

# Keeping track

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## '60s

**L. E. Ward '66 BA, '67 MA** has been chosen for the 2008 Editor's Choice Award from the International Library of Poetry.



**Gary Johnson '67 BS** has retired from a 37-year human resources and certified safety professional career. [grjsafetyconsult@aol.com](mailto:grjsafetyconsult@aol.com)

**Norm Virenus '69 BS** retired from teaching in the Lena, Wis., School District after 39 years of service.

## '70s

**Robert Bolitho '70 BS** of Lyman, S.C., is serving in Kampala, Uganda, as business manager for the African Bible University. [ptlalways@prodigy.net](mailto:ptlalways@prodigy.net)

**Irma Hamilton '71 BA** of Southfield has been appointed director of education with the Detroit Zoological Society.



**Don Stacks '71 BA** was recently elected as a distinguished teaching fellow by the Eastern Communication Association. He is program director of the School of Communications at the University of Miami.



**Marlane Bengry '72 BS** of Bellbrook, Ohio, retired in June as a personnel director with Delphi Corporation after 31 years.

**Tim Furno '72 BS** has been inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



**Gregory Hekel '72 BS** has recently retired after 33 years as an intelligence officer with the Central Intelligence Agency, serving in the U.S. and overseas.

**Bonnie Ledy '72 BS** retired as principal of St. Ignace schools after more than 35 years of service.



**Margaret Coughlin '73 BS** was recently elected chair of the Eastern Michigan Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association. She specializes in environmental law.

**Michael Webb '73 BS** of Crystal Falls was recently elected chairman of the executive committee of Michigan Bankers Title of the Upper Peninsula.

**Garry Parrett '73 BS, '78 MAE, '82 MAE** retired in June after 34 years with Wausaukee, Wis., School District.

**Judith (Mills) Vanderwalker '73 BSN** of Marshfield, Wis., has retired as nurse practitioner in internal medicine at Marshfield Clinic after 34 years in the nursing profession.

**Randy Middlin '74 BS** retired in July after serving the Vassar School System for 34 years, most recently as superintendent.

**Jean, Joan and Jan Ball '74 BS, '74 BS and '76 BS** are sisters who have retired from Menominee Area Public Schools after a combined 99 years of service. They jointly received the 2008 Menominee City District Education Association Outstanding Person in Education, and the Marinette-Menominee Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year.



**Michael Roesner '74 BS** retired from the U.S. Navy as rear admiral in September, after 39 years with the Navy, most recent-

ly as commander, Naval Inventory Control Point, in Mechanicsburg/Philadelphia. His sea and shore tours have included points around the world, from the Antarctic to Hawaii. He has also received numerous medals for outstanding service and achievement.

**Mary Tippett '75 BA** has been named senior director of marketing at Marquette General Health System, overseeing community relations and marketing, printing services and volunteers.

**Thomas Cornell '76 BS** of St. Louis, Mo., has earned his doctoral degree in educational leadership from St. Louis University.



**Tom Kelly '76 BS** of Grandville has received the Outstanding Alumni K-12 Teacher Award from the

Michigan State University College of Education Alumni Association. He is a science specialist with Grandville Public Schools.

## '80s

**Bob Waddell '80 BS** is a business development manager for LCD Displays for Avnet, and would love to hear from "the old marketing crew." He and wife **Sandy (Perry) '80 BSN** live in South Lyon. bob.waddell@avnet.com



**Abe Zain '84 BS** of Sault Ste. Marie was recently elected president of the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education

Society, the state's only industrial arts teacher organization.

**Michael Parejko '88 BS** has been promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Indiana Blood Center.



## '90s

**Tim Thomas '92 BS** has been hired as the director of administration and finance for the Catholic Diocese of Marquette.

**Jennifer Roth '93 BS** was hired last March as the K-6 principal of Hesperia Community Schools.

**Kathleen Heideman '94 MA** was selected for the artist at Pine Needles residency in St. Croix, Minn., and also as artist in residence at Isle Royale National Park.

**Angie (Gaspar) Griepentrog '96 BS** and her husband, Roger, of Freedom, Wis., have won five Wisconsin Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest awards for their paper, *The Freedom Pursuit*.

**Eric Mason '96 BS** of Marquette is a pharmaceutical sales rep for Eli Lilly. The company recruits NMU grads

and provides real case scenarios for NMU marketing strategy classes. mason\_eric\_w@lilly.com

**Travis Conley '96 BS, '99 MA** and his wife welcomed son Bjorn in February.

**Randy Schaedig '96 MAE** was recently appointed science coordinator for the Midland Public Schools.



**Donald Archambeau '97 BS, '99 MPA** of Alexandria, Va., has been promoted to human resources generalist with EIT (Electronic Instrumentation and Technology). darchambeau@eitinc.com

**Bridget Gazlay '98 BSW** was recently named the American Christian Writers 2008 Writer of the Year. fabriccards101@charter.net

**Jim Lorenson '98 MPA** of Ironwood was recently named president of Gogebic Community College.

**Kristin Biekkola-Vergstegen '99 BS** and husband, Jamie, of Appleton, Wis., welcomed their first child, Nathaniel Lee, in April. biekkola@fvtc.edu

## '00s

**Andrew Zager '00 BFA** is digital media engineer for a new casino and resort in Las Vegas. He is also an award-winning photographer. aczphotos@mac.com

**Lori (Morgan) Friend '00 BS** of Houghton Lake is working as a career adviser for the Roscommon County Michigan Works! lorifriend@webtv.net

**Kerry Slife '01 BS** of Rocky River,



Ohio, is working for SearchPath International and recently spent 10 weeks in Vienna, Austria, where she was invited to play rugby on the Women's Austrian National Team, and the Vienna City team, which won the national championship.

**Daryl Vizina '01 BS** was the keynote speaker at the spring commencement ceremony for Inland Lakes High School.

**Dionne '01 BS and George Jackson '03 BS** recently came back to Michigan (Troy) from Washington D.C. In October of last year they welcomed their second child, Geremiah. bicepbulletin@gmail.com

**Orion Couling '02 BS** and his sister, Emily, a student at NMU, taught stage fighting workshops at the Soo Theatre this summer.

**Julie (Schenning) '03 BA and Grant Murray '04 BS** of Gurnee, Ill., welcomed baby girl, Aubry, in October. jmurray@alumni.nmu.edu

**Michael Barnhart '03 BS** has joined the Coalition for Christian Outreach to work with students at the University of Findlay in partnership with Gateway Church.

**Jennifer Yatchak '03 BS** recently received her master's degree in physician assistant practice from the College of Health Professions at Rosalind Franklin University.

**Scott '03 BS and Ragen Toennesen '03 BA** of Lombard, Ill., became the parents of an adopted son, Dane, in May. stoennes@alumni.nmu.edu

 **Timothy Tanis '04 BA** recently accepted a position as the compensation manager for Cabela's in Sidney, Neb. ttanis@alumni.nmu.edu

**Scott Fluette '04 BS** of Traverse City works for the Grand Traverse Resort & Casinos as a hotel manager. scott.fluette@charter.net

**Amber (Pairolero) Quigley '04 BS** was the honorary speaker at the Watersmeet High School commencement this spring.



**Jeff '04 BS and Amanda Beneteau '05 BSN** live in Phoenix, Ariz. Jeff is employed as a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch in Scottsdale. Amanda is a registered nurse with the Mayo Clinic hospital in Phoenix.  
jeffrey\_beneteau@ml.com

**Jackie Dummer '05 BS** has been promoted to account executive with the health-care practice group Weber Shandwick.

**Derek Main '05 BS** has been appointed manager of All-Phase Electric Supply Company in Marquette.

**Alexander Hansen '07 BFA** recently had a digital print titled "Azureus Sapiens" (below) accepted to the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. He is also writing a documentary about his experience converting a combustion vehicle to an electric vehicle.



**Dustin Skerbeck '07 BS** is the general manager of the family business, Skerbeck Brothers Carnival. He started working in the carnival at age 5.

**R. J. Walters '07 BS** has been named sports editor for the *Hillsdale Daily News*.



**Amy Chartier '08 BS** worked as a nature instructor at Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay this summer.

## Marriages

**Jennifer Ketola '94 AB** to Steven Haldane.

**Rebecca Rudden '97 AS** to Kevin Smith '06 Cert.

**Amy Cameron '99 BS** to William DeGraw.

**Richard Gleeson '99 BS** to Jennifer Johnson '01 Voc.

**Lori Barborich '00 BS, '07 BSN** to David Peura '06 BS.

**Susan Chouinard '00 BS** to Brian Ellis.

**Christopher Penney '00 BS** to Megan Kippola.

**Anthony Crispigna '01 BS, '02 BS, '07 MS** to Lacey Klucas '04 BS.

**Joshua Cittadino '02 AAS** to Danielle Magnuson.

**Holly Lawer '02 BS** to Jeremy Letson.

**Jennie Arduin '03 BS** to Adam Thill.

**Benjamin Bursack '03 BS** to Melissa Hedberg '07 BS.

**Dana Ferguson '04 BS** to Rebecca Kraemer '04 BS.

**Kimberly Malandron '04 Cert.** to Alan Swanson '05 BS.

**Joshua Olson '04 BS** to Danielle Ventre '07 BS.

**Kelly Schlumpf '04 AB** to Donald Thurber.

**Lindsay Schneider '04 BA** to Chad Lindstrom '07 BS.

**Chelsee Bergman '05 BSN** to Joshua Bal '06 BS.

**Kristin Finco '05 BS** to Michael Pfarr.

**Danielle Lawrence '05 BS** to John Wheeler.

**Kristen Thorpe '05 BSN** to Michael Truscott '06 BS.

**Eric Young '05 BS** to Amy Reetz '07 BS.

**Daniel Bonetti '06 BS** to Melissa Peymann '06 BS.

**Stephen Hellman '06 Cert.** to Alicia June.

**Joseph Ostlund '06 BS** to Catherine Guerts.

**Lindsey Pepin '06 BS** to Tyson Butorac.

**Angela Tasson '06 BS** to Robert Lehtinen.

**Jeremy Bovan '07 BS** to Stephanie Coron.

**Alex Buck '07 BA** to Lauren Johnson '07 BS.

**Jennifer Danielson '07 AB** to Jonnathon Pucel.

**Mirinda LaCombe '07 Cert.** to Benjamin Benson.

## Deaths

**Ruth Bucklin '35 Life Cert.**, Feb. 21, 2008, Traverse City.

**Sofia Bernhardt '38 BS**, March 17, 2008, Coldwater.

**Clarence Sargent '39 AS**, May 19, 2008, Fairfax, Va.

**Helen Gaffney '49 BS**, April 21, 2008, St. Johns.

**John Larsen '50 BS**, March 23, 2008, Detroit.

**Robert St. Louis '50 BS, '75 EDS**, April 24, 2008, Kingsford.

**William Sutter '50 BA**, May 22, 2008, Ludington.

**Anne Magnusen '52 BS**, May 9, 2008, Escanaba.

**Mildred Mattson '54 BS**, June 25, 2008, Manistique.

**Charles Harju '55 BS**, April 26, 2008, Petoskey.

**John Wuorenmaa '56 BS**, April 15, 2008, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**John Slapp '57 BS, '64 MA, '76 MAE**, April 3, 2008, Mountain Home, Ark.

**Donal Sorby '59 BS**, March 19, 2008, Marquette.

**James Legault '63**, Feb. 22, 2008, Galien.

**James Barkow '64 BS**, May 8, 2008, Madison, Wis.

**Dennis Boyak '68**, April 9, 2008, Munising.

**Virginia Collins '68 BS, '74 MAE**, June 15, 2008, Sault Ste. Marie.

**Linda Maki '69 BA**, June 2, 2008, Eden Prairie, Minn.

**Marc Hagerty '70 BS**, May 12, 2008, Iron Mountain.

**Robert Rocchi '70 BS, '78 MAE**, May 21, 2008, Morris, Ill.

**Jeanne Wiitanen '70 BS**, June 7, 2008, Munising.

**Jeffrey Smith '72**, March 18, 2008, Allen Park.

**Michael Granlund '74 BS**, June 9, 2008, Republic.

**Richard Bedard '79**, April 18, 2008, Wauceshah.

**Lynn Caylia '82 BS, '91 MA**, May 12, 2008, Flippin, Ark.

**Rory Emblad '86 AS**, May 17, 2008, L'Anse.

**Lorelee Larson '90**, March 30, 2008, Marquette.

**Linda Ehrhardt '91 BS**, May 24, 2008, Escanaba.

**Kama Mottard '94 BS**, May 27, 2008, Menominee.

**Erick Waisanen '95 BS**, March 2008 Feb. 21, 2008, Houghton.

**Robert McInnis '05**, June 24, 2008, Lansing.

**Eric Tourangeau '07 BS**, March 14, 2008, Gladstone.

## Friends

Lawrence Swanson, who retired from the trades department in 1993, April 25, 2008, Marquette.

Robert Cooke, former faculty member, April 30, 2008, Ontonagon.

Patricia Lindquist, former assistant registrar and 1982 retiree, May 7, 2008, Palm Desert, Calif.

Bob Maust, former associate dean of students, May 9, 2008, Kalkaska County.

James Dillehay, visiting professor from 1980-84, June 6, 2008, Saint Paris, Ohio.

Friedhelm Rickert, former languages professor and retiree, July 17, 2008, Marquette.

