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In Memory:

Chuck Bundlie February 2, 1930 - May 16, 2008

BY JENNY L. AREL



We, the Alumni Network Advisory Committee, wish to dedicate this issue of the Red Cent to Chuck

Bundlie for his contribution to alumni and friends of the Grand Forks Public Schools as the Editor of the Red Cent from 1998-2002. What better way to remember him than by re-publishing some of his stories.

Fall 2000 - What color is Texas today? Chuck

writes: It's been almost 50 years since I met my friend Cliff. We had both joined the Air Force, ready to wage war on the Koreans. Fortunately, our contributions were from California and Anchorage. We've certainly grown older, but we've kept in touch, mainly for comparison of health notes. (He's had his heart attack, I've had my cancer).

Cliff lives in Dallas, TX, and the weather there this summer has been horrible. As I write this, Dallas hasn't seen rain for 65 days, and temperatures have been well into three digits. The other day I spoke with Cliff on the phone:

"Cliff," I said, "I notice on the weather channel each day that the map shows Texas as being VERY red, meaning another scorcher of a day. I'm doing the best I can to help. So when I see all that red outlined for Texas on the TV weather map, I turn down the color on my set to a soft pink, sort of like the weather for Idaho. Is it helping any?"

He thinks I've come unwrapped, and says my efforts amount to nothing, but then, Cliff has always been a doubter. But he promises that if it does work, come December, he will do the same when the North Dakota map shows in deep blue. Maybe he could adjust his TV set to a pale green, (that would be nice), or mauve, something like the weather for North Carolina. And if ALL of us started fiddling with the color control on our sets, who knows...perhaps we could start managing the weather for the entire United States!

You scoff....but I've filled out my assigned 800 word limit, so the joke's on you! Enjoy.

Spring 2000: The Grumpitude Factor

On a scale of 1 to 10, my grumpitude rating today is about an 8. I am sitting here at the computer. Looking

out the window, I see a splendid male robin that has been hanging around our yard for the past several days. You can tell by looking at him he has sex on his mind, as all robins do in the spring. Trouble is, it is not spring outside. It is blowing and snowing and the annual spring storm is upon us. The robin is unhappy about this and so am I. Last week the golf course a block away opened. They should know it always storms after they do that.

We should be at the lake today, performing the annual ritual of "opening." Instead, I am thinking I may have to use the snow blower for the first time this year. Hard to believe, but two months ago we could have played tennis outdoors. Not today! But the weather is not the only reason I am grumpy.

I hope by the time this column is squeezed out of a printing press that the Miami mess will have become history. I'm speaking, of course, of the tug-of-war going on between the government and the relatives and friends of little Elian Gonzalez. I feel sorry for everyone involved, including Janet Reno. It has become so political that no one will come out the winner, least of all the little boy. He's being terribly exploited. The best thing that could happen would be for the media to fold up their cameras and go cover

other news. Any idea what is happening in Peru? Not likely.

Spring 2002- Sun City, here we come

As I write this, Margaret (a.k.a. Rock) and I have just returned from two months in Arizona. To celebrate our golden wedding anniversary, we bought a big new car and with Toby-the-Dog, we headed southwest. So for the rest of this column I record some observations of life in the southwest for North Dakotans wanting to escape the harshest months of winter. This was our longest stay at Sun City West, a neighboring Phoenix retirement community. We had been there several times before, but this would be our longest stay, February and March.

For our tastes, the weather was perfect. But Arizonians are becoming a little edgy about the lack of rain. We enjoyed it. For one thing, you can plan an outdoor event weeks in advance and be fairly certain it won't rain on your parade. During our stay, temperatures climbed into the eighties most days and hit the nineties a few times. "Unusual for this time of year," said permanent residents. The TV weather people agreed. They claimed it rains now and then, but that the air is so dry the droplets evaporate before they reach the ground!



Chuck Bundlie, editor of the Red Cent from 1998-2002 passed away on Friday, May 16, 2008 at the age of 78 at his home in Grand Forks.

Charles Kermott Bundlie, the son of F.C. and Sedona (Kermott) Bundlie was born in Grand Forks on February 2, 1930. Chuck attended school in Grand Forks and is a graduate of Grand Forks Central High School. He attended the University of North Dakota.

Chuck and Margaret Rockwell were united in marriage on October 23, 1951 in Grand Forks. He served in the US Air Force from July 14, 1951

until June 6, 1955 and was stationed in California and Anchorage, Alaska. Upon discharge from military service, they returned to Grand Forks where they made their home except for 3 years when they lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Chuck started broadcasting at age 14 for KILO Radio in Grand Forks. He was employed briefly by KROX Radio in Crookston in the early 1950's. Chuck began employment for KNOX Radio in Grand Forks, serving as news director for portions of the 1950's and 1960's, sometimes while he also worked in television. Chuck was the first to anchor a Grand Forks based TV newscast in December 1955 for the old KNOX-TV. During a part of the early 1960's, Bundlie was a minority partner in and the Winnipeg-based liaison for a Pembina, North Dakota based border TV station, KCND which was then in its infancy. It is now Winnipeg's CKND. Bundlie retired as WDAZ-TV's news director in late January, 1992 after helping Channel 8 sign on the air in the Grand Forks and Devils Lake area in 1967 as its sole news correspondent. The station's news broadcasts originated at Fargo's WDAY-TV. By fall of 1967, with newscasts coming out of Grand Forks, Bundlie served as WDAZ's first Grand Forks based news director and anchor in addition to reporter and photographer. Bundlie ended his role as WDAZ's primary news anchor in early 1983 while continuing as Channel 8's news director. After retirement, Bundlie served for several years as executive director of the North Dakota Broadcasters Association.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Margaret "Rock" Bundlie, Grand Forks; beloved dog "Toby"; many cousins and longtime close friends.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

BY EDITOR
Greg Nelson, R'71



Growing up, I remember the annual showing of "The Wizard of Oz", and Dorothy holding "Toto" in her arms, clicking the heels of her dazzling ruby slippers together and reciting over and over through closed eyes, "There's no place like home, there's no place like home." And soon she awoke, back on the farm in Kansas, surrounded by her family and friends. I, like Dorothy, believe that there is no place like the home that I have found here in Grand Forks. So if you've just graduated from Red River, Community or Central High Schools, and you're looking for a place to get a quality education, "There's no place like home." Or if you've completed your education away from Grand Forks and are looking for a place to settle into a career or begin to raise a family that would receive as excellent an education as you did while growing up, "There's no place like home." Or if your children have grown and you're looking for a place that has arts, athletic, medical and entertainment opportunities second to none, "There's no place like home". When my wife, Deb, was diagnosed with breast can-

cer over five years ago, we both agreed for treatment of her illness, "There's no place like home." Being home provided Deb the best in cancer care by the Altru Cancer Center and the support of family and friends as she progressed through her treatments. As you and I continue our relationship as editor and reader of the Red Cent, I plan to use this column to let you as readers know of different facets of the "Grand Forks Jewel" that will indeed help you to feel that "There's no place like home."

The Altru Cancer Center is part of Altru Health System, the regions leader in health care. Altru Cancer Center was officially established in September 2000, having its roots dating back to the late 1970's in the Medical Oncology Department of the Grand Forks Clinic. According to Nancy Klatt, RN, Manager of Altru Cancer Center, the care provided to patients is centered on the premise that each patient is unique and so is the treatment designed to cure their cancer. After Deb had her



Altru Cancer Center chemotherapy room.

cancerous breast tissue removed, she was able to set up her treatment schedule so that she had chemotherapy at the end of the week on Friday afternoons and had her radiation treatments on her lunch break during the week. She was determined not to let cancer rule her life and the flexibility of the Cancer Center staff allowed her to fit her treatment to her lifestyle. One of the unique aspects of care at Altru Cancer Center is that all cancer services ranging from lab, to chemotherapy, to even being fitted for a wig are all found under one roof. Patients also have access to clinical trials that test the newest cancer treatments available. Altru is affiliated with the North Central Cancer Treatment Group (NCCTG), which is a network of cancer specialists that provide member physicians with the latest information on the most recent advances in cancer treatment that they can use to better treat their patients.

Altru Cancer Center is in the final stages of a facility remodeling project that will help to make the Center even more patient friendly and provide the most up-to-date diagnostic equipment for patient treatment including the addition of a PET/CT scanner. The PET/CT scanner helps physicians diagnose and pinpoint the location of disease in its early stages and monitor the progress of patients' treatment. It combines two powerful imaging technologies: **Computer Tomography (CT)**, which takes clear pictures that show the precise location of suspicious activity in the person's anatomy and **Positron Emission Tomogra-**

phy (PET), which provides metabolic information that tells doctors about the nature of the activity, such as whether it is cancerous. Many cancer treatment facilities aren't equipped with their own PET/CT scanner and have to bring a scanner in to the facility every so many days



Nancy Klatt, RN

for patient testing. Having this service in house helps Altru to be able to treat cancer patients as efficiently and accurately as possible.

Altru Cancer Center provides many of what I would call "Feel Good" services. They have a wig bank open to cancer patients that provides wigs and turbans or "do rags" free of charge. There is also the "Look Good...Feel Better" program that is lead by volunteer beauty professionals from the community that is designed to teach female cancer patients beauty techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Cosmetics, wigs, and turbans are provided by the American Cancer Society free of charge to patients. Altru Cancer Center also provides a "Reach to Recovery" program that links volunteer breast cancer survivors with patients and provides the patient an opportunity to express feelings, talk about fears and concerns and ask ques-

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Just Jim

BY FEATURE WRITER JIM HAUGEN, C51



TO BE YOUNG AGAIN

I'm Older
Aging
Nearing 71
Pondering
Remembering
Wishing
Regretting
An imperfect youth
Sometimes Wanting
To be young again
The chance to re-shape
Those formative years
High school and college
Not just happenings
Taking charge of my life.

Understand much better:
My parents
Their growing up
The farm life
Tough times
The depression
Fun times
Choices
Meeting
Getting married
Especially my dad
Limited education
Building his skills
Starting a business
A much different life
Oh which I built.

I'd like to have been

- Less shy
- More confident
- Take more risks
- Build more friendships
- Forge more strengths
- Writing
- Acting
- Art lessons
- Pursue sports earlier
- Hockey
- Tennis
- Golf
- Skiing
- Socialize more
- Join more organizations
- School papers
- Plays
- Choruses
- A club or two

But, or course:
I wouldn't have
The experience
The perspective
What years have taught
About
Values
Interests
Skills

- Friendships
- Sensitivities
- Feelings
- Understanding myself
- As I do now
- Because
- With these years
- All in all
- I've gotten
- Too soon old
- Too late smart.

With today's perspective
Consider more choices
About my career
Not pick so quickly
Consider possibilities
-Architecture
-Business
-Carpentry and building
-Serious about design
Try
Different courses
Different companies
Different places
My own business

---Just Jim

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tions of someone who has been in their shoes at one time. A few years ago the GAP Foundation provided the initial funding for the "Filling the Gap" program at the Altru Cancer Center. "Filling the Gap" helps to lessen the financial burden for cancer patients by paying for items not commonly covered by insurance, such as lodging and transportation assistance for patients who are traveling from out of town for cancer treatment and can't afford those costs. All Altru Cancer patients are eligible for nutritional assistance at no charge. Altru Cancer Center also has a Social Services staff that are trained to help patients deal with some of the stresses of having cancer. They link them with community agencies, support services, and financial programs and aid in discharge planning services. One of the more unique services that Altru is offering is a Cancer Risk Assessment. The Cancer Risk Assessment program is available by referral for patients who possess a variety of risk factors.

Testing for hereditary cancer risk is becoming more common as approximately five to ten percent of cancers have been linked to an inherited gene. Information regarding how genetics affects a person's risk of cancer is vital for determining important prevention strategies.

I'm sure that you're sitting back thinking, "What does this story about the Altru Cancer Center in Grand Forks have to do with me?" Who of you has-

n't been touched by cancer personally? Whether it be in yourself, a family member or a dear friend. Deb had just turned fifty and our son, Nick, was in eighth grade when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had an aggressive treatment of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation so that she would be here for Nick and her other children to celebrate the graduations, marriages and other milestones of their lives with them. She chose to live and did so with the help of Dr. Dentchev and the dedicated staff of the Altru Cancer Center right here in Grand Forks.

As I said when I started this article, "There's no place like home". So when you or a family member have been diagnosed with cancer and you want some of the best in cancer treatment from hometown people who really care, come home to the Altru Cancer Center and your friends and family here in Grand Forks. And lastly, don't let the word "cancer" scare you. When our nephew, **Jeff Nieuwsma, R'04**, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2007 we felt confident that he would beat cancer with the help of his positive attitude, the support of his family, and the doctors and staff of the Altru Cancer Center.

Today Jeff is cancer-free and recently graduated from UND and is working for Alerus Financial here in Grand Forks. You can hear Jeff's story on the Internet at altru.org on the "Watch Your Altru Stories" link.

HANDPRINT ON MY HEART

In the May issue of the "Red Cent," I wrote of two fine gentlemen who were teachers at Red River when I was a student there in the 1970's. Ken Sherwood and Tom Gabrielson had such a positive impact on my life and the lives of literally thousands of students who knew them, either as a teacher or coach or just someone who pleasantly greeted you in the hallway. If there was a teacher from your school days in Grand Forks who went that extra mile for you or encouraged your efforts when no one else seemed to notice, I'd like to hear about that teacher and share your story with "Red Cent" readers. My son Nick (R'07) was fortunate to have several teachers who encouraged him through his years in the Grand Forks Public Schools and I can see a little of all of them in the fine young man that he is today. Kathy Fiedler, Don Nagle, Diane Ness, Melanie Popejoy, Dean Opp, Brad Sherwood and Mary Berglund so positively influenced Nick's life by their outstanding teaching abilities and genuine concern for their students that Nick will feel their "Handprint On His Heart" for his entire life.

Please e-mail me at duhnelsons@gra.midco.net, write me at 610 Terrace Drive, Grand Forks, ND 58201, or phone me at 701.775.0993 (evenings), and help me to share your story of that teacher who left a "Handprint On Your Heart".

— Greg Nelson, Editor

FINDING LOVE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

BY GUEST WRITER

JANET CHRISTIANSON PUNG, C'61

As I opened the door, this sign caught my eye: "Find Love: lonely male seeks backrubs, long moonlight walks in the park and skinny dipping." Wow, this provocative sign was an attention getter! But I already knew that I would find this special "guy" at the Animal Humane Society. I was opening the door on an opportunity to become a Humane Society volunteer. This was how it happened.

Several years ago, a month before Christmas, I was working in the jewelry area of Kohl's department store. I noticed a customer was buying lots of clearance jewelry. I asked her what plans she had for the jewelry. She said that she was a nun (Sister Joanne) and that she made necklace holders for reading glasses. I told her that I needed special glasses for computer work and for playing the piano. I was always misplacing them someplace in my two piano studios, and I could certainly use these special glasses holders. So she said she would bring in some samples of her work for me to purchase. A couple weeks later, Sister Joanne came in with many different glasses holders and I chose one that I liked very much. I was about to purchase the holder when she said that it was my Christmas gift. I was dumbfounded and she said to me: "Do some good deed, and I will be repaid ten-fold". This was a life changing moment! I thought very hard about what good deed I could do. I decided to become a volunteer for the Animal Humane Society and tend to the needs of homeless animals.

My paying jobs, performing on concert stages and selling diamonds and gold, are definitely more glamorous, but the rewards are just as great and fun abounds at the shelter. I have developed a mind set with the help of the staff to bond with certain animals but to let them go with great joy when they are adopted. My job during the week is to



groom the cats and socialize with them. On weekends, my husband and I are Cattery Reps and we answer questions, set up cat carriers for the ride home and help the staff with whatever they need. We also carry the cats to the visiting room where prospective adopters can meet the animals in a quiet environment. We also help with fundraising and special events. One side benefit is that I have met a

very special bunch of friends and we have great fun hanging out with the animals.

Last summer, I had the opportunity to attend Animal Adventure Camp with twelve 10, 11 and 12 year olds. It was a week packed with animal activities that ranged from dog walking to a visit to the nearby zoo. All the activities were accompanied by worksheets, so it was quite a learning experience. The week was wonderful and we all (especially me) were "dog" tired by Friday. It was fun to see the pre-teens exchanging phone numbers at the end of the week. They had made many animal friends, but also made human friendship bonds.

As a special project, I have recorded a CD of piano music titled "Animals Tails of Song" which will go on sale this fall as a benefit for the Animal Humane Society. Also, my sewing machine has been getting a workout making hundreds of cat beds for the cages.

I'm so glad I answered the call to become a volunteer. You can always spot my car. It's the one with "Find Love at the Animal Humane Society" sticker on the window!

I am a Nationally Certified Life piano teacher and judge. I am a professional pianist and composer, I am a jewelry associate at Kohl's and teach tap dancing for the Roseville Minnesota Parks and Recreation.

The Kraft Family...A tradition of baseball

(re-printed from the Grand Forks Herald, July 13, 2008)



Across L to R: Brian Kraft, R'77; Pinky Kraft

Below L to R: Stephen Kraft, R'05 and Michael Kraft, R'08



When Gabe Dahl, the Grand Forks Royals American Legion baseball coach, describes **Michael Kraft**, R'08 as being like a coach on the field, it makes sense.

The Kraft family has been playing and coaching baseball in Grand Forks for more than 50 years.

Michael's grandfather resurrected a dead sport at UND, his father became one of the youngest head coaches in Division II athletics and Michael is one of the best high school players in the state of North Dakota.

It's no wonder the best baseball diamond in town is called Kraft Field.

"Some people have asked me if it's weird going to Kraft field," Michael said. "But I don't think it is. It's something that's gotten to be so routine for me."

What's in a name?

The ballpark was named in honor of Harold "Pinky" Kraft, who revived UND baseball in 1956 after the school was without the sport for 36 years. Pinky was UND's head coach for 26 years, until his death in 1981.

Although Pinky coached a Division II program, he was named president of the American Baseball Coaches Association, president of the North Dakota Amateur Baseball League and served on the NCAA baseball rules committee. After his death, the 1982 College World Series held a moment of silence in his honor prior to the first pitch.

"Pinky knew how to play the game of baseball," said Howard Swanson, who pitched for him at UND from 1976 to 1980. "But the thing I attribute to him as much as anything, he also taught a lot about growing up and meeting challenges."

"He wasn't one to scream or yell or jump up and down. As a player, you knew what he expected of you. It was clear when you disappointed him. It was also clear when you did something well."

Pinky eventually was inducted into the triple crown of hall of fames. He's in the UND Athletic Hall of Fame, the North Central Conference Hall of Fame and the Collegiate Baseball Hall of Fame.

But for as closely as baseball and Pinky are associated, baseball wasn't necessarily Pinky's passion. Student-athletes were.

"He enjoyed working with young people," said his son, **Brian Kraft**, R'77. "He would get a lot of enjoyment out of going to a badminton tournament and watching kids play."

"Baseball happened to be the sport he got involved in, but it could've been any sport. Baseball was the sport that gave him the chance to work with young adults."

Baseball, not war

Pinky didn't take the easy route to Grand Forks. He grew up in Enderlin, N.D., and went to the University of Minnesota. After enlisting in the Army, he served in World War II. There, Pinky suffered burns trying to rescue two of his men from a fiery bunker in the Battle of the Bulge.

He spent a year in a burn center.

If anyone asked him questions about World War II, he didn't want to talk about that," Swanson said. "He'd rather talk about baseball."

Pinky finished his coaching career with a 207-304-2 record.

"His win-loss record wasn't going to set any records," Swanson said. "But Pinky, from Day 1, was always a gentleman and a mentor — on and off the field."

"Playing in North Dakota isn't always easy. We'd go down to Kentucky and play our first games. Those teams had already played 20-30 games. But Pinky was just trying to get the best out of us. He was looking at a personal level. Did you give him 100 percent?"

Pinky's sons, Brian and Dean, quickly took after their dad's craft. As soon as they were old enough, they hung numbers on the scoreboard and served as batboys at UND games. Both later played for Pinky at UND. Dean played in 1981 and 1982 while Brian played from 1978 through 1981.



SYNCH OR SWIM

Pictured left to right: Dorene Berge and Laura Peterson

1987 State Tennis Champions



Back Row (L to R): Coach Jaeger, Tom Dunn, Derek Middlesteadt, Marc Rubin.

Front Row (L to R): David Rudrud, Brett Kalina, Jason Spaeth, Bryce Walsh, Brad Stauss.

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THE RED MILL

Brilliantly directed by Dwight E. Sherwood, the Centralian chorus produced a professional performance of the two act comic operetta, "The Red Mill," written by Victor Herbert.

Ably portraying the leading roles for the presentation were: **Patricia Bettschen**, Gretchen; **Jim Thorsen**, Captain van Damm; **Steve Dippe**, the Burgomaster; **Maureen Scully**, Bertha, the Burgomaster's sister; **John Harty**, "Con" Kidder; **Tom Schimke**, "Kid" Connor; **Richard Allen**, Willem, the innkeeper; **Madelyn Roeder**, Tina, the innkeeper's daughter; **Roland Erickson**, the Sheriff of Katwky-ann-Aee; **Michel Mandel**, the Governor of Zeeland; **Sonia Land**, the French Countess; and **Jack Puschinsky**, Joshua Penneyfether.



THE DUTCH WOODEN SHOE DANCERS - Gloria Mose, Jane Quale, and Shell Stolee.



Pictured L to R are: "Con" Kidder, John Harty; "Kid" Conner, Tom Schimke; Tina, the Innkeeper's daughter, Madelyn Roeder; The Burgomaster, Steve Dippe; Willem, the Innkeeper, Richard Allen; and Franz, the sheriff, Roland Erickson.



Central 1969 Symphony Plays On

FIRST ROW: Edith Summers, Beth Davidson, Beverly Oliver, Tom Larson. **SECOND ROW:** Nancy Cornatzer, Susan Smith, Mary Severson, Phyllis Lanes, Debbie Davidson, Georgia Hill. **THIRD ROW:** Bill Travis, Melinda Johnson, Jane Jarman, Sara Smith, Karen Lynch. **FOURTH ROW:** Mary Hertsgaard, Scott Branvold, Mike Garner, James Clayburgh, Brenda Hall, Mrs. Mary King Osterfield; Director. Missing: Karen Ford.



1972 Central students play for Youth Orchestra

Pictured are: Steve Hill, Beth Preston, Kay Peterson, Wendy Pond, Polly Hazen and Stacie Smith under the direction of Mr. Jack L. Miller.

1949 Girls Sextet



Members of the sextet from left to right are: **Joanne Fagstad, Mary Safstrom, pianist; Peggy Tracy, Marily Westlund, Marilyn Craig, Carol Aune.** Not in the picture is **Arlene Dippe.**



1981 Central PEP Band members **Jon Lucht, Shelly Butala.**

Lori SCHICK Young, R'75 set to retire from SPA



L o r i S C H I C K Young, has been a fixture in Grand Forks summer theatre programs since the 1970s.

After a brief hiatus while living in Lisbon in the late 70s, Lori returned to the Grand Forks Public Schools in 1989 and rejoined the summer theatre program. She is a founding member of the Summer Performing Arts Company, and has worked in every possible area of the program. She has most recently coordinated the Elementary SPA and Middle School SPA programs as well as served as Stage Manager for the mainstage High School SPA productions.

In the past 10 years, participation by students in the elementary and middle school grades has nearly doubled. This has created a need over the years to branch out into different facilities, find and train more staff members, and increase class sizes. This wouldn't have been possible without Lori's leadership and organizational skills.

Lori is set to "retire" from the SPA program after this season, and she will experience what it is like to have a summer off from teaching. **Tom Young, R'80**, Lori's husband, is also a founding member of the SPA program, and is seeking 'summer freedom'. Tom has worked in MS SPA for a number of years and as voice instructor and vocal arts director. They are both "retiring" from SPA and look forward to spending time next summer with daughter, Morgan. The family plans on camping in their renovated camper.

Lori will be leaving SPA in good shape—one of her traits is to have very detailed notes and instructions on the areas of SPA that she coordinates. She will be missed. But before she goes, some of us wanted to share some "Lori" information that we have experienced over the years.

Dean Opp remembers a story about Lori using a drill a "few" years ago:

"All was going well until Lori managed to tangle a clump of hair in the drill. She actually had to cut some hair to free herself. I guess this is why today she helps to teach tool safety to the current students and why she leaves the drilling to the technical staff!"

Connie Sherwood reflects on Lori's drive as a teacher:

"Lori is the consummate teacher. I have done two shows with her at SPA where she has acted as stage manager. She has been a positive influence on the whole process. Not only does she jump in and teach kids exactly how something

needs to be done, she teaches the directing team. 'Kids like to be read to,' she said. So, when dealing with *Les Miserables* last year, I read them sections of Victor Hugo's novel. 'Look at all the kids carrying that book around,' she would point out. 'I love this! I love it when kids read!' Now there is the consummate teacher. This summer with *Fiddler on the Roof*, she bought me copies of the stories of Sholem Aleichem. I have read sections of the stories to the kids. More importantly, I have read them myself. Reading the original stories gives such insight into a culture that we only can scratch the surface of understanding.

The stage manager role is a great one for Lori. She does know how to do about everything when it comes to theater so she is the perfect one to teach the "how to" parts. Plus, her second grade classroom skills help. High schoolers are basically second graders in bigger bodies. Her ability to break things down into the simplest way of saying it is a total joy to watch and to experience."

Allison Peterson comments on Lori's organizational skills: "Lori is very good at being organized. Her planning skills and methodical approach to every task keeps everyone on his or her toes. She is one step ahead of everyone, and always thinks of things that others have overlooked. I am sure if you looked into her brain, you would find a color-coded and fully alphabetized pocket chart.

Her love for students and the theatre is evident in everything she does, and she always strives to find ways to make students love and appreciate theatre as well. Her impact on the SPA program will be felt by staff and students of the program for many, many years to come."

Ken Sherwood takes a light-hearted approach on Lori:

"Whatta privilege to know Lori Young!! And, whatta challenge!! Many years ago a student taught me the real meaning of the law of "every action creates a reaction". It seemed that each time I would cause a degree of torment to this particular student, some small mishap, such as coat hangers with missing screws or staplers taped to a desk, mysteriously took place within my office. Each incident was always met by a mischievous smile which reeked of satisfaction! A deep respect for this individual began with those encounters.

Lori was a fun personality then and she remains the same person as that young girl of the past. One knew back then that this was a most capable individual. Her intellect and her smiling personality would carry her always. Lori Young wears many hats; all of them becoming to her in the

eyes of those fortunate enough to know her. Mother, wife, teacher, stage director, set worker, office manager, ticket manager, janitor, club member and mentor, she always adds her delightful sense of humor and her loyalty to whatever she undertakes.

Lori is not retiring; she is moving on. Whatever she chooses to do, wherever she decides to go, Lori Young will add dedication and fun to whomever and wherever she appears."

Brad Sherwood looks at it from a different approach:

"I'm still in a state of denial. Tom and Lori have been a part of the program since day one. It is very difficult to imagine them not being involved. I have joked with both of them about the fact that they have not had a summer off "together" since they were married. Someone is coming back to

work summer of 2010!"

Angie Black Erickson speaks on Lori's impact on students:

"Lori is a great person who gets very excited about kids. Just to hear her talk about things she does with her second grade class and the Elementary SPA program makes one excited to be a teacher. This summer she has enthusiastically trained in a student stage manager for *Fiddler on the Roof*, therefore paving the way for us to have a little bit of "Lori" with us next year! She leaves SPA with a great legacy. Lori's imprint is seen in how SPA is organized from the elementary program through the high school shows."

She always has a smile at SPA. That will be missed! But, we are excited for Lori and Tom to have a quiet, relaxing family summer next year. Let us know what it is like to get a tan!

Central's 1959 Junior Class performs "Strictly Formal"



Above: "Why look Sally I barely come up to his chin!!" said **Susie Jarrett** to **Pat O'Connell** as she attempts to steal **Kay Folsom's** guy, **Craig Simmons**.

Left: **Jon Holt** demonstrates a new way of "spreading the mumps" with **Susie Jarrett**.



1999 Production of *Guys and Dolls* "sitting pretty"

1968 RED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL OPENS ITS DOORS... HERE ARE A FEW OF THE SCHOOLS FIRSTS



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Today's School News

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE MORE THAN \$560,000 FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Grand Forks Public Schools will receive almost \$560,000 in federal funding for physical education through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant, North Dakota's congressional delegation announced Monday, July 7, 2008.

"This is big news for the district," Superintendent Larry Nybladh said. "It's a very competitive grant."

The U.S. Department of Education will award \$559,180 to the district this fall. With the money, Grand Forks Public Schools will form a partnership with schools in Manvel and Emerado, N.D., and Grand Forks Air Force Base to begin Project Xercise, a three-year plan that

will help students learn the value of regular physical activity and good nutrition to ensure a healthy lifestyle.

"Really, it's focused on lifetime fitness," said Jenny Arel, executive director of the Grand Forks Foundation for Education. "It will provide additional opportunities in and outside the classroom."

The district also has partnered with Scheel's Sports, Hockey World, Safe Kids Grand Forks, the Grand Forks Public Schools' Child Nutrition Program, the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department and the Grand Forks Park District. Through the partnerships, things such as sporting equipment will be available for students to use, promoting physical activity outside of class time.

"If they want to skate over their lunch hour, they can check out skates," Arel said. "Or check out skis for the weekend."

The district has applied for the grant twice before, Arel said, but this is the first time they've received funding.

"It's a huge opportunity for the School District," she said. "It's going to make a huge impact K-12."

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program provides grants to school districts to be put toward initiation, expansion and improvement of the physical education curricula in K-12 schools to help make progress in meeting state standards in physical education.

"Physical education programs are very important to the health of our children," said Sens. Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad, both D-N.D., and Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., in a statement Monday. "These programs help our kids stay in good shape and also get them thinking about important long-term health decisions."

Diners, Drive-ins, Draggin' Main

BY GUEST WRITER
E. DEAN SCHROEDER, C'60

A drive-in which was popular in East Grand Forks was Doc's Shack on the point across the river from Central Park. This place was quite successful, and attracted a more general class of customers rather than emphasizing the younger crowd. Some of my neighbors were regular customers and viewed Doc's as a family place.

Following the success of Jacoby's, Toby Carlson opened a drive-in at the corner of North Twentieth Street and Skidmore (now Gateway Drive). This establishment was called Toby's "It" and realized some modest success for several years. Another drive-in, also owned by Cliff Jacoby, was opened on South Washington and called The Copper Plaza. Unfortunately, this business was not successful and closed within a year.

Further out on Skidmore was the A&W restaurant, probably the only national franchise restaurant in town. The A&W became famous as the western terminus of the nightly ritual of "draggin' main". This ritual involved driving the length of South and North Fifth Street past The Kegs and out Skidmore to the A&W. Each car would enter the A&W lots, circle the main building, and then head back south to drive the circuit again. At one point in the 1960's, I understand that the A&W in Grand Forks was the highest grossing restaurant in the entire chain.

A very popular daily hang out after school was Black's Bakery on DeMers Avenue, next door to Tweet's Grocery, and one block from Central High. Most days, after school was out, many kids would head to Black's for a coke and a pastry. I recall one occasion when my friend Paul Sweitzer and I went to Black's after school and ate an entire pie! Needless to say, our supper that night was adversely affected by having our dessert first!

During my four years at Central, there was a group of guys, mostly athletes, who ate lunch at the cafe located in the YMCA nearly every day. Because I was in a number of vocal music groups that practiced over the noon hour, I ate most of my lunches in the cafeteria. As I recall, the most popular lunch item at the Y was a hamburger, although I don't remember ever eating there.

For several years, the YWCA operated a restaurant in their facility. I remember working there on occasion, my pay consisting of a free lunch. The YWCA also sponsored a record hop every day over the noon hour. Needless to say, this was very popular spot for nearly everyone who had a free lunch hour.

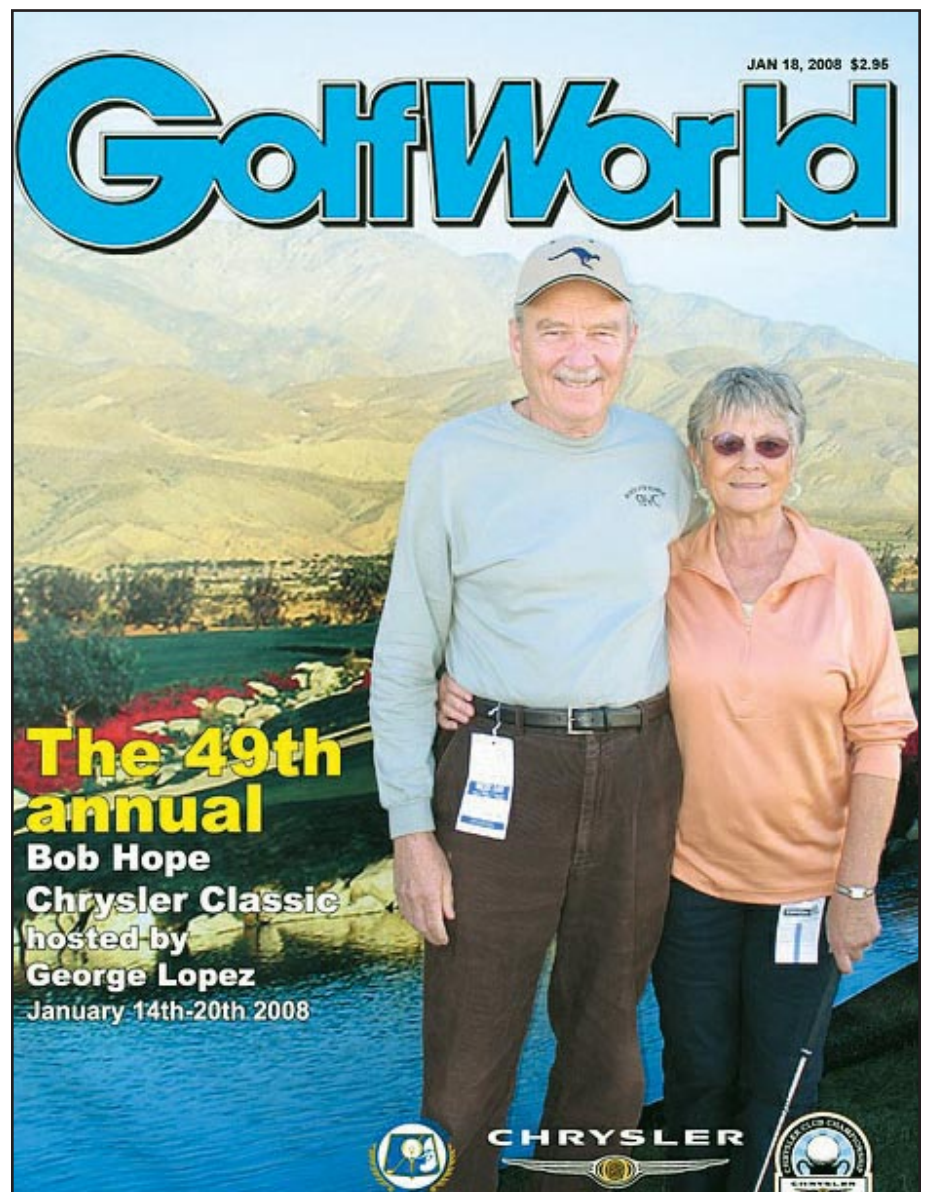
One of my classmates, **Chuck Rothenberger**, was the son of Phil Rothenberger, who with his wife Lil operated Phil and Lil's Restaurant on South Washington. In later years, Phil and Lil's was a popular late-night eating place, becoming quite busy after the bars closed. The most popular item on their menu was a steak sandwich with mushroom sauce. Phil, like Cliff Jacoby, was quite entertaining to his customers and often kept them laughing throughout their meal.

I believe that I was in the ninth grade when the first pizza place opened. Howard's Pizza opened in East Grand Forks just over the downtown bridge and was an instant success. I still think Howard's made the best pizza I have ever eaten, and believe me, I've eaten a lot of pizza. Within a few years the Pizza Villa opened on University Ave. The building that housed the Pizza Villa has been the Red Pepper for years.

There were many other restaurants and cafes which we patronized less often. Many of these businesses catered to families and a more adult clientele. I ate at most of these places, usually with my family, at some time during my growing years. Frank's Cafe, in East Grand Forks, was a favorite of my family. It was here that I developed a taste for fried shrimp. The Bronze Boot, still operating today, was the fancy place to eat on a special occasion. Other more formal restaurants were found in the Ryan and Dacotah Hotels. Whitey's Cafe in East Grand Forks was also popular, and has been re-built following the 1997 flood.

By the time I finished my degree at UND, several franchise drive-ins had opened in Grand Forks. The first two that I remember were King Leo's and Henry's Hamburger, both located on South Washington, almost across the street from each other. Although these were quality establishments, they marked the beginning of the end for the locally owned and operated drive-ins and hang-outs. I was privileged to have had the opportunity to sharpen my social skills, broaden my social horizons, and learn to enjoy pizza, California Burgers, and steak sandwiches at such places as Jacoby's, Howard's, and Phil and Lil's.

E. Dean Schroeder, C'60



Leigh Stewart, C'53 along with his wife **Bonnie**, are enjoying retirement while spending winters in Palm Springs and the summers in the mountains of Olympic Peninsula at Sequim, WA.

Central Class of '54 Mini Reunion March 2008 Scottsdale, AZ



Back left to right: **Gordon Moore**, Mesa, AZ; **Leon Amble**, Prescott, AZ; **Ted Jelliff**, Grand Forks; **Myron Shogren**, Fountain Hills, AZ; **Don Lingle**, Twaine Harte, CA.

Front left to right: **Jane DEMARAIS Wagner**, Mesa, AZ; **Janet AUSTRENG Amble**, Prescott, AZ; **Darlene MONSON Holien**, Grand Forks.



Mini Reunion CHS Class of '65 in Lahaina, Maui in June 2008
Pictured L to R: Bernie LARANANG and Don Nicholson; Ken Hankerson, and Carolyn Nishimura. The Nicholson's were celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary.



1969 Red River Classmates gather together
Pictured left to right: Nancy Lewis, Sandra Radoff, Mary HANSEN Spelmanis, Vicki GOODMAN Boyce, and Janet FOSSUM Flynn, all R'69, in Miami Beach, Florida, in March 2008. Every year we get together and take a trip. We have vacationed together in Seattle, Portland, Newport Beach, Santa Fe, Phoenix, San Antonio, Gatlinburg, Vancouver, Minneapolis and New York City. Unable to join us this year were Barbara BRANDT Williams, Rita DIXON Zeman, Mary WILSON Dibbern and Brenda Hall, also R'69 graduates. Our reunion for May 2009 will be in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. We also look forward to our 40th high school class in reunion in 2009.



For 25 years this group has gone on a winter retreat together. In February 2008 they visited Ft. Sumter near Charleston, SC. From L to R: **Bob Ulland, C'69, Grand Forks, ND; Bill Taylor, C'69 and Jan CURFAMAN Taylor, C'70, Inver Grove Heights, MN; and Brian Buck, C'69 and Wanda Buck, St. Cloud, MN.**

Former GF resident appeared on Food Network



Allez Cuisine!

The call to arms (roughly translated, it means "go and cook") is heard on Food Network's "Iron Chef America." Chef Kim Kringlie, C'78 and chef/owner of Restaurant Cuvee in New Orleans, answered the call in an episode which aired back in May on the Food Network, Grand Forks cable Channel 34.

Chef Kringlie was in a support role to his executive chef, Bob Iacovone, along with Chef Brent Bonds from the Virgin Islands.

The battle pits two teams of chefs against one another in "Kitchen Stadium" where they have 60 minutes to create five dishes based around a "secret ingredient." A panel of three judges determines the winner based on taste, plating and originality. Kringlie's team takes on Iron Chef Bobby Flay.

"The 60 minutes in Kitchen Stadium is the fastest 60 minutes of your life," said Kringlie. "There is always quite a bit of pressure in your restaurants or even catering events, but for the most part, you are in your own environment. In Kitchen Stadium, you don't know how the equipment works, where it is, how hot the flame on the stove gets, and you constantly have cameramen with cords and wires following you around. I have done quite a bit of TV, but this was the most stressful due to the time factor."

Kringlie is the son of Grand Forks residents Roger and Julie Kringlie. Kringlie and his three older brothers all began their culinary careers under family friend and mentor, Darcy Fonder, who died at the time Kim was leaving for New York for the taping of the show. He started at age 15 working at the Bronze Boot.

"Through high school, I worked both at the Boot and Darcy's Cafe," said Kringlie. "I left Grand Forks the day after graduating from Central for Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to work for one of my brothers in a hotel."

He's been in Louisiana since 1983 and won numerous awards including New Orleans Magazine's "Best Chef" and "Best New Restaurant" in 2001.

"Who would of thunk it, a mashed potato and gravy flatlander from North Dakota," Kringlie said.

Chef Kringlie also owns The Dakota Restaurant, just north across Lake Pontchartrain in Covington, La. This fall, he's opening a new concept in downtown New Orleans call Rambla with both French and Spanish food. It will be located two blocks from Canal Street and the French Quarter.

Kringlie's schedule makes it difficult to return to the Grand Forks area. Often, it's to spend time up at his parents place on Lake of the Woods, where he hangs up his apron.

"He likes home cooking," said his mother.

1930s

Delores 'Dee' BLIVEN Hake, C'35, I'm 91 'til November, Class of 1935. I've moved! "If you know the way to San Jose" come and see me at this great retirement home. Christmas was a big deal being with all my family. If you like



Delores Hake, C'34

lots of entertainment, this is the place. It's so pretty looking out on a manicured courtyard from my balcony. The

Oakridge Mall is across the street and I enjoy riding on my scooter there to shop. I celebrated my 6th great grandchild (a boy) on April 30. All are well and happy!

Murlyn RODGER Miner, C'39, of Greenfield, NH, is proud to announce that she has two new great-grandsons. She and her husband also celebrated his 95th birthday. Murlyn and her husband enjoy riding around the block in his 1940s car for which he paid \$45, rumble seat and all! They feel fortunate that all three of their children live with-



Murlyn Miner with her husband and his 1940's car.

in an hour's drive of their home. Murlyn reports that retirement is actually work...with all the doctor appointments. Hurray for doctors! Murlyn remembers ice skating at Central Park, band and orchestra practice with Leo Haesle, and taking off to Bemidji in the summer to swim. She recalls the "Goon" comic strip from the newspaper was popular and amusing. Murlyn gained confidence in public speaking through her involvement in school plays.

1940s

Shirley KUNTZ Jewett, C'46, My working years came to an end as of March 30, 2008. After 20 years at the Bookstone "Bearly Read" and celebrating my 80th birthday, I decided it was time to stop and smell the roses.

Shirley HARTMAN Gullede, C'44, My husband and I just celebrated our 60th Anniversary. Our son is in Search and Rescue- Medivac with the USAF currently stationed in Afghanistan. Memories of Grand Forks are great friends and so many, many more.

Mildred LIEN Opland, C'48, retirement keeps us busy with volunteer work with election boards, music, great friends, bustling family. I have fond memories of Grand Forks and friends we had there, but I could never move out of Alaska.



Mildred LIEN Opland, C'48

Marjorie Boynton, C'42, I live in Northern CA. Our biggest cash crop is marijuana! Mendocino

City. We drove up to British Columbia last September and drove across Canada (Jasper National Park, Ice Fields, Lake Louise, Bamph, etc.) We had short sleeve weather all the way until we dropped down into Portal, ND. There it was extremely cold with an extremely cold wind. It brought back many memories! My husband, Phil and I have 3 children, eight grown grandchildren (5 boys and 3 girls). Two grandchildren are about to be married. No great grandchildren. Too many dogs to talk about...also a cat or two or three. Enjoying retirement but remain very busy. Memories of growing up in Grand Forks are strong family values, good education, and lots of crazy friends. Cannot recall a specific experience that influenced me but learning in school that our high school was just the beginning. We were fortunate to have a great university in Grand Forks and we should take advantage of that...We did!

Orville Eidem, C'49, of Fargo, writes that he is enjoying 54 years of happy marriage with his wife Gen and still playing his horns. Orville and his wife have three sons and one daughter who all became proficient at the band instrument of their choice. Orville calls retirement "...the best job I ever had!" He remembers riding the city bus to school (while carrying his baritone) and the four summers he spent at Interlochen Music Camp. He writes that he has enjoyed a good life and long friendships. Orville is especially grateful for the instruction and patience of Leo Haesle and Dwight Sherwood.

FEAR IN '49

BY GUEST WRITER
GARY D. SWANSON, C'58

It was the first week of August in 1949. Everything looked peaceful in the Wilder School neighborhood. The sun was shining, the squirrels played and the birds sang. People sat on front porches or walked about as a '48 Chevy drove by. The neighborhood world looked great, but there was one big problem. Everyone was scared to death.

Polio was in a near-epidemic mode. It was like a ping-pong ball randomly striking both children and adults. Some experienced only mild symptoms. Others died. It would still be another five years until Dr. Jonas Salk developed his vaccine. The days were hot and sticky. There was no air conditioning. It would be decades before the city had a mosquito spraying program. Kids played outside. We did not have television, cell phones, video games or the internet. While shopping, my mother called home from Griffiths or Woolworth's telling us to go inside for Kool-aid and rest for awhile. Everyone was honestly scared to death.

I was nine years old. One day I felt achy and tired. Dr. Louis Silverman came out to our house and examined me. No defense existed. The next morning I awoke with my left arm feeling numb and weak. My dad carried me into the car and the hospital. During the next few days my condition advanced from bad to worse. Dad and mom were told that I would likely not survive. An aunt told them she would have the lunch at her house. I did experience what might have been a near-death condition. I felt like I was lying in a closed tunnel. As I slid downward, my surroundings became very quiet and peaceful. As the nurses called my name, I would drift upward back into the real world. I remember traveling up and down the tunnel a number of times. Who knows? One night a nurse had me placed in an iron lung as my breathing became erratic. She likely saved my life. I think her last name was Stube. I have wanted to thank her over all these years. I spent several weeks in that big iron lung and it became my good friend. About twenty-five of us were transferred to East Hall next to Memorial Stadium. It became the polio ward for Grand Forks. Gradually improving, I went home in December.

By then I had missed the first semester of my fourth grade year at Wilder. Even today I claim to still be half a year behind the world! Afraid of returning to school, I was awarded my birthday present a few days early. The Lionel Scout train set provided the courage I needed. I was welcomed almost as a celebrity by everyone at school! Still weak, I was helped into my parka and overshoes by classmates and friends. I remember Dick Keiser and Tom Berquam walking me home. My world was being rebuilt and the Lionel train ran smoothly. Several years of physical therapy under the gentle care of Clarence Blecha made me strong enough to become a one-handed backyard basketball sharpshooter! Memory tells me my hookshot was not unlike Phil Jackson's! After high school, I had three left arm surgeries performed by Dr. Ben Clayburgh in consultation with Dr. John McCloud. My little fourth grade arm has thus been helpful for decades!

Polio vaccines have eradicated the disease from much of the world. Some patients have experienced post-polio syndrome symptoms decades after their original bout with the disease. Not much research has been conducted. About 500,000 of us are considered dinosaurs; we are older now and will become extinct. Several of us that had polio still live in the Grand Forks area. It was first thought that I might not walk again, but I am now walking nearly ninety minutes a day at age sixty-eight. Having been blessed with a fifty-nine year extension, I remain thankful that my thoughtful aunt did not have to provide the lunch at her house!



Central Class of 1950 Gathering in June
Picture left to right are: Ben "Corky" Gustafson, Colorado Springs, CO; Jim Hundley, Rochester, IL; Jim McKay, Fargo, ND.

1950s

Keith Sorbo, C'55, I had a great visit with John and Phyllis Stone in CA in March. Dick and Dizzy Stone were there too. Saw John and Phyllis at the '55 Class Reunion in 2005. Dick and Diz not since 1955 or 1956. I have three boys - five grandchildren - Some in Colorado and some in Kansas. Retired for four years now. Grand Forks was a great place and time to grow up. Went to Winship grades 2-6, Grand Forks Central grades 7-9; then Bismarck for grades 10-12. Back to UND in 1955 through 1959.

Stephen Dippe, C'56, retired last June and going to continue to travel more. I've been to about 120 countries. I have three children and four grandchildren, three little boys and finally one little girl. I recall many North Dakota winters when I would walk through blizzards. I also enjoyed acting and singing in musicals and plays.

Audrey LARSON Zeisner, C'53, I have two sons and one daughter and four granddaughters. I recently retired in 1998 after eleven years teaching and twenty-five years working at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of CT. I came to CT in 1959 as a teacher in a



ABOVE: Audrey LARSON Zeisner, C'53

BELOW: Margaret "Peggy" Hanson, C'56

small, affluent town outside New Haven. I soon realized, amazingly, that the schools in Grand Forks offered more to their students in the "creative sense" than this town. The parks with their summer and winter activities, music department, sports, all of the various activities, clubs, and organizations that were available at Central. I always said that I had "more culture" coming from a small mid-west town than these people who live right in the middle of it - the quality was greater.

Margaret 'Peggy' Hanson, C'56, had dinner with John Dillon, C'56, and Jack and Mary Hanson Bywater, C'56, last week when Jack and Mary visited Salt Lake City.

Durrant Spinner, C'55, is retired now from the Great Northern, Western Pacific, & Union Pacific railroad where he worked as a machinist and diesel mechanic and is living in Sherwood, AZ. Durrant remembers skating at Washington rink and "hitching" cars and the 2nd Ave. bus trying to make the complete loop to the University and back. In the spring and summer, he and his friends rode bikes all over town and on the bike hills below St. Michael's Hospital. They also raided the crabapple and gooseberry trees until the nuns caught them. Durrant wishes kids today could have the carefree freedom and same kinds of fun they had back then. Durrant credits his great teachers and a great school with influencing his life.

Joyce BERARD Huard, C'50, is retired and lives in Shoreview, MN part of the year. For five months during the winter, she and her husband, George, reside in Mission, TX where they spend their days golfing and playing lots of bridge. Joyce and her husband recently visited Boise, ID to meet their first great-granddaughter, Halley Joyce LaDouceur. Halley's proud parents are Tyler and Andrea FOLEY LaDouceur, both UND graduates.



Joyce BERARD Huard C'50

1960s

Glenda "Gudo" AGOTNESS Hallstone, C'60, traveled to Singapore and Vietnam for a month in May 2008. My husband, Kenny, worked in Singapore training therapists. Exciting and Wonderful trip!! I am a semi-retired Certified Diabetes Educator.

John Nielson, R'63, grandfather to a grandson. Self-employed in the insurance and finance industry. I have two children, a son, who flies C130's in the USAF; and a daughter who lives in Bayfield, WI.

Pam TORRANCE Keskeys, R'69, My husband, Dan and I recently celebrated our 30th Wedding Anniversary with a Carribean Cruise. My husband, Dan retired from the Navy in 2001 after twenty-four years of active duty. We have two children, Michael and Matthew. Michael is married and is in the Navy (following the



Pam TORRANCE Keskeys, R'69

footsteps of his mother and father) and will soon be coming back to Virginia. Matt is our youngest son. We are very proud of both of our sons. I am an attendance secretary at a middle school in Virginia Beach (same school our sons attended). I am also involved with PTA volunteer work at school and involved with the Norfolk Admirals Booster Club (affiliated with the Tampa Bay Lightning). My love for reading goes back to going to school libraries at West, Roosevelt, South Jr. and Red River High School, volunteering at South for Mr. Roberts and at Red River. I am still an avid reader and I think it goes back to those teachers and

librarians I was in contact with growing up.

Tom Varberg, C'69, I started traveling doing temporary jobs in hospitals as a cardiac and vascular sonographer much the same lifestyle as a traveling nurse. My wife, Mimi, travels with me. We seem to be spending most of our time in the Monterey, CA area. If I have any old high school friends in Central Coast of CA, it would be fun to get in touch.

Anne Summers, C'65, currently works in a private law practice in Bismarck with her husband. Mrs. Gray's history classes gave me a lifelong love of history and Mrs. Fiedler's Latin classes were not only unique but Latin is helpful in many language studies.

Liz SKARPERUD Eggers, C'60, I'm enjoying retirement by playing bridge, traveling, reading, and relaxing. Every once in a while I reunite with old potluck members. I



Liz SKARPERUD Eggers, C'60

retired from Grand Forks Public Schools in 2005. I had taught elementary music at West since 1975.

Melinda MARTIN Rice, C'67, after eleven years in ND, four years in Alaska, and thirty-two years in Colorado, my husband and I have returned to my home state of California. Just last weekend, Bev French and I, who have stayed in touch all these years, got together with Barb Holte outside of San Francisco for lunch. My husband, John and I have two children, Annie, twenty-nine, and Aaron, twenty-seven. Last summer, Annie was married on our

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RED RIVER REDUX

BY GUEST WRITER RICHARD ELOFSON, C'58

I have often thought that of the two types of people who live in this world, the ones who squeeze a lot of living into a little bit of time, and those who squeeze a lot of time into a little bit of living, the former are the ones who inhabit the upper central states of the USA. And these are the same kind of people who shrug off adversity as just another bit of living.

I returned to Grand Forks in the summer of 2007 for the first time in over 20 years. My first stop was to the location of my father's jewelry store in the 200 block of DeMers Avenue. All that remains are a patch of flowers and a memory. My next stop was to the Red River dam site at Grand Forks where I had spend a good portion of my childhood and youth.. It too was gone, somehow relocated, and no longer visible. The great flood and it's aftermath of reconstruction have rendered a remarkable change to the face of Grand Forks. I am proud and amazed to find that the people have persevered, and contrast them to victims of other disasters who could not find that same strength of character.

Humans tie much of their thinking about God to words such as protection, provision, gifts and blessings. God shows us His loving kindness in such things, but the danger is that we then subtly pervert the way God is, by tying Him to our human desire that we should live in safety and comfort. Of course, we need to accept the world and the Deity as they are, not as we would like them to be. We need to accept that the earth is subject to a structural basis that is naturally prone to earthquakes, floods and the ravages of gravity. To live on the earth is to be subject to it potential dangers. The universe is alive, active and evolv-

ing. It is not "safe" in the sense of a security guarantee humans might demand of an insurance company.

The view that it should be "safe" grows out of the false mindset that now governs almost every section of our society. Schools no longer organize adventure trips lest a parent sue for any mishap. Social workers and therapists dare not let patients in crises journey though their pain lest something go wrong. Our immune systems are not fully exercised, and asthma increases because of our addiction to unnatural hygiene.

Our way of life challenges this heresy. It recognizes that there is a sense of wildness in the planet and the person, and if we avoid journeying into this wildness we do not fully live. God does not show his love for us by removing danger. He gives us the gift in all circumstances to the delights and dangers of life, and yes, even death. He does not provide us a nest for us to enjoy the quiet life. We are called to live as part of a universal human body, so that when one member suffers, we too suffer. We come alongside those suffer when disaster scatters people.

There is a passage written by Paul to the Romans as he brought the Gospel to the world: "I am willing for the Spirit to lead me into wild, windy or well-worn places."

You all know the ones who's credo is "You can never be too careful". Reject that credo and substitute this: Go with me into the wild, windy and well-worn places. Dakota people do this instinctively. They have done this since the beginning and they do it still. This is what makes North Dakota great. I am proud of my Dakota heritage. Go into the wilderness, the wild windy places. Live. Fully.

Alumni News, continued

six acres in CO to Dan Seidman of OH. Aaron married Wendy Cavajal in Coast Rice in December of 2004. Annie and Dan live in Oakland and Aaron and Wendy are in CO. I graduated in education and taught off and on - and did some subbing as well - and finally quit after maybe eighteen years all together. I did other jobs as well including receptionist work, assisting a veterinarian, reservations, clerking in a gift shop. My husband has MS and is now



Melinda
MARTIN Rice,
C'67

on disability from teaching. Spring has always been my favorite season and the harsh winters there made it doubtly so. I also remember sandbagging for floods - the blizzard of '66 - and ice skating. I loved to ice skate!! Guidance counseling must have been in its infancy during my high school days. No matter how strong a girl's talents the three suggestions were made to me: nurse, teacher, secretary. No matter how much I begged, no one gave me guidance beyond that. When I told them I wanted to train seeing eye-dogs, they laughed.

David James, C'60, recently took a maiden world cruise on The Queen Mary 2 from San Francisco to Dubai with life partner, Paul Downer. July 5, 2008 a family memorial was held in Orinda, CA to celebrate Helen James ninety-four years.

Professional personal coaching after retirement from Northwestern Mutual Financial Network for forty years in San Francisco. Many memories of Central High operettas and coralers. Being the co-editor with Jane Goergensen was a terrific opportunity to interrelate with classmates and be a part of "the action".

Nancy Lewis, C'69, recently retired as a Superior Court Commissioner in June 2007. Since then I have been working as a Judge Pro Tem for the City of Phoenix, Glendale, and Scottsdale Courts. In December, I completed my first marathon in Honolulu, HI with long-time friend, Brenda Hall, R'69. My son, Casey, graduated from the

University of Arizona in May 2007 and works for Honeywell in Phoenix as a mechanical engineer. My daughter, Molly, is a junior at the University of Arizona and hopes to attend law school after graduation. My husband, Cleve, continues to work as a prosecutor specializing in homicide cases.

Don Woutat, C '62, retired from the Los Angeles Times after 38



Don Woutat,
R'69

years as a newspaper reporter and editor. He lives on Whidbey Island, WA, with his dog, Fargo. He is trying to learn to build furniture, takes long hikes with Fargo, and rides his motorcycle during rain breaks. His daughter, Sarah, is in New Milford, Conn.; son Daniel is in Eugene, Ore., and son Zack is in Raleigh, NC. He invites email at dwoutat@hotmail.com

1970s

Patricia Haivala-Yanzick, R'74, my son and I flew to Mesa, AZ for one week in April 2008. It sure is a very different world than the Black Hills of SD. Being a snowbird is not for me! I was honored as a Distinguished Alumni of Western Dakota Tech in 2007 for the LPN Program. What a great honor to be recognized by the nursing school. I currently work as a nurse at Lead/Deadwood Regional Hospital in Deadwood, SD. I also volunteer at Matthew's Opera House where I have done almost everything except direct a show which I would love to do sometime. My son, Jeremiah, 26, recently started his eleventh year at McDonald's in Spearfish. He is a shift supervisor. My grandchildren Chance 10, Journey 8, and Sierra, 4 live in Gillette, WY. My son, Josh, passed away unexpectedly in February of 2006. He was a Staff Sgt. and a high school teacher. Memories of growing up in Grand Forks are that the wind blew a lot and the new terminology "snirt". I was a ND transplant from SD for two years (1972-1974). The two winters we were in GF were like the Yukon cold!! South Dakota seemed like the tropics. My favorite classes were First Aide and going on to become an EMT and finally a nurse.



1955 CENTRAL GENERAL SCIENCE CLASS
taught by Geroge Bohman.
1st Row: Roger Gunderson, Tracy Weisert, Dennis Vangrud, David Tann, David Young.
2nd Row: Aamond Klinger, Robert Anderson, Keith Thompson, Daivd Kestler, Richard Lee, Richard Anderson.

Bart Gerszewski, C'78. I married my wife, Linda, in December 1993, 15 years ago. We have two children, Nick (12) and Sara (10). Our home is in the neighborhood where I grew up. This year is my 30th year with Burlington Northern Railroad. My wife, Linda, works as a para at Lake Agassiz Elementary school. I recall the crazy times I had with the fun guys I went to school with.

Susan Langseth, R'70, my husband, Chris, and I recently visited his family in Norway. We have three children, all married and three soon to be four grandchildren. My twin sister, Jane, and her family also live in the Kansas City area. They have two sons. I am a high school art teacher at a Christian school. The first house our family lived in was a little white "castle" house on Riverside Dr., which has now been replaced by the dike. Art teacher, Mr. Al Reller's personal encouragement in the art and puppetry influenced my life. As my teacher he even drew a sheet of puppet ideas for me that I've used as an art teacher and public library storyteller.

David Michener, R'72, celebrated youngest granddaughter's 3rd birthday. Married with two daughters - four grandchildren - have lived 36 years in Norman, OK. I have worked for Astellas Pharma Technologies for 27+ years. Now working in IT Department. Fond memories include hockey, Turtle River State Park. A great place to live!

Gail Osowski, C'77, I've decided to study for my doctorate in educational leadership. I'm entering my ninth year at an elementary school as a Special Ed teacher and my eighteenth year of teaching overall. My daughter, Dakota, 16, has been accepted into the Governor's Honors Program in GA. She'll attend

Georgia University for six weeks this summer, majoring in music. My husband, Eric, continues to be intrigued by his present job with the CDC. He plans to retire in about 2 years, about the same time that I will finish with my degree. My highlight of growing up in Grand Forks is being able to get virtually anywhere in town without driving a car...UND Campus is beautiful especially the Fine Arts Center with all of its practice rooms and pianos. Mr. Christianson's drama department and other English teachers were influential to me. They helped me build confidence and crawl out of my shell. They all were a major influence in my deciding to go to college.



Gail Osowski,
C'77

Kathy Peterson, C'79, our family has gone through difficult changes with husband's recent deployment to Iraq with MN Army National Guard. We were apart for twenty-two months. It may take another twenty-two months to get to a "new normal" life at home. I have been married to Blaine Peterson for ten years; daughter Katie lives in Ladysmith, WI; daughter Heather lives at home going to University of Minnesota, Duluth, majoring in Music Performance Bassoon; my son Andrew is in first grade and involved in karate. I am the owner and operator of a successful tailoring business in Hermantown, MN - Sew It Up. I recall growing up in Riverside Park area. I remember spending many hours volunteering on the dike sandbagging and walking dike patrol during spring flood in 1997 and 1979. I spent most of my summer at the pool.

Becky LUND Fishel, C'74, nothing in particular for news. Not a grandma yet thank goodness. Neither kids are even married. Love living in FL.

Enjoying life to the fullest. Mr. Ames class on waterfowl, I appreciate that class so much



Becky LUND
Fishel, C'74

throughout my life. I am such a bird watcher and thanks to him I can name much of what I see. I kick myself for not going on the field trip to see the prairie chickens. What a missed event in life. He warned us...they won't be around forever, don't miss this. He was so right!!!

Mark Jackson, C'76, is an attorney and has lived in Coeur d'Alene, ID since 1984. He and his wife of twenty-four years, Clarissa, a schoolteacher, have two children, Hailey (12) and Sydney (9). Mark writes that he has great memories of high school at Central, playing tennis at the Riverside Park and hanging out with his neighbors, the Gambucci family.

Kevin Johnson, R'72, lives in Billings, MT. He is divorced and has two daughters. Kevin visited Iceland and had the opportunity to meet some relatives. He has also purchased a Harley. Kevin is an electrician at the Conoco Phillips Refinery in Billings. He remembers duck and goose hunting with John Halverson, skating at Elks Park (no matter how cold it was), swimming at the Elks Pool, and growing up with Dianne Paulson, Randy Beger, and John Halverson.

1980s

James Halvorson, R'88, recently went back to college and continues running his own construction business. Memories of Grand Forks are surviving the Flood of '97.



James
Halvorson, R'88

Christine PASIUK, Glomb, R'83, lives in Georgetown, IN and was recently promoted to postmaster of New Washington, IN. Christine's husband, Ken, has also been promoted to postmaster of

2008 Teachers Hall of Fame Nominees are selected

Six educators are being inducted in 2008 in the Grand Forks Public Schools Teachers Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony and reception will be held Sunday, October 19, 1:30 p.m., at the Red River High School Theatre.

Art Evju, High school math and science teacher from 1942 to 1970's: Mr. Evju spent his entire teaching career with the Grand Forks Public Schools at Central High School teaching algebra and chemistry. Mr. Evju is remembered for being a quiet person but had a great amount of influence on his students. Mr. Evju will be inducted posthumously into the Grand Forks Public Schools 2008 Teachers Hall of Fame.

Catherine Gallagher, First grade teacher at Winship Elementary from 1920 to 1946: Ms. Gallagher was noted for making her pupils feel at home in her classroom. She stressed reading by making it competitive and fun. Former students remember her as a tiny, slightly stooped lady who always wore high heels and was always on the go. Ms. Gallagher will be posthumously inducted into the Grand Forks Public Schools 2008 Teachers Hall of Fame.

Ruth Nylund, Third grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School from 1948 to 1971: Ms. Nylund taught both third grade and sixth grade at Roosevelt Elementary school before retiring in 1971. She was known by her students for bringing the classroom to life with drama. She often times would have her students put on plays for fellow classmates and at times for the entire school. She loved being on stage. Wow! She had star power! She was also known for her love of politics. She continually nurtured her students interests and talents. Ms. Nylund will be posthumously inducted into the Grand Forks Public Schools 2008 Teachers Hall of Fame.

Alice Sheppard, Home Economics teacher from 1961 to 1976: Ms. Sheppard's tenure brought many fond memories from former students. Many former students recall her as being a very respectful teacher. She treated her students as if they were her own children. Ms. Alice Sheppard will be inducted into the Grand Forks Public School 2008 Teachers Hall of Fame.

JoAnn Quanrud, Learning Disabilities teacher from 1964 to 1993: Ms. Quanrud's nearly thirty years with the district are most unforgettable. She was a pioneer in the field of learning disabilities in the district and in the state. She helped launch the program in special education at the Air Force Base and was a leader in the learning disabilities division in the district. She was a mentor to many. Many say she had the art of "going above and beyond" expectations. Ms. JoAnn Quanrud will be inducted into the Grand Forks Public Schools 2008 Teachers Hall of Fame.

Lee Murdock, Chemistry and Physics teacher from 1967 to 2002: Mr. Murdock often referred to himself as a "Science Coach" (he figured it sounded a bit more exciting than just a teacher). Former students refer to him as a "star" who taught a "killer" chemistry class. He enabled students to discover and learn and enjoy science. Mr. Lee Murdock will be inducted into the Grand Forks Public School 2008 Teachers Hall of Fame in October.

Douglas Wolenetz Scholarship Endowment is established by his family



The family of Douglas Wolenetz has established an endowment to be called the "Douglas Wolenetz Memorial Scholarship". Douglas grew up in Grand Forks and attended Viking and Schroeder schools and graduated from Red River High School in 1976. He attended UND and later graduated from AVTI and ND State School of Science.

Doug spent time in Alaska before moving to Colorado to be near his family. He loved to ski, hike, fish and go four-wheeling in the mountains of Colorado but golfing was his favorite and he carried his clubs wherever he traveled especially to Fort Collins to visit and golf with his sister Patti. Doug also had a passion for music.

He became interested in the medical field and furthered his education at St. Anthony's in Denver, Colorado and received his degree in EMT IV MAST. He served in Broomfield as an EMT with the Broomfield Ambulance where he trained new EMTs and paramedics.

He served on the Board of Directors and was a volunteer EMT on the ambulance. He wanted to pursue a more challenging position in respiratory care so he attended the Pima Medical Institute in Denver and graduated with honors. He was employed at University Hospital of Colorado (Anschutz Medical) as Senior Lead Respiratory Therapist 1993 to his date of death.

The Douglas Wolenetz Scholarship will fund one or more scholarships to a Central High School or Red River High School senior attending a post graduate institution pursuing a degree in the medical field.

Alumni News, continued

George-town, IN. Her daughter, Beth, graduated from high school and will be attending Franklin College. Beth proudly writes that her daughter is a State Class A Basketball All-Star.

Steve Middleton, R'89, lives in Princeton, MN with his wife and new baby boy, Paul Dayle. Dude, a hunting buddy and friend, is a fourth member of Steve's family. He works as a sales engineer in Ramsey, MN for a refrigeration company. Steve remembers building snow forts in St. Mark's parking lot, skating at

Viking Park, and attending UND football and hockey games. Steve also enjoyed playing and umpiring softball games and performing in musicals at Red River. Steve says that being involved in theatre helped him feel comfortable talking to anyone.

1990s

Greg Zick, R'91, have been married to my wife, Sandra, for 9 years this year. We have two children, a son, Grant, 5 years old and daughter Julianna, 2 years old. I work as a Senior Investment Analyst for the ELCA Board of Pensions in Minneapolis, MN. My highlights of growing up in Grand Forks are: Friday night football games at Cushman and riding my

bike all over town. Being a member of the concert choir and madrigal singer helped develop my appreciation for many different types of music.

Lee Harstad, C'94, is the editor and publisher of the Dakota Outdoors Magazine. He lives in Pierre, SD and loves that he gets paid to enjoy the outdoors. He says that his friends and family were the biggest influences in his life.

Amber GAUDRY Galicia, R'92, says she is a product of the Grand Forks public school system. She attended Lake Agassiz from 1980 to 1983, Viking from 1983 to 1986, Schroeder from 1987 to 1989, and finally Red River from 1990 to 1992. She lives in Arizona where she teaches sixth grade at a charter school.

Sarah Davis, C'97, passed the Idaho bar exam and became an attorney in 2005. She is married to Cullen Anderson, has two dogs and a cat. She is practicing in Boise, Idaho and focuses primarily on civil litigation. Her greatest memory of Grand Forks is "Blizzard Hannah." There was no heat and no water and her family sat next to the fireplace and played board games. She still loves to sing and dance and thinks that all lawyers need a bit of acting experience.



Sarah Davis, C'97

Mary Eggebraaten, C'97, works part time as a Naturalist at a Nature Center in Lino Lakes, MN. The rest of the time she stays home with her daughter Norah. Her family just bought their first house in Hugo, MN which is north of the Twin cities.

Johnathan Holth, R'97, is currently co-owner/operator of the Toasted Frog in Grand Forks along with Shawn Clapp, R'86. They opened in May 2006 and he says they have received wonderful support from the community. Johnathan is single with no children.

Jennifer HANSON Stromli, R'97, lives in East Grand Forks, MN. She and her husband, Bryan celebrated their 5th anniversary in September '07. Bryan is a native of the Twin Cities. They met during their fresh-

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Ulric Quentin Johnson, 77, passed away June 9, 2008, at his home in Grand Forks after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ulric taught Math at GF Central High School, retired in 1992, and was elected to the Grand Forks Public Schools Hall of Fame. Ulric also taught Driver's Education for numerous years.

Ulric is survived by his wife, Ginger; children, Wendy Jo (John) Williams, Valerie (Steve) Abrams, and Brent (Rebecca) Johnson; 2 brothers, and grandchildren, Jonathan Abrams, Allison Abrams, and Treyce Williams.

James "Buzz" A. Earl, C'38, Grand Forks, passed away June 19, 2008.

Buzz started the Siouxland Buffalo Company, he served as GF County Commissioner from 1977-88.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; daughter, Linda (Beth) Maron, Sauk Rapids, MN; son, Douglas (Cindy) Earl, Grand Forks; grandchildren, Jim (Courtney) Maron, Winneconne, WI, Valerie (Rob) Boles, Lantana, TX, Derek Earl, Grand Forks, Lindsay Earl, Grand Forks; and six great-grandchildren, Rebekah, James, Katherine, and Jaclyn Boles, and Mason and Chloe Maron; brother, Harry Earl, Scroggins, TX; sister, Anne Overstreet, Alameda, CA.

Veronica A. Vasicek, C'64, Grand Forks, passed away May 13, 2008.

Veronica was a dance instructor for The Kay School of Dance in Grand Forks. She also danced with the North Dakota Ballet. Veronica enjoyed books and singing. She loved helping with the care and raising of children. She was a volunteer for ARC of the Upper Valley Thrift Store who recognized her service with a special award.

Survivors include her mother, Frances Vasicek, Grand Forks; sisters, Kay "Kata" (Richard) Novak, Minneapolis, MN, Mary (Paul) Westerlund, Golden Valley, MN, Angela (Quintin) Rottering, Webster City, IA; brothers, Bill (Laurie) Vasicek, Grand Forks and Albert (Patti) Vasicek, Chicago, IL and several nieces and nephews.

Edith Lerfald, C'41, Mayville, ND, passed away May 15, 2008.

Edith was rightfully honored as Mother of the Year in the State of ND in 1987. It was one of her most memorable awards as she fulfilled her life long career of being a wife and mother.

She is survived by her sister, Gladys Schreiner, Mayville, ND, and her brother Bill (Dee)Tannahill, Kerrville, TX, sisters-in-laws Ann Tannahill, Los Angeles, CA, Oleen Lerfald Mayville, ND and Aagot (Jerry) Nysveen, Hillsboro, ND; step sisters-in-law: Marjorie Aasen, Eileen Amb and Solveig Hovland all from Mayville, ND; and her children: Daniel (Sharon) Lerfald, Fargo; Sidney (Libby) Lerfald, Charleston, WV; Lois (Greg) Welman, Arden Hills, MN; Arne (Cindy) Lerfald, White Bear Lake, MN; Arden Lerfald, Long Boat Key, FL; Evy (Jim) Schilling, Fargo; Cyndy (Michael) Holter, Plano TX; Neil (Kathy) Lerfald, Portland, ND; Sue (Greg) Grimstad, Lino Lakes, MN; Becky (Mark) Tastad, Montivedio, MN. She is the proud grandmother of twenty-nine grandchildren, and thirty-four great-grandchildren and many loved nieces and nephews.

Lynn R. Dalen, C'72, Grand Forks, ND died on May 1, 2008.

Lynn worked as the manager of the Valley Dairy Car Washes for 27 years. Lynn enjoyed spending time with family and friends, listening to music, playing pulltabs, fireworks and he was an excellent predictor of the weather.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette, Grand Forks; daughter, Tonya Lynn Dalen and fiancé Lee Walberg, Grand Forks; brothers, Wayne (Chery l) Dalen, Rancho Dominguez, CA, Darwin Dalen, Grand Forks, Lonnie (Patty) Dalen, Las Vegas, NV, Ted Dalen, Reynolds, Don Oster (Stacy Slominski), Grand Forks; Sister-in-law, Deb LaFave, Grand Forks, Brother-in-law, Allen LaFave, Grand Forks, Special Cousin, Darlene Shea, Grand Forks, Sister-in-law, Brenda Glimsdahl, Grand Forks, and several nieces and nephews.

Krista Lee Gisvold, C'06, passed away June 19, 2008, while on vacation in Wyoming. Krista started kindergarten at Winship Elementary. She continued her education and graduated high school with honors.

The special people she shared her 19 years with included, her dad, Dean, mom, Janice, sis-

ter, Shanna Ruth, her "fat puppy" Shabie, her special grandmother Laura White and a very special friend Matt. Krista also was loved by aunts, uncles, cousins and tons of friends.

Gloria H. Satrom, C'39, Grand Forks, ND died on June 23, 2008.

Gloria was a bookkeeper at Grand Forks Glass and Paint for many years, and also did bookkeeping for her son, Jim, at PS Doors. She was active in the United Lutheran Church, PEO, YWCA, and Grand Forks Curling Club. She was an avid UND Sioux sports fan and enjoyed watching hockey, baseball (Twins) and football (Vikings) on TV.

Survivors include, her husband Kenneth of 62 years, her children Thomas (Barb), Cambridge, MN; Jim (Corinne), Grand Forks, ND. Grandchildren: Mary Satrom Clark (Ed), Susan Satrom Kaspar (Jason), Jane Satrom, Grant Satrom and Daniel Satrom, and great grandchildren, Lucas Clark, and twins Josh and Kyle Clark. Her brother Kenneth Jordheim, her sisters, Goodie Hertsgaard and Dorothy Olson.

Eugene R. Niemeyer, C'59 a Naperville resident and formerly of Grand Forks, died June 18, 2008.

An avid hobbyist he modeled GNRR trains. He also enjoyed woodworking and was a WWII history buff.

He is survived by his wife Elaine; his son Jeffrey, a brother Ronald, Grand Forks, several aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews and many friends.

Aryca Anne Johnson, R'92, passed away in Grand Forks, ND

During high school, Aryca volunteered at Valley Memorial Home-Medical Park. Following high school, she worked in two private day cares. For the past eight years she has worked at Wall's Medicine Center as the "official greeter". She enjoyed special friendships with Jill Bisson, who assisted her in Pilates, Bob Steers her massage therapist and the "Shrimp man"- Kim Holmes.

Aryca is survived by her parents Dennis and Joan Johnson; sister, Melissa Kuhlman (Steven); nephew, Spencer Kuhlman; nieces, Emma and Estelle Kuhlman; brother, Darin Johnson (Kelly) and nieces, Madelyn and

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man year at UND. They are the proud parents of two daughters: Isabella, (3), and Veronica (2). Jennifer is a full time mom and part-time dance teacher. She says she loves teaching dance and the schedule allows her husband to have his own special time with their daughters.

Jennifer Forsberg, R'97, lives in Grand Forks.



Jennifer Forsberg, R'97

she has a son, Colin who was born in 2006. Besides being a full time mom, Jennifer is attending Capella University

Online and graduates in 2008.

Deborah LARSON Moreno, R'94, lives in Fairfax, VA. After completing her Ph.D., she moved to the DC area. She is working for the Department of

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Homeland Security. Her three children and her grandson live there with her. Michael, her youngest, is in a band and is booked nearly every weekend. Her fondest memories are of the many hours spent in the choir room and theatre; spending Saturdays building set; leaving campus to sit at Country

Kitchen spending time with friends solving the world's problems.

Matthew Kvernen, R'95, lives in Grand Forks with his wife, Laura and two children. He writes that they serve God in East Asia.

Stacy HERTZ Polz, C'97, is married and lives in Bismarck, ND.

Jennifer HEISLER

Krogstad, C'97, lives in Moorhead, MN with her husband. She has one daughter.

Lisa STAUS Haskamp, C'97, is married and lives in Grand Forks, ND.



Dan Maddock, C'91, lives in Parker, Colorado where he is a Fund Analyst. He has a BA degree in Economics from Colorado College. He graduated in 1995. He also has a MBA from the University of Colorado.

Derrick Fontaine, R'90, and **Ann SLOMINSKI Fontaine**, C'92, live in Reynolds, ND.

Carson Dallum, C'93, lives in Eden Prairie, MN with his wife Joanna. They were married in October, 2006.

2000s

Krisanne KVERNEN Emch, R'01, was married on June 3, 2006 in Grand Forks to Paul Emch, a Western North Dakota native. She is currently in her first year of teaching Spanish at Moorhead High School.

Teacher Talk



Nybladh is ready to lead

Dr. Larry Nybladh prepares to lead the Grand Forks Public Schools replacing Dr. Mark Sanford who retired last June.

Dr. Nybladh spent eleven years as a superintendent in North Dakota before moving across the river into Minnesota where he most recently was the superintendent for the Moorhead Public School District.

In an article published with the Grand Forks Herald, Sunday July 13, 2008, Dr. Nybladh says he plans to come in, study and analyze. "I am going to meet with anybody and everybody I can - inside the schools, the staff, administration and School Board, also students, parents, taxpayers, businesspeople - anybody who I can learn from. People who have followed my career know that I'm not an autocratic leader but a collaborative leader. My legacy has been to work with and through other people. I will attempt a dialogue as to what we want our schools to look like; these are the public schools.

My goal has to be to come in and try to make a good school district better or make a great school district greater. I feel strongly the public needs to be engaged in helping decide the future of the school district-deciding the priorities.

Grand Forks is a great community. I think it's the kind of place that will enjoy my leadership. I want to be a vital part of the community and engaged in it, too."

Jenkins is ready to take on a new role with the Grand Forks Public Schools.

Although she recently retired as the Director of Special Education of the Grand Forks Public Schools, Linda Jenkins isn't ready to completely hang up her hat on the students of Grand Forks. She was recently elected by the citizens to serve as a member on the school board.

Jenkins says she will focus on what is right for the students. She is going to advocate for stronger federal and state funding to relieve some of the stress of the local tax payers.

Linda was born, raised and educated, and began her teaching career in Arizona. She married into the Air Force and subsequently lived and taught in Louisiana, Korea, and Utah, before coming to Grand Forks in 1983. She was a special education teacher at Eielson, Twining, West, Viking and Schroeder; then worked for the Department of Public Instruction for a year before becoming the Director of Special Education with the district.

In 2003, she was honored to be recognized by the NDCEC as Humanitarian of the Year and by the ND Council of Educational Leaders as Special Education Director of the year for 2006-07. She still claims her greatest honor as working with the students, staff, and parents for thirty-nine years and trying to make a difference.

Linda and her husband, James, have a daughter Miya and a son Philip (fiancee Becca).



Final Farewells continued

Katelyn Johnson; uncles, Wes Johnson (Patricia), Terrence Johnson (Susan), Tom Hanson (Jan), Ken Hanson (Linda), David Hanson (Kim), Barbara Jenson (Mike) and numerous cousins.

John M. Coleman, Central High graduate, of Bismarck, died on May 16, 2008.

While growing up, he enjoyed being with his family at the lake cabin, playing hockey, and his mother's home-baked donuts. He went to college at UND where he met Ruth Dwyer and married her on August 2, 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his six children, Sam (Sarah), Mandan, ND, Sadie (Nathan), Grand Forks, ND, Katie (Mike), Bismarck, ND, Johnny, Judah and Charlie, Bismarck, ND; his grandson, Ethan (Sadie and Nathan), Grand Forks, ND; his siblings, Jim (Kay), Detroit Lakes, MN, Joanne (John) Ader, Boulder Junction, WI, Trish Larson, St. Cloud, MN, Mike (Mary), Grand Forks, ND, and Tim (Marcia), Bozeman, MT; 10 brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and 46 nieces and nephews.

James O. Moen, C'56, died June 15, 2008 in Fontana, California.

James was an Eagle Scout, and a member and officer in the Eagles and Elks Lodges for many

years. He was an avid fisherman.

James is survived by his brothers and sisters, Karen Jester (Ray), Puyallup, Washington, David Moen (Jewel), Grand Forks, June Gillet (Hal), Missoula, MT, and Richard Moen (Claire), Grand Forks, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Robert Bruce "Bob" Grafsgard, C'46, Minot, died Wednesday, June 25, 2008 in a Fargo Veteran's Hospital.

Bob was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post #753, where he served the club as commander and designed and built floats for the ND State Fair Parade. He was a member of the WWII Last Man's Club, Military Order of Cooties, did volunteer work for the Disabled American Veterans, and was a former member of the Minot Eagles Aerie, Moose Lodge and American Legion Club. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and could fix most anything if it was broken.

He is survived by wife, of fifty-eight years, Donald; children: Bonnie (Terry) Tebben, Casper, WY, Ann Grafsgard, Rock Springs, WY, Joseph (Marilyn) Grafsgard, Huron, SD and Bruce Grafsgard, Minot; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and his dog, Shadow.

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Big shoes to fill

In 1984, Brian Kraft followed in his father's footsteps and took over as head coach of the UND baseball team. He was only 24 years old.

He was coaching players who were his teammates just a few years earlier.

"I had a similar situation when I coached the Legion program," Brian said. "But for the most part, kids were good, especially at UND. I had no problems. UND kids were 22, seniors in college and they were there to play baseball and win."

By 1987, Brian was named NCC coach of the year.

Brian resigned from the position in 1988 to focus on other business ventures. But he never completely got out of coaching or baseball.

Brian coached his sons, Michael and Steven, in youth baseball. He stays involved with the Forks Area Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

Now, Michael and Steven are the latest Krafts associated with baseball.

Following in stride

Steven, R'05, a student at UND, has been the head junior varsity baseball coach at Grand Forks Red River High School after many seasons as a player in Legion and high school baseball.

Baseball also came as an easy choice for Michael.

"I love playing sports in general and baseball was something where (my dad) was kind of an expert at and it helped to have someone with that kind of knowledge," Michael said.

Michael, an all-state player for Red River this spring, is a pitcher-catcher and bats third in the order this summer for the Grand Forks Royals.

He's fallen directly in line with the Kraft baseball family. "Michael's not just a great ballplayer, he's a great kid," Dahl said. "He really understands the game. It's nice with him . . . it's like having a coach on the field."

"(Thursday) he caught the first game, pitched the second and he'll come to the field (Friday) and tell me if I need him for an inning or two, he's ready."

'Til We Meet Again. . . reunions and gatherings

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50th Reunion- CHS Class of 1958

Sept 19-21st, 2008. Reunion website: www.paulbunyan.net/fair/class58 or Contact **Judy Rae ROSSOW Smith** Phone: 218.751.1881 Email: fhjudyrae@aol.com

50th Reunion- St. James Class of 1958 Sept 19-20, 2008 Contact: Kay Homstad Phone: 701.772.0414

45th Reunion- CHS Class of 1964

July 17, 18, 19, 2009, Holiday Inn, Grand Forks. Contact: **Carolyn King** Email: ckingjoy@hotmail.com or ckingjoy@hotmail.com Phone: 218-327-3333 For more information go to: http://chs64.weebly.com/

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Barbara Billingsley, Ruth Wells, and Peggy Grove were members of the Class of 1945 (the May issue stated that they were from the Class of 1929).



Neil Hensrud, C'58 on his way to his Central 1958 Reunion

CHS Class of 1959 Reunion to be held June 12-14, 2009 is looking for classmates. If you know the whereabouts of the following classmates, please email Susan INDRISSON Yost at syost@char-ter.net

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