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Alumni News

Class Notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for *News From Hope College* by Kathy Miller.

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1940s

Robert H. Schuller '47 of Orange, Calif., spoke at the Dutch-American Heritage Day celebration on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, Mich. Later that day he received the "West Michigan Dutch-American Legacy Award" during a banquet at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was honored for his leadership and contributions to extend and deepen the bonds that link West Michigan, the U.S. and the Netherlands.

1950s

Robert Ritsema '57 of Saugatuck, Mich., conducted the Holland Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Dec. 9, when the orchestra and the Holland Chorale presented their annual Christmas concerts.

Terry Zylman '59 of Little Rock, Ark., has recorded his second CD. It is on the Ram Records label with Ramco International. He was assistant band director and band director for Hastings (Mich.) High School from 1966 to 1981, and now does studio work and plays with the Little Rock Wind Symphony and many groups that come through the city.

1960s

Francis T. Smith III '60 of North Fort Myers, Fla., was recently appointed volunteer editor of "Stephen News," a newsletter for Stephen Ministers at Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Coral,

Fla. Francis was commissioned a Stephen Minister on Saturday, June 5, 2004. The outreach program equips lay persons to provide distinctively Christian one-on-one care to people experiencing crises within both the congregation and the community. **Carl Vermeulen '61** of Williamsburg, Va., reports that he has come out of retirement to teach introductory chemistry laboratories as well as biochemistry with a laboratory as an adjunct professor at Chowan University in Murfreesboro, N.C. He is also involved with his Web site, where he and his e-students of all ages from around the world have presented many of their collaborative findings at international meetings. He reports that during the past three years, their developments include paints and plastics that provide self-sterilizing surfaces that remain effective as long as the coating or plastic layer lasts. They are used in public areas such as schools, hospitals and buses to minimize the spread of common respiratory diseases.

Joanne Ten Haken '62 Hoffman of Flemington, N.J., reports that she has retired.

Donald J. Rynbrandt '62 of Solon, Ohio, retired from the Cleveland (Ohio) VA Medical Center in October 2005.

Diane LaBoueff '64 Murray of Grand Haven, Mich., was re-appointed to the Loutit District Library (Grand Haven) board by Robinson Township for a three-year term and was elected vice president by the board. **Gerald Hagans '65** of Muskegon, Mich., retired in September after 15 years as pastor of Temple United Methodist Church in Muskegon Heights, Mich.

Norma Rens '67 Greenfield of Redlands, Calif., has retired after 13 years as her church's secretary and 20 years of teaching. She taught science and mathematics at four Christian schools in the Redlands area from 1967 to 1971 and from 1989 to 2006

Frances Webinga '68 Wiebenga of Wahiawa, Hawaii, was appointed senior pastor of Wahiawa United Methodist Church on the island of Oahu on July 1. **Peter C. Walther '69** of Oriskany, N.Y., is slated for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *Who's Who in America*. He reports that last May he reconnected with classmate Kipp C. VanAken '69 of Middleburgh, N.Y., whom he had not seen for 37 years.

1970s

Carolyn De Leeuw '72 Essenburgh of Holland, Mich., is a substitute teacher for the Hamilton (Mich.) Public Schools. **Chris Hahn '72** of Merced, Calif., is writing a book for Sage Publications on qualitative

research methods, and also working as a mediator and an independent researcher.

Jane Decker '72 Page of Grand Rapids, Mich., is living in Hungary this year while her husband teaches there. They have two children, Camilla (age 18) and Chloe (age 16). They spend summers in Peterborough, N.H.

Margaret Rose '72 Salisbury of Fairbanks, Alaska, completed a Master of Science degree in secondary education at Dowling College in 1999 and moved to Alaska, where she taught two years in Allakaket and two years in Grayling. She is now in her fourth year at North Pole High School, where she teaches American literature, Advanced Placement language and composition, and drama. She has also directed students in their fall and spring productions for the past three years. In November she appeared as the Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music* with the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre.

J.C. Huizenga '73 of Grand Rapids, Mich., received the 2006 Dutch American Heritage Award given by the California chapter of the Dutch American Heritage Foundation/The Netherland-America Foundation on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the California Club in Los Angeles. He was recognized for his successful business entrepreneurship as well as his leadership in national education reform as founder and chairman of National Heritage Academies, and he was inducted into the Dutch American Heritage Hall of Fame.

Cathy Schaub '73 Leestma and **David Leestma '73** are the new owners/publishers of *The Mountain Breeze* newspaper in Lake Lure, N.C. David is also the new minister of music at Fairfield Mountains Chapel, serving the Rumbling Bald Resort community in Lake Lure.

Carolyn A. Borgert '74 of Villa Hills, Ky., was awarded the Governor's Cup at the recent annual convention of the United States Eventing Association in St. Louis, Mo. She was honored for 28 years of dedication to the equestrian sport, her years of volunteer coordination, and her work as a technical delegate. She reports that she is the only person in the country to coordinate volunteers for seven horse trials including the Rolex Lexington Three Day Event CCI, an international event.

Jon J. Post '77 and his wife and three children are in their fifth year church-planting in Kyrgyzstan with Greater Grace World Outreach. Jon reports that they hope to get back to the East Coast in June for a month and that they would love to hear from Hope alumni.

Michael M. Potter '77 of Colorado Springs, Colo., is general manager, direct sales, for West Marine of Watsonville, Calif.

James E. Vander Laan '77 of Linden, Mich., is senior account manager for ATIGROUP of Flushing, Mich.

Sharon Adcock '78 of Manhattan Beach, Calif., participated in a small, impromptu Greece/Turkey Hope alumni tour get-together in Holland, Mich., in November. She was also quoted in the Tuesday, Nov. 14, edition of *USA Today* regarding foreign airline lounges and her experience at the Lufthansa first-class lounge (riding to the plane in a Mercedes) upon her return from the Vienna Summer School 50th Anniversary reunion trip last June.

Sharon L. Carnahan '79 of Winter Park, Fla., is a professor and chair of the psychology department at Rollins College. She is also director of the college's Child Development Center.

RaeAnn Syswerda '79 of Yardley, Pa., recently changed her last name to Banker, her mother's maiden name, which she has used professionally since 1987. She is an adjunct in the theatre department at Rider University, where she will direct *The Heidi Chronicles* this spring. She also manages a yoga studio in New Hope, Pa., where she

teaches Iyengar, vinyasa and therapeutic yoga.

1980s

Gary Immink '80 of Hudsonville, Mich., is in his first year as head varsity basketball coach at Hudsonville High School.

D. Patrick O'Sullivan '80 of Winston-Salem, N.C., is in his third year as vice president, marketing and new ventures, for Amarr Corporation, the third-largest residential garage door manufacturer in the U.S. He has also been elected to the board of directors of the Homeschool Buyer's Co-op, a California-based non-profit organization. **Michael A. Van Lente '80** of Shorewood, Wis., passed the bar exam and is employed as a patent attorney at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C.

Matthew Soeter '81 of Norco, Calif., recently began serving as English pastor at First Evangelical Church of Diamond Bar, Calif., to plant an English-language congregation with the Chinese congregation.

Tami Tammen '81 VerHelst of Zeeland, Mich., was awarded the Certified Property Manager (CPM) designation by the Institute of Real Estate Management, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Kent Busman '82 of Schenectady, N.Y., director of Fowler Camp and Retreat Center in Speculator, N.Y., was recognized in October for 20 years of service to the camp.

Kathleen Scaglione '82 Davis of Monument, Colo., and her husband have three children: Jacob Michael (age seven) and twins, Morgan Danielle and Madison Marie (age five). Kathleen works with BooksAlive!

Todd R. Geerlings '82 of Norton Shores, Mich., is assistant superintendent of schools for Mona Shores Public Schools. He was the head referee at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas, on Monday, Jan. 1.

Dean Q. Restivo '82 of Leesburg, Va., is a regional product manager for M.L. Campbell Wood Finishing Systems, where he was recently chosen as a national sales trainer and received manager of the year award. He reports that he and his wife have enjoyed more than 21 years of married life. They live in the mountains of Virginia in a log home, and their son, Anthony, is a college sophomore.

Phil Blauw '83 of Hamilton, Mich., produced and directed *Modern Luthier*, a recently-aired television documentary on the art of acoustic guitar building. He is manager of video services at Hope.

David J. Kempker '83 of Elmhurst, Ill., is senior solutions consultant for Oracle Corporation.

Ann Robbins '83 Papais of Sterling Heights, Mich., is a project leader for DaimlerChrysler. She and her husband have been married for nine years.

Abby Madison '86 Reeg of Spring Lake, Mich., is the new community relations director for Hospice of Holland, leading fund development and marketing efforts for the organization.

Lisa Thomson '86 Ross of Charleston, S.C., received the 2006 College of Charleston Distinguished Teacher/Scholar Award. She is an associate professor of psychology.

John R. Gardner '87 of Gloucester, Mass., resigned from Sun Microsystems after six years in order to work full-time for a year as an EMT in and around Boston. He was recently hired as a principal consultant in information architecture as a taxonomy/metadata specialist at Keane. **Kirk Hendershott-Kraetzer '87** of Jackson, Mich., associate professor of humanities at Olivet College, has been promoted to chair of the humanities department.

Jill Evers-Bowers '88 of Kent City, Mich., was chosen the Michigan Track & Field Coach of the Year by the Michigan High

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School Coaches Association last fall. Her Kent City High School team won the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) state championship in June 2006. **Ronda Oosterhoff '89** of Oak Ridge, N.J., teaches public relations at Montclair State University. She and her husband of five years have three children, Corinne (age four), Everett (age three) and Reuben (age 15 months). She earned an M.A. in communications at Wheaton Graduate School in 1994 and recently earned a Ph.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees").

1990s

Kirsten Allen '90 Bartels and her husband and children are living in Aberystwyth, Wales, while she earns her Ph.D. in English literature.

Steven Ullenius '90 and his family have lived in Peoria, Ill., since 1992, when he was in medical school. He completed his residency in radiology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria in 2001 and is now associate director for the residency program. He reports that he enjoys his work and that he and his wife and daughters, Lily (age eight) and Emma (age five), recently welcomed Allison (Ally) Grace to their family.

Steve Pierce '91 of Ann Arbor, Mich., moved his financial advisory practice, Pierce Financial, across town on Saturday, Sept. 30, and marked his 12th year as a financial advisor on Halloween. He also recently rebuilt his Web site and welcomed his fourth child (please see "New Arrivals").

Pamela Schmidt '91 of Lake Leelanau, Mich., is the Leelanau County home horticulturalist and master gardener volunteer coordinator for the Michigan State University Extension office in Leland.

Jim Zoetewey '91 and **Kristen Koole '92 Zoetewey** of Grand Rapids, Mich., have two children: a preschooler and a kindergartner. Jim is a computer consultant specializing in Web page design and programming for several businesses and non-profit agencies. Kristen is a case manager/therapist in the adult unit at Forest View Hospital, a psychiatric hospital in Grand Rapids. She completed the Grand Rapids Half-Marathon last fall.

Heather Lange '92 DeJoy of Pittsford, N.Y., and her husband have two children: Caroline (age five) and Emma (age three). Heather is a stay-at-home mom.

Dawn DeYoung '92 DeWitt has joined Georgetown Physicians, based in Hudsonville, Mich., where she provides gynecological and maternity care. She is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and has privileges at Zeeland Community Hospital. Dawn, **Mark DeWitt '87** and their family moved to Hudsonville last August.

Hilary Downs '92 was installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church (USA) of Salida, Colo., on Sunday, Sept. 24. In addition to leading the church's teen ministry, she preaches, leads worship, and provides counseling and pastoral care.

Jamie Fischer '92 Hildebrand of Kentwood, Mich., began teaching at Alger Middle School for the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Schools last fall. She teaches seventh- and eighth-grade special education math, language arts and study skills, and she co-teaches seventh-grade social studies and science. She and her husband (please see "Marriages") bought a house last summer.

Eric Post '92 of New Albany, Ind., and his wife have two children: Aidan (age five) and Avery (age two). He is A/R systems implementation analyst for Res-Care Inc. of Louisville, Ky.

Cathy Davidson '92 Thomas of Newport News, Va., has been teaching elementary physical education in the Newport News Public Schools for two years and reports that she loves it. She and her husband, **Steve Thomas '92**, have two sons, ages seven and 11, and she has coached soccer for both of them for the past five years. Steve joined the U.S. Army in March 2004 and went to basic training as an enlisted soldier. By June 2005 he went to Army Chaplaincy School and

then served as a chaplain in Kuwait from February 2006 to February 2007.

Jason Elmore '93 of Cadillac, Mich., has become a shareholder with the law firm of McCurdy & Wotila P.C., which he joined in 2004.

Eric J. Freiburger '93 of Whitesboro, N.Y., is a physician at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Ken Hedrick '93 of Auburn Hills, Mich., is vice-president of the new Rochester Ravens youth football team, which competes in the Western Lakes Junior Football League.

Gregory S. Pratt '93 of Lawton, Mich., is band director for Eau Claire (Mich.) Public Schools. He and his wife have two daughters, Madison and Emma.

Allison Craig '93 Solis of Holland, Mich., continues to work as human resources manager for Hydro Automotive Structures in Holland. She reports that she enjoys spending time with her son, Luke (age nine).

Jeffrey K. Anhalt '94 of Spring Lake, Mich., joined Mercy General Health Partners and Tri-County Orthopaedic Associates in Muskegon, Mich. He has fellowship training in foot and ankle surgery.

Anissa Mihalik '94 Huffman of Fremont, Neb., reports that as a benefit of her husband's job, they live on the property of Calvin Crest Camp and Conference Center, where they love hike down to the Platte River and are able to watch deer cross through their backyard. Anissa is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom (please see "New Arrivals").

Michelle Brown '95 Warren of Croswell, Mich., is principal of Barhitte Elementary School in Burton, Mich.

Robert G. Wiesenthal '95 of Wheaton, Ill., reports that he enjoyed attending his 10-year class reunion in 2005. He has volunteered for candidates with the Democratic Party in primaries and general elections, including Dennis Kucinich, Christine Cegelis, Lindy Scott, Tom Grimston and Alexi Giannoulis. He has also worked and volunteered on behalf of animal rights, environmentalism, liberalism, equal rights, civil rights, pacifism, disabled rights, and liberal Christian causes.

Matt Spencer '96 of Sparta, Mich., is assistant principal at Sparta High School.

Christopher M. Wirth '96 of Grand Rapids, Mich., recently joined the Grand Rapids office of the Dykema law firm as an associate. His practice focuses on general corporate, commercial and business law matters.

James Becher '98 of Walker, Mich., is principal consultant for NuSoft Solutions of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Shannon Werner '98 Kirshenbaum announces her union with Laura Kirshenbaum on Oct. 16, 2005, in Assonet, Mass. They enjoy living in Worcester, Mass., where Shannon is the coordinator of judicial affairs at Worcester State College.

Sufjan Stevens '98 of New York City had a five-CD set titled "Songs for Christmas" released by Rough Trade Records in December. The mix of traditional and original material was recorded between 2001 and 2006.

Aaron Vande Wege '98 of Rockford, Mich., has completed his second children's music CD "Bicycles, Monkeys, and an Occasional Cat." **Renee Meyer '00 Vande Wege** of Rockford, Mich., is once again teaching first-grade music at Cedar Trails Elementary School in Cedar Springs, Mich. Their daughter (please see "New Arrivals") was recently born at home.

Matthew E. Simons '99 of Greensboro, N.C., participated in a yearlong voluntary certification process established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Certification, the highest credential in the teaching profession, is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that measures what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. He met the standards set by the board of directors and earned certification as a National Board Certified teacher on Wednesday, Dec. 13. **Dara Spearman-Wardlow '99** of Superior Township, Mich., is a resident physician in dermatology at the University of Michigan.

Aaron W. Todd '99 of San Antonio, Texas, is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Jeff Trytko '99 of Wyoming, Mich., is a clinical research associate at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he coordinates pediatric emergency department research studies. He is also a featured artist at Human Touch Galleries in Manitou Springs, Colo. He and his wife have been married for almost five years.

2000s

Meredith Arwady '00 of Chicago, Ill., was featured in a broadcast on Wed., Nov. 29, on Blue Lake (Mich.) Public Radio in a performance of the 20th century cantata for mezzo-soprano soloist, chorus and orchestra, "Aleksandr Nevskiy," by Russian composer Sergey Prokofiev.

Nicholas M. Belill '00 opened Belill Eye Care PLC in Clio, Mich., last year. He is a doctor of optometry.

Joshua Brugger '00 of Grand Haven, Mich., is the director of Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity, covering the areas of Grand Haven, Ferrysburg and Spring Lake.

Becca Potts '00 Bruggers and **Seth Bruggers '00** have moved to St. Louis, Mo., where Becca is a physician assistant with Mid County Orthopaedics and Seth is a resident physician in otolaryngology at St. Louis University Hospital.

Chris Frenz '00 of South Bend, Ind., works for Memorial Hospital.

Katie Horsman '00 of Richmond, Va., is a research scientist with the Virginia Department of Forensic Science.

Peter N. Kellepourey '00 of Philadelphia, Pa., is a site acquisition specialist for Network Building & Consulting of Linthicum Heights, Md.

Jason Main '00 of Cadillac, Mich., is a sixth-grade teacher and football coach. He is also the Young Life area director.

Amy Champaigne '00 Spalding of Holt, Mich., is an outpatient substance abuse counselor/supervisor of master-level interns with the National Council on Alcoholism.

She and her husband have a son, Keiren, in kindergarten and a daughter, Hailey (age 16 months), and are settling into their new home.

Erica Torgerson '01 Main of Cadillac, Mich., is a high school English teacher.

Jakub Malarz '01 of Midland, Mich., is in his first year in the family medicine residency program at MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland.

Palesa Mazamisa '01 had an essay, "Beautiful Laughter," featured in the November 2006 issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine* South African edition. She reflected on how the way a group of children at an impoverished school could find beauty in their lives represented the ability of South Africans to find beauty even in difficult times.

John R. McDonald '01 of Milwaukee, Wis., has joined the corporate practice group of Godfrey & Kahn S.C., a Milwaukee law firm. He formerly worked as a legislative assistant for Pete Hoekstra '75.

Laura Merte '01 of Savannah, Ga., is studying interactive design and game development at Savannah College of Art & Design.

Jaime Passchier '01 of Avon, Colo., is a third-grade teacher and mentor teacher at Meadow Mountain Elementary School in Eagle Vail, Colo. She has also earned a spot on the women's U.S. rafting team, and she and her teammates will compete in the World Rafting Championship in Korea this summer.

Jordan R. Schmidt '01 and **Melissa Howe '01 Schmidt** recently earned advanced degrees (please see "Advanced Degrees") and moved to Hamden, Conn. He is a post-doctoral researcher at Yale University and she clerks for the New Haven Superior Courts.

Megan Burkart '02 of Chicago, Ill., is pursuing a graduate degree in child development at the Erikson Institute. After graduating in 2008, she would like to work

as a child life specialist in the Chicago area. **Meredith E. Care '02** of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a full-time graduate student at Grand Valley State University, pursuing a master's degree in education with emphasis on college student affairs leadership. **Matthew D. Cook '02** of Newton Upper Falls, Mass., is editor of the *Norwood Bulletin*, a weekly newspaper in the Boston suburbs. **Lana Krolkowski '02** of Ann Arbor, Mich., recently became a usability specialist at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich.

Jon Kucinski '02 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is assistant vice president/portfolio manager in the commercial banking division of Fifth Third Bank.

Alison Molter '02 of Wyoming, Mich., has been working as a registered nurse in the surgical I.C.U. at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich., for the past two years. She graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2004.

Matt Parker '02 celebrated the one-year anniversary of the completion of his solo ride across the United States from California to the Atlantic Ocean at Cape Henlopen, Del., on Friday, Nov. 3. He is the first horseback rider to complete the American Discovery Trail of more than 4,000 miles. He is currently completing his master's degree in archaeology at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Sarah Smith '02 Vroegindewey of Holland, Mich., is part of an advertising campaign for Priority Health. Her photo is on four local billboards and she can be seen running with her dog on the beach in a local television ad. She is a nursing student at Grand Valley State University and works part-time at Gazelle Sports in Holland.

Becky Wiechman '02 of Ypsilanti, Mich., began working on an MBA at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business in January, while continuing as a marketing systems specialist for Borders Group Inc.

Brenna Bosma-Krass '03 of Darien, Ill., was recently hired by the New World Repertory Theatre in Downers Grove, Ill., as a full-time acting company member. She is performing as Pantalone in *Androcles and the Lion* through April 21.

Stephen J. Hulst '03 of Holland, Mich., joined the law firm of Rhoades McKee as an associate attorney.

Bradley Johnson '03 of Charlotte, N.C., is working on a Ph.D. in alpine glaciation at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Rachel H. Powers '03 of Chicago, Ill., is a functional family therapist with the DuPage County Juvenile Probation Department.

Vince Scheffler '03 of Plano, Texas, was recently recognized as an outstanding student leader in his graduating class (please see "Advanced Degrees") and was presented with the student leadership award based on faculty recommendations.

Kelly Cleland '03 Seltz of Minden City, Mich., is a junior high special education teacher in the Bad Axe (Mich.) Public Schools.

Sara Steele '03 of Washington, D.C., is communications director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sara Tatge '04 McCarty of Mesa, Ariz., is a human resources assistant for ARISE, Inc. **Chrystial Agre '05** of Erlanger, Ky., is a substitute teacher in northern Kentucky area school districts.

Jill Adamski '05 Farrar of Hilton Head Island, S.C., is director of youth and family ministries at Providence Church.

Betsy Ash '05 Finn of Ann Arbor, Mich., has earned the Certified Professional Photographer designation from the Professional Photographic Certification Commission after meeting rigorous requirements measuring her artistic and technical competence. Her business, Betsy's Photography, has a Web site.

Krista Hughes '05 of Rochester Hills, Mich., teaches early kindergarten at Steppingstone School for Gifted Education in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Morgan Machledt '05 of Washington, D.C., is a resident assistant/advocate at Joseph's

House, an AIDS hospice for the homeless.
Jonathan Pobuda '05 of Coloma, Mich., is a physical education teacher in the Lawrence (Mich.) Public Schools.
Justin Rose '05 of Dowagiac, Mich., teaches French and U.S. history at Brandywine High School in Niles, Mich.
Stephanie Buck '05 Thomas of Fort Wayne, Ind., is an elementary teacher with the Southwest Allen County Schools.
Matthew VanderWende '05 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is an associate product manager at Stryker.
Amy Wing '05 of Seattle, Wash., became the reward and recognition coordinator at Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center in October.
Nate Brandsen '06 is teaching special education at Fowlerville (Mich.) High School.
Kristine Brandt '06 of West Olive, Mich., is in her first year as head coach of the West Ottawa High School varsity competitive cheer team.
Heather Lam '06 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a registered nurse at Spectrum Health in the neonatal intensive care unit.
Krista Rottschafer '06 of Kentwood, Mich., works in inside sales and design at Standard Kitchens.
Ashley Scott '06 of Kewadin, Mich., teaches special education at Lincoln Elementary School in Petoskey, Mich.
Phil Wilson '06 of Perry, Mich., teaches special education in the Webberville (Mich.) Public Schools.

Marriages

We welcome your news. In fact, we *like* printing it, so please keep it coming. Please note, though, that we don't publish engagement announcements—that's what this "marriages" section is for! Please write us after your wedding takes place.

Linda Paul '85 and Daryl Amrozowicz, Sept. 16, 2006, Dearborn, Mich.
 Brenda Boss '87 and Christopher Jones, Sept. 23, 2006, Charlevoix, Mich.
 Patricia Nelson '90 and Ole Groenborg, July 29, 2006, Scotia, N.Y.
 Michael J. Ray '90 and Samantha J. Nelson, Nov. 15, 2006, Poipu Beach, Kauai, Hawaii.
 Jamie Fischer '92 and Matthew Hildebrand, Sept. 9, 2006, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Amy Brodhagen '93 and Richard Fernie, June 3, 2006, San Diego, Calif.
 Mary Lucas '98 and Joe Aardema '00, Aug. 18, 2006, Holland, Mich.
 Jill Beck '99 and Jace Kohlmeier, Aug. 26, 2006, Chicago, Ill.
 Amy "Liz" Huxley '99 and Mark Ferguson, Aug. 5, 2006, Mount Crested Butte, Colo.
 Erin Kurek '99 and Jordan Blucher, Oct. 7, 2006, St. Joseph, Mich.
 Chris Frenzt '00 and Natalie VanDeventer, Sept. 16, 2006, Petoskey, Mich.
 Carrie Harlow '00 and Bradley M. Sharlow, Sept. 2, 2006.
 Kerri Lynn Haveman '00 and Thomas A. Weldon, Dec. 29, 2006, Wynantskill, N.Y.
 Peter N. Kellepourey '00 and Alice C. Orthlieb, May 20, 2006, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Brad Chassee '01 and April Horne, Oct. 14, 2006, Valparaiso, Ind.
 Jason Meerman '01 and Stephanie Pena, June 10, 2006, Muskegon, Mich.
 Matthew Sterling '01 and Jennifer Vasicek, Sept. 2, 2006, Big Rapids, Mich.
 Lisa Webster '01 and Dan Byrnes, Nov. 26, 2005, Traverse City, Mich.
 Jacob Cain '02 and Christine Diestl '03, Sept. 23, 2006, Addison, Ill.
 Chris Meyer '02 and Shanna Scholten, Sept. 1, 2006, Holland, Mich.
 Erin Peet '02 and Scott Jongekrijg, Oct. 21, 2006.
 Emily Thornton '02 and Allan Griffith, July 29, 2006, Mecosta, Mich.
 Christopher Winkler '02 and Christie Bradford, Dec. 16, 2006, Leesburg, Fla.
 Brenna Bosma '03 and Peter Krass, Oct. 21, 2006, Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth Knooihuizen '03 and Christopher Ledtke '03, July 8, 2006, Mackinac Island, Mich.
 Tara Patton '03 and Kristofer Carlton, Nov. 12, 2006, Charlotte, N.C.
 Ryan Brinks '04 and Jenna Rabe '04, May 20, 2006, Holland, Mich.
 Andrew Kiel '04 and Julie VanHamersveld, April 29, 2006, Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Kelly Kraft '04 and Jacob Taber '04, July 21, 2006, Holland, Mich.
 Anne Slaughter '04 and Matthew Stolz '04, Aug. 12, 2006, Holland, Mich.
 Jill Adamski '05 and William Farrar, April 1, 2006, Hilton Head Island, S.C.
 Erin Block '05 and Ryan Kelly, March 24, 2006, Holland, Mich.
 Christina Churchill '05 and Joseph Rumbley '05, Dec. 2, 2006, Barrington, Ill.
 Bryan DePotty '05 and Amy Lubbers '05, June 30, 2006, Holland, Mich.
 Adam Giroux '05 and Megan O'Laughlin, May 13, 2006, Midland, Mich.
 Amanda Glas '05 and Joel VanderWal, May 6, 2006, Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Michael Schuiling '05 and Amy Strzyzewski '06, July 8, 2006, Naperville, Ill.
 Shanna VanZyl '05 and Nathan Kraai, May 27, 2005.
 Colin A. Fenton '06 and Susan K. Scholten '06, Nov. 11, 2006, Holland, Mich.

New Arrivals

Ana Agurcia '85 Clare and Stephen Clare, Liam Arthur, Sept. 9, 2006.
 Amy Holm '89 Telgen and Richard Telgen, Adam Dean, Sept. 10, 2006.
 Lynne VanWyk '89 Wojcik and Joseph Wojcik, Thomas Joseph, April 14, 2004.
 Holly Lynn Hicks '90 Boody and Mark Boody, Heather Grace, July 25, 2006.
 John Haffenden '90 and Pamela Dykstra '93 Haffenden, Anika Ruth, Dec. 15, 2006.
 Steve Pierce '91 and Julie Pierce, William Robert, Aug. 11, 2006.
 Anissa Mihalik '94 Huffman and Craig Huffman, Graham Lee, Nov. 11, 2006.
 Holly VanVliet '94 Senter and Tracee Senter, James Benson, July 25, 2006.
 Dan Brady '95 and Kathy Mixer '95 Brady, Maren Lee, Oct. 11, 2006.
 Laura Weier '95 Schewe and Steve Schewe '95, Grant Steven, Sept. 13, 2006.
 Kathryn Guy '96 Birch and Casey Birch, Judah Traylor, Sept. 20, 2006.
 Carolee Porter '96 Buikema and Todd Buikema, Peter Todd, Oct. 24, 2006.
 Joseph A. King '96 and Jena King, Riley Elizabeth, Nov. 3, 2006.
 Amity Weeldreyer '96 Pothoff and Greg Pothoff, Liam James, Oct. 26, 2006.
 Micah Sjoblom '96 and Ann Burke, Marina Burke Sjoblom, Oct. 10, 2006.
 Jason Doublestein '97 and Stephanie Freriks '99 Doublestein, Jemma Constance, Dec. 27, 2006.
 Rebecca Olds '97 Edmonds and Ian Edmonds, Georgia Elizabeth, Dec. 30, 2006.
 Melissa Harriger '97 Lalomia and Brent Lalomia, Zachary Brent, Aug. 4, 2006.
 Julie Hoving '98 Bewley and Byron Bewley, Reese Ainsley, Aug. 12, 2006.
 Melissa Altobelli '98 Brunsting and David Brunsting, Owen Christopher, Oct. 18, 2006.
 Stacie Hopkins-Schrumpf '98 and William Schrumpf, Adam Thomas, Oct. 24, 2006.
 Aaron Vande Wege '98 and Renee Meyer '00 Vande Wege, Emily Joy, Nov. 5, 2006.
 Renata Meixner '99 Okonkwo and Ozioma Okonkwo, Chidubem Declan, Oct. 27, 2006.
 Dara Spearman-Wardlow '99 and Marlon Wardlow, Deacon and Dillon, Aug. 21, 2006.
 Aaron W. Todd '99 and Julie Eckhold '99 Todd, Lily Elaine, Dec. 7, 2006.
 Michelle Washburn '00 Dalton and John Dalton, Emma Grace, June 26, 2006.
 Ed Jewett '00 and Kate Sutton '00 Jewett, Mitchell Grady, Nov. 20, 2006.
 Aaron Jubar '00 and Jill Spalding '01 Jubar, Jack Aaron, July 7, 2006.
 Jason Main '00 and Erica Torgerson '01

Main, Eli David, Oct. 13, 2006.
 Nicole Travis '00 Prins and Henry Prins, Henry William, Aug. 2, 2006.
 Jessica Davis '01 Bernabei and Mark Bernabei, Lilliana Grace, Sept. 20, 2006.
 Laura Roelofs '01 Nikkel and Jason Nikkel, Arianna Judith, Dec. 27, 2006.
 Katie Jen '01 Terpstra and Matt Terpstra, Ella Jeanne, Nov. 12, 2006.
 Heather Bachelor '02 Karlson and Steven Karlson, Linnea Heather, Aug. 8, 2006.
 Alison Molter '02 and Brandon Smith, Hailey Marie, Sept. 5, 2006.
 Jennifer Traxler '02 Petersen and Jeffrey Petersen, Eli Traxler, June 27, 2006.
 Andrea Philipps '02 Poppleton and Drew Poppleton, Lucy Sophia, Dec. 19, 2007.
 Geoffrey J. Bremer '03 and Erin Bremer, Grayson Edward, Dec. 6, 2006.

Advanced Degrees

Chris Hahn '72, Ph.D. in human services, Capella University.
 David Leestma '73, Doctor of Worship Studies, Institute for Worship Studies, Florida Campus, June 2005.
 Ronda Oosterhoff '89, Ph.D. in communication studies, Northwestern University, 2006.
 Allison Craig '93 Solis, MBA, Davenport University, December 2006.
 Renata Meixner '99 Okonkwo, M.A. in medical/clinical psychology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Dec. 16, 2006.
 Jeff Trytko '99, M.S. in policy and

leadership studies, DePaul University, 2003.
 Lyndsay A. Beckner '01, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University, Dec. 10, 2006.
 Sara Eveland '01 McCue, Master of Music in Music Education degree with a Kodaly emphasis, Capital University, December 16, 2006.
 John R. McDonald '01, J.D., cum laude, George Washington University Law School, 2006.
 Laura Roelofs '01 Nikkel, master's degree in secondary reading, Grand Valley State University.
 Jordan R. Schmidt '01, Ph.D. in physical chemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2006.
 Melissa Howe '01 Schmidt, master's degree in public affairs and Juris Doctorate degree, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2006.
 Bradley Johnson '03, M.S., Idaho State University.
 Vince Scheffler '03, Doctor of Chiropractic degree, Parker College of Chiropractic, Dec. 9, 2006.
 Katherine Budris '04, Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing, Roosevelt University, September 2006.

Deaths

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