

# *Madelia High School*

## **Alumni Newsletter**

**June 2011**

*Nothing is impossible to the willing mind!*  
*Colors: Purple and White*

### **Message from Alumni President Wendy Willams Hennager**

We are looking for you, an alumnus of Madelia High School, to support or to contribute to the Madelia High School Alumni Association which was formed in 1890.

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to promote the association of past Madelia High School graduates and their achievements, to preserve the history of MHS, and to continue to provide the all school reunion every ten years. Our next one will be held in 2020. We want to stay connected with you by either email or mail, so please send addresses to Chris McCabe 83661 300<sup>th</sup> St., Madelia, MN 56062, or email them to [mhsahist@yahoo.com](mailto:mhsahist@yahoo.com).

Please feel free to contact any of the board members with suggestions or comments that you may have. If you wish to be on the board of directors, please contact one of us as soon as possible.

We look forward to you joining us at the 121<sup>st</sup> MHS Alumni Association's Annual meeting on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM in the Elementary School cafeteria. We will be celebrating with the Class of 1961 on their 50 year anniversary.

### **Class Reunions**

Class of 1951 – Friday, July 22, 2011  
11:30 AM at Jake's Stadium Pizza, 300 Stadium Drive, Mankato

Class of 1961 –Friday, July 8, 2011  
8:00 PM Madelia Hotel, a Social Gathering and Saturday, July 9, 5:00 PM Social Hour and Dinner 6:00 PM at Goodfellaz Grill, Madelia

Class of 1966 – Saturday, July 9, 2011  
5:00 PM Social Hour and 6:30 Dinner at Goodfellaz Grill, Madelia

**Please send change of address and  
email addresses to:**

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83661 300<sup>th</sup> St.  
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# Madelia Happenings

- 50 Members of Madelia High School Band and Choir went to Chicago IL where they sang and played at Vandercook College of Music.
- 2010 inductees to the Madelia High School National Honor Society were Trina Whitney, Allie Van Hee, Rachel Schickling, Alyssa Filip, Cody Crowley, and Jordan Brown.
- Ryan Visher ('93) and Lisa Visher expand their business by buying Edelweiss in New Ulm.
- Eleven students from Madelia Elementary School competed in the state Wrestling Tournament at Northland Youth Wrestling Association. Derek Firchau placed first in his weight class at Northland Youth Wrestling Association.
- After 10 years, Terry Arduser ('66) is coming out of retirement to once again coach the MHS football team.
- Members of the Madelia Rotary Club rebuilt the stone fire pit near the Watona Park stone shelter.
- Gus Pederson, Mike Gasner, Seth Patterson, Steve Sly, Taylor Ulmen, members of the Madelia High School National Business Professionals of America, traveled to Anaheim CA to compete in the leadership conference.
- SFC Jeff Ulmen ('85) was the key note speaker for the Madelia Memorial Day Program
- Nicky Blekestad Anderson ('93) was awarded the Key Woman Award at the Minnesota Women of Today State convention in Alexandria, MN.
- 32 Madelia High School Seniors graduated on June 6, 2010.
- Madelia Times Messenger began a new series "Who is coming to the 2010 All-School Reunion".
- Margaret Murphy ('86) was named president of Denali Marketing.
- Shelby Buckingham ('10) and Cassy Guyer ('10) hosted a dance camp for 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade kids. All proceeds will go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.
- The first season of Madelia Youth Soccer program boasts 94 kids.
- The Madelia Triple "A" Award given by Minnesota High School League for excellence in academics, arts and athletics was awarded to Noah Anderson ('10). The EXCEL award, excellence in community, education and leadership was awarded to Allie Van Hee ('10) and Cody Crowley ('10). The Madelia Athletes of the year awards were given to Taylor Ulmen ('10) and Kayla Firchau ('10)
- Amanda Gahler spent a semester in Senegal, West Africa through a program called School for International Training.
- Steven Klinkner ('69) installed as American Legion 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander.
- "Sister", the performing trio formally known as The Norvold Sisters, of Hanska, performed at Park Days 2010. The sisters are Kjersten Dysthe ('83), Kara Miller-Hagen ('87) and Alisa Leonard ('88).

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- Grand Marshalls for the Madelia Park Days Parade were former teachers Malcolm Brandt (1953-1993) and Erwin Schuldheisz (1954-1989).
- The Clover Print shop owned by brothers Ryan ('07) and Travis Guyer ('02) broke the Guinness World Record for most shirts worn at one time. Ryan wore 233 shirts.
- Sandy Seibert ('61) and Clarence Goodburn ('61) planted an Autumn Blaze Maple Tree at the High School in honor of classmate Milton Kelsey who was killed in the Vietnam War.
- Lance Peterson ('86) is the chair of the Taco Johns National Marketing Committee. He owns two Taco John restaurants.
- Kelsey Osborne CPA's, Richard Kelsey ('76) and Thomas Osborne ('79) moved into the Eide Bailey building on Main St.
- Madelia Public School District is taking a bold step into the future. The school board approved a plan to implement their own on-line learning program.
- 75 members attended the 120<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Madelia Alumni Association during the All-School Reunion on July 10<sup>th</sup>. They were entertained with singing by Noah Anderson ('10) and Laura Pace ('04) and Madelia Trivia by Jim Lovett ('73).
- Members of the Faith Lutheran Church in Madelia and Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Butternut recently returned from a mission trip in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala.
- Alex Cooling and Mariah Kalstad were crowned Madelia High School Homecoming King and Queen during the 2010 coronation ceremony.
- Dr. Crystal Nerell joins Dr. Randy Ellis at the Madelia and St. James Veterinary Clinics.
- Mike Grote ('77) is Madelia's new mayor.
- Mariah Kalstad, 2010 Homecoming Queen, went to Army National Guard Basic Training in June of 2010.
- Marnie Jacobson Kortuem ('91) sees her breast cancer as gift because of the wonderful people she met during treatment.
- Katie Odegard ('11) member of the Madelia Blackhawks Basketball Team scored career 1000 points.
- Alex Cooling ('11) took championship at the Minnesota State Wrestling Tournament. Adam Cooling ('13) took 4<sup>th</sup> place at the same tournament.
- Laura Pace Sorenson ('04) performed the lead, Maria, in the Madelia Community Theater production of The Sound of Music.
- Andy Forstner ('06) qualifies for national wrestling championships for Minnesota State University-Mankato.
- Trina Whitney ('11) was recently named the Outstanding Young Adult by the Minnesota Women of Today.

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- 2011 National Honor Society members were Caleb Arndt, Trina Whitney, Allie Van Hee, Emily Michels, David Evjen, Rachel Schickling, Nate Bestick, Cody Crowley, Alyssa Filip, Jordan Brown and Eric Colon.
- Bill McMullen ('72) of B M Builders of Madelia constructed an "idea home" for a Minneapolis Home and Garden Show.
- Ashok and Sangeeta Goyal are the new owners of Madelia Hotel and Suites.
- The Madelia Lions Club donated dictionaries to the third, fourth, & fifth grades at Madelia Elementary and St. Marys Schools.
- Area families hosted the following 2010-2011 foreign exchange students, Nele Henkel, Germany; Mirka Tallus, Finland; Elin Sundqvist, Sweden; Svenja Tanzer, Germany; and Thanida Tuchinda, Thailand.

## For Sale

### 1990 "A Sentimental Journey"

\$15.00 plus \$6.00 S&H

### 1991-2000 supplement

### "A Sentimental Journey Continues"

\$5.00 plus \$2.50 S&H

### 2001-2010 Supplement

### "The Journey Continues"

\$8.00 plus \$2.50 S&H

To order contact:

Bev Hennager  
47680 Acorn Road  
Madelia, MN 56062

## Alumni Dues

**Alumni dues are \$5.00 per person per year.  
Lifetime Memberships were established in 1999  
for those wishing to pay a one-time amount.**

### Guidelines

**Those graduating up to 24 years ago pay \$75.00  
Those graduating from 25 years to 49 years pay \$50.00  
Those graduating 50+ years ago pay \$25.00**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Caryn McLean, Alumni Treasurer, 204 Crosby Ave. NE, Madelia, MN 56062

## Alumni Marriages

Sarah Nelson ('02) – Joshua Pfeffer ('01)

Laura Pace ('04) – Michael Sorenson ('02)

Brianna Lehman ('06) – Trenton Forstner ('03)

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## Alumni Deaths

Helen Sorenson Pettersen – 1927

Olive Evjen Olson – 1934

Omer Green – 1936

Arleen Chalin Johnson – 1937

Violet Flitter Nelson – 1937

Vera Armstead Witherspoon – 1939

Velma Cunningham Rogers – 1940

Myron McCabe – 1940

Darwyn Seibert – 1940

Earle Tighe – 1941

Nell Montgomery – 1942

Roger Stokes – 1944

Catherine Jacobson Johnson – 1945

Arden Asleson – 1946

Regean Dusell VanBibber – 1946

Marceline Larkin Eager – 1947

Helen Daley Andruzzi – 1948

John Snyder - 1949

John Brekke - 1950

Paul Larson - 1950

Shirley Gilman Stoering – 1954

Marilyn Carstensen – 1956

Patricia Hoeft Fastenau – 1957

Darrell Pace – 1957

Joanne Welp Stafford – 1960

Douglas Tronrud – 1960

James Skarphol – 1966

Jamie Bill – 1969

Audrey Grams Maurer – 1970

William Vandry – 1973

Janell Goodburn Davis – 1977

Bruce Bergeman – 1978

Thomas Keech – 1979

Mark Osborn – 1979

## Financial Report

The 2010 All School was a success. We raised \$13,674.50 with expenses of \$11,144.31. The balance is in an interest bearing account for annual expenses and the next All School Reunion.

A complete financial report will be available at the July 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting or contact Caryn McLean, Treasurer, 204 Crosby Ave. NE, Madelia, MN.

**MHS Alumni Assoc.**  
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### **2010-11 Alumni Association Officers and Directors**

President:	Wendy Williams Hennager	Directors:	Mary Jo Casey Ulmen
Past President:	Cindy Reihls Lehman		Myrtle Ahern Warner
Vice President:	Traci Wihlm Henry		Jean Olson Todnem
Secretary:	Bev Jacobe Hennager		Steve Sorenson
Treasurer:	Caryn Laingen McLean		Dave Lehman
Historians:	Chris Jacobson McCabe		Priscilla Helgo Severson
	Steve Tatro, computer		Julie Flicek Halverson
			Jan Helling