

# alma matters



## Class Notes

Find out the latest news from your classmates career changes, recent honors, retirements, and more

### 1920s

**Mary (Krings) Tschumperlin** 1925

celebrated her 100th birthday July 25, 2005. She informed us that she "still writes letters and checks." She resides in Plum City, Wis.

### 1940s

**Elaine (Peterson) Skrupky** 1949

was selected for inclusion in the 2004 Who's Who in America, the Silver Edition for Women; Who's Who in American Education; and Who's Who in the World. Her poem, "Beauty is Everywhere," was published in *The Best Poems and Poets of the 20th Century* by the International Society of Poets. She resides in Jensen Beach, Fla.

### 1950s

**Dale Lium** 1953

has traveled with his wife, Diane, to 34 foreign countries since retiring from teaching chemistry for 38 years. They reside in Two Rivers, Wis.

**Donna E. (Proue) and**

**Verland Norton** 1956; 1959 recently moved from College Station, Texas, to Madison, Wis.

### 1960s

**Dennis Oberding** 1960

writes: "I will be visiting the campus this summer for the first time in several years. The library now stands where I stayed, called Seldon Inn. I had too many good times in that place. Lots of memories." He resides in Baton Rouge, La.

**Stanley L. Carlson** 1961

retired from UW-Stevens Point in May 2004, after teaching mathematics for 41 years. He and his wife reside in Stevens Point, Wis.

**Kenneth J. Zahorski** 1961

was the speaker at St. Norbert College's 2005 spring commencement, where he received an honorary degree of humane letters. During his

tenure there he received both the outstanding teaching and scholarship awards and instituted its faculty development program. He resides in Green Bay, Wis.

**Douglas G. Hirdler** 1965

has been the general manager of the Northern Tier National High School Adventure Program-Boy Scouts of America for 8 years. He oversees facilities in Ely, Minn; Atikokan, Ontario; and Bissett, Manitoba. The Northern Tier provides trips for more than 5,400 youth participants and their leaders each summer and has 212 staff members.

**John A. Hanson** 1966

and his wife Judy celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 12, 2005. He is the President/CEO of PDI Financial Group, a national marketing firm for life insurance and annuities in Appleton, Wis. They reside in Appleton, Wis.

**James Cliver** 1968

retired from teaching German after 37 years, but stayed on as athletic director at Ben Franklin Junior High in Stevens Point.

**Bill Watrud** 1968

retired after 27 years as an engineer and engineering manager at Guidant, formerly Cardiac Pacemakers, in Arden Hills, Minn. He resides in Maplewood, Minn.

**Nancy (Wieczorek) Cunnien**

1969 is retiring from the St. Paul School District after 32 years of teaching. She has two grown sons and resides with her husband, Bill, in Woodbury, Minn.

**Linda J. Graves** 1969

graduated from UW-Stout with a bachelor of fine arts-interior architecture specialization in May 2005. She resides in Menomonie, Wis.

**Lawrence Lebal** 1969

has been retired for three years after being the library media director in

the junior high and middle school in the Merrill Area Public Schools for 33 years. He and his wife, Beatrice, reside in Merrill, Wis.

**Roger Lilly** 1969

retired in June 2002 after working as a high school guidance counselor at Elk Mound High School for 32 years. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Eau Claire, Wis.

### 1970s

**Bruce Teigen** 1970

has been teaching art for the past 22 years at Grantsburg High School. This past year one of his students won best of show in the Wisconsin Jr. Duck Stamp contest. This student also won best of show in the national contest. The student along with Bruce was flown to Washington D.C. for the awards ceremony and the student's print will be made into a collectors stamp for sale. He resides in Grantsburg, Wis.

**Patricia Allegar** 1971

retired from teaching after 32 years as an elementary teacher in New Richmond, Wis. She moved to Florida in July 2003 and is a reading coach at Wildwood Middle School.

**James T. Burmeister** 1971

is senior vice president and chief financial officer of the Tapemark Company in West St. Paul, Minn. He also serves on the board of directors and is secretary of the company. He resides in St. Paul, Minn.

**John Cahalan** 1971

is the second shift plant manager for Jack Link's in New Glarus, Wis. He and his wife, Ginny, recently celebrated 35 years of marriage.

**Bonnie (Dovenmuehle)**

**Ilhardt** 1972

writes: "On a recent trip to Minneapolis, I took time to drive through River Falls and the campus. I was favorably impressed with the area and changes to both the community and university campus. I have not been back for a number of years so this was a nostalgic trip." She resides in Brookfield, Wis.

**Bobbi (Smith) Sinnett**

1974, 1990

just completed her 30th year of teaching sixth-grade at the Hudson Middle School. She resides in Hudson, Wis.

**Morreen O Reilly-Mersberger** 1974

was nominated for the fourth time to be honored in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She was also chosen to attend a model and talent convention expo in Dallas, Texas, this past March and won the division for overall adult female actor.

**Dennis R. Van Wey** 1974

is manager of STAR Consulting Services, LLC, a grant-research and grantwriting company serving clients in northern Wisconsin.

**David Bylsma** 1976

is a cardiology nurse clinician with Marshfield Clinic. He resides in Eau Claire, Wis.

**David Frisinger** 1976

works with the television production crew at the Christian Broadcasting Network. He and his wife reside in Virginia Beach, Va.

**Terri (Jansen) Peterson** 1977

has been a real estate broker/associate with Country Aire Realty, Inc. for 18 years. She has served six years on the board of directors for the Shawano Area Chamber of Commerce, having served as president in 2001. She has been the chamber ambassador since 1993, and currently is a 2nd Lt. in the Civil Air Patrol, "The 248th Tac Air Senior Squadron," serving as its public affairs officer.

**Wendy (Sather) Fields** 1979

is a middle school teacher for the Greenville County Schools. She resides in Williamston, S.C.

**Orin Legare** 1979

started Harvest Electric on April 8, 2005. He passed his master electrician test in January 2005. In 2000, he stopped actively farming to pursue an electrical career. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Randolph, Minn.

**Michael Lochner** 1979

is an agricultural and consumer lender for the Community Bank Financial team in Gillett, Wis. Previously, he was a consumer loan officer in Green Bay.

### 1980s

**Kerry Nelson** 1980

is the new ad sales manager at the *Voyageur Press of McGregor* newspaper in McGregor, Minn. Kerry had previously worked for Taylor Publishing Company since 1989.

**Darlene (Neuvirth) Boe** 1981

received a master of education degree from St. Mary's University in Winona, Minn., on May 14, 2005.

**Ann (Zeman) Schell** 1981  
recently accepted a position with Ayres Associates, Inc. in Eau Claire, Wis. She will be responsible for expanding Ayre's transportation planning services in Wisconsin. Previously she was the assistant director of East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

**Dave Shepel** 1983  
has been in radio for 25 years. He is currently in his 5th year as program director and afternoon announcer for the Clear Channel Country station, 104.5 WFMB, in Springfield, Ill.

**Jennifer Snapp-Bohn** 1983  
received the Portland Trailblazers and Northwest Ford Company's Teacher of the Year award. She is a music teacher at the Jemtegaard Middle School in Washougal, Wash.

**Ronald Beckstrom** 1984  
is an accounting officer senior for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. He works in the Chancellor's Office as part of the Financial Reporting Unit. He resides in Taylors Falls, Minn.

**Ron Beck** 1985  
is the assistant vice president of Centex Home Equity. He joined Centex in 2003 after 16 years with Wells Fargo. He resides in Boulder Mountain in Mesa, Ariz., with his wife, Heidie, and daughters, Taylor, 13, and Jordan, 9.

**Alan Wyman** 1985  
received a master of science-computer information systems degree from the University of Phoenix in March 2005. He is now a project manager for US Food Service, overseeing the nation-wide deployment of warehouse and distribution systems.

**Jeanne (Lundvall) Scharf** 1986  
recently completed the requirements to achieve the designation of Credit Risk Certified, a recently developed credit industry certification by the Risk Management Association for financial institutions. She is currently employed by AgStar Financial Services headquartered in Mankato, Minn., as the senior credit officer and team leader for AgStar's Agri-Business/Capital Markets Credit function. She resides in Madison Lake, Minn.

**John Stensland** 1986  
was elected president of the Lake Geneva Rotary Club. He is also a partner in Martin Business Group, the largest Konica copier and printer dealership in Wisconsin. He resides in Williams Bay, Wis., with his wife, Ritamarie, and their children, Zak, 16, and Emily, 9.

**Jose Francisco Martinez** 1987  
is the manager of International Development for Corp. POK Mexico in Jalisco, Mexico. Previously, he had worked for the Pillsbury Company in Minneapolis, Minn., for 10 years. He and his wife, Connie, reside in Laredo, Texas, with their daughter, Maryann.

**Michael R. Mueller** 1987  
is a safety technician for Pine Bend Refinery and also works part time in the financial world. He and his wife recently welcomed a fourth child.

**Daniel J. Ryan** 1987  
was admitted as an assurance partner for PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP in Seattle, Wash. He joined the Minneapolis office of PWC in 1997, and transferred to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1999.

**Chuck Bloechl and Patti Fuller-Bloechl** 1988; 1991  
He is now the customer service manager for Kent Feeds. She is a laboratory supervisor for the Muscatine Iowa Water Pollution Control Plant. They reside in Muscatine, Iowa, with their son, Benjamin.

**Michael R. Jacobson** 1988  
is the director of innovation/product development for AFP Advanced Food Products LLC (a joint venture between Land O' Lakes and Bongrain, a French-based Dairy) and was issued his first U.S. Patent on May 17, 2005, for Acidified Shelf Stable Cheese Sauce & Puddings. He is also a town board supervisor for Spring Lake, is on the Spring Valley Area Ambulance Board of Directors, and is a member of the Spring Valley Lion's Club. He and his family reside in Spring Valley, Wis.

**Rob Bignell** 1989  
has been named editorial page editor of the *The Desert Sun*, the Gannett Co. newspaper in Palm Springs, Calif. Previously, he served as the Iowa City *Press-Citizen's* editorial page editor. He resides in Palm Springs, Calif.

**Patty Perdsock-Haas** 1989  
recently built a new home in Cambridge, Wis. She is a business analyst for EDS in Madison, Wis. She and her husband, Rick, have two children, Drew, 5, and Eric, 2.

**1990s**  
**Glen Steffen** 1990  
teaches middle school health and elementary physical education in Bloomer, Wis. He also coaches football and baseball along with running the weight room in the winter and summer. He resides in Bloomer, Wis.

**Richard Grayson** 1991  
is a curriculum representative with AGS/Pearson Education.

**Jeff and Jaci (Primmer) Gruber** 1991; 1993  
recently moved to Cottage Grove, Minn., from Janesville, Wis. Jeff is a senior food scientist for ConAgra Foods in Edina, Minn. Jaci recently received the Wisconsin Elementary and Middle Level Science Teachers Distinguished Teacher Award for 2005. They reside in Cottage Grove, Minn., with their three children, Joe, 9, Jackson, 6, and Jenna, 4.

**Paul LeMere** 1991  
recently purchased a company called PowerMadd, a manufacturer of snowmobile, ATV, and motorcycle accessories, whose current premier product is the Star Series Hand Guard.

**Pamela (Briggs) Grieve** 1992  
and her husband, Bernie, graduated with master's degrees in educational technology in May 2005 from UTB in Brownsville, Texas. She is the instructional technologist at their nationally ranked charter school which opened in 2000. They reside in Harlingen, Texas.

**Amy (Eriksen) Barnett** 1993  
is the communications coordinator for the City of Savage, Minn. She and her husband, Collin, have a son, Collin, and are expecting a second child.

**Jean (Burandt) Ihnen** 1993  
graduated with her DVM from the University of Minnesota on May, 7, 2005. She works at the Zimmerman Veterinary Clinic in Zimmerman, Minn. She and her husband, Joel, reside in Princeton, Minn.

**Clarence Willy Wendler** 1993  
was promoted to branch manager for Orkin Pest Control in Eau Claire, Wis. He has been with Orkin for 12 years. He resides in Chippewa Falls, Wis., with his wife, Laura, and their children, Kristina, 10, and John, 7.

**Karen Combs-Bellile** 1994  
is the ISO 9000 Quality Coordinator for Brickham Stamping Company, Inc. in Oshkosh, Wis. She recently obtained her 4-H judging card for the Dog Project and looks forward to judging at local county fairs.

**Brian Forrest** 1994  
received the 2005 Young Farmers Award from the Partnership for Progressive Agriculture. He has been farming full time since 2002 near Stratford, Wis.

**Sandra Winter** 1994  
is a supportive homemaker and personal care worker for the Visiting Nurse Association. This past year she performed with the Meshugah Nonsense musical. She resides in Irma, Wis.

**Timmy Droel** 1996  
is a lawyer and has recently joined Hellmuth & Johnson, PLLC in Eden Prairie, Minn. He and his wife, Heather, reside in West Bloomington, Minn. with their three boys, Houston, Boston, and Raleigh.

## Band Bond

The Chuck Kirkwood and Friends Band has been playing together since the late 1990s, anchored by a contingent of retired UWV-RF alumni. Glenn Sandve, 57, plays trumpet. He taught music at Spring Valley schools until 1976 when he left to start a music supply business. Trumpet player John Kirk, 59, also taught music in the Baldwin and Barron schools. Joe Alms, 61, plays trombone. He retired in 1996 from the Colfax school district. Ed Thompson, 60, plays the tuba, having taught music and art in Spring Valley and Barron and for 33 years at the UW-Barron County campus in Rice Lake. Jerry Ellefson spent three years at UW-RF before joining the Air Force and later receiving his degree from UW-Madison. He plays banjo. The band plays once a week at nursing/convalescent/assisted living homes during the year, and up to two or three performances per week in summer. They also play for pie and ice cream socials and special events. You name it, they play it big band, old-time gospel, hymns, patriotic tunes, and literally whatever is requested, says Thompson. Since music has played such an important part in our lives, we are only too happy to be able to share some time and tunes with our friends in various homes as well as for other community functions.

**Amy C. (Nelson) and David Hauser** 1997; 1999  
She is an insurance agent for Leitch Insurance Agency in River Falls, Wis. He is a mortgage broker for Pioneer Mortgage in Lake Elmo, Minn. They reside in Hudson, Wis., with their son, Brett Robert.

**Sara (Bartscher) Gudahl** 1997  
is a middle school teacher who teaches language arts, drama, and Spanish. She and her husband Aaron reside in Buena Vista, Colo., with their daughter, Emma Ruth.

**Jodene (Lockrem) McDonald** 1997  
received her CPA certificate in 2003 and is employed with a public accounting firm in St. Paul, Minn. She married Jeremy McDonald in September 2004 and they just finished building a log home.

**Natalie Parmentier** 1998  
is a guidance counselor for Green Bay West High School. Previously, she worked for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in Madison, Wis., for two years.

**David Blumberg** 1999  
is an audit manager with HLB Tatuges Redpath, Ltd., a certified public accounting firm in White Bear Lake, Minn. He resides in Cottage Grove, Minn., with his wife and two children.

**Jim Cleary** 1999  
is the supervisor of business services and admitting in the E.D. and Lab at Fairview Southdale Hospital. He resides in St. Paul, Minn.

**2000s**  
**Theresa Christian** 2000  
is a clinical social worker with trauma services at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. She resides in Dallas, Texas.

**Bridget Finke** 2000  
graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2004 and is currently serving as law clerk to the Honorable Gregory A. Peterson at the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District III, in Wausau, Wis.

**Ryan D. Lins** 2000  
received his master's degree from UW-Madison in 2002 and received his doctorate from Oregon State University in 2005. He resides in Corvallis, Ore.

**Sandy Urban** 2000  
is a scholarship coordinator in the educational programs department at

The Rotary Foundation in Evanston, Ill. She coordinates the files for scholars going to study in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Oxford and Cambridge in England, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. She resides in Glenview, Ill.

**Kelly Soczka** 2000  
was awarded a graduate assistantship and will be starting graduate school for a master's degree in communications with a public relations emphasis at UW-Stevens Point.

**Erika (Goldsmith) Zielinski** 2000  
graduated with a master's degree in teaching and learning from St. Mary's University of Minnesota on May 14, 2005.

**Kari Ekenstedt** 2001  
has been admitted to the dual-degree program at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota. She received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in May 2005. Her research is in the area of canine molecular genetics and genomics. She resides in St. Paul, Minn.

**Katey (Davern) McCabe** 2001  
is the designer relations manager at Homestore Plans & Publications. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Como Park in St. Paul, Minn.

**Alice (Andersen) Jarosch** 2002  
is a paralegal for Rosen Divorce in Raleigh, N.C. She resides with her husband and son in Raleigh, N.C.

**Carrie E. Nelson** 2002  
is an executive of guest service at Target. She resides in Kent, Wash.

**Jess Berg** 2003  
earned his master's degree in higher education in May 2005. He accepted a full-time hall director position at the UW-Stevens Point.

**Roger Carlson** 2003  
was listed in the 2005 Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He resides in the White Bear Township in Minn.

**Megan LaFond** 2003  
is a speech-language pathologist working with elementary school students in the Richfield Public School District.

**Dustin Williams** 2003  
is a companion animal management and veterinary science teacher at Elkhorn Area High School.

**Bethaney Tschida** 2004  
is a government and history teacher at Anoka High School in Anoka, Minn.

**Michelle E. Wolf** 2004  
is a program assistant in the publications office at UW-RF. She resides in rural River Falls, Wis., with her son, Devon, 11.

## Future Falcons

**Maureen (McNeary) Sieben** 1983  
and Terry welcomed a son, Jack Gerard, born May 24, 2005. He joins sister, Grace Agnes, 2. They reside in Hastings, Minn.

**Beverly (Fanning) Hagen** 1985  
and Kenneth welcomed a son, Justin Thomas, born April 21, 2005. They reside in Hudson, Wis.

**Daniel Brown** 1986  
and F. Echo Huang welcomed a daughter, Nina Mary, born June 20, 2005. They reside in St. Paul, Minn.

**Julie (Tomlinson) Moberg** 1991  
and Joel welcomed a daughter, Sara Magdalen, born March 10, 2005. She joins brother, TJ, 3-1/2. They reside in Champlin, Minn.

**Scott and Michele (Hafele) Bove** 1992; 1999  
welcomed a daughter, Bridget Ann, born Jan. 12, 2005. Scott and Michele were married Dec. 27, 2003. He is employed as a conservation warden and she is a speech and language pathologist for the Cornell School District. They reside in Cornell, Wis.

**Michelle (Manning) and Derek Cherne** 1992; 1993  
welcomed a son, Adam James, born Jan. 24, 2004. He joins sister, Maya Rebecca, 4. They reside in Medina, Minn.

**Holly J. (Dianich) Munch** 1992  
and Jon welcomed a son, Jedidiah James, on March 18, 2005. He joins sisters, Hannah, 6, and Elyssa, 3. They reside in Blooming Prairie, Minn.

**Kristy (Kunzweiler) Rodd** 1992  
and Tracy welcomed twin daughters, Courtney Alexis and Sydney Kristine, born April 23, 2005. Kristy is a lawyer at Fredrikson & Bryon in Minneapolis, Minn. They reside in Lake Elmo, Minn.

**Joe and Michele (Madsen) Bartkey** 1993; 1993  
welcomed a daughter, Olivia Mary, born Sept. 13, 2004. She joins brother, Jake, 3.

**Margaret (Larson) Corrente** 1993  
welcomed a son, Dominic James, born Nov. 4, 2004. They reside in Neenah, Wis.

**Toni J. (Brekke) Dravis** 1993  
and Brad welcomed a daughter, Mercedes Karen, born April 13, 2005. They reside in Balsam Lake, Wis.

**Chris Hanten** 1994  
and John welcomed a daughter, Isabella Ione, born March 4, 2005. She joins brother, Benjamin Stanley.

**Jon Holtz** 1994  
and Ning Ning Sun welcomed a son, Levi Chen Xi, born Jan. 5, 2005. Jon participated in a ceramics study in South Korea this August. They reside in Buffalo, Minn.

**Jodi (Heupel) Leonard** 1994  
and Terry welcomed a daughter, Lyndsey Elizabeth, born Aug. 12, 2004. She joins brother, William, 3. They reside in Geilenkirchen, Germany.

**Penny (Redalen) and Steve Peterson** 1994, 1996; 1996  
welcomed a daughter, Kinsey Jo, born April 20, 2005. They reside in Prescott, Wis.

**Kelly (McCarron) Sisk** 1994  
and Steven welcomed a son, Michael Jeffrey, born April 21, 2005.

**Denise Lynne (Diedrich) Arre** 1995  
and Frank welcomed a son, Dylan Charles, born Feb. 4, 2005. They reside in New Richmond, Wis.

**Shantelle (Taylor) Brausen** 1995  
and Joseph welcomed a daughter, Ella Jennifer, born March 26, 2005. She joins brothers, Caleb, 5, and Ethan, 3. They reside in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

**Cassandra Cassie (Goeltz) Pakkala** 1995  
and Craig welcomed a daughter, Callie Jo, born May 12, 2005. Cassie and Craig were married March 13, 2004. She is a police officer with the City of Green Bay Police Department. They reside in Green Bay, Wis.

**Nicole (Boysen) Patock** 1995  
welcomed a daughter adopted from

Russia in September 2004. Nicole is an assistant branch manager for US Bank. She resides in Lakeville, Minn.

**Erik Quam** 1995  
and Sara welcomed a daughter, Eva Jane, born Jan. 21, 2005. They reside in Andover, Minn.

**Greg Smith** 1995  
and Jennifer welcomed a son, Nicholas Scott, born March 23, 2005.

**Jayne (St. Mary) Conwell** 1996  
and Henry welcomed a daughter, Julia, born April 19, 2005. They reside in Massapequa, Long Island, New York.

**Roxanne Kalk** 1996  
and Tory welcomed a daughter, Samantha Joanne, born May 4, 2004. She joins brother, Anthony, 2. Roxanne works in human resources at Marvin Windows and Doors. They reside in Baudette, Minn.

**Cindy (Hanauska) Mulcahy** 1997  
and Craig welcomed a son, Andrew Craig, born June 17, 2005. They reside in Lakeville, Minn.

**Erick and Angela (Derby) Organ** 1997; 1997  
welcomed a daughter, Annika Berne, born April 13, 2005. She joins brother, Jared. They reside in Pine Island, Minn.

**Richard and Jennifer (Graf) Ottman** 1997; 1998  
welcomed a son, Riley Richard Gerald, born April 26, 2005. They reside in Peoria, Ill.

**Dan Tschida** 1997  
and Mary welcomed a son, Luke, born June 6, 2004. Dan is a web product developer for Thomson West. They reside in Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

**Nicky (Sukowatey) Thompson** 1997  
and Rod welcomed a daughter, Ashley Nicole, born April 28, 2005. She joins brother, Zachary. They reside in River Falls, Wis.

**Jennifer A. (Pieper) Zecher** 1997  
and Brandon welcomed a daughter, Abigail Rose, born March 18, 2004. Jennifer is a marketing consultant and stay-at-home mom. Brandon is a firefighter with the Lakewood Fire District in Lakewood, Wash. They reside in Fox Island, Wash.

**Michele (Johnson) Gordon** 1998  
welcomed a daughter, Brooke Ann, born April 24, 2005. They reside in Deer Park, Wis.

**Rory (Holmquist) Skinner** 1998  
welcomed twins, a boy and a girl. They reside in Cottage Grove, Minn.

**Mark Cournoyer** 1999  
and Kelly welcomed a son, Logan Mark, born May 22, 2005. They reside in Marshfield, Wis.

**Michael and Jaime (Parrott) Gugala** 1999; 2000  
welcomed a daughter, Anna Catherine, born Nov. 7, 2004. She joins sister, Abigail. They reside in River Falls, Wis.

**Erika (Fossum) Hybben** 1999  
welcomed a son, Rondell Jacob, born Jan. 30, 2005. He joins sister Kari Christine, 3. Erika is a speech-language pathologist for the Children's Therapy Center. They reside in Knapp, Wis.

**Amy (Elert) Matza** 1999  
and Roger welcomed a daughter, Ava Joy, born Feb. 17, 2005. Amy is a first grade teacher at Bay Meadows Elementary School. They reside in Orlando, Fla.

**Amy (Zuber) Seguin** 1999  
and Brian welcomed a son, Samuel Mark, born May 11, 2005. Amy is a fifth grade teacher in the Portage school district and a part time consultant for Teacher Created Materials.

**Mike and Kathryn (Koshere) Zielski** 1999; 2000  
welcomed a daughter, Kadence Koshere, born Jan. 15, 2005. They reside in River Falls, Wis.

**Chad and Kelly (Passehl) Erickson** 2000; 2000  
welcomed a daughter, Ashley Caroline, born Jan. 28, 2005. They reside in Edgar, Wis.

**Brooke (Auth) Glaus** 2000  
and Eric welcomed a daughter, Margaret Helen, born April 13, 2004.

**Andrew Jarzynski** 2000  
and Becca welcomed a son, James Mussie, adopted from Ethiopia in April 2005.

**Anne (Kane) and Ryan Seaton** 2000; 2001  
welcomed a son, Broden Kane, born Aug. 5, 2004. They reside in Hugo, Minn.

**Jenny (Endres) Sweatt** 2000  
and Paul welcomed a daughter, Paige Shayne, born April 21, 2005. They reside in Lodi, Wis.

**Christopher Teeters** 2000  
and Andrea welcomed a son, Zachary James, born March 31, 2005.

**Justina (Ross) Enright** 2001  
and Thomas welcomed a daughter, Meghan, born Feb. 23, 2005. They reside in Haughton, La.

**Jason and Rebecca (Mathison) Liegl** 2001; 2002  
welcomed a daughter, Gracieanna Elizabeth, born March 26, 2005. Jason teaches math for the Weyauwega-Fremont High School. Becky is a substitute teacher. They reside in Weyauwega, Wis.

**Nikki (Weinberger) and Ben Nelson** 2001; 2002  
welcomed a daughter, Johanna Joy, born June 1, 2005. Nikki and Ben were married Aug. 30, 2003, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Butternut, Wis. They reside in Wausau, Wis.

**Ena (Sage) Rasmussen** 2001  
and Eric welcomed a son, Dylan Jacob, born May 12, 2005. He joins brother Tristan. Ena teaches English in an alternative high school in Elk River, Minn. They reside in Zimmerman, Minn.

**Michelle (Jarvis) Uetz** 2001  
and Chris welcomed a son, Jackson Christopher, born May 23, 2005. He joins brother Sam, 2. They reside in Menomonie, Wis.

**Kari (Nutt) Murrell** 2003  
and Rick welcomed a daughter, Alison Lee, born Dec. 21, 2004. Kari is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Cambridge, Minn.

**Kari (Kreye) Tennis** 2003  
and Troy welcomed a daughter, Natalie Caroline, born Feb. 28, 2005. Kari teaches social studies for South Washington County Schools. They reside in St. Paul Park, Minn.

## In Memoriam

**CORRECTION**  
**Jane Winkler** 1972  
is alive and well. *Falcon Features* regrets listing her in the In Memoriam section of the Spring 2005 issue.

**Doris (Tyvoll) Flottum** 1926  
died March 25, 2005

**Beatrice S. Roe** 1927; 1959  
98, died Feb. 13, 2005

**Zita M. (Martin) Farrell** 1932  
died Feb. 22, 2005

**Senora (Anderson) Chelberg** 1933  
died May 22, 2005

**Adella S. (Johnson) Wagnild** 1934  
93, died Feb. 11, 2005

**Donald H. Simmelink** 1937  
died July 2, 2005

**George Freier** 1938  
90, died May 13, 2005

**Luverne J. (Jensen) Mitby** 1939  
died April 26, 2005

**Ruth (Phillips) Winberg** 1939  
died April 10, 2005

**Ellenore E. (Stevenson) Niccum** 1940  
died July 10, 2005

**Clarence J. Jacobson** 1941  
86, died April 18, 2005

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**Leonard J. Berg** 1942  
died March 3, 2005

**Mary John Huber** 1942  
85, died March 9, 2005

**Everett I. Buckholder** 1943  
died Dec. 16, 2004

**Herbert D. Larson** 1943  
died May 8, 2005

**Vivian L. (Harrigan) Bothun**  
1944; 1963  
died May 4, 2005

**Hugh J. McCardle** 1948  
82, died Dec. 25, 2004

**Donald D. Triebensee** 1951  
75, died June 11, 2005

**Edward P. Bruger** 1952  
died Jan. 9, 2005

**Bernard F. Drewiske**  
1952, 1972  
died July 3, 2005

**Ruth K. Vigerust** 1952  
died June 30, 2005

**Marlene L. (Martalock) Korth**  
1953  
died May 11, 2005

**Margaret J. (Helmer) Lansing**  
1954  
died May 23, 2005

**Laura E. (Koski) Maki** 1955  
died April 21, 2005

**Roy D. Sandberg** 1956  
died Feb. 26, 2005

**Luella D. Wilson** 1956  
96, died Feb. 20, 2005

**Dorothy L. (Nelson) Hoyt**  
1962  
died May 17, 2005

**Margaret Locks Carlson**  
1963  
89, died April 27, 2005

**Alice C. Lewerenz** 1965  
died March 8, 2005

**Mary J. (Larson) Peek** 1966  
died Dec. 30, 2004

**Arthur Hanson** 1969  
died July 1, 2005

**Mark A. Guderyon** 1970  
died June 26, 2005

**Thomas R. Jilek** 1971  
died April 6, 2005

**Lynda M. (McElroy) Pavlik**  
1972  
died June 4, 2005

**Gary A. Schmiedlin** 1975  
died July 17, 2005

**Anne E. (Chaffee) White**  
1977  
died May 9, 2005

**John S. Millar** 1982  
died July 13, 2005

**John M. Sularz** 1982  
died May 31, 2005

**Paula J. Anderson** 1990  
37, died Jan. 23, 2005

**Jonathon H. Curtis** 1995  
died May 6, 2005

**Eric Dodge** 2004  
30, died Feb. 16, 2005

## Marriages

**Bonnie Peterson** 1994  
and Christopher Foehser, Sr. were married Aug. 21, 2004, on her parents' family farm. She works for Polk-Burnett Electric. They reside in Siren, Wis.

**Tony Samec** 1997  
and Maggie Gustafson were married May 8, 2005, at the Grand Canyon in Ariz. Tony recently left the U.S. Secret Service as a special agent and took a position with Computer Forensic Services in Minnetonka, Minn., as the vice president of operations. They reside in St. Paul, Minn.

**Erika Schwanke** 1997  
and Eric Youlden were married July 3, 2004. She is a fourth grade teacher in the Kasson-Mantorville School District in Kasson, Wis.

**Amber Morrow** 1998  
and Kevin Hahn were married June 5, 2004. She is a floral designer for Floral Etc. in Lakeville, Minn. They reside in Lakeville, Minn.

**Susan Storbeck** 1998  
and Gregory Kosharek were married May 14, 2005, in Dodgeville, Wis. They reside in Madison, Wis.

**Melinda Fowler** 1999  
and Jason Gulbranson were married Sept. 18, 2004, at Luther Memorial Church in River Falls. She works at Suburban Community Channels in White Bear Lake, Minn.

**Jacqueline Gliniecki** 2000  
and Jason Matthiae were married April 16, 2005.

**Jennifer Ullery** 2000  
and Brian Fearing were married Jan. 22, 2005, at St. Stanislaus Church in St. Paul, Minn. She is a community corrections worker at the Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Center. They reside in St. Paul, Minn.

**Brian Waldvogel** 2000  
and Jamie Dake were married Aug. 7, 2004, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Antigo, Wis. She is a senior behavior therapist in the Twin Cities, providing early behavioral intervention to children with autism.

**Jolene Bracy** 2001  
and Ty Hall were married at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., on July 2, 2005 and honeymooned in Jamaica with Hurricane Dennis. They reside in Round Rock, Texas.

**Dennis Dalton and Emily Carlson** 2001; 2003  
were married June 27, 2003. He is a client services manager for Comm-Works in Plymouth, Minn. They reside in St. Michael, Minn.

**Dwight Luhman and Emily Lombard** 2001; 2002  
were married June 4, 2005, at the St. James Hotel in Red Wing, Minn. He is a graduate student at the University of Massachusetts. She is an assistant branch manager at Greenfield Savings Bank. They reside in Amherst, Mass.

**Kelly Manthei** 2001  
and Heath Browning were married March 4, 2005, on Bowman's Beach in Sanibel Island, Fla. at sunset. She is the DARS coordinator at UW-River Falls. They reside in Hastings, Minn.

**Melissa Utecht** 2001  
and Lowell Heise were married Oct. 16, 2004, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Marathon, Wis. She is the marketing, events, and promotions coordinator for Midwest Communications' Wausau market radio stations. They reside in Marathon, Wis.

**Mary Ellen Zappa** 2001  
and Jon Stillwell were married July 9, 2005, in Cottage Grove, Minn. She is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota earning her master's degree in deaf and hard of hearing special education. They reside in Woodbury, Minn.

**Sarah Guenther** 2002  
and John Estrada were married Nov. 27, 2004, at the Canterbury Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. She is a laboratory technician at Kraft Foods in Visalia, Calif. They reside in Exeter, Calif.

**Kelly Motz** 2002  
and Mark Humphrey were married Feb. 5, 2005. She teaches second-grade in White Bear Lake. They reside in Maplewood, Minn.

**Kathryn Mulligan** 2002  
and Willy Schrantz were married June 26, 2004, in Webster, Wis. She is teaching high school art at Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, Alaska.

**Judy Kaufman** 2003  
and Mike Christensen were married June 1, 2005, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. She is a quality control specialist at Nestle ISA in Eau Claire, Wis.

**Darcie A. Freer** 2004  
and Travis M. Pierson III were married April 16, 2005, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, Minn. She is a revenue tax auditor for the Minnesota Department of Revenue. They reside in River Falls, Wis.

**Andrea Miller and Darrick Wotachek** 2004; 2004  
were married Oct. 6, 2004. She is a first grade teacher at Cambridge Elementary. He is a landscape foreman for Mickman Brother's Landscaping. They reside in Isanti, Minn.

**Erin Vriesen** 2004  
and Marty Oian were married April 23, 2005, in Blue Earth, Minn. She is a preschool teacher at the UW-RF C.H.I.L.L.D. Center.

**Lindsay Wadzinski** 2004  
and Joshua Carney were married July 24, 2004, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tomahawk, Wis. She is a second grade teacher at Rapoport Academy. They reside in Waco, Texas.

## A Toy Story

Joel Boblit took his childhood passion for Transformer action figures and transformed it into a seven-figure business. The 1999 graduate launched BigBadToyStore.com in the fall of 1999 with the help of his brother, Dan. The business specializes in action figures including Transformers, Power Rangers, GI Joe, and Star Wars figures, which are not found in regular retail stores. In 2003 Joel moved the business from his parents' garage to a 12,000-square-foot warehouse in the Somerset Industrial Park in Somerset, Wis. A repeat customer reward system and a separate distribution Web site for bulk buyers is in Joel's future business plans. The secret for an individual or small group to succeed? Be passionate, honest, and prompt, says Joel, and be willing to put in what can sometimes be insane hours to get the business up and running and running smoothly.