

ALUMNI

Dream Catcher

SPRING 2012

Jonathan Happel: Recipient of the Bill C. Fox Scholarship



Photo Courtesy of Rae Yost,
Forest City Summit

Greetings from the Mayor

(As well as FCHS Alum and Forest City Education Foundation Board Member)

On behalf of the City of Forest City and our residents, we invite you to return home to the town you remember...“Where Nature’s Close and Friends are Closer.”

Whatever your reason for traveling home to Forest City, we offer a wide variety of activities for you and your family to enjoy during your stay.

During the warmer months, enjoy 29 miles of hiking and biking trails throughout our seven parks (including Pilot Knob State Park), 26 miles of canoeing and kayaking down the Winnebago River, a disc golf course, our 18-hole Bear Creek Golf Course, three campgrounds, Family Aquatic Center, Winnebago Industries’ Visitor’s Center & Tours, and so much more.

During the winter months, we offer a community ice skating rink, sledding and over two miles of cross country ski trails that traverse through our parks and offer restaurants along the trail.

All year long enjoy our municipal library, YMCA, multiple churches, good restaurants, comfortable lodging, and a home-town shopping experience.

If you enjoy history, be sure to visit Heritage Park, the Mansion Museum, and the Veterans Memorial at the Courthouse Square, or pick up a copy of our self-guided Downtown Historical Architecture Walking Tour.

Something fun is always happening in Forest City, and I invite you to take advantage of our many attractions, entertainment and always popular Chamber of Commerce events including “Puckerbrush”, our annual town festival. Local events are posted on our website: www.forestcityia.com.

Forest City is proud to be the home of Waldorf College. Waldorf College offers a quality educational experience, a fine arts series that offers quality cultural experiences for our visitors and community. We are also home to two Fortune 500 companies, Winnebago Industries and 3M, as well as over 150 local businesses ready to serve you. **Enjoy your stay in Forest City!** --Rick Skjeie, Mayor



Rock and Roll into the Future

Josh May looks ahead to an education based on his love for music

Forest City Education Foundation is proud of soon-to-be alum, Josh May. May, son of Eddie and Lisa May, will be attending Southeast Technical College in Redwing, Minnesota, next fall to pursue a degree in Guitar Repair and Building as well as Guitar Construction and Design specializing in electric guitars.

Josh is a self-taught bass player and started playing in a band at Agape Christian Church in Clear Lake. He knew he wanted to pursue something with music but realistically understood that playing in a band might not pay the bills.

As his search for post-secondary education started, he and his family visited Minneapolis Art Institute. On the way home from the college visit, Josh asked his parents to stop at Guitar Center to pick up some guitar strings. The manager of the store chatted with Josh about his future plans and suggested Josh look into the program at Southeast Technical College.

Josh can credit his future plans to the self-driven project he started in Advanced Cabinetry with Mr. Labs at Forest City High School. The first guitar he built actually worked even though it weighed over 20 lbs!

Josh is excited to pursue his education and his passion into a career of music. We are thrilled he is one of only 45 students accepted into the program! Best of luck, Josh!



Photo Courtesy of Heather Welch Photography, Forest City.

Celebrating the Life of a Beloved Art Teacher

Nancy Monson's Legacy Lives On

By Alice Lewellen

“This was supposed to be her year of celebration,” is what Nancy Monson’s brother-in-law Larry Hill said this fall when we were discussing her condition. Nancy had plans to retire from her job as Elementary Art Instructor this spring after teaching for 26 years in the Forest City School System.

Unfortunately Nancy passed away on December 16, 2011, leaving a hollow spot in many Forest City hearts as they hung the popsicle sleds that their children had made in Nancy’s class on their Christmas trees. The sleds were just one of the many creative projects that Nancy had assigned to the hundreds of elementary school children who passed through the door to her art classroom.

Nancy’s struggle began in the fall of 2010 when she was diagnosed with cancer. She carried on valiantly through that school year and started the 2011 year in what appeared to be good health when she caught an infection that could not be controlled.

In a sanctuary draped with quilts, a sign of Nancy’s creative handiwork, Nancy’s funeral was attended by many family members, church members, colleagues, parents and students both past and present. Pastor Rod Hopp suggested that we all just breathe a huge sigh before the tributes to Nancy began. Many in attendance had been on a long journey with Nancy the past couple of years and now it was over.

Nancy lived in the North Iowa area all of her life. She graduated from Lake Mills High School, received her AA Degree from Waldorf College and her BA in Art Education from Mankato State. Nancy and her husband Dave both worked in the area all their adult lives. Nancy and Dave have two daughters, Anne and Katie, who also attended the Forest City School System, Anne being an alum. Nancy was a devoted mother and was named Young Mother of the Year in 1983. She and Dave were active in a couples small group through Immanuel Lutheran Church as well

as members of the new Horizons Adoption Agency. Nancy had also been a 4-H leader.

As a “specials” teacher Nancy and the other teachers who were not regular classroom teachers had a close bond. Long-time Forest City Elementary music teacher Sandy Damm said, “Nancy was dedicated to the idea that students use their own creativity in developing their art projects. She never wanted to stifle their creativity. Beyond the classroom, Nancy was devoted to her family and also her school family. Nancy was so good at listening to others and sympathizing with their problems.”

Other special friends from Nancy’s team were Julie Missal, Rod Barkema, and Emily Anderson.

Elementary principal Steve Putz said, “Nancy loved her job as an elementary art teacher and was proud that she got to interact with every student in our school. She loved and cherished the uniqueness of her job and the way she could see students in a way that others could not. She often had students in her room before and after school and during recess. Many of them were loners who needed someone to talk to and Nancy knew that and gave them special jobs and activities for them that kept them busy and made them feel special. Nancy always worked hard to see the good.”

The Forest City School System will continue to celebrate the life of Nancy Monson for many years to come as is evidenced by the lasting affect she had on many alumni and current students.



Melanie Harms, Class of '95, Living Her Dream in Forest City

By Nicole Lovik-Blaser '02

As we met for coffee, it was like we'd been friends for years. I have always known Melanie from afar but not personally. As a girl, I enjoyed when she sang at church. I admired her and looked to her as a role model throughout my middle and high school years. However, we'd not ever actually talked other than in passing—perhaps a quick “hello” at the grocery store.

I first had the chance to work with Melanie when the Forest City Education Foundation asked her to sing at the All School Reunion. She graciously accepted the task and was one of the highlights of the event. I enjoyed her upbeat personality and quickly realized she is the type of alum that should be featured in the Alumni Dream Catcher—she's gone into the world, gained many experiences and yet has decided to return home in order to share her talents and wisdom. She didn't have to sacrifice her dreams in order to do it—in fact, she's now living her dream.

People had always told her she should consider music education since she loved music and wanted to help others. She herself was legally blind until the age of 21 with congenital cataracts, so she always felt drawn to others that needed assistance. She credits her twin sister's patience and excellent note taking for aiding her through high school social and academic challenges.

Melanie attended Wartburg College in a dual-degree program—Music Education and Music Therapy. As a student there, she developed a program for North Central Human Services (now Mosaic). She worked closely with Sonny Hickman and drove back several times a week to work with clients.

Melanie was accepted to do her six month internship following her senior year at Wartburg in the greater Los Angeles area. She did group and individual music therapy



sessions with kids with special needs, primarily autism. This was the first of many opportunities that took her far from home. After staying on as a private contractor with the company she decided to make a move to the East coast.

Melanie took a temp job at the Lavelle School for the Blind in the Bronx in New York City. She said this time in her life was a learning experience because of the poverty and crime she saw every day contrasted to the beauty of wonderful music at the Met. This experience had to end so Melanie made plans to attend the University of Kansas for her masters degree in the fall.

In a transition time before beginning her masters she moved back to FC and worked as a music therapist at Opportunity Village. She was ecstatic to help an old friend and Forest City graduate, Annie Hanson, put a poem Annie had written to music. These were the moments that reinforced her decision to bring music therapy to her home community.

Melanie's work as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in music therapy along with her participation in the Communication and Autism Project grant solidified her long term goal to teach in higher education. She was fortunate to be working among international figures in music therapy and autism.

Another job opportunity led her to Tallahassee where she was the Director of Music Therapy for a hospice with ten professionals and interns. She was invited to speak at The International Medical Ethnomusicology Symposium which led to her assisting Michael Bakken, an ethnomusicologist

and father of a child with autism, write a grant for a musical playground for children with autism. Melanie maintained a private contract that brought music therapy services into a district of low poverty and high incidence for special needs while serving the rural counties for Hospice.

Melanie has given time to Hospice for many years, singing for patients and for bereaved family. However, when her grandma was placed into Hospice, Melanie found herself singing for her over the phone with many miles between them. It was a hard experience for Melanie, realizing how far away she was from family.

Melanie headed to Kansas City to start her doctorate work. She hoped this might lead her to a dream she developed while a student at Wartburg: to one day teach at Wartburg.

Melanie also missed her twin sister Melissa as well as her two brothers Mason and Matt. As she told me about her family, she choked up remembering how Matt flew to Tallahassee to be with Melanie when she was lonesome.

While visiting home, Melanie reencountered Todd Espeland. She had a crush on him many years ago as a middle school “pool rat” while he was lifeguarding. They decided to give a long-distance relationship a try.

After dating Todd for about a year, Melanie decided to move back to Forest City after accepting a job at Wartburg College teaching in the Music Therapy Program—a dream she’d had for a long time. Todd and Melanie have been together now for three years and have a son Easton who is two years old.

Today, Melanie is the director of the Music Therapy program at Wartburg College. She advises over 55 students. She is the Co-Chair of the National Standards of Practice Committee for music therapy as well as Iowa Task Force for Music Therapy Advocacy. Melanie recently accepted the position of coordinator for the Iowa Chapter of Music Therapy Empowerment Workshop. She visits Christian Women groups and volunteers at area elementary schools with special needs classes. She also provides music experiences for the children at Hanson Family Life Center in Forest City.

She completed her data for her dissertation this spring and will defend it in September.

While busy being a mom, teacher, volunteer, and expert in the field, she will take on one more endeavor that will truly benefit the Forest City Community: business owner. Melanie will launch *Cadence*, a music therapy, education, and resource service, June 1. She will provide music therapy for individuals and groups of all ages with a variety

of special needs from autism to Alzheimer’s. She will also provide adaptive music lessons on piano, guitar and ukulele to include an inclusion performance group (all abilities) and an intergenerational performance group. These performance groups will aid in the advocacy and education of the community on the science behind music and music as therapy. Finally, education workshops will be offered for caregivers of individuals with a variety of abilities to include autism, communication disorders, intellectual disabilities, Parkinson’s, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, traumatic brain injury, and others.

As Melanie continues to live out her dreams, I’ll personally continue to look at her as an inspiring role model, as I always have.

Amanda Busta ‘12

John Baylor ACT Test Prep

As I started to prepare for college, I knew taking the ACTs would be an important factor when it came to where I was headed and the amount of scholarships that would help with the costs of tuition. I took the ACTs and didn’t do as well as I hoped I would.



After speaking with my high school guidance counselor, I learned about John Baylor ACT Test Prep—a course that is free to Forest City students and offered at our school. I was nervous about the time commitment since I was in the middle of basketball season but decided academics come first. The class met once a week in the evening. I put my all into it—I did the extra assignments and took notes like crazy.

All the work was worth it when I took the ACTs the second time around. My score increased four points—and those four points made a huge difference for me! With an increased ACT score I was offered a four-time \$14,000 scholarship to attend the college of my choice. I have to say that time was well spent—taking John Baylor ACT Test Prep was the best paying job I’ve ever had!

Please consider donating to Forest City Education Foundation--this is just one example of the educational opportunities sponsored by the Foundation.

CLASS REUNION INFORMATION

50th Class Reunion (Class of 1962) June 15-16

June 15th the class is inviting classes of 1961 and 1963 to the party! Join them at Ron Holland's residence (225 North Golf Course Road in Forest City) at 5 p.m.

35th Class Reunion (Class of 1977) July 7

Golf Outing at Bear Creek in Forest City
Social Hour-6 p.m. at Shooterz
Dinner/Program--7 p.m. at Shooterz

30 Year Class Reunion

Let's Party Like It's Still 1982!

You're invited!!

When: Fri, July 13 and Sat, July 14

Where: Forest City

7:00 p.m. Friday night – Decorate trailer for parade and social time (place to be announced).

10:00 a.m. Saturday – Participate in the Puckerbrush Parade...T-shirts will be purchased for the parade.

If you would like to participate in the golf tournament, contact the Golf Course (641-585-1353)

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour at Shooterz

6:30 p.m. - Buffet dinner with social time to follow.

Cost: \$25 per person or \$40 per couple
Check Facebook for more information!

RSVP By email to:

kkthilges@gmail.com

Send payment to: Kathy Thilges

615 E State St., Algona, IA 50511

**Please RSVP by June 15, 2012

***Be sure to include your shirt size if you plan to participate in the parade.

20 Year Reunion (Class of 1992) July 14

Saturday, July 14th - East Woods Park, Family Picnic (lunch)

Saturday, July 14th - Super Bowl, 6 p.m.

For more information & to make reservations visit: <http://fchs1992.classquest.com/>

Reunion Contact: Teresa (Helfter) Stolfus, terijo74@gmail.com or 515-231-9678

15 Year Reunion (Class of '97) Sept. 28-29

Contact April Van Hove

apriljoysowder@hotmail.com

or Facebook: "Forest City Class of '97

15 Year Class Reunion"

10 Year Class Reunion (Class of 2002) July 28

Sign up in groups of four for the Alumni Golf Tournament
Shooterz Dinner that evening

Contact Nicole Lovik-Blaser at 641.585.2323 to RSVP

Bill C. Fox Scholarship is renewed through Forest City Education Foundation; *Jonathan Happel is proud recipient!*

By Nicole Lovik-Blaser

Jonathan Happel has big dreams of attending Iowa State University and majoring in engineering. This was the same dream Bill C. Fox had in 1941. Little did Mr. Fox know then that he would be helping Forest City graduates pursue that same dream years later.

More than a dozen Forest City students have benefitted from the Bill C. Fox Scholarship the last decade. Criteria for the scholarship require a student to attend Iowa State University and to major in engineering. They have to be students who have taken rigorous courses throughout high school.

The scholarship's value exceeds \$23,000 over the course of four years. This is one of the largest scholarships awarded

through the Forest City Education Foundation and its model is one the Education Foundation's Board would like others to emulate.

Ken Kleemeier, 2000 graduate, received the four-year scholarship and works for Emerson Climate Technologies today. Kleemeier and Mr. Fox have spoken over the phone and hope to meet someday. Kleemeier looks forward to the opportunity to thank him face-to-face.



Happel is thankful for the scholarship also. "I am so honored to receive this scholarship. I appreciate that there are people out there that are willing to contribute to furthering education for Forest City graduates," said Happel.

Photo: Cindy Mary, Bill C. Fox's niece, presented Jonathan Happel with the Bill C. Fox Scholarship. Photo courtesy of Rae Yost, The Forest City Summit

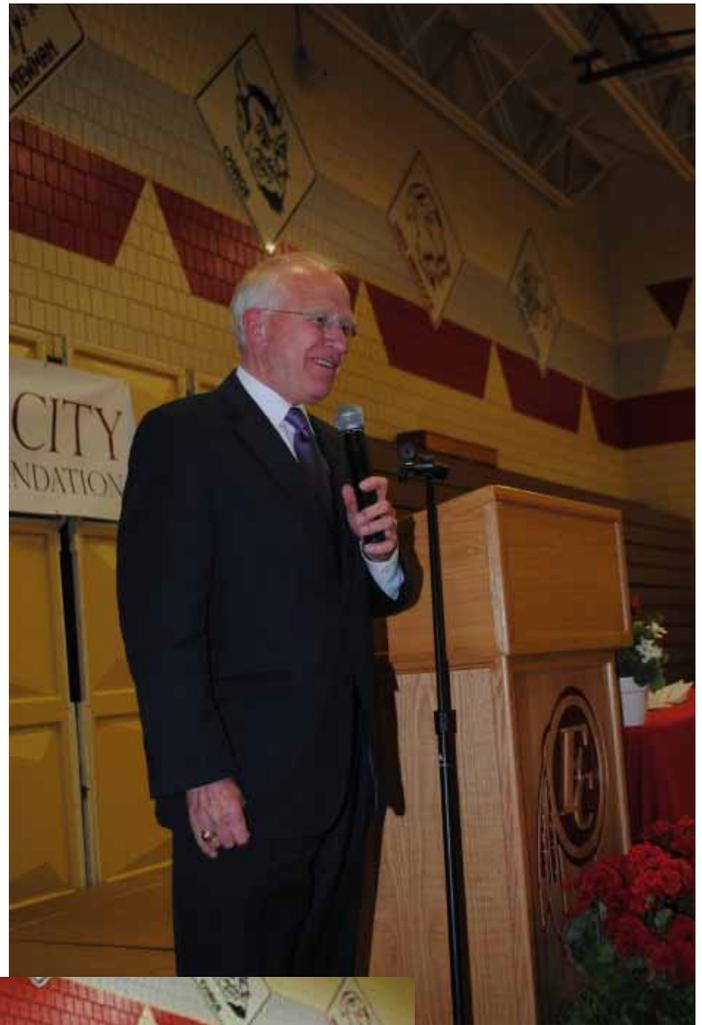
Distinguished Alum Dean Borg Speaks at Forest City High School Academic Banquet

Forest City Education Foundation held the annual Academic Banquet this April honoring over 80 students in grades nine through twelve. More than 200 people were present including students, parents, teachers, administrators, Forest City Education Foundation members, the speaker, Dean Borg and two of his very special guests: his second grade teacher, Mrs. Elnora Thompson and her husband, Terry.

Students received Academic Letters based on meeting two of the following criteria: a student must be in the top 7% of class; student must have an ITED National Percentile Rank of 85 or higher on the Reading Comprehension, Math Total and Science tests. Students must have a composite score on the ACT of 27 or higher; a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher; and/or attendance of 97% or higher.

Mr. Borg, Senior Producer/Correspondent for WSUI at the University of Iowa and a frequent contributor to National Public Radio, inspired his audience with memories of his own-- the many changes in his lifetime and he explained that students should expect change, too. He talked of the several presidents he has had the chance to meet and even interview. He told students to not be afraid but to take the plunge and step into greatness.

Darwin Lehmann, superintendent, said, "This Academic Banquet is great to recognize the students who so deserve it. These are the students who place academics first and they should be honored." The board members of Forest City Education Foundation are proud to sponsor this annual event and recognize the students who have achieved so much.



*Above and Left:
Dean Borg addresses
the audience.
Below: Seniors
awarded at the
Academic Banquet.*



Steve Bakke: *Truly A Native Son*

By David Damm

On June 17, 1974, Steve Bakke started his law practice in Forest City. A graduate of Forest City High School, Waldorf College, the University of Northern Iowa and the Drake University Law School, Steve is truly a native son.

Bakke grew up in Fertile, attending four years of high school at Forest City. He made Forest City his home following graduation from law school.

For the first few years of his practice, Bakke was part of the Dudley Weible law firm. Mr. Wible gave Steve a chance to return to practice law in the city where he attended high school and Bakke would love to give that opportunity now that he is contemplating retirement.

“I will be 64 in May and would love to retire in a few years,” Bakke said. “It would be great to have a Forest City alumnus who wanted to move back to raise a family join my firm. This would be a great opportunity.”

Bakke has enjoyed his nearly 40 years in the legal profession in Forest City. His is mostly a tax, probate and municipal law practice. He has been the city attorney for Forest City since 1977.

“I’ve always enjoyed the public discourse,” Bakke said. “People have a right to express their opinion. It hasn’t always been pleasant but it’s their right.”

Bakke has enjoyed working with the mayor, council and city employees over the years, saying that the job brings something different all the time.

In addition to being the city attorney, Bakke has served as Waldorf College’s lawyer since the mid 1980s. He has seen the college through many financial hurdles and a major restructuring when the Waldorf was purchased and became a for-profit college a few years ago.

“I am cautiously optimistic about Waldorf’s future,” Bakke said. “On-line is clearly the future for Waldorf because its traditional campus recruiting base is shrinking.” He said

Waldorf brings a big-time feel to a small town with athletics, music and special events.

When asked if he ever thought of leaving Forest City for a bigger town, he said that he loves Forest City. “Besides, in the early years I owed the bank too much money to leave! I like the town and its people.”

“I’ve always thought that Forest City has all the advantages of a big city without all the disadvantages,” Bakke said. “We have a good small school system with all the personal attention that students need. We are just two hours from Des Moines and two hours from Minneapolis. Iowa City and Ames are close as well.”

Things have changed in Bakke’s practice over the years. Everything was done by hand for many years; now it’s all computer-generated—tax forms, law books, etc. As with most professions the computer has made information gathering and reporting much easier.

One thing that hasn’t changed is his love of Forest City. He has a million stories about the town and people who have lived here. Henry Wilson, Gene Morris, Laura Sewick, Doug Eddy, John K. Hanson, and others regularly crop up in conversations with Bakke. In some ways he is an oral historian of the town and the area he grew up in and calls home.

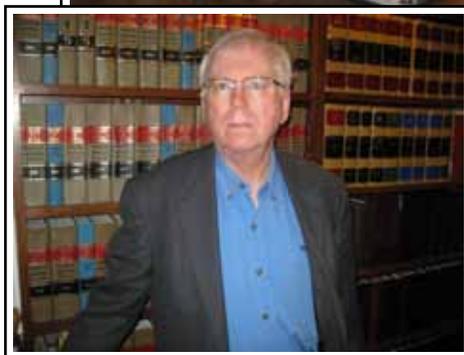
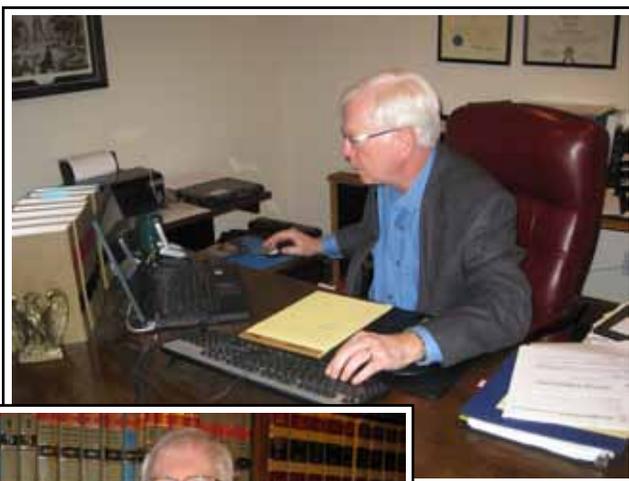
“I love the lifestyle of Forest City,” Bakke said. “It has that small town feeling of safety. People know their neighbors and it has always had excellent schools.”

Bakke has been married to his wife, Anne, for 43 years this June. She taught in the school home economics department (now called Family and Consumer Science) for 22 years before retiring.

The Bakkes raised two children. Aaron graduated from Forest City High School in 1996 and is now a quality control engineer in Skokie, Illinois. Laura, a 2001 grad, works for Starbucks Corporate in Seattle, Washington.

Even though he would like to retire in the next few years, “I’m not about to abandon my clients,” Bakke said.

Bakke’s upcoming retirement creates a great opportunity for a FCHS alumnus and law school graduate to return to Forest City and begin a law practice. It’s an opportunity Bakke took some 38 years ago and one he is happy to have taken.





Professional Job Openings in Forest City - April 2012

*JMR Supplies Inc.: Mechanical Engineer and
Mechanical Drafter-Solidworks*

*Winnebago Industries: Java Programmer Analysis and
Electrical Engineer Designer*

Alumni, come home to Forest City...

Share your news

*Visit the High School or any of our
Clubs & Organizations during your next visit -
there are opportunities to share your
experiences or just visit.*

Experience the memories

*Join us in our Alumni Activities, visiting
family during the Holidays, or attending one
of our many local events.*

Stay connected

*Stay in touch with family & friends through
our social media sites on the Summit. View
our website for the local events calendar and
much more.*

Look for opportunity

*For jobs, business or philanthropic
opportunities stay in touch with our
Chamber of Commerce.*

*Forest City continues to maintain a good quality of life through local business growth, a high quality school
system, providing mentorship, leadership and volunteer opportunities, expansion of our tourism services,
offering affordable housing and new business incentives.*



*Visit us often in person or connect with us online at
www.forestcitync.com*



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Farewell to Beloved Teachers

A thank you and good-bye from a 2012 graduate...

By: Ashley Christopherson

The school year has come to an end sooner than we could have anticipated; this is most true when we recognize this as the last year for three of our outstanding educators. I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize this year's retirees, thank them for their dedication to their students, and wish them an incredible journey ahead:

Mr. Vold has been a part of Forest City Community Schools for 33 years; even with such an impressive career he still manages to have even greater qualities. When asked about Mr.

Vold, students agree that it is not only his extensive knowledge



of agriculture that makes him a good teacher – his kindness and dedication to their success are what truly make him great. Many would even claim that he is the nicest person you could ever meet, and it would seem that he feels the same

about his students. Although he hopes to finish many projects at home with his extra time, Mr. Vold said that he will miss the students in his program the most. Wisdom he would pass on to his students would be to take advantage of the opportunities given to them. "Forest City High School has a world of resources available, and teachers are willing to help you." When asked what advice he would offer to his successor, Mr. Vold quoted John Wooden. "Kids don't care about how much you know until they know how much you care." I believe that Mr. Vold could very well be the perfect fit for this quote, and I am sure that the Forest City faculty and student body would agree. In short, Mr. Vold appreciated his students, all of the friendships formed, and support readily available at this school. "I hope everyone has a great school year in 2012-13."

Thank you, Mr. Vold!

After 29 years as an educator with our school, Mrs. Rotta said that what she will miss the most during her retirement is Forest City High School itself. "It is where I got paid to come and play all day long."

It is this incredibly tenacious attitude that made her the flint of the school; no matter your stresses, her personality could spark you into action. When I think of Mrs. Rotta, many



words come to mind: adamant, driven, reassuring. Students of her many, diverse physical education classes know that it did not matter whether you were athletic or not, you could expect to be pushed to do your best. Mrs. Rotta refused to give up on any single student, and she would not allow you to give up on yourself. When asked what wisdom she would pass onto her students, diversity was key. "Every one is different; that's what I like the most!" She believes that you should always explore diversity and enjoy being yourself as an individual. Although she expects to move up north, live by a lake, and fish to her heart's content, Mrs. Rotta can expect to still be in the thoughts of her students. Personally, I know that I will forever have that spark – in times that I feel like I have reached my limit, the spark will ignite and say, "I tell you what, talk less, play more ... game on!"

Thank you, Mrs. Rotta!

Mr. DeVries has been with Forest City Community Schools for 24 years and has been teaching and coaching for even longer. If one word could be used to describe Mr. DeVries, it would be "helpful." This word may seem too vague and limited, but I believe that it most accurately represents him. In the classroom, he helped

significantly with his knowledge of everything to do with science, and in the hallways, he offered words of encouragement that helped you through your day. "Keep smiling," he would always say, and I am very

sure that small reassurances like that are what fuel motivation. When asked what he will miss the most, Mr. DeVries immediately mentioned his students. "Their successes, their excitement and life lessons." To these students he would pass on the importance of faith and, each day, asking God for guidance. "Keep searching for meaning and your purpose in life." To his successor, he would offer similar words of wisdom to reflect on yourself, but never lose sight of each student's worth. "Build relationships whenever you can, and take time to recharge." Although he looks forward to a lack of deadlines and paperwork while traveling and renewing old friendships, Mr. DeVries admitted that the school will never be far away. "The students and spirit of Forest City Schools will always be a part of me."

Thank you, Mr. DeVries!



Ashley Christopherson will attend Iowa State in the fall of 2012. We wish her the best of luck in her endeavors!

Photos from this story and the Steve Bakke story are courtesy of Ashley Christopherson.

Senior Awards Night

Scholarships

\$250 Denny Lovick Memorial Scholarship - Brandon Levad
 \$500 Frakes Family Scholarship - Andrew Henken
 \$300 FC Breakfast Lions Denny Lovick Memorial Scholarship - Jonathan Krein
 \$200 (3) Bill's Family Foods Scholarships - Maggie Shipman, Amy Frakes, Sarah Moniot
 \$2000 (2) Grand Masonic Lodge of Iowa - Nathan Koch and Elizabeth Olson
 \$250 Masonic Lodge Scholarship - Ivy Grunhovd
 \$300 DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award - Nicholas Johnson
 \$250 Frank F. Sinnard Memorial Scholarship - Danika Fredrickson
 \$300 Steve and Nancy Olson Family Scholarship* - Anthony Blomme
 \$500 (3) Rotary Waldorf Scholarships - Tyler Finer, Rachael Jordahl, Maggie Eden
 \$500 Ron & Hope Lichtsinn Scholarship - Nathan Koch
 \$450 Class of 1965 - Emily Jensen
 3-Year Half Tuition, 1-Year Full Tuition - Bill C. Fox Scholarship* - Jonathan Happel
 \$500 Larry W. Lovick Scholarship* - Josh Bruns
 \$2500 Willig Family Scholarship - Ashley Christopherson
 \$300 Mark Henry McCauley Memorial Scholarship- Nate Byro
 \$1000 (3) Elise Marie Johnson Scholarship - Amy Frakes, Ashley Lackore, Cole Schwartz
 \$250 (2) Dave Draheim Memorial Scholarship - Anthony Blomme and Tyler Thompson
 \$500 Doug Book Memorial Scholarship - Taran Larson
 \$250 P.E.O Scholarship - Shannon Muench
 \$200 American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship - Ciara Gust
 \$450 Lewison Scholarship - Kristen McCarthy
 \$250 TSB Scholarship* - Maranda Chapin
 \$5,000 (3) Winnebago Industries Foundation* - Cole Schwartz, Haley Church, Rachel Price
 \$500 American Legion School Award & Scholarship - Ashley Christopherson
 \$1000 (2) Forest City YMCA Scholarship in Memory of Merrill G. Olson -Emily Jensen and Liz Olson
 \$350 Kirby Thompson Memorial Scholarship - Connor Thompson
 \$300 Jerimy Benson/Hollis Torkelson Memorial Scholarship - Nick Johnson
 \$100 American Bar Association Citizenship Award & Scholarship - Amy Frakes
 \$500 Farm & City Insurance Services Scholarship - Andrew Henken
 \$250 High School Student Council Leadership Scholarship - Nathan Koch
 \$425 Fred Langrock Memorial Scholarship* - Luke Kleveland
 \$500 Eugene Morris Evening Lions Scholarship - Elizabeth Olson
 \$200 Lloyd Thorsheim Memorial English Scholarship - Ashley Christopherson
 \$500 Kimberly Hope Jordal Memorial* - Amanda Busta
 \$250 Kiow Scholarship - Danika Fredrickson
 \$250 P.C. Olson Memorial Scholarship - Victoria Sopko
 \$100 Class of '88 Scholarship - Riley Scharper
 \$1000 Brooker Cup Award and Scholarship (Outstanding boy athlete) Kyle Rosacker

Outside Scholarships

(These scholarships were awarded to the student outside of our Foundation)

\$500 Niacc AREA 2 Scholarship - Maranda Chapin
 \$1500 Iowa State Association of Counties - Cole Schwartz
 \$4,000 (3) Clarence A. Hawkes Scholarships - Cole Schwartz, Tricia Trimble, Nathan Koch
 \$500 Heartland Power High School Scholarship - Maranda Chapin
 \$6676.63 (11)-Worth County Development Authority Scholarships- Students Living in Worth County (11 Total)

*Indicates new scholarship as of 2012

Foundation Academic Awards

\$5,000 Commitment to Excellence

Amanda Busta and Nathan Koch

\$2500 Commitment to Excellence

Nathaniel Byro
 Maranda Chapin
 Ashley Christopherson
 Maggie Eden
 Danika Fredrickson
 Jonathan Happel
 Luke Kleveland
 Elizabeth Olson
 Rachel Price
 Cole Schwartz

\$600 - Platinum

Amy Frakes
 Andrew Henken
 Emily Jensen
 Jonathan Krein
 Shannon Muench

\$500 - Gold

Tabitha Blaser
 Rebecca Boyken
 Haley Church
 Ashley Lackore
 Benjamin Langerud
 Brandon Levad
 Kyle Rosacker
 Riley Scharper
 Anna Sichanthongthip
 Conner Thompson
 Tricia Trimble

\$400 - Silver

Anthony Blomme
 Tiffini Cieplenski
 Tyler Finer
 Ivy Grunhovd
 Sarah Moniot
 Justin Putney
 Robert Searcy
 Maggie Shipman
 Victoria Sopko
 Nicole Steen
 Chase Stohr

\$300 - Bronze

Ciara Gust
 Kelli Hill
 Rachael Jordahl
 Kyler Kirschbaum

\$200 Participation Awards

Nicole Boss	Taran Larson
Joshua Bruns	Joshua May
Nicholas Cerwinske	Kristen McCarthy
Benjamin Collins	Kia McFarland
Joseph Dakken	Nicholas Mitthun
Angela Destival	Hallie Monson
Cody Finer	Benjamin Nordskog
Tyler Flugum	Matthew Paulson
Jacob Gapp	Thomas Reese
Nicholas Johnson	Tobin Shaw
Amber Knopf	Tyler Thompson
Miranda Krein	

Forest City Education Foundation Awards \$750 plus an additional \$500 if attending Waldorf College or North Iowa Area Community College

Miranda Bartleson	Ivy Grunhovd	Sarah Moniot
Tabitha Blaser	Ciara Gust	Hallie Monson
Anthony Blomme	Jonathan Happel	Shannon Muench
Nicole Boss	Aaron Harms	Benjamin Nordskog
Rebecca Boyken	Andrew Henken	Elizabeth Olson
Joshua Bruns	Kelli Hill	David Orozco
Amanda Busta	Emily Jensen	Matthew Paulson
Nathaniel Byro	Nicholas Johnson	Rachel Price
Nicholas Cerwinske	Rachael Jordahl	Justin Putney
Maranda Chapin	Kyler Kirschbaum	Thomas Reese
Ashley Christopherson	Luke Kleveland	Karla Rodriguez
Haley Church	Amber Knopf	Kyle Rosacker
Tiffini Cieplenski	Nathan Koch	Riley Scharper
Benjamin Collins	Jeremy Kostelecky	Cole Schwartz
Joseph Dakken	Jonathan Krein	Robert Searcy
Angela Destival	Miranda Krein	Tobin Shaw
Maggie Eden	Ashley Lackore	Maggie Shipman
Parker Farland	Benjamin Langerud	Anna Sichanthongthip
Cody Finer	Taran Larson	Victoria Sopko
Tyler Finer	Brandon Levad	Nicole Steen
Tyler Flugum	Joshua May	Chase Stohr
Amy Frakes	Kristen McCarthy	Conner Thompson
Danika Fredrickson	Kia McFarland	Tyler Thompson
Jacob Gapp	Nicholas Mitthun	Tricia Trimble



Several of the Scholarship Sponsors on Senior Awards Night:

From Left: Chuck Draheim and Nicole Lovik-Blaser discuss the Dave Draheim award before the evening begins,



Steve and Nancy Olson prepare to present two awards during the ceremony: the Olson Family Scholarship and Waldorf-Rotary Scholarships, Mason Harms and Diane Lovick awarded Josh Bruns the Larry W. Lovick Memorial Scholarships, Ray Beebe presents the Winnebago Industries Foundation Scholarships to Haley Church, Rachel Price and Cole Schwartz.

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Would you like to start a scholarship in your family's name or in memory or honor of someone you love? It's very easy! Contact Nicole Lovik-Blaser at Forest City Education Foundation to set it up: 641.585.2323. We ask that your scholarship is a minimum of \$300. Payments can be made over time.

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