

MADELIA HIGH SCHOOL

Alumni Newsletter

May 2018

Nothing is impossible to the willing mind!

A message from Alumni President, Christine Shaw Lensing

Dear MHS Alumni,

It goes without saying that a primary role of the Alumni Association has been to preserve the history of Madelia High School and that will always remain a core component of our organization. After serving on the Board of Directors for the last few years, however, I now envision the role of the Alumni Association to be more dynamic and engaged. I would like to see the Alumni Association as a group that actively moves forward with the intent to both revitalize and foster a sense of community among all graduates of MHS and to recognize their various accomplishments. When you think of the Alumni Association, I hope that your first thought is not simply “who we WERE,” but “who we ARE.”

Does that seem like a lofty ideal? I don't believe so. In fact, I believe we have already begun.

Individually, the alumni of MHS have become highly successful community leaders, educators, business owners, executives, and legal and medical professionals. Collectively, the alumni have found ways to use their varied abilities and resources to impact our community and our world in incredibly positive ways. Who we ARE is a group of people with a common bond and opportunities to strive for common goals. It is in this spirit that a dedicated group of MHS alumni came together. Combining their talents and resources, they were able to plan and see to fruition the Madelia Strong benefit, which was held in Bloomington last June and raised in excess of \$95,000 for the sole purpose of rebuilding Madelia's Main Street. It is this level of commitment to our school and community that makes me believe that we will have similar success as we continue to plan for the All-School Reunion, which is scheduled to coincide with the 2020 Park Days Weekend, July 10-12, 2020.

While the All School Reunion may seem far off, time is running out. And though planning and fundraising can seem overwhelming, I know that we have people among us with the skills necessary to pull it off. As the necessary committees are being formed, please consider how you and your unique abilities might help. If you are asked to serve, please help in whatever way you can. And if you are not asked, volunteer.... I promise you won't be turned down! I encourage you to become connected through the Alumni Association's website madeliaalumni.com. You can send comments and inquires to madeliaalumni@gmail.com. You can also “Like” us on our Madelia High School Alumni Facebook page for updates and photos.

Finally, congratulations to the classes of 2018 and 1968. Whether you are celebrating your 1st summer or your 50th year after graduating, I invite all MHS graduates to attend the 128th annual meeting of the Madelia High School Alumni Association. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17th at 6:30 PM in the Elementary School cafeteria.

Christine Shaw Lensing '93

HAPPENINGS

May 2017 – April 2018

Twenty-seven MHS seniors graduated Friday, June 2nd and were welcomed by Christine Shaw Lessing '93 to membership in the Alumni Association.

Several MHS alums were among the staff at the Madelia Community Hospital and Clinic who received thanks for their years of employment.: 40 years, Connie Arduser Miller '69, Candy Colebank Fenske '71 and Lana Arduser Bruns '75; 30 years, Linda Lunz Nelson '74 and Chris Durhiem Wellman '78; 20 years Sue Larkin Kelsey '72, Cindy Elkins Breitbarth '74, Carolyn Teigum Schultz '74, Diedre Gideon Hruby '77, Teresa Osborn Lange '81, Jodi Gifferson Ulmen '84, Amy Cooling Hopman '85 and Danette Hoeper Firchau '86; 15 years, Caryn Jensen Nelson '89; 10 years, Julie Boomgarden Hoeft '78, Amy Trullinger Osborne '89, Betty Keim Spidahl '89, Jennifer Larson McLaughlin '96, and Amanda Byro '00; 5 years, Cindy Bachman Lehman '78, Mary Casey Ulmen '83, and Heather Simpson '89.

Dan McCabe '71 shot a hole-in-one at the Madelia Golf Course on June 1.

Jordan Henry '15 finished his collegiate golf career competing for Iowa Lakes Community College at the Men's MJCAA DII National Golf Championship.

Bill Kunz '79 was elected as a Director of the South Central Electric Association Board.

Hope and Faith Floral and Gift (Ryan Visher '93) held an open house to officially open their business back after the February 2016 fire.

Margaret Murphy '86, spearheaded a group of MHS Alumni to organize and host a successful Madelia Strong Benefit. The event raised in excess of \$95,000 to help rebuild Madelia's Main Street.

Dr. Beth Flitter Good '84 was the recipient of the 2017 State Award for Excellence. This is an award given by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners for positively promoting the roll of Nurse Practitioners in the medical field.

The MHS Class of 1961 no longer waits for milestone years to celebrate as a graduating class. Since their 50th class reunion in 2011, they have decided that every year is worth celebrating!

Margaret Murphy '86 started her own independent marketing agency named Bold Orange

Mark Denn '87 was named Minnesota's Outstanding Firefighter of the Year.

Tammy Johnson Ulmen '85 opened Stepping Stones, a new mental health care office in the former Veterinary Clinic on Center St, North.

Doug Frederickson '70 retired after 40 years as an employee of the City of Madelia.

Kyle Anderson '15 and Andy Hennis '94 accompanied a group of Boy Scouts to Philmont Scout Ranch in northern New Mexico.

Mike Sorenson '13 donated both his time and equipment to help maintain Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Adeline Yates '72 was named 2017 Oscar Sorbel Hometown Hero.

Madelia Clinic was rated top in Customer Satisfaction in the state. Staff includes Linda Arduser Hogan '73, Cindy Bachman Lehman '76, Chris Durhiem Wellman '78, Mary Jo Casey Ulmen '83 and Kim Stevensen Cooling '84.

MHS Class of '87 celebrated their 30 year class reunion during homecoming festivities.

MHS Volleyball held their annual fight cancer night. The event was "Honoring the Strength of #13". Money raised was donated to Jennie Gappa '05 who is fighting cancer.

Emily Cerny Schoper '01 opened and is co-owner of Frey Salon and Spa in the remodeled historic Carnegie Library in St. Peter

Kasey Johnson Potzler '78 and her husband Lee traveled to Honduras as volunteers to assist in bringing clean water to the people in this country.

MHS Honor Society Inductee Ceremony's guest speaker was Jinette Gappa Lais '05.

Kay Vee Gunderson '67 host a group of women twice a month at Kay's Upholestry for "Quilting For A Cause". They make quilts which are distributed to VA hospitals and Children's Cancer Center

Brothers Lucciano Simeone '10 and Mario Simoene '08 accompanied by their parents visited host family Paul and Barbara Lamm.

Nancy Davis Hiller '82 was feted at a party recognizing her retirement and 18 years of service on the Madelia Rescue Squad.

Lost Sanity Brewery opened on Main Street. Owner Caleb Fenske '97 is assisted by wife, Melissa Satre Fenske '97, parents Doug Fenske '72, and Candace Colebank Fenske '71 and brothers Greg Fenske '01 and Nathan '03.

2018 CLASS REUNIONS

1950: Thursday, June 28, 2018. Noon. La Plaza Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Madelia.
Contact: Bonnie Viland 507-375-4564

1956: Thursday, July 12, 11:00am, American Legion, Madelia. Lunch menu at site. Contact Jan Ulmen to make reservations. 507-642-8678 countrygalmn@msn.com

1958: Friday, July 13, 2018. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. American Legion, Madelia. Buffet Luncheon served at noon. Pay at Legion that day. Reservations must be in by July 1. Contact: Phil Murphy philrose@cccinternet.net Elsie Pace pacede@sleepeyete.net. Others are welcome to come and visit with members of the class during the reunion.

1961: July 13-15 Friday - Parade 7 pm - meet on the corner of Main St & Drew Ave (old Hwy). After parade - gather at the GrandStay conference room. Bring a snack to share if you wish. Visitors welcome. Saturday - all day browse at the Park. Saturday - 5:30 pm at La Plaza Fiesta Restaurant party room for dinner. After dinner - gather at the Motel conference room. Visitors welcome. Sunday - 10 am breakfast at the Madelia Bowling Alley. Contact: Mary Downs downscreative@gmail.com

1963: Saturday, August 4, noon, La Plaza Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Madelia. Contact: Carol Etter retter@cccinternet.net 507-642-3474 Lodging: GrandStay Hotel & Suites 507-642-2004, www.grandstaymadelia.com

1968: Saturday, July 14th at Tom & Joanne McCabe residence, 868 Goves Way, Madelia. Gathering at 5:00, serving at 6:30. Contact: Kathy Guyer guyerkathryn@gmail.com or 516 1st St SE Madelia.

1973: Saturday, August 4, Madelia Golf Course Clubhouse, 5 pm. Plans for afternoon lunch, shopping and golf tournament are in progress. Updates will be posted on Class of 73 FB page. Contact Linda Arduser Hogan larduser@yahoo.com or 507-382-6966

1983: Saturday, July 21, LaPlaza Fiesta Mexican Restaurant. Contact Mary Jo Ulmen

1993: Saturday, July 14, at Dana & Tracy McCabe residence, 121 Dill Ave SW, Madelia. 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Food available, Contact Dana for more information. 507-327-0892

WE REMEMBER

Verna Broste Paulson 1934
Ella Arduser Welp 1937
Willis Burgeson 1938
R. Marie Lord Garnett 1938
Vivian Hammond Monsen 1939
Lois Olson Reed 1939
Ilah Feder Robbins 1941
Malcolm McLean 1941
Harold Wolle, Sr. 1943
Charlotte Riley Nelson 1944
Hazel Spencer Hastings 1944
Hilma Anderson Kelly 1945
Richard Johnson 1946
Raymond Ogle 1946
Betty Pitts Bruns 1946
Marilyn Nelson Arduser 1948
Willis Owen 1949
Donna Sebo Beauchamp 1949
Ellen Torkildson Rychman 1949
Ettie Hammond Palmer 1952
Jack Keech 1952

S. Mardell Kelsey Gerdes 1953
Bonnie Trullinger Byro 1953
Steve Anderson 1954
Donald Lickfett 1954
Shirley Becker Lemke 1955
Marjorie Osborne Winch 1956
Vivian Nesterud Deforest 1957
Gloria Harris Eager 1959
Nancy Hoeft Andreasen 1960
Glenys Johnson Ehlers 1960
Marvin Davis 1962
Roger Klinkner 1962
James Allen 1968
Stephen Rinde 1968
Kurt Keech 1969
Cecelia McMullen Hippert 1969
Steven Rorvig 1971
Mary Hennis Moore 1978
Tony Bjorklund 1984
Christopher McMullen 1998

We note the passing of three former school employees:

Arlene Sandberg, Elementary teacher
Howard Norgaard, Elementary Principal
Alvin Bertilson, Custodian

Each devoted many years of service to the Madelia School District.

MEMORIALS

The Alumni Association gratefully acknowledges Memorial donations May 2017- April 2018.

In Memory
Lynn Abraham

Given by
Pat Abraham
Mary Arndt
Curt Asleson & Beverly Spoon
James & Susan Barrett Family
Wes Boelter
Maynard & Sandra Kelsey
Larry Larson
Roy & Chris McCabe
Denise McCabe
Mark & Katey McCabe Family
Earl & Margaret Schaub
Bruce & Jennifer Stewart Family
Ron Tande
Larry & Sara Walters
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Roberta Boelter
Rosella Campbell
Carol Coult
Harley Jorgenson
Willard Reed
Joanne Stafford
Sharon Tebben
Doug Tronrud
Karen Wihlm

Wes Boelter

Carl Hage
Dick Hage
George Hage

Jane Runquist

Hazel Spencer Hastings

Maureen Shaver

Mary Hennis Moore

Roy & Chris McCabe

Memorials (and donations) are welcome and appreciated. Memorials are used for All-School Reunion expenses. Gifts in the form of a check can be made to MHS Alumni Association and mailed to Wendy Hennager, P.O. Box 443, Lake Crystal, MN 56055. A sincere thank you to all who have contributed in this way.

Madelia High School Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 6:30 PM
 Madelia Elementary School Cafeteria

Financial Report
 May 1, 2017 – May 7, 2018

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Annual Dues	75.00	Advertising	26.80
Direct Public Support	1,095.00	Computer	183.69
Lifetime Dues	2,200.00	Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
Memorial	715.00	Operations Printing and Copying	392.00
Books	59.00	Printing and Copying	458.50
		Total Expenses	1150.99
		Net Ordinary Income	2983.01
		Net Income	\$2983.01

MADELIA HIGH SCHOOL ALL SCHOOL REUNION
July 10-12, 2020

Plan now to make the All School Reunion part of your 2020 summer vacation. The Madelia High School All School Reunion is a once in every 10 year event and you don't want to miss this one to be held July 10, 11, and 12, 2020. This will be held again in conjunction with Madelia's annual Park Days celebration. Planning has begun and we are asking for your help. We are budgeting \$25,000 in order to make this event as good if not better than past All School Reunions. In order to meet this budget we have always relied on donations and this is where you can help. In keeping with the spirit of the Madelia High School Alumni, we would appreciate any and all donations.

Please mail to Steve Cooling, Treasurer, 28923 815th Ave, Madelia, MN 56062.

Madelia Alumni Association

July 2017-July 2018

Officers:

President - Christine Shaw Lensing '93
 Vice President - George Cunningham '71
 Past President - Scott Kirchner '90
 Secretary - Brenda Sill Christensen '00
 Treasurer - Steve Cooling '78

Directors:

Brenda Peterson Ruch '75
 Lori Feder Pietsch '85
 Cindy Bachman Lehman '76
 Tom Byro '83
 Linda Peterson Kunz '74

Historian: Chris McCabe '64
 Computer Tech: Steve Tatro '68
 Newsletter: Committee
 Newsletter Draft: Linda Hogan '73
 Web Managers: Julie Halvorson '77, Kathy Guyer '68
 Printing: Preferred Printing Company

ALUMNI DUES

The next MHS All-School Reunion is only two years away (2020). The success of this exceptional celebration depends upon support from alumni. Payment of dues is the primary source of income for the Association.

Please send \$5 per member for annual dues **OR** pay Lifetime Membership according to the following:

- Those graduating up to 24 years ago: \$75/person
- Those graduating 25 to 49 years ago: \$50/person
- Those graduating 50 + years ago: \$25/person

Graduation Name

(Last) _____ (First) _____

Class of _____

Current Name

(Last) _____ (First) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ If uncertain if you have paid lifetime dues, contact
madeliaalumni@gmail.com

Send payment to: Wendy Williams Hennager - P. O. Box 443 - Lake Crystal, MN 56055

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please send all changes of home address, email address and questions or comments to:

Chris McCabe

Email: madeliaalumni@gmail.com

Mail 83661 300th St., Madelia, MN 56062

Phone: 507-642-3752 (landline)

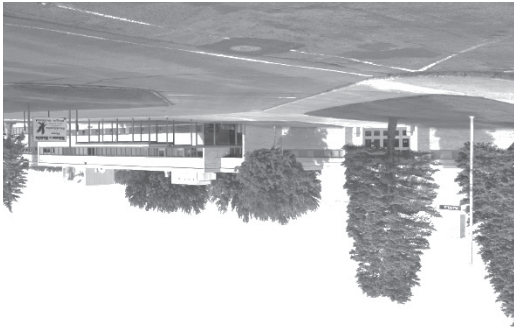
SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY BOOKS

The "Sentimental Journey" series of books document the history of education, the students, and the MHS Alumni Association in three parts. Written by Priscilla Helgo Severson, '40, the first book, "A Sentimental Journey", is a well-researched and detailed history of education in Madelia that begins in 1865 and follows our graduates to 1990. Two additional books have been added in two smaller editions outlining a short summary about each graduating class for that decade, hence the supplements: 1991 – 2000 "A Sentimental Journey Continues"; and 2001- 2010 "The Journey Continues". To order, check the item you are purchasing and mail payment to: Julie Halvorson — 20149 473rd Ave, Madelia, MN 56062, Include your name, address and phone number (in case there are questions).

- Book 1** – Through 1990: \$15 + \$4 S&H, total \$19 **All 3 books** - \$28 = \$4 S&H = \$32
- Book 2** – Through 2000 - \$5 + \$4 S&H = \$9

If you have questions, contact Julie at 507-642-8993, or jeffjulieh@gmail.com

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