



# Alumni Historian

Mayville High School

Spring/Summer 2021

134 Years

Victoria L. (Volunteer) Shanks—Class of 1985

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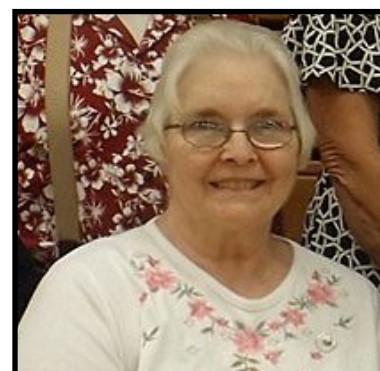


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*This issue  
of the  
Historian  
is  
dedicated to*

*Betty  
Steele  
Harris  
'61*



### Front Row:

Richard Bodeis '53,  
Courtney Foote '97  
Norman Duncan Jr—the  
son of Norman Duncan  
Morgan Lilly '49

### Middle Row:

Donald McLane '58  
Duane Lamiman '59  
Al Titus '49  
Al Fox '67  
Louis Hamilton '47

### Back Row:

Tom Topham '64  
Mark McLane '85

**Alumni Banquet 1997  
Norman Duncan 50th Anniversary Recipients**

Mayville



Wildcats

Dear fellow Mayville Alumni,

Hopefully everyone has been able to stay safe and remember what really counts in life is God, Family and friends. The Alumni Board has made the decision to CANCEL the 2021 Alumni Banquet in light of the current virus situation. The safety of those attending the banquet and to those that help with putting the event together are at the top of our list!

This has to be one of the strangest years on record! Even though we did not hold a Banquet in 2020 or 2021 your Alumni board was still active with Scholarships, our **Ca\$h for Cla\$\$** program -If you do not know what this program is it is one way the Alumni Association is giving back to our Schools by helping with basic school supplies that every classroom needs, and our **School Supply Closets** –so students have basic supplies to be able to participant in classroom activities.

The above programs allow us to reach more then one student every year and it also helps our Teachers who normally reach into their own pockets for basic school supplies. If you would like to learn more about these programs or would like to donate to this worthy cause please see pages 23 & 24.

During the 2022 Reunion/Banquet, we will be celebrating the 50 year grads from years 1970, 1971 and 1972. We will also be celebrating the 25 year grads from years 1995, 1996 and 1997. We will also be recognizing our chosen school employees and educators as well as the recipient of the Duncan Memorial and the Scholarship awards. I cannot yet give you a date, we will announce that as soon as we can.

Again you—the Mayville Alumni- can continue to help the Alumni Association by supporting the programs we have in place by making donations to the **Historian**, **Ca\$h for Cla\$\$**, **The School Supply Closets**, **the General Fund**, and the **Scholarship Fund**. For those of you that enjoy reading the Historian, and want a paper copy—please send us your check for \$5.50 and we will send you a copy of the 2021 Historian!

Please stay safe and we will see you when we can safely gather.



Daniel N Dennis  
Alumni Association President  
Class of '77



The Mayville Alumni Association website is being built—watch for announcements of completion on Facebook and via email.



**Mayville High School Alumni Association**  
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# 134

This year in 2021, the Alumni Association celebrates 134 years of existence.

What began so long ago with the first school reunion in 1887 with three graduates – one from the class of 1885 and two from the class of 1886 – has now become an annual event.

The cancellation of the Banquet Reunion in 2020 and again in 2021 has disappointed many of the Alumni and especially those classes that would have been recognized as 50-year grads and 25-year grads, but it is hoped that in 2022 that the Annual Reunion will return, and the celebration will be well attended.

Throughout the years the Alumni Association has been active. There have been thousands of alumni who have returned to Mayville to attend the Alumni Banquet. In 2022 the classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 will be recognized as 50-year graduates and the classes of 1995, 1996 and 1997 will be recognized as 25-year graduates.

This year the Historian looks a bit different in some ways because there are no current photos from the Alumni Reunion last year that was cancelled due to restrictions regarding gatherings.

This edition of the Historian will look back at the Banquets and the Alumni of the past, and perhaps you will recognize a name or two from long ago in these selected Alumni archives.

Special thanks to Betty Steele Harris '61, for all her years of work collecting and sorting and organizing all of Alumni Archives. You can read more about Betty and her work on page 13.

## Mayville Monitor

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1884



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## TUSCOLA COUNTY ADVERTISER

June 23, 1955  
Mayville Monitor

On Wednesday, June 15 twenty Mayville High School Graduates enjoyed a reunion of the Classes of 1894-95 at a dinner in the Masonic Hall dining room.

There were sixteen members in the Class of '94 (1894). Six are living, Minnie Tubbs Welke, Hattie Kinney Reavey, Millie Davis Hardy and Arthur D Colling were present.

Mame Tubbs Coffeen, Alice Kinney Bullen, Janet Colling and George P Waller represented the '95 (1895) Class of thirteen.

After dinner the members and their company enjoyed the afternoon reminiscing at the home of Mrs. Elvia Anderson.

June 6, 1987  
Tuscola County Advertiser

### Mayville High graduate has been to 71 reunions

Tressie M. Rumph wore a new lavender satin dress for her first Mayville High School Alumni Association banquet. Her boyfriend, John Garner, picked her up in a horse drawn buggy.

Today, Tressie Garner again will be on hand for the banquet, as she has been every year but three since 1913 – and today's events will be particularly special for the 90-year-old widow. The group will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Association officials claim theirs is among the oldest such high school groups in Michigan, and the 600 tickets they have sold will make this year's turnout the largest in the group's history, said Janelle A. Welke of Mayville, an assistant association secretary.

Garner was in the ninth grade when she attended her first Alumni Association banquet in 1913. Her boyfriend, whom she married in 1920, was a member of that group.

She has missed just three banquets in the intervening years – and has attended 71, including today's. The banquets she missed were for deaths in the family – "25-30" years ago, her husband in 1967, and a sister last year.

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## Celebrating our Centenarians



There have been eleven (11) Alumni who have reached the age of 100 and beyond from the Mayville and Fostoria Schools.

### Alumni Centenarians Mayville High School

Class of:

1894 - Harriet <b>Kinney</b> Reavey	1875-1980	104
1904 - Clara <b>Plumb</b> Ross	1886-1986	100
1914 - Ermah <b>Colling</b> Sugden	1897-2002	105
1917 - Ruth <b>Dover</b> Lockwood	1899-2001	102
1920 - Gurneth <b>Steele</b> Chambers	1904-2005	101
1922 - Don L Harris	1903-2004	100
1923 - Mildred Lela <b>Schott</b> Tanner	1906-2013	107
1924 - Florence <b>Sherk</b> Morrison Goodell	1906-2007	100

### Fostoria School

1911 - Florence <b>Willits</b> McIntyre	1894-1998	104
1916 - Clara "Helen" <b>Eveland</b> Moore	1898-2003	105
1934 - Edward W Schell	1916-2017	100

**Edward Schell** was born in Deerfield Township near North Branch in 1916. He graduated from Fostoria High and then went on to attend Tuscola County Normal, Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan. He taught in several school districts before taking a position with the Millington Schools, where he served as teacher, coach athletic director, high school principal and assistant superintendent. He retired after forty years in education.



**Gurneth Steele Chambers** was born in Mayville in 1904. She was a life-long resident of Tuscola County. She graduated from Mayville High School at the age of 16 and went on to attend County Normal, where she studied to become a school teacher. She taught school for four years in various country schools. One of the schools she taught at was the Bruisee School, located at the corner of Bruisee Rd and M-46. She married Basil Chambers in 1926.



**Ruth Dover Lockwood** was born in Clifford, Michigan in 1899. After graduation from Mayville, she qualified for her teaching certificate and began teaching. Her first position was at the Fourn town School, six miles north of



Mayville on the corner of Cat Lake Rd and M-46. Mildred "Lela" Schott Tanner was a seventh grade student there at the time. In later years she taught at and retired from Hamtramck Schools.



Fourn town School 1918

**Clara "Helen" Eveland Moore** was born in 1898 in Mayville. She graduated from Fostoria School and attended Baker College. She married Glen Moore in 1923. In her younger years Helen played the piano for many functions throughout the area as well as for silent movies in Flint and the Russellville Ballroom at the Richfield Center. Her father and her uncles were the founders of the Mayville State Bank.



**Harriet Kinney Reavey** was born in 1875, in Watertown Township. She married Thomas J. Reavey in 1902. Her husband Thomas began working for the Freeland State Bank in 1911 and she was later employed there as an assistant cashier. In 1937, the year following her husband's death, she was elected as bank president and held that position until she was elected as chairman of the board in 1969. She continued to work regularly at the bank until she was 75. In 1972, at the age of 97, she presided over a move to a new bank building. She later retired as chairman.

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# MHS 2020-2021 Award Recipients & Class of 2021

## 2021 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT & Duncan Memorial Award



To be Announced at a later date



*Norman  
Duncan  
Memorial  
Award*

## 2020 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT & Duncan Memorial Award

Grace Middleton

Mayville Class of 2020 graduate Grace Middleton is attending the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. She has completed her first year and will be traveling to San Diego this summer for Fleet Training. Congratulations Grace!! We are proud of your outstanding accomplishments!



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021

Class Colors—Silver and Bright Pink  
Class Flower—Pink Rose  
Class Motto—Cheers!



Hunter Alexander  
Reece Asmus  
Chadly Austin  
David Babcock  
Toby Bedker  
Lola Booterbaugh  
Andrew Bruman  
Kaitlyn Carson  
Lance Cooper  
Colton Crampton  
Kealsie Dinsmore  
Britney Dow  
Wyatt Emmons  
Lola Flynn  
Logan Friday  
Bailey Glover



Abigail Gonzales  
Shaylyn Gorda  
Arianna Hamman  
Emma Hanson  
Nicholas Jansen  
Rebecca Karpovich  
Travis Katz  
Emma-Grace LaFramboise  
Arjay LaLonde  
Morgan Lyle  
Charles McComas  
Madyson McDonald  
Katherine McMullen  
Austin Middleton  
Sadira Miller

Breean Nelson  
Katelyn Olin  
Chayse Ostrander  
Haley Rowbotham  
Sean Sampson  
Ashley Sanders  
Jacob Secord  
Cameron Selby  
Haley Slusher  
Gracie Smith  
Zachary Smith  
Carolynn Stahl  
Tristen Stier  
Katlynn Watts  
Hailey Zuehlk

## Mayville High graduate has been to 71 reunions

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"I've enjoyed all (the banquets) so very much," she said. "I see so many old friends and people I haven't seen for years and years.

I was born in a house only three miles from where I live right now and I've lived within six miles of my birthplace all my life. I hope – but don't expect – to be able to go to at least nine more banquets."

All Mayville High School graduates automatically become association members. Welke said the group had 3,877 members in the 100 years.

The number of living members on the mailing list is approximately 1,700 she said. The association has members living in every state, Canada and Europe, she said.

Today's special ceremonies include a road race at the high school at 8:30 a.m., a parade beginning at 11 a.m. and a concert at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The banquet is set to start at 5:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium, with the alumni program at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. A dance will follow at 9 p.m. in the gym.

*\*Tressie Rump Garner died in August of 1994.*



**Tressie Rump Garner** stands outside the grade school she attended. The Wait School is located about 1/2 mile west of M-24 on Millington Rd.

Photo: Tuscola Advertiser 6-87.

## Record 73 Banquets Attended!

**Mildred Woern Fox** Class of 1947, holds the record for attending the most Alumni Banquet Dinners to date—she has attended a record

**73 Banquets!** Mildred began attending the Alumni Banquets as a Freshman in High School as a server, and continued as a server through her sophomore and Junior years. She is married to Richard Fox '45.



Richard and Mildred *Woern* Fox

*Mayville Monitor June 15, 2000*

It has now been 21 years since these ten teachers listed below in the article, retired. A very large number of Alumni will remember many of them.

### Best Wishes!

On Friday, June 9, 2000, Mayville Community Schools closed the door on another school year.

On this same day we said goodbye to 10 of our veteran teachers. These are the "core" of our district. Sadly, many of these teachers and their programs that some have taken decades to build will not be replaced and continued. This cycle started a few years ago with the retirements of Doug Graham, Bob Morrison, and Frank Pliska.

These people should be honored and thanked for the many years of loyalty, dedication and service they gave to our district. They have all given between 27 and 35 years of their lives to Mayville. In a society where many people don't even live in the same house for more than 7 years, this says a lot for their character and dedication. Many built their programs on a shoestring and won awards despite the lack of financial support.

Their expertise and knowledge cannot be replaced.

So we would like to make tribute to these valuable people leaving our district:

**William Hamilton – Con. Ed. Government**  
**Sheila Lambert – Home Ec., Chemistry**  
**Robert Tallman – Forestry, Biology**  
**Glenn Jamison – Advanced Math**  
**Robert Houle – Industrial Arts**  
**Rob Parker – Middle School Science**  
**Carol Parker – Middle School Home Ec.**  
**Larry Coopes – Middle School English**  
**Tricia Hamilton – Elementary Ed.**  
**Jan Coopes – Elementary Ed.**

We see the valuable work you have done and with this we would like to wish you all well and thank you for choosing Mayville Schools as your career. WE appreciate all you have done. You were part of the reason people enjoyed coming to work. You have left a legacy – and in the next few years when more of our "core" leave – we will be having these same feelings.

Best to you and thank you!

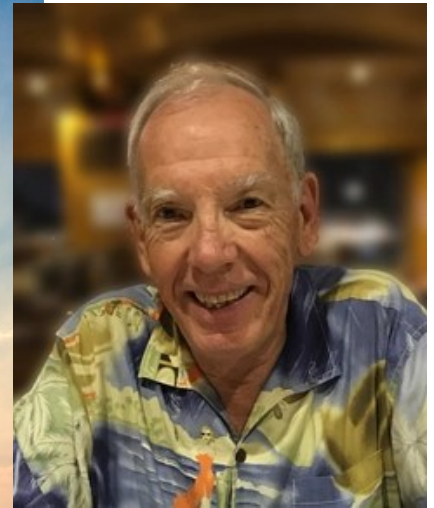
— Mayville Schools Staff



# William Ervin Hamilton "Bill"

4/1/1945–3/26/2021

*Your sudden death  
Has touched our hearts,  
The way you have  
Inspired us  
Has touched us  
even more...*



*"A husband, father, grandfather, teacher, coach, mentor and friend to all."*

Celebrating the Life of  
**William Ervin Hamilton**  
"Bill"

4/1/1945 - 3/26/2021

On March 26, 2021, William was taken up by the Lord peacefully as his mission here was complete. Bill is predeceased by his father, Floyd Hamilton and mother Elizabeth Hamilton. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 50 years Patricia Lynch Hamilton. They were married in Mayville, Michigan at the Mayville Methodist Church on March 28, 1970.

Bill was born in Bad Axe, Michigan on April 1, 1945. He graduated from Elkton Pigeon Bayport High School in 1963. Bill obtained his B.S. in Education from Central Michigan University in 1968. William "Bill" Hamilton began his 30+ secondary education career with Mayville Schools in 1968. From 1968 until his retirement in 2000, Bill Hamilton left many impressions on a great number of students.

*When Bill Hamilton joined the ranks of teachers at Mayville High School, he brought with him two sets of credentials: a degree from Central Michigan University and a swagger that only comes from someone who has made it out of the Thumb and then returned home triumphant. He had that Ivy League haircut. He wore nice sports jackets and ties, he knew how to handle himself in front of a group, he was confident to the point of being almost cocky. In short, he was cool. I looked up to him and so did many of my schoolmates. Plus, he was the new Varsity basketball coach, thrust into a tough spot because he followed Sheldon Spellbring, a popular and relatively successful coach. I liked Shelly, as we called him when out of earshot, but he was NOT one of us. Coach Hamilton was so much like us it was a little spooky. First off, he was only about 5 or 6 years older than the juniors and seniors in his charge. It was like having a big brother who offered fatherly advice when needed. He also was a native of Pigeon, a Thumb farming community in the next county. He graduated from Laker High, a respected school and feared sports foe. Coach Hamilton knew us. He knew what we were about, and what we faced after high school. I learned much from him on the basketball court, but so much more off the court. He taught me how to handle adversity, and overcome life's obstacles – hard lessons that do not necessarily come out of textbooks or the classroom. I don't know what it was, but he saw something in me that others did not. We connected, and I could always talk with him. He pushed me to reach higher, set attainable goals and go after them fiercely – advice that I have used and relied on throughout my life. I always called him Coach, even in recent years when our paths crossed. His response: "David, please call me Bill." I could never quite bring myself to refer to him that casually. He was a mentor to me and many others. I owe him much, and consider myself fortunate to have known him. Thank you, Coach! R.I.P. ~David Vizard '70*

\*You can find the entire obituary, as well as photos and tributes to Bill at: <https://www.forevermissed.com/william-ervin-hamilton/> There is an article in the 2018 Historian about Bill & Tricia Hamilton and it is posted on the Mayville Community Schools webpage, under the Alumni tab.



## The Class of 2020... The Graduates of a pandemic

The Class of 2020 will forever be known as the Class of Covid-19. When the school doors closed in March, no one could have imagined what would follow. It was certainly not what the seniors at Mayville High School had envisioned as their final weeks in High School. The traditions of the Awards Night, Senior Prom and even Graduation were cancelled due to the lockdown that was put in place in Michigan.

In June, a group of teachers and administrators boarded a bus and toured the country side, visiting the seniors and dropping off special made yard signs, awards and certificates. The community turned out to cheer the seniors in a car parade held June 16th in Mayville. Each of the participating students was driven through town in a car decked out with signs, posters and balloons.

It wasn't until mid-July that most of the Class of 2020 would finally don their caps and gowns and set spaced apart on the bleachers at Lamiman Field for their long-awaited commencement.

It definitely wasn't the graduation and the celebration that most seniors had expected as they finished their high school career. Feelings of isolation from friends and family, the hurt and disappointment of no last dance at Prom, no awards dinner, no final walk through the halls of Mayville High or across the stage to receive a long-awaited diploma, and for some-no graduation ceremony at all, due to health concerns.

As one parent explained it, what was supposed to have been a dream of every teenager, was shattered by one word: Covid. It was equally painful as a parent to see the struggle with the feelings and the realization that the hopes and dreams and excitement of the final days of being a senior were stripped away. For many, the story-book ending to high school wasn't supposed to be like this at all. It certainly wasn't at all what they had longed for or what their parents and grandparents before them had experienced.

For the seniors of the MHS Class of 2020, who studied for four years, dreaming of their final weeks of High School, with parties, proms and promises to stay in touch with friends, how do you find acceptance with a sign on the lawn declaring, "Congratulations Class of 2020!"?

Many of the 2020 graduates have moved on, to jobs, to college, and other endeavors. What will those graduates remember as they look back on the year of Covid? It is likely that they will wish that there will never be another time in their lives quite like the year of Covid. It is hopeful that for many of them that they will seek to find a silver lining in all that they experienced and to rise above this and whatever else life throws at them in the future. **To the Class of 2020—** *You will come out on the other side and what a tale you will have to tell your children and grandchildren — 2020 was just a chapter, not your whole story!*



Names are listed as they were at the time of graduation in 1971. **Bold\*** type indicates deceased classmates, followed by DOD. **Blue** type indicates Exchange Students. **Red** indicates attended but did not graduate.

Victoria Alfano  
Mike Baber  
William Barkowska Jr.  
Susan Barteld  
Joann Binder  
Susan Blonde  
**Connie Johnson**  
Paul Brown  
George Chapin  
**Gary Clink**  
**Ronald Cobb\*** 8/8/2016  
Terry Crane  
Thomas Doerr  
Gary Dost  
Donald Easlick  
Bonnie Fox  
Debbie Fox  
David Frenzel  
Diane Gilmore  
**John Goodwin**  
Shari Griffis  
**Mary Harbin\*** 10/28/2018  
**Richard Harris\*** 3/10/1997  
Richard Haskin  
**Greg Hobson\*** 4/10/2015  
Denise Hormel  
Robert Hunt  
**Glenn Johnson\*** 6/19/2019  
Glenna Johnson  
Charlotte Kapa  
Marian (Karpinski) Grinnell  
Michael Keipinger  
Genny Kennedy  
Kathy Klinesmith  
**John Knoer\*** 11/4/98  
MaryAnn Kowalski  
Ronald Liskey  
Georgia (Lobdell) Eberstein  
Gilbert Long  
Karen "Dawn" Long  
Kenneth Lynch  
Ruth Maguire  
**William Maharg\*** 1/15/2005  
Jacqueline Maier  
Dale Mallory  
Tom Marlow  
David Matthews  
**Paula McGhee**  
Gary McMullen  
**Ron Mercer\*** 1-14-2021



**Class Flowers:** Yellow Rose and White Carnations

**Class Colors:** Yellow and White

**School Colors:** Maroon and White

**Class Motto:** "We don't look back in regret, or ahead in fear, but around us in awareness."



Homecoming King and Queen for the  
Class of 1971  
*Genny Kennedy & Richard Smithhart*



Anybody recognize this masked man?

Visit the Mayville District Public Library  
at: [mayvillelibrary.org](http://mayvillelibrary.org) to view Mayville  
Yearbooks from 1951—1981.

**Martin Meyer\*\***

Larry Middleton

Dennis Mitchell

**Irma Laura Moreno Bravo\*\***

Guy Morse

Pam Naugle

**Frank Okony\*** 11/30/1980

Larry Otto

**Marianne Ouillette**

Linda Palmerton

David Patterson

**Gayle Phelps\*** 3/16/2017

John Pollion

Martin Proctor Sr.

Sheila Putman

June Rowbotham

Lynnford Rykman

**Rita Sarles\*** 9/24/2011

John Shephard

Marian Sherwood

**Richard Smithhart\*** 4/6/2005

Carol Somerville

Robert Somerville

**Donna Stephens\*** 1/4/2002

Mike Stilson

Gary Stout

Christine Stover

Sandra Strasburg

Kay Stratton

Gary TerBush

**Wayne Tewksbury\*** 1/1/2015

Kathy Thienes

Randy Tomlinson

Kevin Tompkins

Kathy Torrey

Dwight Uhl

Rebecca Van Sickle

Sharon Vizard

Eva Wall

Lynn Wallace

Marsha Wallace

Barbara Warren

Janet Wenta

Bonnie Wheaton

Carol Wilsie

James Woern

Patricia Yoe



# 1996-2021 Congratulations 25 year Grads!

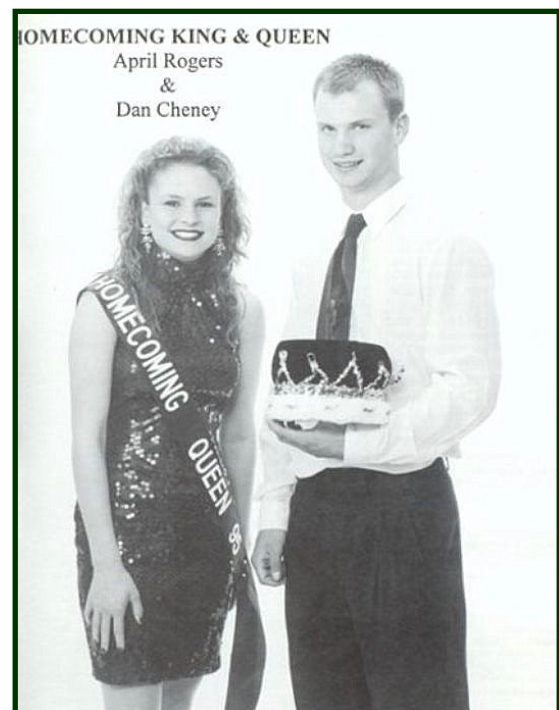
Names are listed as they were at the time of graduation in 1996.  
*Blue* type indicates Exchange Students.

Class Colors: Hunter Green, Cream, Gold  
Class Flower: White Rose dipped in Green  
Class Song: Small Town By: John Mellencamp  
Class Motto: "We only part to meet again."



Marshall Armstead  
Jessica Arquette  
Deanna Babcock  
Stephanie Berard  
Brian Blackmer  
David Blonde  
Melissa Bodeis  
Monica Bogdan  
Melissa Bradley  
Chad Brant  
Amy Brewer  
Jessie Brown  
Randy Bugenski  
Daniel Burnham  
Lynn Carr  
Daniel Cheney  
Tyson Chorba  
Enrique Clark  
Alicia Cloutier  
Nathaniel Conrad  
**Rodrigo Cortes\*\***  
Jason Coutcher  
Carmen Crane  
Shayne Crossno  
Ryan Cummins  
Margaret Dolmage  
Stanley Drozdowski  
Scott Fibranz  
Joseph Fisher  
Jennifer Fritz  
Jacquelyn Fryers  
Christopher Garza  
Jason Gentner  
Heather Germain  
Cecilia Gonzales  
Joseph Green  
Stacy Halsne  
Jason Hargrave  
Jonathan Harper  
William Hartzell  
Jared Hascall  
Krystal Hauser  
Tony Henderson  
Kristina Hiiter  
Christopher Hollenbeck  
Mickki Holman  
Janie Irvine  
Kreg Kitchen

Brent Langford  
Martin Laskowski  
Mary Jo Lockhart  
Amy Lugo  
Joane MacMillan  
Travis McComb  
Gordon Nordlund  
**Carlos Osore\*\***  
Edward Palmer  
**Victoria Parra\*\***  
Clinton Piesczak  
Travis Plain  
Heather Proctor  
Lisa Quinn  
Joseph Robinson  
April Rogers  
Tina Rogers  
Jennifer Ruth  
Tracy Sansote  
Craig Schiller  
Todd Sefton  
Juliette Seger  
Jill Smith  
Tanya Smith  
Nathan Stilwell  
Steven Stratton  
John Strong  
Andrew Tallman  
Jeremy TerBush  
Erika Tymczak  
Matthew Tysick  
**Peter Varga\*\***  
Jerrud Vrable  
George Vsetula  
Randy Walker  
Douglas Whipple  
Connie Wiley  
Jolene Williams  
Debra Worrall



**Homecoming King & Queen  
April Rogers & Dan Cheney**

*Exchange student **Victoria Parra** is the daughter of former exchange student Irma Parra Bravo, class of 1971 and a 50 year graduate.*

Currently the Alumni Association does not have a record of deceased classmates for the class of 1996.

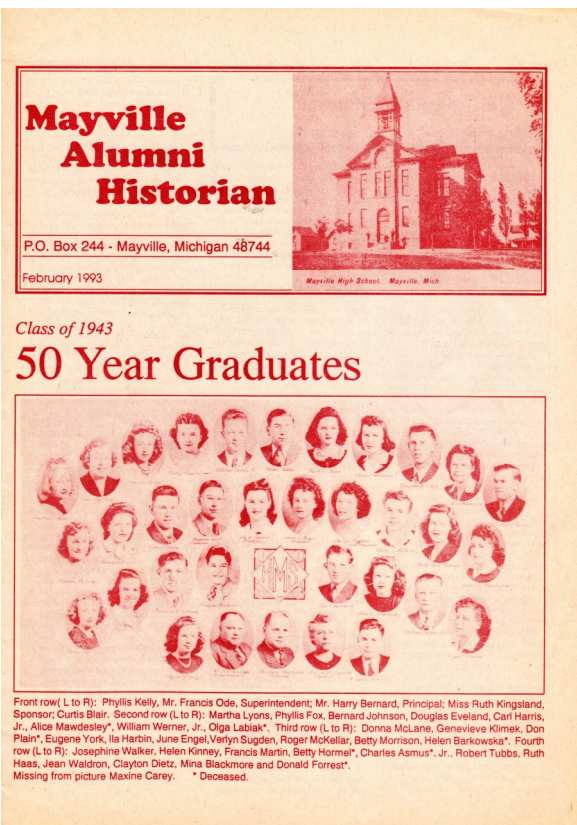




## The History of the HISTORIAN

Did you know that the Alumni **HISTORIAN** paper is 29 years old? The first Newsletter was actually published by the Mayville Monitor on June 25, 1992. It was published following the 1992 Alumni Banquet and the Annual meeting—which for many years was held during the Alumni Banquet. The first newsletter was distributed to subscribers of the Mayville Monitor, so many Alumni that were not subscribers to the newspaper never saw the very first newsletter. Up until then, a one-page bulletin had been mailed to the alumni, announcing the upcoming Alumni Banquet and reminding everyone to send in their reservations.

The second newsletter (Historian) was published in 1993 and featured the Class of 1943 as the 50 Year Graduates and the Class of 1968 as the 25 year Graduates. It contained 16 pages and in addition to the 25 and 50 year grads, it featured a "Message from the President" - Tom Blair '39.



Larry Freeland '67, the Alumni President in 91-92 actually conceived the idea of the newsletter to replace the bulletin which was distributed in the spring. The 1993 **Mayville Alumni Historian** was mailed to every Alumni that was on the mailing list at the time. There were four major objectives in preparing the 1993 newsletter- first, was to be "informative", second was to provide historical information, third was to appeal to the younger Alumni and fourth was to keep the addresses of all Alumni current. It was also a hope that the newsletter, sent in February, would increase interest and attendance of MHS grads at the Banquets.

The 1993 Historian featured the 31 graduates of the Class of 1943 on the front cover. The class of 1968 was the last class to graduate from the "original" High School, pictured below. They were also the last class to hold their graduation on the school lawn, a long-standing tradition.

Janetta McAllister Freeland '47, and Connie Sweet Ewald '67 were very instrumental in maintaining, and keeping the Alumni records for many years, as well publishing the Alumni Historian paper.



**Above:** Assembling the 1994 Historian newsletter in the basement of Janetta McAllister Freeland '47. **Right:** Connie Sweet Ewald '67 and her children in the background. (Identified by her daughter Amy Ewald Gregor)





## Celebrating our Centenarians Continued from page 4

**Florence Sherk Goodell Morrison** was born in 1906 in Mayville and graduated from Mayville High School in 1924. She attended Eastern Michigan for two years and then moved to Vassar where she taught for seven years in the Elementary grades. In 1933 Florence returned to Mayville and married Vere Morrison in 1933 and began teaching at Mayville Schools. After Vere died she married Olaf Goodell and continued teaching at Mayville until her retirement in 1971.



**Florence Willits McIntyre** was born in Fostoria in 1894. She graduated from Fostoria School in 1911, following graduation she taught at the Sweet School in Deerfield Township, Lapeer county. She married John B. McIntyre in 1917. The McIntyres owned and operated the Mayville Hardware for 17 years.



**Clara Plumb Ross** was born in 1886 in Rich township. She always said that the most important event for her was graduating in 1904 from Mayville High School. She met her husband William when she was teaching at the German School\*. In 1986 Clara was recognized at the Annual Alumni Banquet as the oldest living graduate at 100 years of age. *\*The German School is thought to have been located on German Road near the intersection of W. Lake Road, in Lapeer County.*



**Don L. Harris** was born in 1903 and was a lifelong Mayville resident. Don was a member of the Mayville Masonic Lodge for 80 years. For 12 years he served as the Fremont Township Supervisor and from 1976-1984 he was a member of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Posse.



**Lela Schott Tanner** was born in 1905 in Tuscola County. She died in 2013, just one month shy of her 108th birthday. Lela had planned to become a math teacher, but instead was recruited to attend Baker Business School in Flint. She married Clinton Tanner in 1927 in Bowling Green Ohio. She was employed as a bookkeeper for Mason & Fauth Insurance Company and later for Jerry Fauth Insurance Agency. Lela loved reading the Historian and because of failing eye sight a large print copy was made for her.

**Ermah Colling Sugden** was born in Watertown Township in 1897. She spent her childhood living in Mayville, in the house that is now Avram Funeral Home. Ermah was married to Freeland Sugden for 72 years until his death in 1991. After graduating from Alma college with a teaching degree, she taught Kindergarten at Vassar and Marlette Schools.





By Dave Vizard  
Class of 1970

When it comes to information about Mayville High School grads, it's a pretty safe bet that no one knows more about them than our community's very own Betty Mae Harris, Alumni Association Archivist.

The Mayville native is described as a walking encyclopedia of facts, dates and figures about the school's alumni. Betty is generally recognized as a flowing fountain of memories, anniversaries, and special occasions involving Mayville grads.

She knows the history, and the people who have walked the halls of Mayville schools. And she's got the paperwork – pieces of history, news clippings, graduation booklets, scrapbooks, and photos – to prove it. A 10' x 10' room in her home is chock full of data about former Mayville students and their families.

For these reasons, the Alumni Association is honoring Betty for her many years of dedicated service.

"I believe Betty has been a driving force in keeping the Alumni Association an active part of the Mayville Community," said Patti Vollweiler, past president of the association. "She has maintained meticulous records. Lots of people looking for information contact Betty and she helps whenever she can. She knows where and how to find the information."

The association's Victoria Shields agrees. "Betty is the go-to person for the list of graduates and info about them. She's done everything – from typing the historian to putting together the program for the Alumni Banquet. She truly deserves the recognition."

Like last year, the 2021 Mayville Alumni Banquet has fallen victim to Covid-19 and has been cancelled. The virus also prevented in-person interviews for this article. I talked with Betty and others by telephone or chatted online with them.

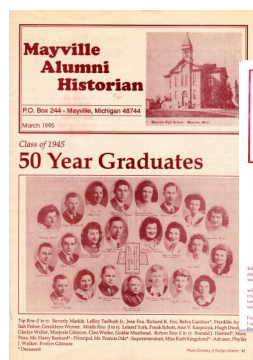
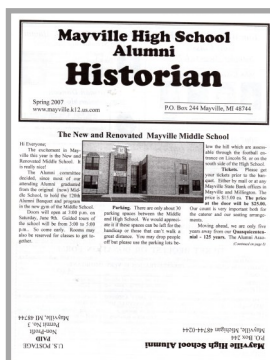
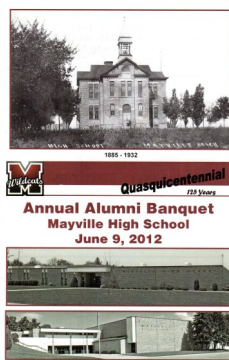
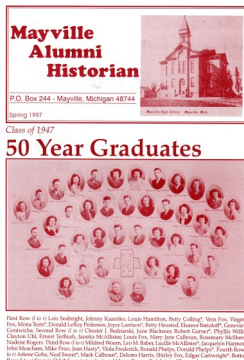
I'm happy to report that Betty's voice was strong and clear and her laugh was hearty and full during our talk. When I asked if she could recall the names of most Mayville High graduates, she paused and responded: "My memory is still pretty good."

Naturally, I could not resist the urge to test her. So, I dug into what's left of my shriveling memory bank and came up with this: "My mom graduated at the top of her class in 1932 from Mayville. Do you recall Wilma Calkins?"

"Oh, yes," Betty said without hesitation. "It's an interesting name. I've typed it more than once."

Impressive!

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## 14 *Keeper of the Alumni Archives continued...*

So, how did a quiet, shy, country girl rise to the prestigious position of Alumni Archivist after presiding over it in the offices of president, vice president, treasurer, and active volunteer for decades? She first joined the association in 1997.

Well, it's complicated.

Betty Mae Steele was born on Feb. 8, 1943 to Charles and Pearl Steele. She grew up in the country, handling typical farm chores for a girl. Betty recalls enjoying school and long bus rides as a youngster. She graduated from MHS in 1961. She was a member of the F.H.A., the Bible Club, the newspaper staff, and the Library Club.

After graduation, Betty attended Comptometer classes at a business school in downtown Flint. There, she learned how to use the key-driven mechanical calculator. It paid off with a job in payroll at Smith-Bridgeman's. Department Store. Before long, Betty Mae was working in Accounts Receivable for Chevrolet Manufacturing in Flint.

In 1963, Betty married Richard Harris. They had two sons, Richard C. and Brian R., and built a home on Snover Road outside of Mayville. But tragedy struck the family in 1971 when Richard died from a car accident.

In 1972, Betty married Richard's brother, Roger, who had been living with the family. She gained a stepson, Reggie, and then they had another son, Bradley. Roger and Betty had been married 25 years when Roger passed from cancer in 1997.

Most of all, Betty loves her grandkids – the whole brood: two grandsons, five granddaughters (one was born on her birthday), five great grandsons, and two great granddaughters.

Learning the Comptometer for mathematic calculations was one thing for Betty, but learning the computer was quite different – even a little bit frightening. That's what happened in 1989 when she was hired by Harry Gabalis, a 1966 Mayville grad, at the Heritage Press in Caro.

"On my first day, Harry asked if I could type. I said yes and he sat me down in front of a computer for the first time," Betty said. "I was scared stiff, but I picked it up a little at a time. First thing you know, I was setting type with it."

In an interview, Harry Gabalis said Betty became very good at running the computer and setting type. She worked in the Composition Department, creating forms, invitations, flyers, and resumes among other print items.

"Betty was the ideal employee," Harry said. "Hard worker, dedicated, worked well with others, and she had great attention to detail. I even had her doing some proof reading."

"Really great to work with," Harry continued. "Good personality, and she always had a ready laugh. I was also involved with her in Boy Scouts, and knew her very well from that."

For 17 years, Betty was involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Mayville and the Thumb District, attaining the level of District Commissioner. She also earned Scouting's prestigious Silver Beaver Award.

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What is

a Comptometer?



The **comptometer** was the first commercially successful key-driven mechanical calculator, patented in the United States by Dorr E. Felt in 1887.

A key-driven calculator is extremely fast because each key adds or subtracts its value to the accumulator as soon as it is pressed and a skilled operator can enter all of the digits of a number simultaneously, using as many fingers as required, making them sometimes faster to use than electronic calculators. Consequently, in specialized applications, comptometers remained in use in limited numbers into the early 1990s, but with the exception of museum pieces, they have all now been superseded by electronic calculators and computers.

Manufactured without interruption from 1887 to the mid-1970s, it was constantly improved. The mechanical versions were made faster and more reliable, then a line of electro-mechanical models was added in the 1930s. It was the first mechanical calculator to receive an all-electronic calculator engine in 1961, with the ANITA Mark VII model released by Sumlock Comptometer. This created the link between the mechanical calculator industries and the electronic.

And if rising in the world of Scouting and the Alumni Association weren't enough to nominate her for possible sainthood, then how about the fact that Betty ran a food co-op out her basement for 50 local families for 10 years?

Mother Teresa might have been impressed by her efforts to come to the aide of that many people.

"Well, I worked out a deal with Gordon Foods and Sysco-Grant Foods," she said. "There was a tremendous need for it among the families in our area. I would take down everyone's orders and lay it all out on a spreadsheet, then call in my order. A big truck would show up on Monday morning and we'd unload and set it all up on tables in my walkout basement. People would come by to help.

"It was a lot of work, but I really enjoyed helping people. And it became kind of festive. We helped feed a lot of folks."

Though Betty had been a member of the Alumni Association since 1997, her involvement with the organization took on even more significance when Connie (Sweet) Ewald, Class of '67 and Janetta (McAllister) Freeland, '47, passed away. The association needed someone to step up big time and carry on time-honored traditions.

That's where Betty came in, rolled up her sleeves and went to work.

"Janetta and Connie had done all the research for the early years and we needed to keep that going," Betty said. "We go all the way back to the late 1800s. Our first reunion was in 1887. Until Covid hit, the Mayville Alumni Association was the oldest consecutively meeting group in the state of Michigan. We have a Certificate for it."

In 1993, Betty typeset the first Mayville Historian, and she's been working hard for the association since then. She has always been eager to help with class reunions, the alumni banquet or any other task needed for the association.

So, why does Betty work so hard for Mayville's grads? There's no pay or compensation for her efforts. Her only rewards are the grateful thanks from those she's been able to help, and in some cases, rescue.

After talking with her a bit about the association and her role, it's obvious Betty derives a sense of pride and accomplishment from the hours she pours into the work.

"I just think it's important we continue with the great history and traditions we have," she said. "If we don't do it ourselves, then who will? It's important for the community of Mayville, the school district and our members."

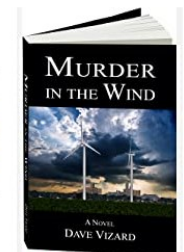
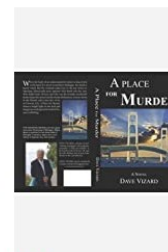
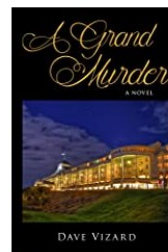
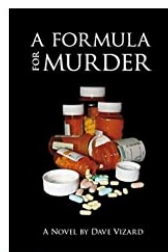
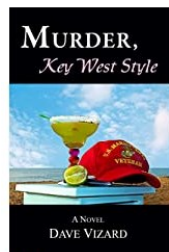
Thank you, Betty, for all you do!



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*is the former managing editor of The Bay City Times and editor of True North Magazine. All of his novels are available on Amazon. You can also visit Dave's webpage:*

<http://www.davevizard.com/>





# Class of 1970

The Class of 1970 presented their Junior play "Desperate Ambrose" Saturday evening, April 12, 1969.



The cast members are: (left to right)

**First Row:** Deb Robinson, Harriet Grzyb, Sue Oliver, Denise Robinson.

**Second Row:** Art Barton, Sherry Malkowski, Barbara Shephard, Pam Allen, Suzette Silvernail, Deborah Tompkins, Dorlis Haver, Gary Bodeis.

**Third Row:** Randy Frenzel, Jack Johnson, Ted Piehl, Rex TerBush, Floyd Walker and Mike Valentine.

**Below:** Class of 1970 celebrating their 35 year Class Reunion in 2005.



Diane Snyder and Larry Kitchen  
Graduation June 7, 1970

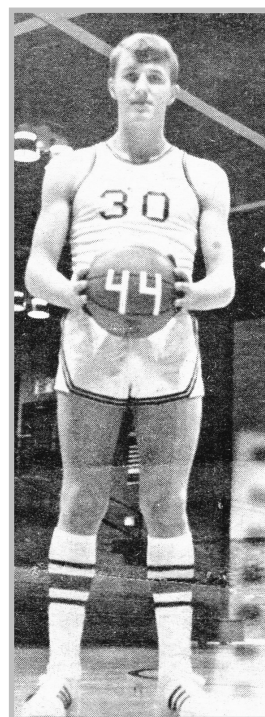


**Class of 1970 at the 2019 Alumni Reunion Dinner**  
Suezette Silvernail, Sherry Malkowski, Dave Vizard, Joanne Wenta, Deb Tompkins, Penny Lynch, Denise Robinson, Harriet Grzyb, Lee Garnsey, and Deb Robinson.



**Above:**  
Deb Tompkins and Exchange Student Yvonne Hansson from Sweden.

**Right:**  
Floyd Walker who set a school record of scoring 44 points in one game, breaking the old record of 41 points set by Larry Lamiman in 1964.





## Announcements



**Left:** Robert Morrison, who taught at Mayville Schools for over 40 years, celebrated his 86th Birthday in August of 2020.



The employees of Wingert's Food Center, along with the family of Aaron Wingert, made a donation to the Wildcat Basketball Program in memory of Aaron. The donations were used to purchase new carts and balls for the boys and the girls program. Aaron Wingert '92, passed away on December 9, 2020.



Coach Mark Cooper

Coach Mark Cooper announced his retirement from coaching the Mayville High School Wrestling Team. The coach celebrated 30 years of a coaching career. He was instrumental in starting and developing the highly successful wrestling program at Mayville. Mark will continue to teach at Mayville Schools.

### Take the Tour!

Mayville Community School now has a "Virtual Tour" of all the school buildings. In the near future they will be adding an "outdoor sports feature" as well. Below is the link:

<https://my.michiganskymedia.com/tour/5ecad580>

From this tour, there is a menu on the right hand side. This will take you to any school by clicking on that menu item. You can navigate the schools with the menu as well as clicking the screen to walk through the school and each room. The bottom left of your screen has a few options; click on the first "dollhouse" view for each building.





# The Old Fostorian

## Cycling Through Life – The Old Stomping Grounds

By Gary Wargo

I recently heard a song by Laine Hardy, "Ground I Grew Up On" and I couldn't help reflecting back on my days growing up on the farm on Rich Road in the 50s and early 60s. Many kids that I grew up and went to school with lived in town, in Mayville, in Silverwood, in Juniata or Fostoria. But probably just as many lived outside of town in the country with most of them on family farms just like ours. These were the bus riders.

That 80 acre farm would probably cover most of the Mayville village area. My closest neighbor friends were at least a quarter mile away and since we lived on Mayville school's southern border and the neighbor kids went to North Branch Schools, I only saw them occasionally. Most of my time was spent there on the farm or at school.

Winter months mainly consisted of farm chores with my parents, and school. Our house was heated with a coal and wood burning furnace in the basement. By the 5 o'clock waking hour for morning chores the fire would be nearly out and the house was pretty cold by then, even though dad stoked the fire before he woke us. The stairway door to our second floor bedroom where we slept was kept closed to preserve heat and wood, so the upstairs was unheated and would get very cold. For the first several years my brother Tom and I shared the same bedroom and slept in the same bed. The added body heat would help keep us warmer during some of those frigid mornings when we would wake up with frost on the feather tick blanket my grandmother made for us. To help us pre-warm the bed our dad taught us a trick he used as a kid to heat up the bed before we got in. We would place a brick on the wood stove and just before going to bed, wrap it in a towel and put it under the covers at the foot of our bed. Later, my brother got his own bedroom and of course, I did too. I remember having a pull string threaded overhead from the light bulb on the wall by the door to over the bed so we could turn it on or off from the bed. The only power upstairs was one hall light and one bare bulb wall lamp in each of the two bedrooms. I remember having a string threaded overhead from the bed to light bulb on the wall so we could turn it on or off from the bed. On those cold mornings my brother would just

jump out of bed, get dressed and go. Not me, I had trouble getting out from under that warm feather tick and almost always fall asleep again. I got into deep trouble with my folks many times for being late for morning chores when my dad would come stomping up the steps with his belt in his hand. There were times when I was awoken with that belt.

I wasn't into winter sports like my brother. Tom was into any sport that he could get access to. Even though we had a frozen creek to ice fish or ice skate on I had trouble with the cold. My favorite winter thing to do was to get on my snow sled and slide down to the barn for the mornings or evening chores and sometimes see how far down the road I could go when the road was icy. Those were usually days when we didn't have school, although I liked school, sports and the girls.

Summer times were the time I could kick up my heels and bust loose especially after the daily summer farm chores were done. My dad always left a list of things 'to do' before he headed off to work, but Sundays was a day off for Tom and I. Sunday's I would wake up at about 8 o'clock, about the time mom would have breakfast ready. I could smell it all the way upstairs in our bedroom. We had chickens so most of the time we had eggs and pancakes for Sunday breakfast. Our back door faced east and on a cool summer Sunday morning I would sit on the back door steps to put my shoes on. I can still feel that warm morning sun on my face. I would close my eyes, put my face towards it and just soak up the warmth.

Of all the work that we were assigned, tilling the fields with dad's late 40's Ford-Ferguson tractor was by far my favorite. I was all alone, just me and my thoughts, mesmerized by the constant hum of the tractor. I could daydream all I wanted while discing and dragging, leaving a dust trail 50 yards behind me. I would often sing one of the new songs that were being played on the radio during the 50's. "Trash" music as my dad would say. Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard and Buddy Holly were the rage. When my brother was working the fields singing I could hear him all the way up to the house so of course, I knew they could hear me when I sang while tilling the fields.

After the assigned chores were done the day was mine. Our mother was a stay home mom for much of the years I was growing up, but did work occasionally until they divorced in '59. During those times she was working I had things to do and places to go and neither parent would know. I could either walk, ride my bicycle or ride our horse, 'Babe' anywhere! And I did. Riding my 20-inch fender-less bicycle was the usual choice. Babe was a stinker and didn't like to be ridden. So going on a 10 mile ride and having her throw me and run away from me wasn't a good option. I did ride her short distances where I could still walk home. That way if Babe got away and ran home I could still get home before either of my parents did. If she knew where she was she would simply run back home. If she didn't know she might go anywhere.

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I of course, had to walk home or capture her. Fostoria was only about 3 miles away and where I rode her to most of the time. She was a hit with the girls. I didn't always sneak away, most of the time I had permission to go on these excursions, after chores were done of course.

My trusty old 20-inch bicycle would take me anywhere I peddled it, and back. It never failed me. It was my choice of ride. I rode that bicycle on those gravel roads just about everywhere, west to Fostoria, north to Mayville and points to the east and west. This is just some of the ground I grew up on.

We all have 'ground we grew up on'. That 'ground' is different to each and every one of us. And it isn't just the physical ground, it's events, friends, neighbors, teacher and of course, our parents. The dust that's kicked up on our way help make us what we are. "That ain't just dirt. That ain't just dust blowin". It's unique to each of us. So are we.

~May 30, 2020



I don't think it would be a bad thing that one day someone finds me wandering on down a dirt road with a big smile on my face.

Riding my bicycle back up north was like that for me riding the dirt roads around my old Fostoria stomping grounds. I often wondered what the neighbor's thoughts were of a grey haired old man in bicycle shorts and a lime green shirt riding past. I had one lady rush out of her door yelling to her children "Get in here ... NOW!" Then I could see her in my rear view mirror peering through separated blinds as I rode away.

Was I that scary?

When I rode the only voice I heard was mine, if I spoke at all.

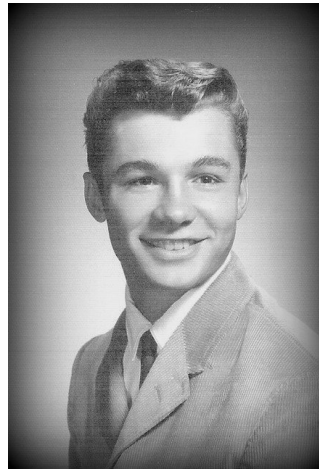
On a quiet day when the wind was low I could hear the stones pop and crunch out from under the bicycle tires. On a windy day the wind noise was near deafening through my helmet riding into the wind. Especially so if I had a nice long downhill ride.

As the leaves turned color they become more brittle and the had soothing whispers in the breezes. In a good strong wind weeping willows seemed to flow rhythmically like a dancer's grass skirt. The sound was hypnotic.

In the fall there was color everywhere. More so in the Millington hills. Lots of sugar maple there. They filled the landscape with brilliant red and orange leaves contrasted by their dark trunks and remaining green underbrush.

I will ride again.

~Gary Wargo - September 2019



Gary Wargo attended Mayville Schools from 1952 until mid-year of his Junior year in 1963-64. Although he did not graduate with his friends, classmates and teammates, he still considers himself a Mayville Wildcat. While at Mayville Gary was active in most sports, except baseball—the one sport that he just did not do well in and likes to tell the story of being evicted from the Little League

Team as a ten year old. He

attributes that to daydreaming while leading off third base and falling asleep in the outfield.

Football was Gary's sport and he played halfback, although his favorite position was middle linebacker on defense. The game he remembers most was the Homecoming game in October of 1963, when the Mayville Wildcats took on the Reese Rockets. The Wildcats kept the Rockets scoreless for 3 quarters and in the 4th quarter it looked like the Rockets would win when they pulled ahead 12 to 7. It was in the last seconds of the game that Senior Quarterback Larry Lamiman fired a 70 yard touchdown pass to Jim Plain to win the game—the first Varsity win on the Mayville field since 1960. Gary was credited with 7 tackles during that game.

Gary graduated from Lapeer High School in 1965 and a year later he was sent a 'Greetings' letter from Uncle Sam requesting his assistance in fighting the war in Vietnam. Gary married Sharon "Sherry" Caryl on February 8th, 1966 and left for Fort Knox Kentucky on February 9th, one day later.

In 1971 after a three year stint in the Army, which included a year in Vietnam, Gary and Sherry moved back to the Fostoria area. Although they lived just down the road from Gary's childhood home, their three children attended North Branch Schools.

Gary retired from IBM in 1998 after 29 years of service repairing office equipment, including the IBM Selectrics in Mr. Morrison's classroom at Mayville High School, and typewriters in Jim Plain's classroom at Marlette High School. In 2016 Gary and Sherry relocated to the Panhandle of Florida.

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Gary has two pages on Facebook and these stories and more can be found on his page "**The Old Fostorian**" -

<https://www.facebook.com/TheOldFostorian>

He also has a page called "**My Home Town, Mayville, Michigan**". It is open to anyone that wants to join and is "about growing up or living in the great town of Mayville, Michigan." It is a place to share past and present experiences regarding Mayville and the surrounding areas.

## Mayville Alumni Association Annual Report...

### 2020– 2021

#### Alumni Association Officers

##### President

Daniel Dennis - '77

##### Vice President

Krystal (Bodeis) LaBair - '77

##### Secretary

Linda (Klarich) Forsys - '74

##### Treasurer

Patti Vollweiler - '81

##### Archivist

Betty (Steele) Harris - '61

##### Historian Editor

Victoria (Vollweiler) Shields '75

##### Members at Large

John Secord - '59

Sherri (Secord) Elenbaum - '82

Mike Forsys - '74



Alumni Board Members

**Front Row:** Betty (Steele) Harris, John Secord, Linda (Klarich) Forsys.

**Back Row:** Patti Vollweiler, Daniel Dennis, Sherri (Secord) Elenbaum, Krystal (Bodeis) LaBair, Mike Forsys. Missing: Victoria (Vollweiler) Shields

## Mayville Alumni Association Annual Financial Report 2020

<b>Yearly Summary of All Accounts</b>	Balance Forward	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Banquet Fund Balance	21.24	200.00	-386.59*	0.00
Historian	0.00	665.50	-124.00	541.50
General Fund Balance	6012.95	204.50	-0.00	2615.79
Scholarship Fund Balance (NOT CD)	3793.30	2645.50	-500.00	5938.80
CFC Fund Balance	344.69	219.00	-4000.00*	0.00
School Supplies Fund Balance	2115.76	2002.50	2022.50	2095.76
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Check Book				11,191.85
*Monies taken from the General Fund were used to cover these expenses.				
Scholarship CD	12,226.69	30.00		12,256.69

In order for our Alumni Board to continue to function and to host the annual All-School Reunion/Dinner — We need volunteers to step forward and commit to helping us! Even if you want to be a Member-At-Large, we can use your input and your ideas! Email us at: [Mayville.Alumni@Yahoo.com](mailto:Mayville.Alumni@Yahoo.com) or contact any of the current board members.



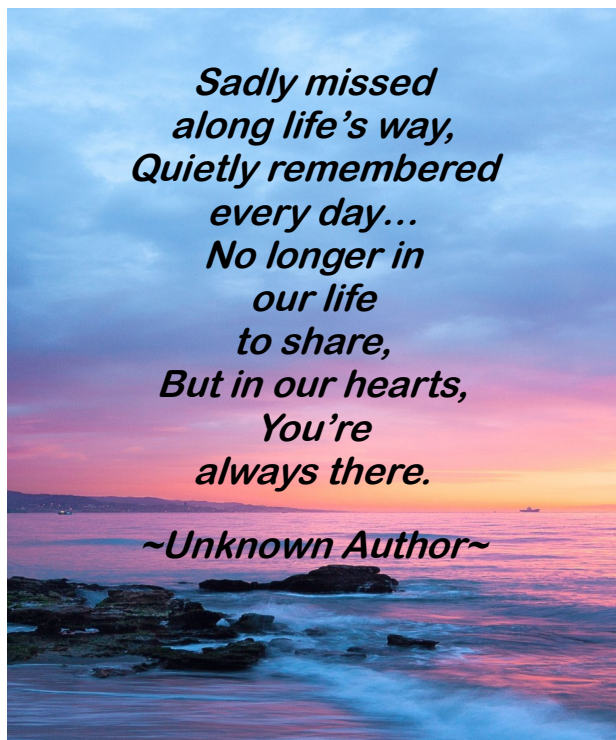
Graduating Year	Name	DOD	Age			
1938	June P (Seddon) Sillers	07-04-16	96	1981	Cindy J (Bucholz) Craig	08-19-20 57
1940	Fontaine E (Sugden) Landis	02-16-20	97	1981*	Linda L (Turner) Seabright	11-10-20 58
1941	Eleanor J (Lynch) Farnum	07-23-20	97	1982	Derek E McLane	10-12-20 56
1942	William A Irwin	11-18-20	96	1983	Renee S (Secord) Lockwood	01-03-20 54
1942	Madeline V (Jaques) Marker	12-13-20	96	1983	Kelly A (Staten-Hilts) Brown	05-30-20 55
1945	Phyllis J (Walker) Fritz	08-26-20	93	1983	Laurie M (Gnagi) Harte	11-07-20 55
1948	Leonard M Johnson	11-08-20	91	1985	Donald L Lumley	12-19-20 54
1949	Garold L Fox	06-16-20	89	1985	Terry R Brown	10-01-20 53
1949	Lucille H (Barry) Newcombe	06-26-20	89	1992	Aaron R Wingert	12-09-20 46
1950*	Paul H Riley	01-19-20	88	1993	Sherri L (Elledge) Shonk	12-13-20 45
1950	Phyllis J (Frenzel) McNally	02-06-20	87	2009	Ernest R Binder III	09-15-20 30
1950	Kathleen J McMullen	08-23-20	87	2011	Kevin M Booterbaugh	02-09-20 27
1952	Milton D Jacot	07-21-20	86	2014	Jacob P Binder	10-29-20 25
1953	Richard M Bodeis	11-18-20	86			
1954	Doug D Sherk	07-24-16	80		<b>MHS Faculty &amp; Personnel</b>	
1955	Janet M (Shaver) McLane	01-19-20	82		Blythe E (Austin) Lyon	11-03-20 93
1955	Jack L White	02-22-20	84		aka, The Ice Cream Lady	
1955	Cecil L Ide	09-18-20	84		Cafeteria -1999 - 2005	
1955	Elorise M (Kreger) Alvarez	11-27-20	83		Donna M (Clement) Kilmer	10-24-20 88
1956	Fred M Gohs	08-05-20	82		MHS Elementary Teacher	
1957	John C Gorde	08-28-20	82		1969 – 1994	
1957	Beverly A (Blackmore) Wright	10-13-20	81		E. Joane (Larsen) Wagoner	11-25-20 84
1957	Frances R (Torrey) Maiers	12-28-20	81		MHS Bus Driver	
1958	John T Gabalis	11-20-19	80		1972 - 1974	
1958*	Thornton A Buhl	02-09-20	80			
1958	Barbara E (Lyman) Polishuk	04-29-20	79			
1958	Bonnie J (Briggs) Thornton	05-29-20	80			
1959	Raymond L Louks	06-24-20	79			
1959	Dale M Wingert	10-20-20	79			
1959	Richard J Walker	11-26-20	79			
1961	William J Warmbier	02-25-20	76			
1961	Terrence F 'Terry' Shay	09-15-20	77			
1963*	Doreen W (Sherwood) Walker	07-12-20	75			
1964	Eva 'Eve' (Tomlinson) Krcmarik	07-07-20	74			
1966	Leonard P Weiler	06-22-20	73			
1966*	Carrol J (Bodeis) Cryderman	12-09-20	72			
1967	Betty J (Kelley) Smith	02-06-20	70			
1968	Robert J Garner	01-01-20	70			
1969	Daniel J Buggia	02-29-20	69			
1969	Douglas E McClellan	12-16-20	70			
1970	David J Kapa	05-07-20	67			
1970	Carolyn A (Beach) Smith	10-19-20	68			
1973	Tina M (Sholes) Yager	06-24-18	62			
1973	Donald D Dodd Jr.	02-09-20	65			
1973	Debra L (Trojan) Hunkins	12-08-20	65			
1974*	Rusty E Pyles	08-06-20	64			
1975	Jack R Sholes	11-24-20	63			
1976*	Nadine M (Simpson) DeMott	12-12-20	63			
1978	Daniel B Shaver	05-14-20	59			
1979	Kenneth K Hill	07-06-20	59			
1981	Debra D (Strasburg) Field	07-26-20	57			

\* Didn't graduate but attended Mayville with that class.

\*\*If there is anyone we missed, please send the information to us at: [Mayville.Alumni@Yahoo.com](mailto:Mayville.Alumni@Yahoo.com)

***Sadly missed  
along life's way,  
Quietly remembered  
every day...  
No longer in  
our life  
to share,  
But in our hearts,  
You're  
always there.***

***~Unknown Author~***



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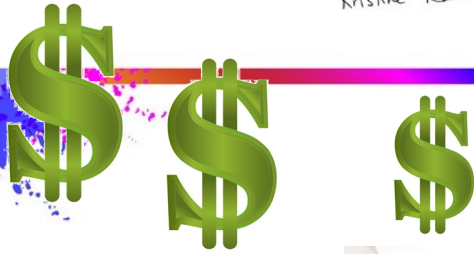
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***In September of 2020 the Mayville Alumni Association handed out 32 checks for \$125 to each Mayville Teacher for a total of \$4000! These funds helped teachers with the challenge of teaching school amid the virus that has no doubt left a huge scar on all our lives, especially our youth. These are some of the Thank You notes received.***

Dear Alumni Association,

You completely made my day! This is year 19 for me here at Mayville Elementary, but it sure feels like year 1 all over again!! Your generosity is going to help all of these third grade kiddos, and I appreciate it.

Thanks again!  
Kristine Tedrow



## Thank You!

Thank  
you!

Alicia Pavlich

Dear Mayville Alumni Association,  
thank you for the cash for class money. I used it pay for a website for our social studies students and for another website that my Spanish students will be able to use interactively.  
Melodie Howes

Thank  
you

Thank You for your continued support! :)

Aimee Ressler

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Dear Alumni,

A sincere thank you for your generous donation to our students. My first purchase was a new set of paints and window chalk. We are very thankful and will use the monetary donation wisely. I plan to use the balance of the money for Lab supplies for doing experiments later in the school year.

Again thank you for your consistent support and dedication to the students at Mayville Community Schools!

Sincerely,

Darren Masterson

Darren Masterson

## THANK YOU!

Thank you so  
much. We are appreciate you! gm

Sara Macha

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the many alumni and friends who helped with this issue of the MHS Alumni Historian. To Betty Harris '61 for going through the many pages of archives and pulling out the numerous articles, photos and details for much of this publication; to the Hamilton family for allowing us to share the special tribute to Mr. William "Bill" Hamilton; to Ruby Stark for her help with graphics, computer documents and story details; to Dave Vizard '70 for his talented writing skills; to Suzette Silvernail • Dougovito '70 and her group of gals that put together a package of photos and clip-pings for the Class of 1970; to Gary Wargo for his stories from "The Old Fostorian"; to the many Alumni who made donations and contributions to the Ca\$h for Cla\$\$, School Supplies and the Alumni Scholarship funds; to the Alumni Board members for proofing and checking the final revision before it goes to the printers; and to Al Gabalis '88 at Heritage Press for printing our spring mailer as well as the Historian paper; and to any of you I may have missed — **"Thank You"** — your help and your support is greatly appreciated!!! ~Victoria Vollweiler Shields '75



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