1960s

Kathy (Osley) Young 1963 started her 36th year with the Melrose-Mindoro School in December 2010.

Roger Neitzel 1965 was recently recognized at the National Brown Swiss Convention with the first Service Award which is named in his honor for his 32 years as Superintendent of Records at Brown Swiss. He joined the Brown Swiss Association in 1979. He will continue to be involved as a member of the Brown Swiss Historical Society committee as well as a National Dairy Shriners Director.

Bill Shepard 1969 is ready to enjoy travel and retirement.

1970s

Nancy (Johnson) Herbison 1974 retired as a school counselor in the Tomahawk School District after 35 years.

1980s


Jesse (Crook) Aelyn-Crook 1984 finished her MBA at Carlson School of Management in August 2010. She is now starting up a consulting business specializing in Process Improvement and Leadership Development.

Will and Denise (Clausen) Ruemmele 1985; 1987 Will was named Lake Geneva Lion of the Year for the 2009-2010 club year. Denise was recently named Guidance Counselor at Wheatland Center School in Burlington, where she has been an elementary school teacher for 23 years. They have resided in Walworth County since 1989. They have a 16-year-old son, Jake, and a 14-year-old daughter, Kady.

Cynthia (Bahr) Totty Hefley 1985 opened up Totty and Associates, a Psychotherapy Agency in Wauwatosa, WI in 2009.

Jeff Bloomer 1987 is a high school teacher and varsity boy’s basketball coach at Burlington High School in Burlington, Iowa. He is married with 3 children and he resides in his hometown of Burlington, Iowa.

David Battenberg 1988 is beginning his second year at Tigerton Public School District as K-12 Principal, in Tigerton WI. Also proud of the Tigerton Girls Softball Team being State Champs 2010!

Patty Perdzock-Haas 1989 graduated from MATC-Madison with an Associate Degree in Nursing in December 2009. She passed NCLEX-RN boards in February 2010 and is now a Registered Nurse and employed at Concentra Urgent Care in Madison.

1990s

Laurie (Toussaint) Staiger 1993 was recently promoted to Senior Business Systems Analyst at Deluxe Corp.

Linda (Conlan) Kovach 1994 received the 3M 2010 Innovation Economic Educator Award for her lesson: Four Feet, Two Sandals: A Lesson in Scarcity. She was honored at the annual EconFest celebration in Oct. 2010 at Cargill in Minnetonka, Minnesota. Linda is the elementary Gifted & Talented Specialist for Northfield Public Schools.

Lyle Lutz 1997 became the Assistant Manager of Plover Wastewater Utility in April of 2009.

Mark Moen 1997 is living and enjoying life in South St Paul with his son, his girlfriend, and her two daughters!

Sally Wakefield 1997 has been named the new Executive Director of 1000 Friends of Minnesota. The organization aims to build healthy communities, expand transportation options and protect open space and natural resources.

Ann (Schmitz) Prescott 1998 is employed with the USDA Mower County Farm Service Agency in Austin, Minnesota as a Program Technician. She resides in Adams, Minnesota with her daughter Allison and husband Joe (‘98).
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2000s
Theresa Christian 2000
obtained her Masters in Social Work from Southwest Texas State University in 2001. She was employed at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas, TX for 7 years, than relocated to Austin, TX in 2008. She is currently the Trauma Social Worker at Dell Children’s Medical Center in Austin. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and enjoys working with children and families.

Melissa (Ferlaak) Koch 2001
took on the position of Director of Education and Community Engagement for Hennepin Theatre Trust in February 2010. She oversees all programs including the SpotLight Musical Theatre Program, Critical View, Access, and other engagement activities.

Lindsey O’Grady 2003
has started a content research analyst position at UCLA’s Center for Research on Education, Standards, & Student Testing in the Graduate School of Education and Information.

Terry Schwaller 2003
has received his Masters of Science in Education - Curriculum and Instruction (Physics Education) from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh.

Adam and Angela (Gleason) Thoen 2003; 2004
along with their son Max, have relocated to Blooming Prairie, MN. Adam is a loan officer at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Blooming Prairie, and Angela is an ELL teacher in Austin, MN.

Cheril G. Ocasio-Gonzalez 2004
recently obtained his Juris Doctor from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico where he was a part of the Honor Society and the Law Review.

Ellen (Berndt) Bang 2005
passed her CPA exam!

Jennifer Megan (Leppla) Mudek 2005
received her MBA from Walden University in April 2010.

Kendra Plant 2005
is excited to be starting a new job doing Marketing and Outreach for SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development in Saint Paul, a nonprofit that uses educational theatre programs and fully staged productions to build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of community while celebrating diversity in a supportive, non-competitive atmosphere.

Amanda (Frank) Rick 2005
received her Masters in Art Education with a Reading Emphasis from Concordia University in St. Paul, MN, in May, 2009.

Eric Ebert 2006
accepted the position of Production Designer with TST Media in November 2010. He previously served as presentation editor for the Green Bay Press-Gazette of Green Bay, WI, and as reporter with the West Central Tribune in Willmar, MN.

Helen Louise (Clarke) Ebert 2006
accepted the position of Marketing Communications Manager with Inver Hills Community College in October 2010. Helen previously served as Public Relations Specialist with Lakeshore Technical College of Cleveland, WI, and as a Reporter with the Herald Times Reporter of Manitowoc, WI.

Amanda (Koerper) Linehan 2009
passed her CPA exam in May of 2010.

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