



# Alumni Historian

Mayville High School

Spring/Summer 2022

135 Years



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- ◆ The history of the MHS Alumni Association.
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is dedicated to*



*Vivian  
Wiley Speakman*

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*Class of 1984*



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like to thank everyone who  
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thoughtfulness are greatly  
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# Meet The Alumni Board



**2021– 2022**

## 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:

Sherri (Secord) Elenbaum - '82

Mike Forsys - '74

\*Judy Ollila - '79

*\*New Member*

**President: Daniel Dennis - Class of 1977** has been part of the Alumni Association for several years. He has held various offices and MC'd several banquets. Dan is retired from the Dow Chemical Company where he held several positions including Machine Repairman, Mechanical Engineering Technician, Mechanical Engineer, Contract Administrator and several other special assignments. He and his wife Gloria are currently in the process of building and moving back to the Mayville area. They have one son, daughter-in-law, 4 grandkids and two great grandkids.

**Krystal (Bodeis) LaBair– Class of 1977** Krystal attended school in Mayville from grades K-4th, Frankenmuth schools from 5-10th and her family moved back home to Mayville and she finished High School in the 11th and 12th grade years. She has called Mayville home since that time. Krystal has been with the Alumni board for several years and she is the one responsible for the lovely table decorations at the Annual Alumni Dinners. Krystal and her husband Mitchell, class of 1976, own and operate a crop/livestock farm. Throughout her working career Krystal has been, a farm hand, a substitute in the Mayville Community Schools, organist at the Lutheran Church in Mayville, election inspector and a member of the Planning Commission for Rich Township. Krystal and Mitch have one daughter, one son, their spouses and four grandchildren.

**Linda (Klarich) Forsys & Mike Forsys—Class of 1974** have been active with the Alumni Association for 4 years. They assist with the planning of the banquet and attend meetings as needed. This fall, Linda and Mike will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary, living in North Branch, Michigan for the past 45 years. After employment for 18 years in the dental field and 16 years in education, Linda enjoys retirement. Mike is also retired after working over 35 years. Their daughter, Marianne, is the Director of Bands at Bentley Community Schools. Granddaughter Molly is a 6th grader at Rolland-Warner in Lapeer.

**Treasurer: Patricia (Patti) Vollweiler-Class of 1981** The first alumni banquet Patti attended was in 2004-the year her mother - Maggie Teeple Vollweiler—'54, would have been a 50 year grad, where she was given her mother's 50 year golden diploma. Patti has been a part of the alumni association since that year. She has served as a member-at-large, Vice President, President and as a Secretary/Treasurer combination. As the Treasurer, Patti is responsible for handling incoming orders for the Historian's paper edition to be mailed, reservations to the banquet, and incoming donations. Her day-to-day job is Office Administrator at Loudon Steel Inc. in Millington, Mi where she has worked for 38 years. Patti enjoys participating and helping with community events both in Mayville where she grew up and Millington where she works. Even though she graduated 40 years ago from MHS, she still consider herself a Wildcat!

**Archivist: Betty Steele Harris: – Class of 1961** Betty has been a part of the Alumni Association for the past 25 years. She began by helping Connie Sweet Ewald '67 and Janetta McAlister Freeland '47, and when they both passed away in 2000, Betty picked up the work and continued on. In 1993 Betty set the type for the very first Historian that was published. She has held many offices on the Board throughout the years and as the current "Archivist" she continues to collect bits and pieces of Alumni news, deaths and information.

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## *Alumni Board Members Continued...*

**Historian Editor: Victoria (Vickie) Vollweiler Shields – Class of 1975.** Vickie has been a part of the Alumni Association for the past 10 years. She began by helping to redesign the Historian paper and then eventually became the Editor. With a background in computers and art, she took on the task of designing and maintaining the Alumni website. Vickie and her husband live about 475 miles north of Mayville, on the outskirts of the little town of Chassell, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Chassell is located just 9 miles south of the Michigan Technological University campus. They have a 10-acre Hobby Farm complete with an organic fruit orchard, two big and two miniature horses, three dogs and one very lazy barn cat. They also have two grown daughters, a son-in-law and three grandchildren.

**Member At Large: Sherri (Secord) Elenbaum - Class of 1982.** Sherri has a long history with Mayville schools. Her paternal grandmother, Ada Harp taught at Mayville elementary. Her parents Sandra (Howard)'60 & John Secord '59 are Alumni along with many Aunts, Uncles & cousins. She married her high school sweetheart Tom '82 after they graduated & helped where needed on the family farm. Sherri and Tom raised 4 children -all alumni. She worked at Mayville schools as an aide, & substitute janitor before moving on to make sandwiches at Wingert's Subway. She now takes care of her father, John who lives with them, and suffers from dementia. Sherri has helped the Alumni Association when her parents were on the board and just continued! Alongside her best friend Leann (Hahn) Gwinn '82, they have helped with skits & other entertainment. She & Leann also plan their class reunions about every 5 years. She continues to help at the football concessions! Sherri believes Mayville Community Schools benefits greatly from the community's help.

**Member At Large: Judy Ollila – Class of 1979.** Judy is no stranger to many of the Alumni. Her photography skills can be seen in some of the past Historians and you can read more about Judy in the 2020 Historian paper, available on our website at [www.mayvillewildcatalumni.com](http://www.mayvillewildcatalumni.com). Judy resides in the Vassar area where she works as a photographer. In her spare time she enjoys crocheting, cooking and traveling. If you attend the 2022 Alumni Social in June, you will find her behind the camera taking photographs that will be posted to the Alumni website and will also appear in the next edition of the Historian paper.

### **A Note From the Alumni Board - "Why No Dinner This Year?"**

Many alumni are asking why there was a decision made NOT to have a dinner this year in 2022, as has been done in the past. Several reasons— first and foremost was the cost—at \$40 a person, the Alumni Board members felt this was just too much. Several Alumni have noted that \$40 is not too much to pay for a nice dinner. What most people fail to realize is that the \$40 charge, just isn't for the food. There are other costs that the Alumni must cover at each dinner.

There is a cost to rent the tables, chairs, table coverings and the small platform that is used to elevate the speaker so everyone seated in the gym can see. There is a cost to cover printing the Historian paper that is given out to each Alumni at the dinner, as well as the programs. In addition, there is a cost to have the Lion's Club members help serve and a cost for the school janitor. All these costs must be combined into the price of that each attendee is charged. This year the cost of food was \$23.50 a plate, for the very basics, not including the cake. Tables and chairs were a total of \$1100. Add that to the printing costs, the money to be paid to the Lion's Club and the rest, and you get a price that the Alumni Board felt was too high for a majority of people.

The Alumni Association does not make any money off the Annual Dinner—if lucky, there is a break-even, if not, then the extra funds come out of the General Fund, which has a very small operating budget. Not only is the cost an issue, but setting up all the tables, chairs and decorations falls to a very few people, who following the banquet must break everything down and clean up.

If you are one of those people who want to see the dinner brought back, then perhaps joining the Alumni Board and lending a hand and a voice is something you should consider. More help is always appreciated!

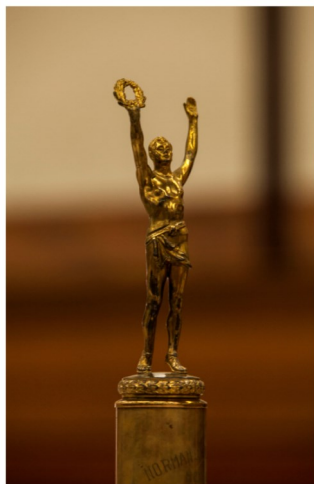
~2021-2022 Alumni Board

# Alumni Scholarship and Duncan Memorial Scholarship Recipients

## 2022 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT & Duncan Memorial Award



*To be announced at a later date.*



Norman Duncan  
Memorial Award

## 2021 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT & Duncan Memorial Award



Austin Middleton



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

**Class Colors**—Black & Blue

**Class Flower**—Sunflower

**Class Motto**—*"Nothing we do changes the past—  
everything we do changes the future."*

**Class Song**: "Drift Away" by Uncle Kracker



Hannah Austin  
Timothy Bailey  
Evan Bergman  
Alishia Bilicki  
Jayden Biskner  
Kenneth Blackwell  
Michael Bodeis  
Brooklyn Boyne  
Paige Conklin  
Nathan Crane III\*\*  
Ethan Cumper  
Sisilio Fernandez  
Seth Fisher  
Benjamin Freitas JR  
Ethan Galgoci  
Zachary Giddings  
Steven Gilbert

Steven Gilbert  
Allissa Haddrill  
Marie Harp  
Evan Hilts  
Carly Hoag\*  
Grace Hrabcak  
Halley Johnson  
Isabella Kemp  
Zachary Kendall  
Kayleigh Lambert  
Brandon Lilley  
Elijah Morey  
Annie Nickens  
Cristal Parent  
Raine Roose  
Lucas Rutter  
Jaiden Sanchez

Lucas Simonds  
Reagan Snyder  
Koda Sprader  
Nicholas Steele  
Corbin Sylvester  
Josie Walker  
Caleighna Wilcox  
Devin Wilkie  
Gage Young  
Jonathan Zabik  
Jayden Zieroff

\*Valedictorian

\*\*Salutatorian

**Note - This is a list of current  
seniors, it is not an official  
list of graduates.**



# Congratulations 50 year Graduates! 1972-2022

AUL, Charlene  
 BABER, Patricia  
 BALDWIN, Cynthia  
 BARTON, Paulette  
 BELLOR, Phillip  
 BINDER, June  
 BODEIS, Jim\*  
 BYRD, Paul \*  
 BROWN, Rayola (Barkowska)  
 BLOCH, Craig  
 BLOCH, Deborah  
 CHRIST, Jean  
 CARLISLE, Jefferson\*  
 COLE, Laurie  
 COLLING, Stella  
 CONAWAY, Thomas  
 DAVISON, Keith  
 DENTON, James  
 DIETZ, Roger  
 DOERR, Susan  
 DUFRENE, Nancy  
 DUNCAN, James  
 DUSUTE, Peter  
 ENGLISH, Michael  
 FACKLER, Roger  
 FERGUSON, Karen  
 GOODELL, Debbie  
 HASCALL, Dale  
 HASKIN, Karen  
 HOOD, Rhonda  
 HOPP, Larry  
 HUNTER, Connie  
 IHRKE, Patty—*Valedictorian/Sec.*  
 JOHNSON, Dan\*  
 KAATZ, Thomas  
 JOHNSON, Geraldine Rich  
 KOWALSKI, Gary  
 KREIS, Gerald  
 LEDESMA, Viviana\*\*  
 LESLIE, Burton  
 LIEBLER, Richard\*  
 LISKEY, Neal  
 MAHARG, Susan Prince  
 MALLOY, William  
 MANWELL, Kathy—*Treasurer*  
 MARLOW, William

MC LELLAN, Calvin\*  
 MC NIEL, Mike  
 MERCER, Ruth Ann  
 MIDDLETON, Tim—*Salutatorian*  
 MILLER, Roger  
 MITCHELL, Earl  
 MORITZ, Linda  
 MUNCY, Bill  
 O'BRIEN, Christel—*Vice President*  
 OSOWSKI, Frank  
 PEREZ, Paulo\*\*  
 PLAIN, William  
 PRIBBLE, Mike  
 PUTMAN, Randy  
 QUERTERMOSE, Deborah  
 SEGER, Glenn—*President*  
 SHOLES, George Jr\*  
 SPENCER, Jerome  
 SPRINGSTEEN, Rebecca  
 STEELE, Richard  
 SWEET, Roger  
 TERBUSH, Terry\*  
 THOMAS, Deborah  
 TOMPKINS, Lori  
 TOMPKINS, Terrance  
 TOPHAM, Lynn  
 TORREY, Dawn  
 VAN SICKLE, Gerald  
 VAN VALKENBURG, Gerald  
 VAN VALKENBURG, Rita  
 VAT, Karen  
 WARREN, Sally  
 WERNER, Douglas\*  
 WERNER, William Greg  
 WIERABICKI, Diane  
 WILL, Ronald  
 WOOD, Joyce (Colling)  
 YENS, Debra



**Class Motto:** *Some people look at things as they are and say, "Why?" We look at things as they could be and say, "Why not?"*

**Class Flowers:** Blue Bachelor Buttons and Yellow Daisies  
**Class Colors:** Royal Blue and Gold

*Names of the Class of 1972 are listed as they were at the time of graduation. In years past, the Historian has printed married names, but it has become increasingly difficult to keep up with the changes. If you have information on any deceased classmates we have missed, please let us know.*

\*Deceased

\*\*Exchange Student



# 6 **1997-2022 CONGRATULATIONS 25 YEAR GRADS!**

Crane, Reyna  
 Dennis, Kathryn  
 Dinsmore, Samuel  
 Downing, Amy  
 Draper, Corey  
 Dzikowicz, Tammy  
 Eckler, Terry  
 Foote, Courtney  
 Franzel, David  
 Frenzel, Rachel  
 Fricova, Lucie\*\*  
 Friday, Kyle  
 Fritz, Renae  
 Gager, Niki  
 Germain, Nicole  
 Gommesen, Deanna  
 Harrington, Matthew  
 Hoadley, Susan  
 Hoffman, Rebecca  
 Hopson, Rebecca  
 Janowski, Heather—*Valedictorian*  
 Jansen, Timothy  
 Johnson, Bryanna  
 Johnson, Jr., Ronald  
 Knox, Christina  
 LaHaie, Robert  
 Lawless, Theodore  
 Love, Jaime  
 Malloy, Mark  
 Matthews, Joshua  
 Mayer, Alisha  
 McKellar, Amber—*Secretary*  
 McKenna, Tracy—*Treasurer*  
 McTaggart, Matthew  
 Meyer, Michael—*Vice President*  
 Moore, Rebecca  
 Partlo, Adam  
 Piche' II, John  
 Prezzato, Jennifer  
 Pyles, Rynae

Rader, Kelly  
 Rierson, Jared—*President*  
 Robbins, Jerome  
 Rowe, James  
 Rushlo, Kevin  
 Ryan, Aron  
 Sauvala, Milka Maria Emilia\*\*  
 Schipinski, Rebecca  
 Schulz, Mary  
 Sherwin, Nathaniel  
 Simons, Diogo Alencar\*\*  
 Sinclair, Shawn  
 Spencer, Loren  
 Steele, Lucas  
 Suttle, Tonya  
 Sweet, Shaune  
 Teague, April  
 Tennie, Daisey  
 TerBush, Ivan  
 Tiffin, Dennis  
 Trovillion, Jacob  
 Turner, Diana—*Salutatorian*  
 Vsetula, Jr., Robert  
 Warren, Terri  
 Wegsel, Danny\*\*  
 White, Ryan  
 Wilder, Daniel  
 Wood, Jessica  
 Young, Amy  
 Young, Kimberly

\*\*Exchange  
 Student



**Class Colors:**  
 Midnight Blue and Silver  
**Class Flower:** Lily  
**Class Song:**  
 "Cheers" Theme Song  
**Class Motto:** "Our dreams  
 may take us far away, but our  
 friendship bonds us for life."

Note: Our current database does not include any information for deceased members of the class of 1997. If you are able to supply this information, please contact us. Thank you!

Names of the Class of 1997 are listed as they were at the time of graduation. In years past, the Historian has printed married names, but it has become increasingly difficult to keep up with the changes.





## The Alumni Members of the Mayville Fire Department

Did you know that 72% of the entire current Mayville Fire Department are Mayville Alumni? Out of the 25 members, 18 are graduates of Mayville High School.

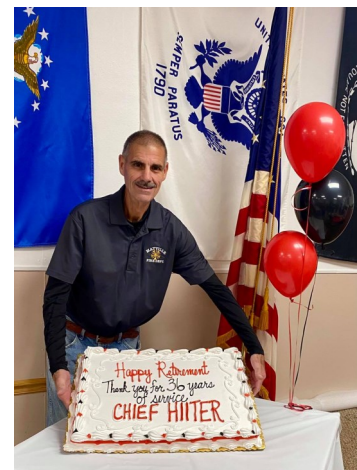
1. Terry Blackmer	Chief	1995
2. Terry Wingert	Asst. Chief	1986
3. Jason Bellor	Asst. Chief	1994
4. Matt Isler	Captain	1997
5. Bradlee Wingert	Lieutenant	2014
6. Laverne Franks	Hall Officer	1972
7. Josh Walker	Tres./Sec.	2006
8. Jeni Brinkley	Firefighter	1993
9. Tom Brooks	Firefighter	1994
10. Jay Friday	Firefighter	1992
11. Mike Gorde	Firefighter	1980
12. Pat Laskowski	Firefighter	1994
13. Jerry Gilbert	Firefighter	2019
14. Zachary Powell	Firefighter	2016
15. Cody Pyles	Firefighter	2013
16. Ron Smith	Firefighter	1961
17. Doug Thomas	Firefighter	1970
18. Barry Topham	Firefighter	1962

**Robert Hiiter, Class of 1976**, retired as Fire Chief, after 36 years of service to the Mayville Fire Department, in September of 2021. Robert served in many different areas:

- Fire Fighter
- Training Officer
- Tuscola County Fire Instructor
- Assistant Chief
- Fire Chief

Robert and his wife Elaine have re-located to Virginia, where they are building a house. We wish them both the very best as they enjoy retirement!

*Photo credit: MFD*



***Women from the Mayville Class of '70 nurtured a sisterhood to create a lifelong bond***

This assignment for the Alumni Historian was simple: Write about a group of former Mayville High School students who stayed connected for years after graduation.

Piece of cake. Instantly, I knew I had the perfect subjects to write about. My own Class of 1970 had just such a group. They call themselves the Wingnuts (more on that later) and have stayed close to one another for more than 50 years.

I connected with the group and met with them during one of their monthly luncheons. I must say I was pretty nervous meeting them. I was older, fatter, grayer, and creating new wrinkles at record speed. Self-doubt gnawed at me like a tiger having a cheetah over for lunch. Would my old school mates shun me and run away in horror at the mere sight of an aging teddy bear?

They did not. To my relief, I enjoyed hugs and warm greetings all around. I felt ashamed that I thought the Wingnuts would be anything less than charming and graceful. They were delightful and clearly eager to see each other and spend a long luncheon together.

The first order of business for the group after the initial greeting chatter died down was a round-robin discussion where each member updated the others on what had occurred in their lives since the last time they had met. Each had plenty to share from their robust lives, and all seemed excited to absorb every detail. It was delightful to watch, and these ladies are even funnier and livelier than I had remembered.

In no particular order, please allow me to introduce you to the Wingnuts: Penny Lynch Wallace of Okemos, Joanne Wenta Metcalf of Davison, Sherry Malkowskli Mocniak of Lapeer, Deborah Tompkins Shadley of Mayville, Debbie Robinson Lorenz of Davison, Denise Robinson Serr of Flint, Harriet Grzyb Long of Lake, Dorlis Haver of Lansing, and Suzette Silvernail Dougovito of Lapeer.

Over time, the lives of the Wingnuts took flight. They became accomplished nurses, teachers, health-care providers, auto industry employees, artists, poets, State of Michigan officials, moms, wives and grandmothers. They stuck together – sometimes only through letters and phone calls – through the roller coaster we all know as life.

Sometimes, life can feel overwhelming, but the Wingnuts rally for each other.

"They surprised me at my retirement party, cried with me at my dad's funeral, helped cope with divorce," said Deb Shadley. "I can count on this group of besties

for life. What a beautiful bond. I've had to call Suzette or Joanne for nursing advice. And Suzette even made a house call when I panicked over a situation my husband had after surgery. We laugh together, we problem-solve together – we are never alone."

For most of the Wingnuts, their bond began to forge eons ago when they were kids. Fostoria is a key location for the group. Joanne and Janet Wenta grew up with the Robinson twins. Harriet and Dorlis lived nearby. They met and became friends with other members of the group when the country schools closed and Mayville welcomed kids from the sticks to town.

"I met them in the seventh grade when our country school closed. Never knew any of them before that," said Suzette Dougovito. "We are now truly best friends that are there for each other through thick and thin. There is nothing we would not do for each other."

Sherry Mocniak remembers some of the group from kindergarten. "I met some in third and fourth grades when we went to Fostoria while the elementary school was being built, and some in junior high when the country schools closed."

As the years have piled one on top of another, Sherry says she feels tighter with the Wingnuts than ever. "I feel closer, more trusting and I feel that I know them better now. I even like them more."

Love, as we all know, is a loaded word. It has so many different meanings and levels for each of us. But love is a word that many members of the Wingnuts are comfortable using when talking about each other.

"I think there are different levels of love, and our group has a special love that keeps us together," said Denise Serr. "To explain that, it's like when there is someone special in your life that's not next to you physically, yet is always present in the back of your head and in your heart. That's a special love, and that's what this group's love is like."

Suzette believes the group's unity is special because of the effort each member makes to enhance and improve their cohesiveness. "Our open honesty with each other is key. Except for Denise, we've all been through divorce and other life crisis. We all became closer and began to understand who we are as individuals. Seems with life lessons, we each understand more deeply who we are. Our group is special because of the love we share for each other and our commitment to stay connected no matter what."

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Joanne agrees. She says the lives of the Wingnuts became intermingled. "Because of our shared history, the stories of our lives were mixed with family events, births, deaths, health issues, and age-related milestones. Our sisterhood became stronger as we became older and experienced life's ups and downs.

"I have lost both parents and my brother," Joanne continued. "With each loss, these friends reached out to support me with calls, cards, letters. Maybe even a little wine, too. Ha! They cared and took the time and made the effort to show it."

Time, which is often our enemy, seems to have strengthened the Wingnut's bond. Penny Wallace says the group has grown closer in the last 10 years, especially as more members retired.

"I have contact with at least one member every week," Penny said. "It's so nice to have true friends who applaud your successes and commiserate with your losses. We have such a strong bond from our shared experiences – Mayville, the school, sports, band, cheerleading, teachers."

The Wingnuts are not a private club or exclusive. Hey, they invited me to join them so I got to believe the bar for admission is pretty low. Pretty much anybody with a Mayville High School pedigree can join the sisters. "We'd definitely like to open it up more and have others join us," Penny said.

So, I know you're dying to know where the name "Wingnuts" came from. It came about suddenly, and naturally, when members of the group joked with each other that they would one day all end up crazy and in a wing of a nursing home together. Hence, Wingnuts became their moniker. I'm not positive, but my guess is that alcohol may have been a factor leading up to the vote.

This group likes to have fun. They are definitely sisters, but no one would mistake them for nuns.

To help complete this assignment, I asked each member of the group to respond to a short survey of questions. They responded with great spirit and energy, or you would be staring at a blank page.

I also asked Denise, the group's resident poet, to write about her sisters, this group of remarkable women. I think she nailed it with this poem.

**Photo taken at the White Horse in Metamora.**  
From left: Sherry, Joanne, Penny, Dave, Deb, Suzette, Debbie and Denise.

### ~ FOREVER BEST FRIENDS ~

It's been 50 years,  
Since we tossed our grad hats!  
So proud of our history,  
More so being WILDCATS!

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We've separately traveled,  
Gone here and there,  
Gained a few face lines,  
Possibly gray hair!

\*

Regardless of time,  
We've all kept in touch.  
Monthly gatherings for lunch,  
Because our group loves so much.

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We laugh, and we vent  
Sometimes shed a tear.  
Losing a friend,  
Is our biggest fear.

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Before we part,  
Our glasses we raise.  
Toasting our blessings,  
And, to God, that we praise.

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We're blessed every month,  
As we gather and part.  
BEST FRIENDS FOREVER,  
In our souls and hearts.

**Poem by: Denise (Robinson) Serr  
Class of 1970**





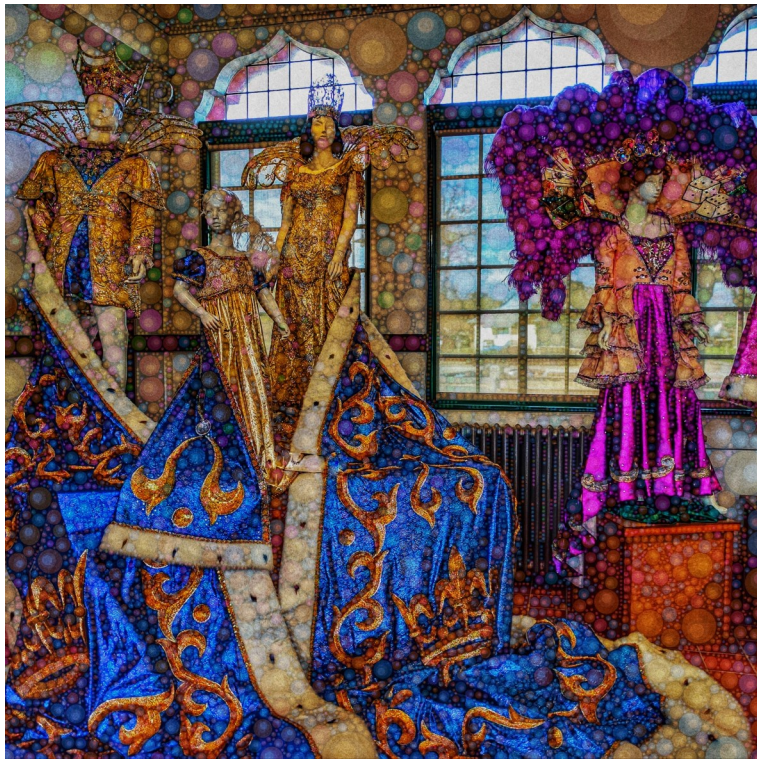
## The Art of Lisa *Hunkins* Lindgren—Class of 1984

What do you get when you combine beautiful photographs with digital art? You get some of the most amazing pieces of artwork, and that is exactly what Lisa Lindgren creates!

Lisa *Hunkins* Lindgren graduated from Mayville High School with the class of 1984. She grew up in Mayville and attended Mayville Schools from Kindergarten to graduation. Her younger brother, David Hunkins, graduated with the class of 1986. Lisa was active in sports – track, basketball, volleyball, and cross country. In fact, she was the only girl on the cross country team at that time. She was also a member of the yearbook staff and enjoyed the time in the “olden” days when the photographs were developed and printed in the darkroom.



**Little Mac** - Hybrid photography mixed with digital art  
Manistee River, Michigan



**Royalty** - Hybrid photography mixed with digital art—  
taken at the Bay of St. Louis Mardi Gras Museum

Following high school, Lisa attended Saginaw Valley State University, graduating in 1989, with a degree in Bachelor of Business Administration & Marketing. She currently works in Real Estate as an Administrator, doing social media marketing and helping agents. In the past she was involved with the Arts Council in Gaylord, where she entered juried shows and sold items at Arts and Crafts Shows.

Lisa and her husband Ron live three miles from South Higgins Lake State Park, with their two rescue dogs Sasha, a Norrbottenspets (pronounced Nor-Boat-Ten-Spetz) – a breed of dog that originated in Sweden, and Bella, a Rat Terrier mix. Lisa and Ron do a lot of camping and Lisa’s favorite place to take photos is Lake Superior.

The last couple years Lisa began mixing photography with digital art, and the results are beautiful! Her artwork and photography can be found on several sites. A few of the photos pictured here, have been entered into a Juried Art Show.

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## The Art of Lisa Lindgren—Class of 1984 continued...

Lisa's works of art and photographs can be found on the following websites:

[www.fineartamerica.com](http://www.fineartamerica.com)

Search for—Lisa Lindgren.

[www.redbubble.com](http://www.redbubble.com)

Search for Designby9

Not only is Lisa's work available as prints, but you can also purchase it as posters, framed prints, metal prints, acrylic prints, wood prints, and tapestries on Fine Art America.

On Red Bubble it is available on baseball caps, mouse pads, desk mats, clothing, phone cases, stickers, stationary and more.

***Thank you Lisa for sharing your hobby with us!***



**Sky Writing** - Sunrise on Marl Lake, which is part of South Higgins Lake, State Park, Michigan



**November Birch** - Higgins Lake, Michigan



Mouse Pad



Post Card



Spiral Notebook





## The Old Fostorian

### Cycling Through Life – A Trip Around School

By Gary Wargo

In 2010 I purchased a fairly nice 21-speed bicycle as a reward to myself for quitting smoking. I spent about five years riding around Millington, North Lake, Otter Lake, Columbiaville, North Branch, and of course Mayville. I started riding for the exercise but found the social aspect of riding the most rewarding. I would stop and visit with neighbors who happen to be out in their yards when I would have otherwise driven my car past without a word. I visited old relatives, friends, and classmates I hadn't seen in fifty years or more. Some of those are no longer here to reminisce with ever again. The relatives I spoke with shared information about their families that I never knew.

One of my last bicycle rides, before we moved to Florida, was to Mayville and around my old and, in my day, the only school in town which included all the grades K-12. As I rode past the north entrance, I recalled the time when all the buses would be parked in a line on W. High St waiting to return students to their homes, most of them to their family farms. The bus ride home seemed to take forever. We lived on the southernmost end of the route, so it was one of the last stops for our long-time bus driver, Steve Barkowska. If you didn't behave on Mr. Barkowska's bus he would boot you off the bus and you'd have to walk the rest of the way. I do remember him taking my older brother, Tom by the collar escorting him off to walk home. Fortunately for Tom that was only a half-mile.

After passing the north entrance I passed the doors to the old school gym which doubled as a cafeteria and auditorium with a stage. It was where we had our assemblies, pep rallies, Friday night football home game dances, gym class, and Saturday night DJ dances with 'TJ the DJ' from Flint's WTAC - "600 on your radio dial". As I rode past the gym entrance to the west, I noticed more school buildings where a parking lot once was. The parking lot was where many teachers parked and if you were lucky enough to drive to school, students parked.

I next turned south on Fox Street and continued riding around the south side of the school where the playground once was, where we played on swings, teeter-totters, and monkey bars during class recess. Now, a blacktopped parking lot was in its place. Just beyond and to the south was the hill that ends where what is now the new high school and accompanying parking lot is. In the winter months, we would slide down that hill, had snow-ball fights, and during the fall months we played pickup football and baseball games. The middle school's south entrance was where buses dropped off students in the mornings. After getting off the bus we'd step inside to the sounds clanking and banging of school lockers echoing through the halls as students readied for their homeroom classes. Not much talking. We were too sleepy to talk much. As the halls filled with the incoming students so did the halls fill with chatter.

I then rode around the new high school, through the parking lot by the south entrance, past the tennis and outdoor basketball courts. To my left was that dreaded hill coach Ralston had us run to the top to get the football team in shape for the upcoming season's games. Straight ahead was the 'Lion's Den' with the locker room smells and the cold dampness of its cinder block walls. I just stopped and stared at the entrance, remembering the pre-game readiness and halftime speeches from coaches Rolston, Hill, Titus, and McSherry to name a few. Straight ahead and a short distance was the baseball diamond, the only baseball

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diamond at that time. Just to the south of the 'Lion's Den' was the football field. Ah, football season was my favorite time of year and for years after high school, the fall season's cool weather still takes me back there.

I rode around on the track that still surrounds the football field and stopped at the bleachers at the south side, the Wildcats side of the field. I played halfback and center linebacker, jersey number 12. As I sat looking at the empty field, I had flashback memories of my days on that field and especially the night of our Homecoming game against Reese on Friday night, October 11, 1963, when we pulled off an upset against Reese in the last 30 seconds of the game-winning 13-12 with a 70-yard pass from quarterback Larry Lamiman to the fastest guy on the team, tight end Jim Plain. That day is my most memorable school day of all. Both Larry and Jim are gone now as well as a few others of those days of maroon and white games. In my mind, they are all still as young as they were in 1963.

I sat there soaking up memories a while longer before continuing my ride out past the 'new' high school and south onto Fulton Street towards home.

Days gone,  
days remembered,  
days loved ...

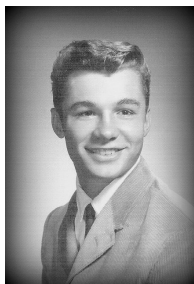
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Gary has two pages on Facebook and these stories and more can be found on his page **"The Old Fostorian"** -

<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.

Gary and his wife Sherry currently reside in the panhandle of Florida.

## Mayville Alumni Association Annual Report... Year Ending 2021

<b>Yearly Summary of All Accounts</b>	Balance Forward	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Banquet Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	-50.00*	(-50.00)
Historian	541.50	451.00	-453.42	539.08
General Fund Balance	2615.79	701.87	-519.15	2798.51
Scholarship Fund Balance (NOT CD)	5938.80	1795.00	-10000.00	6733.80
CFC Fund Balance	0.00	2141.73	0.00	2141.73
School Supplies Fund Balance	2095.76	155.00	-97.20	2153.56
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Check Book				14,316.68
*Monies taken from the General Fund were used to cover these expenses.				
Scholarship CD	12,287.36	30.67		12,318.03

**Mayville High School Alumni Association**



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Yr	Last Name	First	Married	DOD				
1940	Bodeis	Ida	Richmond	6/15/2021	1971	Stilson	Mike	10/23/2021
1943	Walker	Josephine	Fryers	2/2/2021	1971	Mercer	Ronald	1/14/2021
1946	Harris	Dorothy	Irwin	10/4/2021	1972	TerBush	Terry	12/9/2021
1946	Harris	Jack		6/27/2021	1972	Werner	Douglas	10/31/2021
1946	Westover	Harriet	O'Brien	3/8/2021	1974	Lobdell	Archie	9/27/2021
1948	Walker	Marilyn	Patterson	8/13/2021	1976	Craig	William	10/4/2021
1949	Middleton	Roy		2/16/2021	1977	Buhl	Robert D	3/27/2021
1950	Plain	Wayne		4/9/2021	1979	Soper	Eric E.	6/16/2021
1954	Gouine	Jerry		7/21/2021	1979	Kibbe	Marlin Jr.	11/17/2005
1954	Wasielewski	Robert E		1/8/2021	1980	Hampel	Wesley	9/6/2021
1955	Tompkins	Pat	Raymond	11/7/2021	1981	Davis	Keith*	8/6/2021
1956	White	L. James		2/27/2021	1981	Irelan	Teresa L	8/31/2021
1957	Robison	Robert E.		1/19/2021	1984	Wiley	Vivian Speakman	11/24/2021
1957	Torrey	Frances	Maiers	12/28/2020	1986	Colling	Sharon M	6/16/2021
1958	Jacot	Gary D		7/6/2021	1987	Shaver Jr	Richard	6/12/2021
1958	TerBush	Lynwood		3/20/2021	1989	Heiser	Kenneth	5/20/2021
1958	Ohmer	Ruth Ann	Serven	6/14/2021	1994	Sylvester	Paul	2/12/2021
1959	Harmon	Gary		8/13/2021	1995	Furby	Keith	11/30/2021
1960	Thornton	Ronald		12/27/2021	1995	Horning	Ronald Jr.	7/4/2021
1960	Davis	Dale		8/21/2021	1999	Topham	Joshua	5/17/2021
1960	Lotter	Sharon A	Stanfield	4/29/2021		William Hamilton	Teacher	3/26/2021
1961	Pfau	Alma	Bennett	10/21/2021		Albertine Burns	Teacher	5/11/2021
1961	Jacot	Nancy	Ringle	4/4/2021		Julie Bugenski	Teacher	8/3/2021
1961	Hiiter	Janet	White	12/20/2020		David Orban	Bus Driver	8/11/2021
1962	Fowler	Elaine	Wright	11/23/2021		Glenn Higgins	School Board	10/7/2021
1962	Goodell	Elaine (Diann)	Orban	9/10/2021		Martin Blackmer Jr.	Principal	12/8/2021
1962	Putman	Hobart		5/30/2021		Frank Licavoli	Baseball Coach	11/30/2021
1962	Clemons	Arnold		4/1/2021				
1962	Lotter	Marilyn		5/28/2021				
1963	Kilmer	Martha	Terpenning	4/6/2021				
1964	Mawdesley	Thomas		12/4/2021				
1964	Blackmer	Jim L		3/26/2021				
1964	Lotter	Russel		1/4/2021				
1965	Meyer	Betty Lou	Howley	7/19/2021				
1966	Easlick	Judith	Freeman	4/29/2021				
1966	Brown	Rita	Fryers	3/27/2021				
1967	Zorn	Chris		12/29/2021				
1967	Freeland	Daniel		4/17/2021				
1968	Weiler	Lonnie		12/6/2021				
1969	Easlick	Bonnie	Sochocki	7/16/2021				
1969	Springsteen	Diane	Phelps	4/10/2021				
1970	Proctor	Flett		2/3/2021				
1971	Torrey	Kathie		10/25/2021				

*In the blink  
of an eye,  
I never got to  
say goodbye,  
Like a shooting  
star across  
The sky,  
so fast,  
so far,  
You were  
gone too soon...*



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**Thank you Dave Vizard '70** —If you enjoyed Dave's story, please check out his webpage and the novels he has written! His next book is due out in October 2022— **"Murder, So Sweet"** All his books are available on Amazon. [www.davevizard.com](http://www.davevizard.com)

**Thank You Bethany Marr Wingert '87** for names and graduating years of the Alumni on the Mayville Fire Department. **Thank You Lisa Hunkins Lindgren - '84** for sharing your beautiful art! Please visit the sites listed on page 11 to see more or purchase Lisa's art. **Thank You Gary Wargo** for another great story from *The Old Fostorian*. You can find *The Old Fostorian* on Facebook.

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# Class Reunions 2022

## 45th CLASS Reunion OF 1977

Saturday July 16, 2022 1PM—8/10 PM

Odd Fellows Hall (Formerly the Golden Years Club)

277 W. Snover Road—Mayville

Hot Dogs—Sloppy Joes—Coffee & Water Provided

Please bring a dish to pass—your own table service & beverages

*Teachers Welcome - Please share this information!*

*\*\*We are responsible for clean-up following the reunion\*\**

**Contact:** Papatorrey69@hotmail.com

## Class of 1972

## 50th Reunion

Saturday, July 23, 2022

**Fischer Hall**  
**613 S. Main Street**  
**Frankenmuth**

4:00 PM—10:00 PM

5:30 PM Buffet Style Dinner

**\$30 per person**

**Contact:** Rebecca Bodeis  
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**Music provided by Keith Davison**  
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