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The Construction Technology Program is experiencing strong growth.



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"These changes are part of a larger institutional transformation to align our resources with regional needs."

Timothy J. Nelson

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Alumni Updates

1970's

Ash, Charley 1969-71

1665 Riva Ridge Drive #4, Mansfield, MI 44904

Mr. Ash studied Liberal Arts at NMC. He likes to vacation in Traverse City. Mr. Ash invites fellow alums to visit his website: www.geocities.com/oneinspirit777

Johnson, Steven C. 1972-74

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Mr. Johnson studied Parks & Recreation Administration at NMC, and received a B.S. from Michigan State University. He has three "great kids" who are currently pursuing their bachelor's and master's degrees. He enjoys visiting Traverse City at least twice a year and watching NMC grow.

Kirt, Mary Ann (Schramski) 1973-75

Ms. Kirt received an Associate of Science from NMC. She managed The Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry Clinic at the University of Michigan Hospital. She loves living in a small country town and is involved in martial arts and music entertainment.

Kraker, Lorraine R. (Fedorchak) 1971-73

Ms. Kraker studied Medical Assisting at NMC and earned a B.S. in Education at Ferris State University in 1975. Before retiring in 2001, she owned four medical clinics. After retiring, she earned an Advanced Master Gardeners Certificate and Michigan Certified Nurseryman.

Ms. Kraker now teaches medical assisting at Glen Oak Community College in Centerville, MI.



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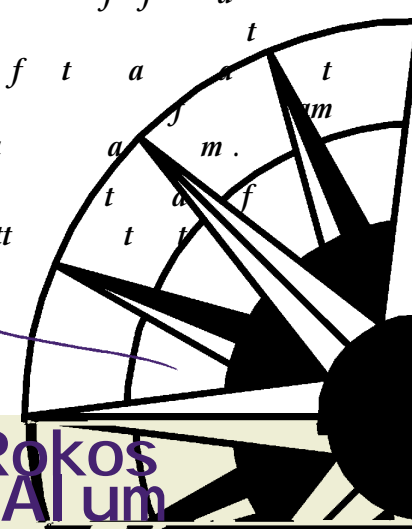
Message from the President



Timothy J. Nelson

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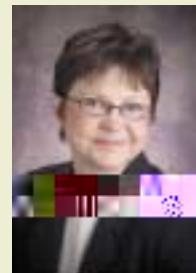
NMC Names Jean Rokos 2004 Outstanding Alum

Jean Rokos, Academic Chair of the NMC Health Occupations Academic Area, was named NMC's Outstanding Alum for 2004 at commencement in May and honored at a June dinner.

A 1975 graduate of NMC's Associate Degree in Nursing Program, Jean continued her education to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Michigan in 1981 and a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from Wayne State University in 1984.

In 1981, Rokos returned to NMC as a nursing instructor. She has served as academic chair since 2000 and during that time, the nursing program enrollment has increased by 50%. She was instrumental

in developing an online nursing option for the college – the first in the state and a valuable alternative to those who seek nursing education.



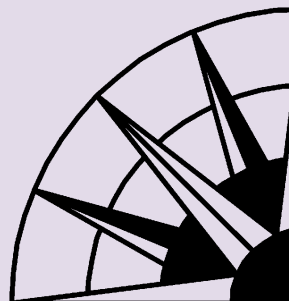
Jean Rokos

Jean has played a key role in the creation of the "Institute," a partnership with Munson Healthcare to enhance training and education opportunities for Munson and the community. In 2002, Jean was part of a nursing delegation that visited the People's Republic of China. She has also participated in a grant-writing effort that brought funds for the innovative "I-CAN Program" at the Interlochen Community School.

Congratulations Jean!



Payment Options:



Nexus Sculpture Adds to NMC's Public Art Collection

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Nexus, designed and crafted by NMC alumnae Sally Rogers.

Water Partners Swing their Shovels for Restoration Project

Water, dirt and fish were the focus at Kid's Creek in Traverse City the morning of Saturday, September 11, where members of several local organizations picked up their shovels to move soil and rock, stabilizing approximately 500 feet of eroded riverfront.

The restoration effort was the result of a partnership with the members of Traverse City Rotary Clubs, NMC's Water Studies Institute, the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Center and Grand Traverse Conservation District's Boardman River Project. Members of these groups got their hands and feet dirty for the Kid's Creek Restoration Project, one of several initiatives sponsored by the Alliance for Great Lakes Stewardship. This restoration effort was made possible by a \$1 million grant from the Rotary Charities of Traverse City to NMC's Water Studies Institute last February.



Volunteers work to construct a spillway at Kid's Creek.

A tributary to the Boardman River, Kid's Creek is located on the west side of US 31, near the Kohl's retail development. The riverfront had been eroded over time by the buffalo that formerly grazed there and by recent development activity in the area. The Rotarians and volunteers were able to stabilize the banks and construct a spillway to improve the fish habitat structure of the stream for the benefit of trout and other species.

There is still more work to be done on the Kid's Creek project. The Alliance will continue to work on preventing erosion of the banks and improving the fish habitat. For more information on the activities of the Water Studies Institute, contact Tim Ervin at 231-995-1787; Tervin@nmc.edu or Becky Cooper at 231-995-1793; Bcooper@nmc.edu.



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Weather Dampened Everything but Spirits at BBO

Just like the mailman, rain or shine, the NMC Barbecue delivers. The spring, 2004 event was no exception. Despite the pouring rain, over 6,543 meals were served to the faithful who showed up on Sunday, May 23 to support NMC in a tradition that spans almost 50 years. The money raised at this year's event helped to fund several worthy projects at the college. **The 2005 BBO date is set for Sunday, May 22. Hope to see you there — rain or shine!**



NMC Golf Outing Tees Off at New Venue

Sporting a new location at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, the largest golf tournament in northwestern Michigan hosted over 300 golfers to raise money for NMC honors scholarships. The August 5th event was sponsored by over 200 individuals and businesses and raised over \$60,000 to benefit the NMC Honors Scholarship Program.

Mark your Calendar for next year's event:
Thursday, August 4, 2005 at Crystal Mt.



Fall Event Serves Up Great Wine, NMC Friendships

NMC Alumni attending the September 22 Fall Gathering for a Mission Peninsula progressive wine tour had a perfect evening.

The next Alumni gathering is a tour of the newly renovated Osterlin Building, scheduled for Thursday, November 4 at 6:00pm. For more information on the NMC Alumni gatherings in the Traverse City area, contact Teri Hedrich in the NMC Alumni Office at (231) 995-1027.



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