique lifestyle of the colony residents and the history of the Hutterites. In his presentation to faculty, staff, and students on June 26, Waldner demonstrated the diversity of culture found within the area as the Forest River Colony is located only about 60 miles from Mayville.

Jesiah's audience was taken with his information and asked many questions of him, finding out more about his experiences not only as a teacher, but as a member of the colony. He encourages anyone who is interested to go to www.hutterites.org to learn more about their unique way of life.

Jesiah and his wife Jennifer are the parents of a son, Anthony. His teacher predecessors at the Forest River Colony, Hannah Maendel ('80) and Susie Maendel ('80), are also Mayville State alumni.

Chad Amb's work as chemist leads to breakthrough

Chad Amb is part of a University of Florida research team whose breakthrough shows promise for affordable plastic solar energy cells. The researchers report they have achieved a new record in efficiency with a prototype solar cell that could be manufactured using a roll-to-roll process. The discovery could lead to making solar panels by a process that looks like printing newspaper roll-to-roll.

Industry has eyed the roll-to-roll manufacturing process for years as a means of producing solar cells that can be integrated into the exterior of buildings, automobiles, and even personal accessories such as handbags and jackets. But, to date, the photovoltaic sheets cannot muster enough energy per square inch to make them attractive to manufacturers.

Chad is a 2003 Mayville State grad with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. He earned his Ph.D. in chemistry at North Dakota State University in 2008. He worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Florida from January of 2009 until March of 2011. He began his current employment as a senior research chemist at Dow Corning in Midland, Mich. in March of 2011.

Chad and his wife Sarah are the parents of a daughter, Brooke, born last spring.



Bisenius meets broadcasting celebrity

Jim Bisenius ('59) (right) had the thrill of meeting Charles Gibson, former ABC "World News" anchor, at a San Francisco Giants game in May. Bisenius was the guest of his former player, San Francisco Giants announcer Jon Miller, and spent the evening in the broadcasting booth.

Jim is a retired Hayward (Calif.) High School faculty member and coach. (*Notice the reference to Johnson Farms in Walballa, N.D. on Jim's jacket.*)

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1940s

Charles Leroy Childs (ex. '41) has recounted his childhood as part of the Black Hills Veterans Writing Group and authored the book "The Wayward Kid: The Depression Years of Charles Leroy Childs." The retired Air Force officer was raised in rural North Dakota with six siblings and started "riding the rails" at age 14 out of a need to survive. He and his wife **Grace (Saueressig) ('41)** live in Rapid City, S.D.

Dr. Birger L. Johnson ('41) now has five novels to his credit, all written during the last decade. The latest, "The Jade Dragon Murder," draws on Johnson's experiences as a world traveler and college professor.

1950s

Larry MacLeod ('51) and his wife Marcella celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and 90th birthdays with a celebration open house July 22 in Moorhead, Minn., where they live. They were married June 21, 1962.

Olga Neal ('51) continues to "embrace life" as an 87-year-old volunteer. Neal taught at the N.D. School for the Blind in Grand Forks from 1966 to 1990. She's never let her visual impairment stop her from being active. She remains an avid reader of Braille publications. She lives in her own home in Grand Forks, belongs to the Red River Lions Club, and volunteers with her church.

Elroy Berg ('54) carded his first hole-in-one July 5, 2012. The avid golfer credits 65 years of practice on his home course, Cavalier (N.D.) Country Club.

1960s

Letitia (Kallenbach) Gilbertson ('61) and her husband Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July of 2011. She retired from teaching in Maddock, N.D. in 2001.

John ('61, '67) and Rita (Novacek) Sanderson ('59, '61) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October of 2011. They live in Grand Forks, N.D., where they both taught school until retiring.

Darryl Anderson ('63) was recognized by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association as a National Coach of the Year for his work as girls track and field coach at Bismarck (N.D.) High School.

Robert Bower ('65) will be inducted into the Oak Grove Lutheran School Hall of Fame in October of 2012. He is a 1958 graduate of the Fargo, N.D. high school.

Eugene Kachena ('65) was named commander-elect of the North Dakota

American Legion. The Walsh County native will serve as the state's commander starting in June of 2013. Eugene served in the N.D. National Guard from 1966 to 1972. A Legion member for 40 years, he belongs to the Pisek post which bears his family's name, Novotny-Kachena Post No. 208.

John Hutchison ('67) was recognized by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association as a National Athletic Director of the Year for his work at Hatton and Northwood (N.D.) High Schools.

James Benjaminson ('69) retired March 31, 2012 after serving 32 years as a civilian motor carrier inspector for the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

Corwin Tufte ('69) retired from the Ag States Group in January of 2012. For the past 20 years, Corwin had been president of the group, which is an insurance and risk management subsidiary of CHS, Inc.

1970s

Terry Kinneberg ('71) has been promoted to president and senior loan officer at First Financial Bank of Aneta, Sharon, and Cooperstown, N.D. He has been in banking for 39 years.

Marie "DeDee" (Johnson) Hallada ('72) teaches special education and junior high students at a private school. She says she "enjoys helping disadvantaged students feel successful and become self-sufficient individuals." Her teaching career has taken her from Mayville to Neche, N.D.; Thief River Falls, Minn.; Drayton, N.D.; Bottineau, N.D.; Mesa, Ariz.; and finally Bismarck, N.D.

Dave Ouradnik ('72) is a mortgage loan originator at the Cornerstone Bank in Fargo. Dave has more than 37 years of experience in the financial industry. He and his wife **Ilene (Moe) ('71)** live in Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Richard Flieth ('73) was inducted into the Hillsboro (N.D.) Public School Hall of Fame in June of 2012. He was recognized for his accomplishments as a student-athlete and as a teacher, coach, and athletic director for 25 years.

Kevin Frederickson ('73) was recognized by the N.D. Department of Human Services for 35 years of service to the N.D. Developmental Center in Grafton.

Kurt Vandermeer ('75) has used his contagious love for music to help him build a very successful music program at Norman County West High School in his hometown of Halstad, Minn. He has spent the last two-and-a-half decades forging the school's music program into a crown jewel. Now

Carl Ben Eielson Elementary School at the Grand Forks Air Force Base since 2009, and has been employed by Grand Forks Schools since 1997. She and her husband Adam have three children, Jakob, Jayden, and Jarrett.

2000s

Jason Brend ('00) fills multiple roles at Thompson (N.D.) High School. He is a business education and physical education teacher, athletic director, and head girls basketball coach.

Dr. John Lyng ('01) was on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia in March, where he was honored in a belated turning-over-the-key ceremony for the instrumental work he did to provide ambulances for St. Jude Hospital. When John was an emergency medicine physician volunteer at St. Jude in 2008 and 2009 he recognized the dire need for a new ambulance and has since sent not one, but two of the life-saving rigs to the medical facility. The ceremony included a blessing of the vehicles by the St. Lucia bishop.

Dustin Metzger ('01) married Fawn Bivens Aug. 18, 2012 in Baltimore, Md. He is a department manager at Cardinal Glass Industries in Roanoke, Va. He also served in the U.S. Army from 2004 to 2008.

Mike Mihulka ('01) has been hired as an executive mortgage officer by Town and Country Credit Union in Fargo.

Will Melbye ('03) is a high school social studies teacher and head boys basketball coach at Southampton High School, Courtland, Va. He and his wife Susan have three daughters, Natasha (5), Isabelle (4), and Madelynn, who was born Sept. 10, 2011. Will earned his master's degree in education from Arizona State University in 2007.

Miriam Wood ('06) ran in the Boston Marathon in April. She's working on her doctorate at the University of North Dakota.

Charlie Gerszewski ('07) started CrossFit in June of 2008. He is a level one certified CrossFit instructor and has his football, Olympic lifting, gymnastics, and mobility and recovery certifications. He has also obtained his USAW level one coach's certification. He currently teaches group classes and beginner classes and serves as a personal trainer at Bayou City CrossFit. He is a co-owner of sister affiliate, Pin Up CrossFit in Midtown. He lives in Houston, Texas.

Joanna (Stigen) Jesser ('07) is a micro-computer IT support specialist instructor for Minnesota State Community and Technical Colleges.

Mitch Meier ('07) was a campus "Teacher of the Year" in the Aldine Independent School District in Houston, Texas, where he and his wife Taryn are both educators. His

principal noted that Mitch has been "amazing" since the first day he was hired. Mitch is a mathematics teacher at Nimitz Ninth Grade School.

Savannah Nohr ('08) married **Stephen Elkins ('09)** Sept. 10, 2011. She currently teaches high school science at Beulah (N.D.) High School and Stephen is employed by Dakota Gasification Co.

Kristina Olson ('09) married Kasey Kylo May 12, 2012. She is the pre-school director at Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society in Arthur, N.D.

2010s

Joseph Busch Jr. ('11) lives in Cypress, Texas, where he is a MWD operator for Archer Directional Services, working in the oil industry.

Matthew Follman ('11) was promoted to personal banking officer II at Bank Forward, Grand Forks, in June of 2012. He has been employed by the bank since January of 2011.

Rachel Heppner ('11) and **Christopher Strand ('11)** were married June 23, 2012 in Hatton, N.D. Rachel is the daughter of **Kevin ('82)** and **Joan (Jensen) ('80) Heppner**. Christopher is the son of **Fred ('80)** and **Donalee (Domier) ('80) Strand**.

Miranda Indridson ('11) married Brett Scholler June 9, 2012 in Cavalier, N.D. She works as an assistant manager at Leavers SuperValu.

LaLynda Nelson-Blotsky ('12) is a junior high English and social studies teacher for Trinity Christian School, a small private school in Williston, N.D.

Jessi Ness ('12) and **Tyler Kjemhus ('12)** were married June 15, 2012. Jessi will be a science teacher this fall at Walhalla (N.D.) Public School. Jessi is the daughter of Pam and **Rick Ness ('86)**.

Former Staff/Faculty

Dr. Ellen Chaffee (past president) is the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor of North Dakota. In addition to her leadership role at Mayville State, Chaffee has also served as academic vice-chair of the North Dakota University System and director of organizational studies at the National Center for Higher Education.

Al Holmes (former coach) received a Lifetime Service Award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He was honored at the Minnesota chapter banquet May 5 in Austin, Minn. He was a wrestling and football coach for 36 years at Mayville State, MSU-Moorhead, Michigan Tech University, and Brainerd Community College. He also coached high school programs at Frazee and Fergus Falls, Minn. He was a member of Moorhead High School's and Moorhead State's first wrestling teams. He is a hall of fame member at MSUM, BCC, and the Minnesota Community College Conference.



Cari Franzen, alumna and former Comets fastpitch softball head coach.

Franzen's work garners national attention

In 2005, nearly four of ten kids in the Kearney, Neb., schools were obese or overweight. Kearney Schools wellness coordinator Cari (Boe) Franzen ('00) knew something needed to be done about this local and nationwide problem.

Five years later, Kearney had chopped the obesity rate of their grade schools by a stunning 13%. Eighty-six kids dropped from obese or overweight to normal. The original goal was to cut the obesity rate by two percent, but they never dreamed of 13, Cari said. Their success has captured nationwide attention

and lots of questions about how it was done.

Franzen said they examined the school day for ways to keep the students moving. They received a three-year \$900,000 federal Physical Education Program grant and teamed up with the education and exercise science staff at Nebraska-Kearney, looking for the nation's best, proven-to-work strategies.

Among their action steps was the adoption of a new physical education program, Spark, that promotes lifelong fitness and enjoyment of exercise, rather than athletic competition, and food service was revamped to reduce processed food. Since grant funding will run out, the program was built to be sustainable.

Franzen says she feels the most important thing accomplished is that they've established a culture of physical fitness in their district. The kids have formed healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

Honor your loved ones with a gift to Mayville State.

The MSU Foundation has a memorials and tributes fund set up to receive contributions honoring departed alumni, friends, and loved ones. Gifts may also be given to honor a friend or loved one on a special occasion. If contact information is provided, a card of acknowledgement will be sent to the family members of the departed.

Send to: MSU Foundation
330 Third Street NE
Mayville, ND 58257

Memorials/Tributes Listing

A listing of gifts given in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones will be published on the MSU website and updated quarterly. You can find that listing at www.mayvillestate.edu/Alumni-Friends.

Friends & Associates

- Raymond Fred**, Biloxi, Miss. Nov. 18, 1918-April 15, 2012.
- Aris Larson**, Mayville, N.D. July 18, 1916-May 14, 2012.
- Robert Pittenger**, Portland, N.D. Dec. 3, 1929-April 21, 2012.
- Christina Rohloff**, Portland, N.D. Sept. 28, 1920-April 8, 2012.
- Charlotte "Shotty" (Odegard) Stende**, Mayville, N.D. Aug. 25, 1927-July 19, 2012.

Alumni

- Mildred (Keating) Alden ('40)**, Lansing, Mich. Aug. 10, 1918-Apr. 7, 2010.
- Elaine (Knudson) Ambrosion('42)**, Mankato, Minn. May 18, 1924-July 1, 2012.
- William Bengson ('56)**, Minot, N.D. Feb. 15, 1932-Aug. 12, 2012.
- Retired Lt. Col. Willard Sydney Benson ('40)**, Moses Lake, Wash. Nov. 15, 1917-Mar. 9, 2012.
- Audrey (Kent) Berrington (ex '36)**, Mesa, Ariz. Jan. 16, 1917-Mar. 10, 2012.
- Ruth (Cihlar) Bina ('44, '58)**, Grafton, N.D. Aug. 18, 1925-June 5, 2012.
- C. Walter Birkelo ('47)**, Davis, Calif. Dec. 17, 1923-July 7, 2012.
- Agnes Eleanor (Olson) Bjornstad ('40)**, Culver City, Calif. Aug. 3, 1920-Jan. 2, 2010.
- Jon Ray Boman ('73)**, West Fargo, N.D. Aug. 9, 1946-Apr. 7, 2012.
- Charles Calvin Carpenter ('53)**, Grand Forks, N.D. Feb. 28, 1925-Feb. 24, 2012.
- Ardella (Fauskin) Couch ('41)**, Garden Home, Ore. Oct. 29, 1921-Feb. 7, 2012.
- Donald Dietrich (ex. '61)**, Crystal, N.D. July 9, 1942-June 15, 2012.
- Wallace Domier ('53)**, Hatton and Buxton, N.D. Apr. 12, 1932-Apr. 2, 2012.
- Lois (Schmidt) Ellenson**, Fargo, N.D., formerly of Gardner, N.D. Mar. 5, 1929-May 4, 2012.
- John Eneboe ('94)**, Rosholt, S.D. Nov. 11, 1969-May 23, 2012.
- Donald Evans (ex. '50)**, Mayville, N.D. Mar. 12, 1930-June 24, 2012.
- Rosadell (Anstadt) Flaagan**, Tolna, N.D. June 12, 1925-Apr. 12, 2012.
- Bernette (Bakken) Frigaard ('39)**, Hood River, Ore. Apr. 15, 1919-Feb. 18, 2012.
- Ardyce Gregor (ex '67)**, New Rockford, N.D. May 2, 1948-Dec. 11, 2011.
- LaVerne (Mesheske Narlock) Grovum**, Mesa, Ariz. Mar. 1, 1935-May 3, 2012.
- Lila (Moen) Hamilton ('39)**, Meridian, Idaho, formerly California and Fordville, N.D. Dec. 15, 1918-May 19, 2011.
- Janet Sue (Ferguson) Hanson ('64)**, Vergas, Minn. and Surprise, Ariz. Dec. 30, 1941-June 23, 2012.
- Mildred (Hella) Hanson ('39)**, Mayville, N.D. Aug. 25, 1920-Mar. 26, 2012.
- Mignonette (Beaulieu De Hudon) Harthun ('35)**, Dent, Minn. Jan. 8, 1917-Feb. 7, 2012.
- Cynthia (Holum) Hegge (ex '38)**, Sacramento, Calif. Nov. 28, 1919-Dec. 29, 2011.
- Judith (Ree) Hensle (ex '46)**, Mayville, N.D. June 17, 1924-June 17, 2012.
- Deloris (Spangelo) Holen ('52)**, Hawthorne, Calif. Apr. 19, 1932-Jan. 19, 2012.
- Reta Huseby Thomson (ex '77)**, Warroad, Minn. Oct. 10, 1957-June 1, 2012.
- Glenn Ista**, Fargo, N.D. formerly Walcott, N.D. May 4, 1914-Feb. 28, 2012.
- Elizabeth "Betty" (Harlow) Johnson**, Hoople, N.D. Aug. 2, 1928-July 19, 2012.
- Lloyd M. Johnson ('55)**, Scottsdale, Ariz. and Buxton, N.D. Apr. 23, 1928-Feb. 25, 2012.
- Harlan Duane Karlstad ('69)**, Alexandria, Minn. Aug. 21, 1946-Feb. 11, 2012.
- Rev. Percy L. Kvitne ('47, '49)**, Grimes, Iowa. Dec. 1, 1924-Mar. 29, 2012.
- Edith (Hefta) Laney ('42)**, Breckenridge, Minn. and Tucson, Ariz. Aug. 15, 1918-Mar. 12, 2011.
- Elsie (Ginder) Larson ('62)**, Detroit Lakes, Minn. Apr. 15, 1933-Mar. 25, 2012.
- Russell J. Lenz ('85)**, Reynolds, N.D. Apr. 17, 1963-Apr. 24, 2012.
- Kenneth Loveness ('65)**, Karlstad, Minn. Feb. 10, 1943-Jan. 5, 2012.
- Obert Medlang (ex. '68)**, Bottineau, N.D. June 25, 1947-Feb. 22, 2012.
- Richard "Rick" Mitchell (ex. '76)**, Grand Forks, N.D. May 29, 1954-June 5, 2012.
- Margaret (Klessig) Moen ('38)**, Mayville, N.D. Oct. 13, 1918-Apr. 3, 2012.
- Percy R. Morrison ('61)**, Sun City, Ariz. Oct. 30, 1939-Aug. 2, 2012.
- Marion (Settingsgard) Morseth ('41)**, Fargo, N.D. July 28, 1922-Feb. 22, 2012.
- Agatha (Adams) Myers ('34)**, Grand Forks, N.D. Aug. 17, 1916-Mar. 6, 2012.
- Lori (Iverson) Natoli ('80)**, Grand Forks, N.D. Dec. 4, 1958-July 16, 2012.

Emma (Aamodt) Oanes ('32, '33), Hals-tad, Minn. May 18, 1912-Feb. 3, 2012.

Helen (Gilbertson) Oby ('40), St. Thomas, N.D. Aug. 30, 1920-Apr. 28, 2012.

Evelyn (Soholt) Olson, Mayville, N.D. Nov. 24, 1927-Mar. 16, 2012.

Kathleen (Grefsheim) Olson ('42), Grand Forks, N.D. July 11, 1919-Feb. 3, 2012.

Maribel (Long) Ostmo ('50, '52), Sharon, N.D. July 27, 1930-Mar. 8, 2012.

Glenn Arthur Pearson ('57), Gilbert, Ariz., formerly Madison, S.D. Dec. 17, 1934-Mar. 4, 2012.

Susan (Wright) Ramberg ('74), Gilbert, Ariz., Aug. 28, 1953-May 21, 2012.

Edith (Purvis) Refshaw ('40), Clearbrook, Minn. July 4, 1918-Aug. 4, 2011.

Arloween "Arly" (Weiland) Remington ('76), Mott, N.D. Feb. 21, 1938-Feb. 23, 2012.

Wendell Rene ('64), Hastings, Minn. Aug. 20, 1940-Feb. 26, 2012.

Elaine (Loucks) Restad ('65), Moon Township, Pa. June 9, 1943-Apr. 8, 2012.

Frances (Berg) Ritchie, Grand Forks, N.D., formerly Menomonie Falls, Wisc. July 21, 1925-Mar. 25, 2012.

Jean Margaret Rolland ('63), Fertile, Minn. Oct. 20, 1926-July 12, 2012.

Donna (Johnston) Ross ('54), Devils Lake, N.D., formerly Webster, N.D. June 18, 1931-Dec. 31, 2011.

L. Louise (Lokken) Rostberg ('37), Louisville, Colo., formerly Minot, N.D. Apr. 8, 1916-May 3, 2011.

Marjorie (Holen) Schramm ('55), Devils Lake, N.D., formerly of Cathay, N.D. Jan. 10, 1930-Mar. 11, 2012.

Dorothy (Cooper) Schuett ('40), Perham, Minn., formerly of Wahpeton, N.D. May 5, 1920-Mar. 2, 2012.

Amy (Nelson) Schumacher, Drayton, N.D. Mar. 1, 1918-Sept. 26, 2011.

Jane (Foerster) Senger ('67), Bemidji, Minn. Sept. 10, 1945-July 13, 2012.

Alice (Erickson) Simley ('40, '73), Finley, N.D. Aug. 20, 1920-Feb. 14, 2012.

Donna Mae (Aarestad) Sorheim, Bemidji, Minn. May 29, 1936-May 9, 2011.

Mae (Keller) Springan ('41), Bismarck, N.D. May 26, 1921-Mar. 6, 2011.

Margaret Dorothy (Moen) Stenhjem ('38), Devils Lake, N.D. and Mesa, Ariz. Feb. 1, 1918-Jan. 16, 2012.

Ruth (Lind) Sween ('40), Burnsville, Minn. Jan. 14, 1918-Sept. 10, 2011.

Louise (Larson) Van Camp ('54), Prescott, Ariz., formerly of Mentor, Minn. May 22, 1932-Feb. 22, 2012.

Eunice (Clemetson) Veum (ex. '91), Grand Forks, N.D. Mar. 20, 1950-Feb. 12, 2011.

Ingrid (Pearson) Viestenz ('36, '66), Arthur, N.D. Aug. 22, 1918-May 3, 2011.

David A. Vigen, Fargo, N.D. Nov. 13, 1947-Feb. 8, 2012.

Herman O. Volden ('53), West Fargo, N.D. June 19, 1925-Mar. 1, 2011.

Thomas B. Wald ('73), Fargo, N.D. Nov. 30, 1950-July 2, 2012.

Olive Waltz ('42), Fargo, N.D., formerly of Langdon, N.D. June 7, 1921-Aug. 22, 2011.

Isabelle (Kensrud) Wemer ('39), Spring Valley, Calif. Aug. 21, 1919-Mar. 14, 2011.

Seven out of ten do not have a valid will or estate plan.

New MSU website will help.

It's a startling statistic. Seven out of ten individuals do not have a will. What they may not know is that the state they live in has a will all drawn up and ready to go.

The difference?

"The will your state draws up for you will not distribute the estate you have worked hard to build the way you would want it to be distributed," said John J. Klocke, CFRE and director of development and gift planning for Mayville State.

Klocke, who has over 20 years of estate planning experience in the financial planning and charitable tax arena, says this statistic in some ways is not surprising. "The truth is, very few of us jump out of bed in the morning exclaiming, 'I just can't wait to write up my will and face my own mortality!'" said Klocke. "It is very common for us not to want to think about the end of our life, and so quite often we simply fail to do anything about it."

Mayville State University will now offer its alumni and friends some great education and help in this area and others with a brand-new estate-planning website.

"We want to say 'thanks' to our supporters and alumni by offering something of value in the estate-planning area," Klocke said. "This new website will offer a huge amount of education that will help individuals, business owners, and donors to prepare wills or estate plans."

The new website, www.msugift.org, will offer timely tax planning articles from national experts, an opportunity for folks to find an estate-planning professional in their area, links to tax-planning calculators, and the chance to view online videos and presentations that will help them learn more about the value of creating a will or trust. If you are an alum or an estate-planning professional, you can also receive continuing education through the site.

Website visitors will also be able to request a variety of free booklets and aids or set up an appointment to review an estate-planning question or issue by contacting Klocke at any time through the site. Klocke also can provide help to donors who want to increase their retirement income and lower their income tax, capital gains tax, and estate tax while increasing their retirement income.

Over his career, Klocke has received specialized education and training to earn a CFRE and an FICF accreditation, signifying his ability to do estate and financial types of planning. Make use of Klocke's expertise and benefit from the vast information on the new website. It's our way of saying "Thank You" to our loyal COMETS! Klocke can be reached at 701-788-4787.

Blanchard Lutheran Church leaves a legacy

Even after the closing of the church, the good work of Blanchard (N.D.) Lutheran Church continues. Church leaders have ensured that there will be a lasting legacy by establishing the Blanchard Lutheran Church Legacy Fund at Mayville State University. Interest earned on the fund will be used to award scholarships to Mayville State University students. Since the principal of the fund will not be spent, the legacy will continue in perpetuity.

In awarding the scholarship, preference will be given to a student who is in financial need. The student should have a high school or college grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Students whose permanent residence is within 75 miles of Mayville will be given primary consideration.

“The trustees of the Blanchard Lutheran Church have done something pretty special,” said John J. Klocke, director of development at MSU. “They’ve really allowed the spirit of their congregation to live on in this scholarship that will be awarded annually.” Klocke added, “It’s a great example of what an endowed scholarship can do, whether it’s given through an organization or in the name of a family. We are so pleased that

the Blanchard Lutheran congregation chose to steward their gift with Mayville State University’s foundation.”

Due to demographics in their rural community, Blanchard Lutheran Church closed in the fall of 2011, after having served as a congregation for more than 75 years. The Blanchard Lutheran Church Legacy Fund was established with funds remaining in the treasury upon the closing of the church.

The establishment of an endowment at Mayville State University is just one way in which the good work of the church will continue. Church leaders shared the furnishings, including pews, the altar, baptismal font, pulpit, lectern, organ, piano, and much more, from their church with the Zion Lutheran Church congregation in Oriska, N.D. The Oriska church was destroyed by fire in May of 2011.

For information about how you may set up a permanent endowment at Mayville State University, contact Director of Development John J. Klocke, CFRE, at 701-788-4787 or john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.



Blanchard Lutheran Church.



Blanchard Lutheran Church trustees present a check to MSU Director of Development John Klocke. Pictured left to right are Dwight Garrett, Ole Aarsvold, Ken Beckman, and John Klocke.

Win the Christmas iPad Giveaway!

Join Comet Insiders Network!

If you are a Mayville State University alum or donor to our cause, we want to be able to send you the latest, breaking news from campus when important events happen! Learn about alumni and donor events in your part of the country. Be in the know!

You can win an iPad from a special drawing simply by sending us your email address and joining our Comet Insiders Network. We may have your email address already, but that’s okay. Sending it to us now will help us verify that we have the right address, just in case it’s changed. Perhaps your spouse, family member, or friend would like to be on our list too.

Every email sent will also be registered to win a state-of-the-art Apple® iPad.

Send your name, mailing address, and email address via email to our donor services representative: michelle.mclean@mayvillestate.edu.

You can also send your info by snail mail: Donor Services, MSU, 330 Third St. NE, Mayville, N.D. 58257.

All entries must be received by Nov. 30 to be eligible for the Dec. 1 Christmas iPad Giveaway!

Please note, your email address will not be used for anything other than event notifications and other communications from the Mayville State University Foundation. Your email will not be shared, sold or given to any third party.

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.

Make a \$5,000 gift for \$1,600. How does that work?

Turn 32¢ into \$1 with the N.D. Endowment Tax Credit when giving \$5,000.

A recent alumna was surprised when told her \$5,000 starting gift to a special endowment she was considering would have a net cost of only \$1,600. “How can that be?” she asked.

“It’s the North Dakota Endowment Tax Credit,” replied John Klocke, director of development and gift planning for Mayville State University. “Many folks don’t know how much it can help them help us,” said Klocke.

It’s very good news to give to our dedicated alumni and friends who want to invest in the future of Mayville State University through a gift to a qualified permanent endowment for scholarships, faculty endowments, or special endowed programs. To qualify for the credit, gifts equaling a minimum of \$5,000 or more must be given either at one time or throughout a calendar year.

Tax credit available for businesses and individuals

Only a few states in the U.S. offer any kind of tax incentive to give to endowments, and North Dakota is one of only two states currently to offer businesses (C corps, S corps, estates, and limited liability companies) and individuals the opportunity to qualify for a combined state and federal income tax credit of 40% up to a maximum of \$10,000 credit per person/business and up to \$20,000 for a married couple. Any excess credit can be carried forward up to three years for the individual or business.

“We are so very fortunate to have visionary legislators who created this opportunity. There is no real way of knowing if this kind of credit will be around for this year only or if it will remain in place longer,” said Klocke. “One thing is clear. It will be very helpful this year for those wishing to do good for charities like Mayville State University that offer qualified endowments.”

Following is an example of what the tax break would look like for an MSU donor in a 28 percent tax bracket:

Gift Amount	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Federal Tax Deduction	-\$1,400	-\$7,000	-\$14,000
N.D. State Income Tax Credit	-\$2,000	-\$10,000	-\$20,000
Net Cost of Gift	\$1,600	\$8,000	\$16,000

Where do you start?

Klocke, a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), joined MSU in February and brings 20+ years of charitable gift- and tax-planning experience to MSU donors who want to invest in the future of MSU and make the university and the state of North Dakota a better place to live and work.

Klocke stated that a special endowment credit information kit can be ordered simply by calling him at 701-788-4787, or email John at john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu. Klocke also advises folks to always check with their own financial adviser or attorney to see if this endowment gift credit option would work well for their own situation.

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.

Visit www.msugift.org.

Longtime Mayville family will name Northwest Hall

When Doug Anderson first heard the news that his ten-year-long campaign to save Northwest Hall and turn it into a first class alumni center was possibly coming to an end, he got just a little emotional.

“I just can’t believe it, but we may just be able to complete our campaign very soon,” Anderson said. “I am so thankful that this donor has stepped forward.”

“We’ve begun what we hope will be our final public appeal for support with our ‘Home by Homecoming Campaign,’” said John Klocke, MSU director of development and the fortunate person who was able to give Doug the exciting news.

Someone wants to help finish the campaign for Northwest Hall, a building built in 1911 as an infirmary for sick students. The building has served a number of purposes over the years, including the college president’s home, dormitory space, student medical offices, and married student housing. Now plans are to completely renovate the brick structure into a shining new home for MSU alumni, a place where alumni can meet and “come home.”

The fundraising campaign begun in 2002 started out to raise \$895,000. A total of \$520,000 has been raised to date, primarily through the sponsorship of various rooms of the building by area individuals, families, and businesses. Anderson has visited extensively with prospective donors over the years as a volunteer. He was glad to get help with the campaign when newly hired John Klocke and a full team of development staff including Michelle McLean, Meghan Derksen, and Beth Swenson told Anderson they were going to help him finish his important work.

“You’re not doing this alone any more,” said President Gary Hagen to Anderson. “We’re giving you some help.”

After meeting with Anderson and the team, Klocke approached a local family to present the opportunity to name the hall. This opportunity had a price tag of \$400,000. The gift would not only name the hall, but would end the campaign. A

gift of \$340,000 plus some scholarship funding exceeding the \$400,000-gift level was proposed.

After initial discussions took place in February of this year, the donor, whose name will be announced in October, stated that they would like to make this special gift. Klocke was elated.

“They told us they wanted to help us finish the campaign and they had one key concern,” Klocke said. “They wanted us to make sure we would have enough funding to finish it right.”

Klocke and Anderson went to work meeting with Kerry Peuser, the architect from Michael J. Burns and Associates who is overseeing the planning for the renovation.

“Our goal is to make sure we can get the project done so that it will not be just ‘finished,’ but ‘sparkling finished,’” Klocke said.

After determining that a few more construction finishes were needed, including a full elevator to make the building accessible, a funding appeal was developed and sent to more than 1,000 donors in an attempt to raise the final funds.

“At this time we are confident we will hit our fundraising targets by September,” Klocke said, and added, “We will be able to publicly announce and introduce this family at a special homecoming event at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 in the foyer of the MSU Campus Center.

Until then, Klocke and the whole team will be monitoring the “Home by Homecoming” appeal to raise the additional funds for furnishings, some finish and decorating work, a sewer and landscaping component, and a recognition sign.

What name will appear on the sign? In just a few weeks, the name will be made public and we will have a celebration to congratulate Doug Anderson and the leadership of MSU, as well as to thank this most special donor family, whose name will grace the Northwest Hall alumni center.

Stay tuned, and if you wish to name one of the remaining rooms or make a gift to the needed finishing fund, contact John Klocke at 701-788-4787 or e-mail John at john.j.klocke@mayvillestate.edu.



About 200 alumni and friends enjoyed ice cream on the lawn at Northwest Hall and learned more about the building renovation project during Alumni Day festivities June 22.

Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of Mayville State alumni and friends, more than \$58,000 was raised in the Annual Fund Drive/Phonathon.

That’s a 23% increase over last year!

Way to go!

Funds raised in the Annual Fund Drive are undesignated and are used for the greatest needs at Mayville State University.

NW Hall landscaping projects will honor special people

The lawns surrounding the Northwest Hall alumni center will be beautifully landscaped with gardens and bronze sculptures that will honor special people. The landscaped grounds will also feature historical items saved when East Hall and West Hall were demolished and the lion fountain that was donated by the Class of 1927 and once stood in front of Old Main.

A life-sized bronze sculpture of an American bald eagle in flight will be the centerpiece of a landscaping project planned for the north lawn. The eagle will be set on field stone and be complemented by a flag attached to the flag pole which stood atop Old Main for decades. The garden will honor Mayville State faculty, students, and friends who proudly served in the U.S. military.

The family of Vietnam War veteran David Brown of Cavalier, N.D. has purchased the eagle sculpture in memory of David, who passed away Aug. 3, 2010. David attended Mayville State in 1967, then enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as a sergeant with the 101st Infantry Airborne Ranger Division.

He was the recipient of several medals, including two Bronze Stars and two Combat Assault Awards. He was to have received the Purple Heart, but refused it because he felt fortunate to have come home with both arms and both legs, when so many did not.

In the fall of 1969, following his honorable discharge from the service, he returned to Mayville State, where he met

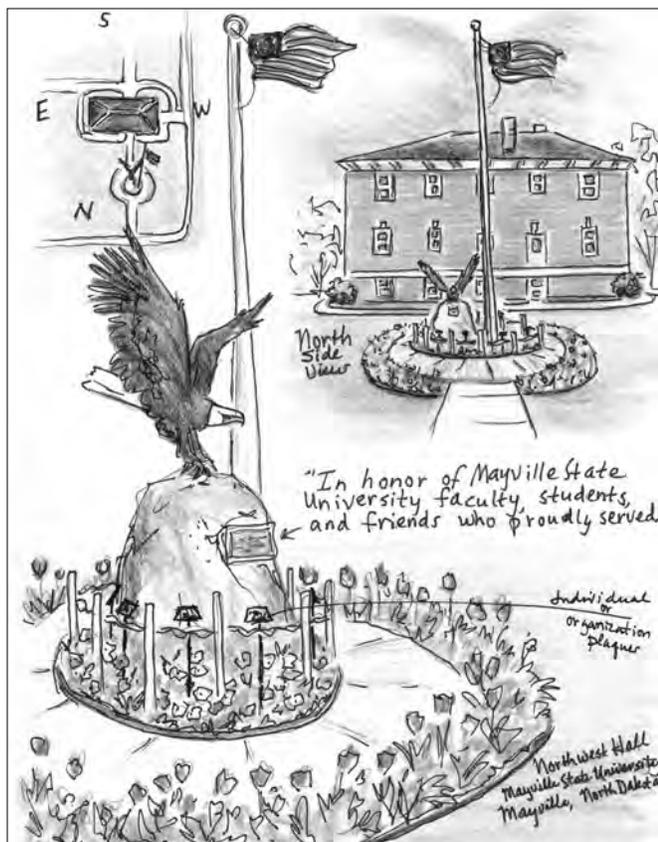
the love of his life, his wife Valerie. Val and Dave lived only 30 miles apart when growing up, but they didn't know each other until they met at Mayville State.

Val said, "This is a great way to honor Dave. He collected eagles, and would be so proud of this recognition."

Memory markers representing those who fought in World Wars and gardens planted in honor of loved ones will round out the details of the military honor landscaping project. To date, Harry Anderson, Alfred Anderson, the Portland Legion, Chester Viseth, the Karlstad families, Reuben Korsmo, Willard Sorteberg, Lowell Fugleberg, MayPort Lions Club, Alvin Tollefsrud, and David Brown will be represented on the memory markers.

On the south lawn of the future alumni center, the garden will honor longtime Mayville State librarian Clenora Quanbeck. The Quanbeck Memorial Garden and Library Honor landscaping project centers on a life-sized sculpture of a young boy and girl reading on a park bench. The statue will be in view of the children's play area at the Child Development Center. The sculpture will be surrounded by one of Clenora's favorite flowers, red geraniums, and identification stakes featuring library-related quotes. Since reading and research are the heart of learning, the theme of this garden is appropriate for the college campus.

Margit Eastman and Betty Karaim, former MSU librarians who worked with Clenora Quanbeck, headed up the fundraising efforts for this landscaping project. Margit and Betty found huge support when contacting former library minors and asking for their monetary contributions.



Artist's rendering of the military honor landscaping project.

Mayville State's 125th birthday is in 2014. Watch for exciting plans!

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Lee Vinje's carved wood Santas were the decor for this table at 'Tables du Jour' 2012.

'Tables du Jour' continues to wow crowds

For eight years straight, Mayville State University's "Tables du Jour" has wowed crowds and raised funds for Mayville State's music programs. "Tables du Jour" features lavishly decorated tables, each with a theme; musical entertainment; brunch; a silent auction; and more.

Kim Lauf and Shireen Grinager of Mayville have chaired the fundraiser each year. They have been assisted by Betsy Ewen, Mayville, and Gaylene Johnson of Cummings, N.D., who have headed up the silent auction.

Well over \$8,500 was donated to the MSU Music Department as a result of "Tables du Jour" 2012.

2012-13 MSU & Community Fine Arts Series set

- Sept. 17, 2012 Alejandro Drago - Violin
- Oct. 15, 2012 Sarah Cahill - Piano
- Nov. 26, 2012 Tine Thing Helseth - Trumpet
- Jan. 15, 2013 Ethel String Quartet
- March 4, 2013 Maya Trio

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the MSU Classroom Building Auditorium. For more information, contact Fine Arts Series Coordinator Mike Bakken, 701-788-4742 or mike.r.bakken@mayvillestate.edu.

Support music at Mayville State with your Music Makers membership!

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Mayville State University Homecoming 2012 Honorees

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



The 2012 Baseball Team

Front (l-r): Chris Hills, Darcy Paterson, Aaron Challoner, Craig Hern, Jerrod Bergstrom, Wes Hanson, Mike Lorz, Aaron Foster.

Middle: Matt Fetsch, Phil Medina, Dave Pearson, Rich Dean, Greg Lunski, Jared Whitehouse, Brendan Harz, Clark Andres.

Back: Jay O'Connor, Tony Kieffer, Josh McMenamy, Chad Fyre, Geoff Zimmerman, Mike Higgenbotham, Dan Chappel, Mike Czerwiec, Lee Smith, Ryan Bergseth, Head Coach Scott Berry.



Jason Deitchler



Bruce Weinreich

Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame Inductees



Ron Carlson



Dennis Horner



Kay Olson-Rabel



Richard Strand



Ken Towers



Harvey McMullen Open held

The third annual Harvey McMullen Open golf tournament was held at the Mayville Golf Course Friday, July 13. Friends and family of McMullen, Mayville State graduate and 27-year employee of Mayville State, gathered for a chance to visit with Harvey and his wife Rusty and to participate in a golf scramble. Proceeds of the tournament are used to support scholarships for Mayville State student-athletes. Pictured above are (l-r) MSU President Gary Hagen, Rusty McMullen, and Harvey McMullen.

"MSU's Guiding Light"

This watercolor, a fundraiser for Farmers Bowl 2012, features one of the columns that marks the walkway to the entrance of MSU's historic Old Main.

Tickets sell for \$5.00 each and are available online or at the MSU Foundation office.



Original artwork painted by Doug Anderson ('74).

Cost of framing donated by Kelly Morrison ('76).

Purchase a chance to own this original watercolor at www.mayvillestate.edu/farmersbowl.

Attention Business & CIS Division alumni and current and former faculty!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the reunion planned at Homecoming 2012.

Saturday, October 13

KT Hall, Portland

Picnic Supper from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Socializing continues until 10:00 p.m.

Mayville State University FARMERS BOWL 2012



Saturday, September 22

You are invited to join in the fun and festivities of the 18th annual MSU Farmers Bowl. The Farmers Bowl is an all-day festival that celebrates the proud agricultural heritage of the Mayville-Portland area.

"Back Behind the Barn" 5K Run/Walk.

The day will begin with the 5K Run/Walk, leaving from the front of MSU's Old Main at 8:00 a.m. Proceeds of this event go toward the purchase of equipment at the MSU Wellness Center. More information: 701-788-5200 or wellness.center@mayvillestate.edu.

Parade. The parade, featuring farm equipment, bands, antique vehicles, and floats, will begin in downtown Mayville at 10:00 a.m. and end at MSU's Jerome Berg Field.

Corn on the Cob & Hot Dog Feed. Following the parade, the Comet Athletic Club will sponsor a free corn on the cob and hot dog feed near MSU's Jerome Berg Field.

Comets Football Game. Mayville State will play Presentation College in the 2012 Titan Machinery Farmers Bowl football game. Catch the action at Jerome Berg Field beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Farmers Bowl Auction. The auction has steadily grown since its beginning in 1997, when \$14,000 was raised. Last year, about \$37,000 was raised in the auction itself, and the cash fundraiser held in conjunction with the auction brought in an additional \$7,000! The event will begin with a social featuring an hors d'oeuvres buffet at the MSU Luckasen Room at 5:00 p.m. Bidding on the silent auction will also begin at that time. The live auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the auction sell for \$25.00 and can be purchased at the MSU Foundation or at www.mayvillestate.edu/farmersbowl.

**Follow the details of
Farmers Bowl 2012 at
mayvillestate.edu/farmersbowl.**

**See how you can participate in
this year's cash fundraiser and win \$1,000!**



**Congratulations to Mayville State's
newest alumni ... the Class of 2012!**



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COMMENCEMENT
May 12, 2012**

This is your life. **Find a passion and pursue it.** Forgive. **Dream big.** Laugh every day. **Learn more.** Be nice. Travel. **Be true to who you are.** Follow your dreams. **Embrace change.** Be happy. **Try new things.** Smile. Work hard. **Be creative.** Make every moment count. Be thankful. **Enjoy the simple things.** Never give up.

