

# Class of 1976 - 50 Year Grads



## Reunion Social - June 13, 2026

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The 2026 Mayville High School Alumni Reunion Social was held Saturday, June 13th at the Veterans Pavilion on the Mayville Museum grounds. Approximately 70 people attended and enjoyed delicious food as well as great conversations. The facility is perfect for this gathering, and we are extremely grateful that the Mayville Museum and the Veterans allow the Alumni to use it at no cost.

The program began with John Jordan (the newest alumni board member) from the class of 1975 as emcee. After a brief welcome, he introduced Wilda (Dowling) Trisch from the Class of 1976 to welcome the Class of 2026 to the Alumni Association. Wilda noted that graduating in the "bicentennial" and "semi quinentennial" years make their classes similar since everyone celebrates their graduations. She emphasized three words that would be most important in their lives: God, Family, and Country. She wanted them to realize that as their lives change, to be mindful of the drastic changes their parents will experience as well.



Above: John Jordan  
Below: Wilda (Dowling) Trisch  
Right: Beverly (Crampton) Ankley, Janet (Carr) Herbert and Jackson Buhl

The Alumni Association was honored to introduce both of the Norman Duncan Memorial winners from the Class of 1976: Beverly (Crampton) Ankley and Janet (Carr) Herbert. Both ladies shared their memorable high school experiences and told how Mayville High School shaped their lives. They expressed gratitude for their wonderful teachers and their classmates. Bev and Janet were honored to be the first women to ever receive the Duncan Memorial - which ultimately paved the way for the 23 women Duncan winners since. They presented the Alumni Scholarship and the Duncan Memorial Award certificate to this year's recipient, Jackson Buhl.



During high school Jackson especially excelled on the basketball court, receiving numerous awards and leading the way as MVP and team captain. He also found great success in baseball and track. Jackson maintained honor roll status and earned his CNA certification through the Tuscola Technology Center. Jackson plans to continue with his nursing studies as well as play basketball at Delta College. We are so proud of you Jackson and wish you great success in your future!

The Alumni Board created a new \$1,000 Mayville Wildcat Legacy Alumni Scholarship this year: The students were asked to submit an essay answering the question “What does it mean to be a Mayville Wildcat, and how has going to school here shaped your life?” Jackson Buhl was recognized as he read his winning essay.



Above: Jackson Buhl reads his essay.

Left: Marie Tompkins, Richard & Mildred Fox



Special recognition was then given to Richard (Dick) Fox from the Class of 1945 and his wife Mildred (Woern) Fox from the Class of 1947. We are thrilled that they continue to attend and support us every year. Some of the other oldest grads included three from the Class of 1959: Robert Steele, Barbara (Long) Hahn, and Pat (Fowler) Chantiny. The alumnus that came the farthest was Lonnie Ihrke, Class of 1974, who traveled from Mississippi. John also took a moment to identify alumni from each decade.

Jill (Steele) Pape, Alumni Secretary/Treasurer from the Class of 1983 introduced the Alumni Board Members and then updated the group on the finances. She also shared the story of Glenn Schlattman from the Class of 1963 and his wife Donna who have recently donated over \$12,000 to the Alumni Association. Glenn chose to give back to his hometown school and acknowledged long-time High School counselor, Francene Smith, for inspiring him to further his education at Michigan State University. Glenn has hopes that his giving will inspire others to give as well.

Jill introduced Kimberley Richardson, Mayville’s Middle School reading teacher, to share how the Alumni Cash for Class financial support brought Wildlife Safari from Canton, MI to her students. The program directly connected their animals to those in My Side of the Mountain and Holes, which were read by the 6th and 7th graders.

Twenty-three 50-year Grads from the Class of 1976 were in attendance after many celebrated at their own 50th class reunion at Beagios in Kingston the night before. The 1976 graduates each received a Golden Diploma in honor of their 50th year after high school. Angel (Elenbaum) Green and Ammy Heckman represented their Class of 2001 as 25 Year Grads and received their Wildcat Pins.



Ammy Heckman and Angel (Elenbaum) Green



Jill Pape (filling in for Tim Wingert from the Hall of Fame Committee) announced the teams and individuals who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this fall. The inductees include these Individuals: Chris Yens (1995), Scott Frenzel (1993), Dale Hool (1978), Bob Mabery (longtime coach), the 1989 Women's State Champion 3200 relay team members - Andrea Foote, Gail LaBair, Jamie Freeland, and Jenny Smith. The teams to be honored include the 1988-1990 Girls Track Teams, and the Friend of Sport Honoree is Sherri Elenbaum (1982).



Kimberley Richardson,  
Mayville Middle School  
Reading teacher

All are invited to attend the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, October 10, 2026, in the High School Auditorium. A meet and greet will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the ceremony at 7:00 pm. For more information about their committee and past inductees, please look for the link on Mayville's school website - [mayvilleschools.org](http://mayvilleschools.org).

The beautiful afternoon culminated with singing the school song, On To Mayville. *We encourage you to attend next year's Alumni Reunion Social on Saturday, June 12th at the same location.*