’60s

Helen St. Aubin ’64 BS has been named senator to the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Faculty Senate Governing Board. She is an adjunct associate professor at the university.

Michael Kauppi, ’67 BA, ’69 MA has retired from the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, Port Charlotte Location, after 22 years. He has enrolled in art classes and enjoys riding his bike between pool time and yard sales. mkauppi1@hotmail.com

’70s

Dale Hemmila ’73 BS has been named director of public affairs in North America for Cliffs Natural Resources. He will be responsible for supervision of public affairs activity at Cliffs’ Michigan, Minnesota and eastern Canada iron ore properties and coal operations in West Virginia and Alabama.

Doris Holmstrom ’75 BS, ’91 MA has launched WriteUP Editorial Services LLC in Gladstone, offering business, news and feature writing, proofreading, copyediting, newsletters and print production management. www.writeupeditorialservices.com.

Beverly (Becky) Beauchamp ’78 BS, ’83 MA was recently named vice president of marketing and development at St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, Okla. She received the NMU Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1985.

Linda Hayden ’79 BSN is a professor of nursing at Davenport University in Warren. She recently earned a master’s degree in nursing to add to her master’s in health care administration.

Gail (Bowe) Ives ’79 BS has retired after 32 years with Mott Community College, having served most recently as director of institutional research. She continues to work part time as a higher education consultant with various state organizations. She and her husband, David, who was an NCAA Wildcat swimming champion from ’74-’76, have two children, one who will graduate from NMU in May.

Thomas Zavitz ’79 BS, associate dean for administration and finance at the Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, has been appointed to lead in the development of the new Western Michigan University School of Medicine. He will continue his role with KCMS and also be in charge of all financial and administrative functions of the new school.
‘80s

Peter Helein ‘81 BS was named chief of police for the city of Appleton, Wis.

James Skibo ‘82 BS has been named Illinois State University Distinguished Professor of 2012. He has built an international reputation as a leader in the fields of ethnoarchaeology, archaeology of the Great Lakes and Southwest and archaeological theory. He has authored and contributed to eight books and is co-editor of the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory. He was honored as an Outstanding Young Alumnus by NMU in 1996.

Will Andresen ‘83 BS is coaching the men’s and women’s cross-country running and Nordic ski teams at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood. Will competed on Northern’s Nordic ski team from 1979 to 1983, serving as team captain his senior year, and was a member of the Wildcats National Collegiate Ski Association national champion relay team in 1983. willa@gogebic.edu

Brian House ‘83 BS retired as a manager from the Utah Department of Natural Resources, law enforcement. He worked in many areas of public safety, DNR management, wildlife, OHV and boating enforcement. He is now on his second term with the Garden City Town Council and is the town’s part-time administrative court judge. He is looking forward to spending more time with family, as well as hunting, fishing and recreating.

Diane Duguay ‘84 Voc. has been named to the board of directors of the Metro North Chamber of Commerce in Minneapolis/St. Paul. She is the director of employee relations and diversity for Kraus-Anderson Construction Company.

“When in Rome… do as the Wildcats do.” Joseph ‘70 BS, ‘79 MAE and Nancy ‘70 BS, ‘74 MAE Prinzi of Grand Haven, showed their NMU pride on the tour of Italy they enjoyed last fall.

James Paterson ‘86 BS (left) is an organization development consultant with Butzel Long Law Firm and just earned a master’s degree in human resources and organizational development from Eastern Michigan University.
**Darren Petschar ’86 BS, ’95 MAE** has been named a 2011 National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. He is principal of Woodland Elementary in Kingsford. One of only 61 elementary and middle school principals honored, he was invited to attend the awards banquet in Washington, D.C., where U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan provided congratulatory remarks.

**Steven Brisson ’89 BS** has been named deputy director for Mackinac State Historic Parks, where he will manage the newly created museum programs and marketing unit. He has worked with the organization since 1996.

**Edward Vopal ’91 BS** was elected president of the Wisconsin Association for Justice. The group is the largest voluntary statewide bar organization in Wisconsin. He will serve as primary spokesperson and work to protect the personal and civil rights of Wisconsin citizens and the group’s goal of preserving a fair and effective justice system. He is an attorney with Habush, Habush & Rottier, S.C. of Green Bay.

**Bob Case ’93 BS** of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., has been promoted to vice president of technical services at Renaissance Learning.

**Bart Lawrence ’93 BS** recently moved to San Diego, Calif., to take the lead on the Army ROTC program at San Diego State University.

**Eric Bolduc ’94 BS** of Scottsdale, Ariz., has opened up a property-casualty office for Holmes Murphy & Associates.

**Cynthia Schnell ’94 BSW** is a special education teacher in Tucson, Ariz. Her husband, **Robert ’94 BS**, is a math instructor at Southern Arizona Community Academy.

*Advice from Andrew Mellen ’84 BS is prominently featured in the February 2012 issue of Family Circle magazine. Tips from his book, *Unstuff Your Life*, appeared over several pages of the lead article on “Stylish Storage Solutions for Every Room.” Check out www.andrewmellen.com.*

**Elizabeth G. Johnson ’83 BS** of Lafayette, Calif., and **Maribeth A. Bushey ’84 BS** of San Rafael, Calif., ascended the Yosemite National Park Half Dome via the cable route. The two grads, along with their families and dogs, trained on Bay Area trails for the nearly 5,000 feet elevation gain from the floor of Yosemite Valley to the top of Half Dome at 8,800 feet. They agreed that it was a “great day to be a Wildcat.”

**Kristen Kroger ’95 BS** of Geneva, Switzerland is working remotely as an attorney for IAA and Affiliated Companies (Country Financial).

**Robin Brooks ’97 BS, ’01 BS** of Seattle had her screenplay, **Val & Tootie**, selected as a second-round pick in the PAGE International Screenwriting Awards Competition. She was also named to the board of directors for the Northwest Screenwriters Guild and promoted to volunteer services manager at Girl Scouts of Western Washington.

**Kristina Balzarini ’99 BS, ’09 MPA** was recently hired by the University of Michigan as development administrative assistant for the School of Social Work and now lives in Livonia.

**Jodie Filpus ’00 BS** moved to Tapiola from Schaumburg, Ill., where she had been director of residence and housing at The Illinois Institute of Art-Schaumburg, to take a job as recruiter and outreach coordinator for the Michigan Technological University School of Business and Economics.

**Jennifer Huetter ’01 BS** is district manager of public affairs in Michigan for Cliffs Natural Resources in Ishpeming.

**Erin (Vostad) McCormick ’01 BS** and husband, Kalin, recently had twin girls, Evelyn and Teagan. Erin is a financial reporting analyst at AgriBank.

Their daughter Delaney won the USA junior national diving title on platform and a silver medal with the USA Junior Pan Am Team last year.
Katrina Gallagher ’02 BS is an office assistant with ANR communications in East Lansing and gave birth to Caleb Lucas Conley in October.

Stacey (Miller) MacDonald ’02 BS, ’07 MAE of Sugar Island is a behavior specialist/coordinator of planning, monitoring and data collection and works with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District.

Kristi (Arlt) Stemen ’02 BA and her husband, Eric, of Marquette, welcomed their first child, Madelyn Mae, in March.

Marci (Nader) Zaunick ’04 BS of Lawrence, Pa., is a stay-at-home mom.

Patty (Egeler) Dowd ’05 BS of Toledo, Ohio, is a middle school math teacher at Horizon Science Academy-Springfield.

Matthew Ciancio ’06 BS of Downingtown, Pa., is a strategic consulting associate with Siemens Healthcare Solutions. His efforts have been focused on health care reform initiatives such as new medical coding standards.

Chena Filizetti-Beaudry ’06 BS of Clawson is a neurology resident at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital.

Heather Hendrickson ’06 BS of Greenville, Wis., is a planner for Kimberly-Clark, where she recently developed and launched two new Kleenex brand products.

Dayna Keranen ’06 BS recently moved to Appleton, Wis., to become Brown County’s community relations representative for the American Cancer Society.

Cassandra Sturos ’09 BS, and former North Wind staffer, is on this season’s “The Biggest Loser,” which began airing on Jan. 3. Her biography on NBC.com says she wants to “lose weight because she wants to move to New York City and pursue a writing career, but she doesn’t feel like she has the confidence and self-esteem to be successful there.” When not in front of the camera, Cassandra lives in Fowlerville and works as an in-home senior caregiver.

Zach Nichols ’10 BS was on the cast of MTV’s “The Real World – San Diego,” which wrapped up in December. With a degree in sports science and exercise physiology, Zach plays semi-pro arena football and works at a physical therapy clinic.

Leanna Ketola ’06 BA of Greenville, Wis., works in the commercial construction industry as a buyer and contract sales specialist for wood doors.

Adria (Danis) Laplander ’06 BS of Hubbell is a 6th grade language arts teacher at Houghton-Portage Township Schools. She is also a varsity cheerleading coach, waitress and Zumba instructor.

Amy Mercure ’06 BS recently accepted a position with Bay Valley Foods, a private label manufacturer publicly traded under Treehouse Foods, Inc. She previously worked for Schenck & Associates CPA firm as a senior auditor.

Jason Pilarski ’06 BS, ’10 MA and his wife are teaching with EPIK (English Program in Korea) at a public school.
Annika Stewart '06 BS was recently hired to teach 11th grade English and remedial reading at Mission High School in Phoenix, Ariz.

Brianne Rogers '07 BS of Naperville, Ill., is assistant director of student involvement at North Central College.

Darcie Cook '08 BA of Anchorage, Alaska, is a kindergartner teacher at the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School. She got married last summer to Joe Brodsky.

Melissa Natter '08 BS is the middle school severe/multiple disabilities special education teacher for the Williamsburg-James City County School Division in Virginia.

Skyla Vandervest '08 BS is a professional education and community relations coordinator for Schwab-North America and assistant coach for the Green Bay Preble High School dance team.

Joshua Biron '09 BS, '11 MA is teaching in Toyooka, Japan, with JET (Japanese Exchange and Teaching Programme). mondaybiron@yahoo.com

Amber Chiapuzio '09 BSN of Kaneohe, Hawaii, is a nurse and first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Alyssa DeFrancesco '09 BS and Nathan Sigmund '09 BS are living in Spain where Nathan is playing roller hockey for a Spanish team and Alyssa is teaching English.

Meredith Neuman '09 BS, '11 MA is teaching writing and literature at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn. mereneuman@gmail.com

Amanda (Staley) Paulus '09 BS, '11 MA is an English teacher at Sault Area High School in Sault Ste. Marie. amandasue.paulus@gmail.com

Tom Rich '09 BS, '11 MA teaches composition at the University of Wisconsin-Barron County campus in Rice Lake, Wis. rich.thomas.e@gmail.com

Robert Ransom Cole '10 MFA is a full-time composition instructor at Auburn University in Montgomery, Ala. r.ransom.cole@gmail.com

Cynthia Brandon Slocum '10 MFA is teaching at Northern Idaho College on the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d’Alene in northern Idaho.

Derek Bush '11 BA is regional economical development liaison for the Lake Superior Community Partnership in Marquette.

Becky Rasmussen '11 BS received a graduate assistantship position in campus recreation at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. She plans to get her master’s degree in exercise science.

Marriages

John Gustafson '02 BS, '03 Cert. to Linnea R. Olson '05 BFA.

Bo Rowan '03 BS to Nicole Lofquist '07 BSN.

Amy Wiseley '06 BS to Daniel Pruner. Amy is working as a 3rd grade teacher for Marquette Area Public Schools.

Michele Hirsch '09 BS to Timothy Ebendick '09 BS.

Deaths


Leroy “Mike” Quilliam '42 BS, June 30, 2011, Iron Mountain.


Ann (Sword) Beaudoin ‘54 BA, July 6, 2011, Seneca, S.C.

Friends


Robert C. Burdick, retired NMU building and grounds attendant, Sept. 18, 2011, Marquette.


Phillip Pezzuto, retired NMU heavy equipment operator/landscaping specialist, Sept. 16, 2011, Marquette.


Missing Alumni

We know they’re out there. Can you help us locate these people?

Mary Zavodnic Brotherton ’44
Wallace Korby ’47
Robert Freeman ’52
Jacqueline Williams Brady ’58
Dale Cuculi ’61
Frederick Anutta ’65
Pamela Heming Gowin ’70
Dale Salo ’73
Janet Mosteller ’76
Peg Dilworth-Hunt ’81
Ina Corradino ’82
Bradley Tangen ’86
Shirley Swanson Stapleton ’88
Michelle Taftinen ’89
Stuart Foster ’90
Terry Jones ’97
Melanie Brown ’04
Luisa Miliani ’06
Christopher Leffler ’07
Katrina Goodrich ’10

Lifetime Members

We’d like to thank the following people who have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association.

Carla Blizzard ’86
Nancy Lee Carlson ’74
Jean Marie Cisler ’67
Margaret Helwig ’01, ’05
Daniel Przybylski ’02
David Stewart Simon ’69
William Stewart ’95
Carol Anne VanRemortel ’68
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