

Celebrating 110 years of Larson Alumni Center

Gratitude. That is what the members of the Mayville State University Alumni Association feel for the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. They are grateful for the building, and also for the many people who have made it possible to call this special and historic building “home.”

“We are grateful for the support provided by alumni and friends, and for the members of the Mayville-Portland community,” said Doug Anderson, a 1974 Mayville State graduate and member of the MSU Alumni Association board.

Northwest Hall opened in December 1911 as an infirmary for sick students on the campus of Mayville Normal School. Over the years, the building has served as dormitory space, the Mayville State president’s home, and housing for families.

Mayville State alumni expressed the need for an alumni center in 2001. Their dream was to have an alumni center that would serve university and community needs, provide a home for the Alumni Association, display historical collections, and be a source of much Comet pride.

Physical work and fundraising to rehabilitate the then-vacated Northwest Hall for use as an alumni center began in 2003 and was completed in 2013. Since that time, the building has been the site for Alumni Association and MSU Foundation board meetings, community meetings, classes for students, luncheon and dinner parties, reunions, socials, and even bridal and baby showers.

Anderson played an integral role in the rehabilitation of the historic Northwest Hall, now known as the Edson and Margare-

ret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center. It was his vision and determination to raise the funds needed that drove the project from beginning until end. Kelly Morrison, 1976 Mayville State graduate, joined in the mission and helped to see it through.

“As we enter the holiday season, gratitude fills our hearts,” Anderson said. “This year, we are especially grateful, not only for the support our alumni and friends provide for our beloved alma mater, but also for our wonderful alumni center, which is 110 years old.”

The Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center is truly a source of much Comet pride, university and community history, and tributes to local people and alumni who have been honored through naming rights within the building as well as on the grounds.

The icing on the cake for the beautiful Mayville State alumni center made up of landscaping projects on the grounds that honor military veterans, teachers, current and former Mayville State employees, alumni, community leaders, and friends of the university. Recent work includes incorporating historical architectural elements and sculptures representing Mayville State’s heritage that have been incorporated into beautiful garden settings.

“The Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center is a treasure,” said Beth Swenson, Director of Alumni Affairs. “The corner of Third Avenue and Stan Dakken Drive is a gem on the Mayville State University campus and truly a gift for which our alumni and friends are grateful.”

The alumni center is open from 8 a.m.



A view of the Edson and Margaret Larson Alumni and Leadership Center from the north.

to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The public is invited to stop and take a look any time. The coffee pot is always on! The facility is available for use by alumni and community groups for meetings, parties and more. For more information, contact Stacy Buchl at 701-788-4864 or stacy.buchl@mayvillestate.edu.

ACCEPTING BIDS CITY OF MAYVILLE, NORTH DAKOTA

On December 6, 2021 the City of Mayville will open bids for gravel for the City for the year 2022. Submit sealed bids to the City Auditor’s Office, P.O. Box 220, Mayville, ND 58257 or at City Hall by 4:00 pm on the above date.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or any parts thereof; and to waive informalities, irregularities or errors in the proposals or any part thereof.

Attest:

Gail Olstad, Mayville City Auditor
Steven Bensen, Mayor City of Mayville

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The Bids must be in this format:

- _____ % Discount off Pump Price: Super Unleaded
 - _____ % Discount off Pump Price: Unleaded
 - _____ % Discount off Pump Price: Diesel #1, #2
 - _____ % Discount off Pump Price: Bulk Diesel
- Delivered at City Shed, Landfill, Generators.

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MSU physics takes hands-on lessons outdoors

Students enrolled in Dr. Tom Gonnella’s Physics I class at Mayville State University took learning outdoors Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Members of the class had built and painted rockets designed to help them expand and test their physics knowledge. They headed outdoors to put their theories into play. A 30-mph wind definitely made the activity much more challenging.

MSU Instructor of Biology Jeff Hovde launched the rockets while Professor of Chemistry Tom Gonnella recorded the launches. The videos will be used by the students to analyze physics fundamentals, including velocity.



Mayville State students who tested the functionality of the rockets they built in their physics class included (l-r) Thyra Peterick, Kailin Ensign, and Kelli Cashman.



Mayville State students (l-r) Taylor Stegman, Ram-say Taliaferro, and Robert Farquharson watched as the results of their work were put to the test.



Cool temperatures and high winds played a role in the outcome of the rocket launches. Here Mayville State students (l-r) watch as the rockets they built are launched.