

# MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ALUMNI NEWS

## IT'S ON THE WEB!

Hey Mustang Alumni -- Keep in touch with your Alumni Class and Mount Vernon Schools by visiting the district web site at [www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us](http://www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us)

Alumni have their own comprehensive site which includes event info, dates, pictures, historical information, alumni data base, individual class pages and much more. If you have not yet visited this site, you'll be surprised when you do.

Be sure to log in to the Alumni Data Base and update your current contact information (Alumni, see insert) -- Keep In Touch!

★ ALL-ALUMNI BREAKFAST ★  
Join us on Saturday, July 9th,  
8:30 to 10:30 am  
High School Commons

## WELCOME TO THE 1ST ALUMNI NEWSLETTER!

Establishing the Mount Vernon Alumni Association is a long overdue venture. We are excited about all the possibilities that opening these lines of communication with our alumni will bring.

Until now, graduating classes have never been larger than one hundred students. In 1879 our first graduate was George Garson. In the 1920s and 30s our class sizes were 25-50 students, and we've been growing ever since. 97 students graduated in the class of 2004 and 2005 will mark the first year ever that a class of over 100 graduates will grace the stage (a whopping 120+ students).

The Mount Vernon Alumni Association, with your help, provides the opportunity for all alumni "to know everyone!" and gives our Alumni a way to stay in touch with fellow classmates. Over one thousand Mount Vernon graduates live in the Mount Vernon area. We find that many alumni return to Mount Vernon if not to live, to visit. Mount Vernon remains a special place for our Alumni.

We hope that over the years you will find your way back to your class reunions and community events. Please feel welcome to visit our schools as they are really *your* schools. Think about using the buildings for a gathering of your classmates.

Help us keep the spirit of the Mount Vernon community alive for everyone!

Ann Koppenhaver, Foundation President  
Tom Wieseler, School Board President  
Jeff Schwiebert, Superintendent  
Dennis Walsh, High School Principal  
John Krumbholz, Middle School Principal  
Gary Nelson, Elementary School Principal  
Kathy Staskal, Alumni Coordinator



# Mustang ALUMNI



Come join us  
at these upcoming  
alumni activities...

## HERITAGE DAYS ALUMNI BREAKFAST (Open House)

Saturday, July 9, 8:30-10:30 am,  
all alumni, families, and friends,  
High School Commons. Come and  
chat with friends over coffee and  
lemonade, or enjoy breakfast for a  
nominal fee.

## HOMECOMING GAME

September 30, Football field, vs.  
Western Dubuque, Mustang  
Alumni Reception room in the  
Middle School open during game -  
- join us for some hot chocolate.  
Official Alumni Reception after the  
game.

## 6 ON 6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

January 2006 - watch for more  
information to come

## Maybe more...

Watch the web site, future mailings  
and this newsletter for information  
about alumni activities. Send your  
ideas our way!

## 2005 MV Community Events

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| June       | "Tuneful Tuesdays"<br>Municipal Band Con-<br>certs in the Gazebo at<br>Memorial Park |
| July 4     | MV Antique<br>Extravaganza   |
| July 7-8-9 | Heritage Days and<br>Art in the Park & Craft<br>Festival                             |
| Dec 1-3    | Hometown Holidays in<br>Mount Vernon   |

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## 2005 Reunions Coming Up...

For more information, check  
out your class Alumni web  
page at:

www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us

### 2000 - 5 year - Date tba

Contact: Lauren Sauter  
Phone #: 319-895-6637  
Email: laurensauter@asia.com

### 1995 - 10 year - Date tba

Contact: Allyson Clark Thurn  
Phone #: 319-365-4738  
Email: aclark2919@msn.com

### 1990 - 15 year - July 8-9

Contact: Brittney Kaalberg Booth  
Phone #: 319-895-6530  
Email: boothjib@mchsi.com

### 1985 - 20 year - July 9-10

Contact: Marcia Peters  
Phone #: 425-418-1110  
Email: marciapeters@comcast.net

### 1980 - 25 year - July 9

Contact: Chris Osborn  
Phone #: 319-895-6306  
Email: cosborn@mountvernon.k12.ia.us

### 1975 - 30 year - July 9

Contact: Carol Woods Boren  
Phone #: 319-455-2354  
Email: cwoods@mountvernon.k12.ia.us

### 1970 - 35 year - Date tba

Contact: Gwen Drahos  
Phone #: 319-455-2565

### 1965 - 40 year - (was last summer)

Contact: Susan Fisher

### 1960 - 45 year - July 9

Contact: Judy Penn  
Phone #: 319-396-2435  
Email: judyandralph@earthlink.net

### 1955 - 50 year - Sept 16-17

Contact: Kay Lind 319-455-2079  
or Carol Walden 319-895-8634  
Email: rk lind@comic.net

### 1949-1950-1951 - 55 year - July 23

Contact: Dick McKeen  
Phone #: 319-248-0502  
Email: rmckeen933@aol.com

### 1949 - 56 year - weekend of July 23

Contact: Jack Stanton  
Phone#: 928-759-0885  
Email: jestanton@cableone.net

### 1945 - 60 year - Sept. 24-25

Contact: Betty Wolfe, Marilyn Overman  
Phone #: Betty 319-895-8125,  
or Marilyn 319-895-8507

### 1940 - 65 year - Aug. 18 noon at Gwen's Restaurant

Contact: RSVP to Wanda Kaplan  
Phone #: 319-895-8094

### OTHER REUNIONS....

### 1939 - 66 year - Aug. 18, Gwen's Restr.

Contact: RSVP to Bill Kaplan  
Phone #: 319-895-0324

Miss one? Call 319-895-8845

## Association FAQ

### What is the Alumni Association?

The Mount Vernon Schools Alumni Association is being organized to improve communication among alumni and with the school district. Some of the projects the Association is currently developing are a web site, comprehensive data base, reunion services, alumni social events, and making contact with reunion organizers from each graduating class. If you went to school or graduated from Mount Vernon, you will be considered a member of the Alumni Association.

### How can I support the Association?

By offering to be a 'Supporter'. We are asking each alumnus for a voluntary contribution of \$10 annually to help offset the cost of this new alumni organization. This will pay for printing, mailings, data base update and management, services to alumni reunion organizers, etc.(see insert in this mailing). AND, please also keep your contact info up to date with us.

### How will the Association help my class with our next reunion?

Right now we think this Association can help your reunion organizer by providing up-to-date contact information about you and your classmates. Although we don't have a contact for every class yet, our goal is to work closely with reunion organizers to keep the data base as up-to-date as possible. We can then provide mailing labels, name tags if desired, current class contact information to share at reunions, reunion ideas, and access to an individualized web site for your class that can be maintained by your class contact if they'd like.

### How often will I get a newsletter?

You will receive a newsletter at least once a year in the spring. There may be a fall newsletter as well. Available funds will be a factor.

### What is the data base about?

One of the larger and more important projects we've undertaken is to develop an Alumni Data Base. This data base will be of utmost importance over the years, especially for reunion organizers. All information in this data base is considered privileged information. Alumni have access to this data base, either by logging in on the web or by calling the Alumni Association with your request for information. (Alumni, see insert for log in instructions)



# Alumni Agents Gather at 1st Alumni Association Meeting

Mount Vernon alumni were well represented at the historical 'first ever meeting of the Alumni Association' on April 16th by 38 representatives ranging from the class of 1940 to 2005. The future of the Alumni Association is in great hands if the class representation and enthusiasm of the alumni agents present at this meeting was any indication. Their enthusiasm was 'over the top'. They made it clear that their 'Mustang Pride' ran deep and their desire is to make our Alumni Association and events available to all graduates.

They discussed what had been done to date and earmarked some immediate and long-term goals.

- The organization will meet quarterly this first year
- A committee was formed to organize Heritage Day weekend activities which includes an Alumni Breakfast at the HS Commons and an Alumni Tent at uptown Heritage Days
- A committee will be formed to organize Homecoming activities
- Long term the group would like to explore other events such as a golf outing, basketball and softball competitions, and an annual 'All-Alumni Reunion' with banquet.

Full minutes of this meeting are available on the Alumni web site.

To date the following projects have been started:

- Identification of Alumni Agents
- Alumni Web Site & Class Sites
- Alumni Newsletter
- Alumni Data Base
- Alumni Reunion Services
- Alumni Supporter Annual Dues

Alumni Agents (also called class representatives or reunion organizers) will meet again this summer on July 17th. If you would like to become involved in the Association, please contact Kathy at 319-895-8845 or [alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us](mailto:alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us).

**CLASS AGENTS NEEDED:** for the years 2003, 2002, 1962, 1950, 1941, 1938 and years before. Is this you?



**Present at the First-ever, Alumni Association Organizational Meeting were:**

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Nick Boots '97, Sonya Essex Redmond '82, Lisa Squires White '88, Amy Reyhons Glick '92, Annie Daly '05, Beth Young '05  
 2ND ROW: Bob Penn '81, Ken Pospisil '68, Wanda Collins Kaplan '40, Sis Woods Pitlik '47, Judy Caldwell Penn '60, Jo Kroul Clark '64, Jean Kuntz Bowman '64, Carol Woods Boren '75, Jamie Wallace '01  
 3RD ROW: Jane Colehour Pospisil '68, Barb Thomsen Neal '68, Jenny Moore Hampton '91, Ebe Boettcher '94, Paul Morf '90, Braden Pospisil Rood '93, Linda Peterson Nost '63, Ann Koppenhaver '78, Babs Beckhelm Moore '53, Helen Peterson Meeks '46, Elizabeth Wolfe Kroul '43, Susan Mounts Fisher '65, Lori Lehman Reihle '75, Annie Lehman Currie '77, Deb Vargason Lord '74, Guy Bys '74, BACK ROW: Ben Pospisil '96, Kay Jilovec Lind '55, Keith Jilovec '54, Roger Pitlik '67, Dick Moore '52, Marilyn Dean Schnittjer '58, Roger Schnittjer '56





# REUNION PICTURES

Some great pictures from recent class reunions... many thanks for their submission by reunion organizers!



## Class of 1959 ▲

attended an October football game last fall while in Mount Vernon for their 45th Class Reunion

## Class of 1973 & 1974 ▼

held a joint 30th reunion with a supper and dance at Gwen's this past summer



Lori Dana and husband, Pat Moses, Pam Gaines and husband



Scott Bys, Eric Encke



Donna Rosendahl Zimmerman, Guy Bys, Deb Vargason Lord



Sandy Palmer and Sandy Rice



Debbie Bieleley, Cindy Feaker Johnson

## CLASS OF 1944

The Mount Vernon High School class of 1944 held its 60th reunion Sept. 25, 2004. A Saturday brunch was held at Gwen's Restaurant in Lisbon. A dinner and the evening were spent at Hillcrest Country Club in Mount Vernon. Out of 27 in the class, 15 members were present: Uri and Betty (Herring) Martinez of Sun City, Ariz.; Eula (Burnett) Lichtenberg of Orangevale, Calif.; Donald Dill of Macungie, Pa.; Alan and Gwen (Smyth) Turnbull of Greenbelt, Md.; Raymond and Pat Lake of Mesa, Ariz.; Dick and Phyllis Dvorak of Cedar Rapids; Paul and Jean Brace of Davenport; Jack and Char Koch of Cedar Rapids; Pauline (Daubenmeir) Wagaman of Lisbon; Bud and Norma (Bartosh) Kubichek of Lisbon; Harold Herring, John and Betty Wolfe, Bob and Dorothy Gaines, Joe and Shirley (Min-nick) Giannini; Mary (Brawner) Viter and Sherlee Peterson, all of Mount Vernon.



The classes of 1963, 1964, 1965, and 1966 held a combined 40th Reunion in October of 2004. The reunion began with a tour of the old MVHS (which is now a middle school), a tour of the Iron Art Foundry and Gallery, golfing at Hillcrest Country Club, followed by a dinner buffet and dance featuring The Stompers.



## Class of 1963 ▲

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Front row: Marcia Clark Kimm, Diane Richardson Hamed, Linda Peterson Nost, Gloria Herboldsheimer Krob, Karen Kaliban Fox. Back row: Harry Edelman, Marilyn Schnittjer Hayes, Bob Jilovec, Rosalie Bowman Gallagher, Chris Stoltz, Bob Dvorak, Warren Stoner



## Class of 1964 ▲

Front row: Marsha Viter Heims, Betty Koutney Buresh, Joanne Moses Heims, Marcia Mallie Duffy, Darla Stoltz Templeton, Martha Shackford, Jo Kroul Clark, Jean Kuntz Bowman, Carol Tonne Swiech. Back row: Russell Steiner, Jim Ellison, Tex Clay, Diana Kafer Lavoie, Chris Hudson Brown, Tom Tyler, Janice Johnson Forest, Mikal Brawner, Mary Bauman Kolbe, Sam Studt, Dave Fisher, Ray Stoner, Jane Maxson Penfield, Dennis Akers, Dennis Wolrab, John Petrick, Virgil Clark



## Class of 1965 ▲

Front row: Susan Mounts Fisher, Suzanne Roberts Stoner, Connie Benyshek Stick, Shirley Swanson Guglar. Back row: Florene Allard Akers, Steve Edwards, Dennis Steele, Bob Caldwell, Dennis Lnenicka



## Class of 1966 ▲

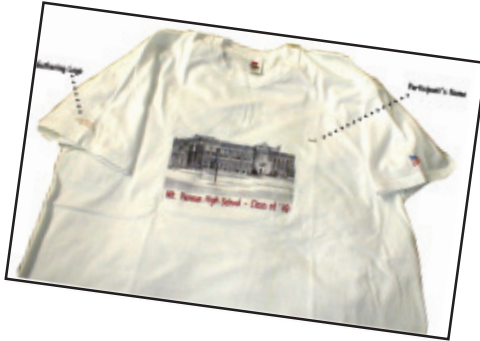
Front row: Vance Rahn, Margaret Ellison Duffy, Rose Lynott Ubben, Mary Kroul Anderson. Back row: John Schick, Eugene Stoneking, Bill Bauman, Pat O'Hara, Jan Hunter Carmer, Leslie Burgess Thompson, Cindy Buresh Pruitt, Arnie Onstott





### Class of 1949

Six members from the class of '49 who ended up taking Horace Greeley's advice and went West, gathered in Carson, Nevada during 2001 to meet as the 'Western Chapter' of their class. Each classmate received a customized reunion shirt with a picture of their high school and their name plus a music cd of Big Band hits from the 1949 era titled 'As Time Goes By'. Shown above seated are Eloise Littell Reinhardt, Robert 'Bob' Gaston, Eric Anderson, and Jack Stanton. Standing: Martha Osgood Bushnell and Stan Grant.



### Class of 1953

The Mount Vernon High School Class of 1953 held its 50th class reunion in 2003 with a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Dubuque Saturday evening, followed by a buffet Sunday at Gwen's Restaurant in Lisbon. Out of 27 surviving classmates, 18 members and their spouses were in attendance. Members of the Mount Vernon class of 1953 are as follows: Front row, from left: Shirley DuRos (Lowe), Rosemary Erenberger (Brecht), Crystal Osborn (Carmer), Bess Telecky (Koutny), Irene Novak (Klouda). Middle row, from left: Susan Kehrl (Albright), Ruth Ferris (Ackerman), Marilyn Gerhardt (Watson), Jean Litts (Pavelka), Betty Carney (Dostal), Marie Beuter (Reyhons) Back row, from left: Don Walden, Paul Drahos, Carlyle Bys, Rod Davies, Art Wooff and George Brown. James Moore was not available for the group photo. Special guests were Mount Vernon High School Ambassadors Larry and Fae Edwards (Sparks) from the class of 1954.

### Class of 1994



The Class of 1994 enjoyed a Heritage Day Weekend 10 Year Reunion this past summer at Don Mar Lanes. Reminiscent of middle school days at the bowling alley, everyone enjoyed a evening of bowling and visiting. A delicious steak dinner was served, and a special DVD of video clips from their school days put together by Kim Zangger Tucker was shown.



### Class of 2005 Welcomed

At the final senior meeting held this year Anne Daly and Beth Young, our newest Class Agents, welcomed the Class of 2005 into the Alumni Association and invited their participation in reunion activities.





# Four Generations of Mustangs

When looking through the data base of Mount Vernon alumni, it doesn't take long to find last names that are repeated over and over again...for instance, Pisarik, Clark, Broulik, Wolfe, Burge, Ellison, Pospisil, Stoner, Kroul, Zinkula, and the list goes on. Here's a story about one family with 4 generations of Mount Vernon alumni.

We only have to look as far as our own district school board to find a four generation family of Mustang alums. Board member Bob Penn, a 1981 graduate, is just one of many people in his family tree who are alumni of Mount Vernon High School, and who in many ways have been involved with education here in our district. The four generations of Penns represented are his grandmother Betty Stoneking Caldwell Meyer, mother Judy Caldwell Penn, Bob, and children Nikki, Lauren, Rob and Jonathan.

## ■ Betty Stoneking Caldwell Meyer

The four-generations started with alumni-grandmother Betty Meyer. Betty married Paul Caldwell and they settled in the Mount Vernon school district to raise their two children. One of those children was Judy Caldwell Penn, Bob's mother.

Betty's husband Paul served on the MV School Board for two terms. Unfortunately he had to resign in 1959 due to the progression of his

Lou Gehrig's Disease. His brother Gilbert Caldwell served the rest of his term for him. After his death, Betty later married Art Meyer, a 1940 graduate.

One of Betty's fond memories includes a story of how area farmers and her father, Albert 'Tink' Stoneking, used their horse teams to dig the foundation of the 1927 high school (today our Middle School)

Betty's son, Bob, a 1965 graduate, is a Physicians Assistant at the Jules Stein Eye Clinic at UCLA.

Betty remembers...

'I started kindergarten by walking one mile to Ward School (the coldest walk in Mount Vernon from the Neff farm on Bryant Road). I walked with Pearl Whitlatch Martin all those years.

I remember stopping at the Glen Rogers home (only three houses from Ward School) to get warm. Mrs. Rogers would give me toast and jam (their bread was from a store). Ed



Rogers was in my brother's (Donald Stoneking) class all through school.

During my high school days I loved the musical activities. I sang in the glee clubs, girls chorus, and sextet. We had many operettas.

I took all business courses – I remember convincing my parents I needed to rent a typewriter. So off we went to Jap Bloom's Bookstore (the current Silver Spider location) to rent the typewriter. It was very beneficial as I spent the next 41 years after high school as a key punch operator and secretary at Collins Radio and on to Cornell College as secretary to the Dean of Admissions.'

## ■ Judy Caldwell Penn '60

Judy, a 1960 graduate, continued the family's involvement and service to the school district as a secretary for the superintendent before becoming building secretary at the elementary school for approximately twenty years. During that time Judy was also a cheerleading sponsor.

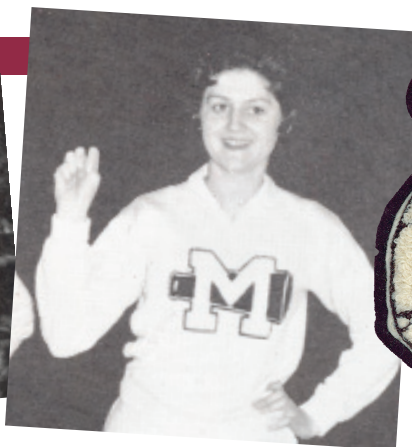
Judy's high school bio included leads in school plays and being a cheerleader and band member.

Judy remembers...

"I lived on a farm that was on the road at the very west edge of the school district. It was 1947 and my kind bus driver was Mr. Litts (father of recently retired bus driver Chubb Litts). Here would come old number 2 bumping down the gravel road. The door didn't close, the windows didn't all work and it was a cold, cold ride.

I experienced the smells of the oak floors in the old Ward School having been freshly dusted with the huge oiled mop, the chalk dust from long used blackboards, the playground equipment that included many





swings, teeter totters, giant strides, and the wonderful festivities at the end of the school year where parents would gather in long rows of chairs sitting on Third Avenue South in front of the school to watch their children sing and wrap the May Poles.

The memory of the principal who walked so straight and with such dignity, the sweetness of the women who taught us and the big change when a 'man' came to be our fifth grade teacher. I remember being safe and having people around me who cared.

Seventh grade moved us to the current Middle School where we joined the high school students. We were a class of 42 and there was no where to put us as the Ward School was bursting with students.

The one-room schools surrounding Mount Vernon began closing and the classes began getting bigger as we entered high school. MVHS found us surrounded by caring teachers. Oh there were some whom we thought of as hard-nosed but they were determined we learn. One of those caring people was Mr. Bruno Beckman. He always had a smile on his face and you felt he was happy to be surrounded by students and wanted us so much to learn. Lunch hours were that, an hour long, so to keep us occupied Mr. Beckman would show movies and cartoons in the auditorium. The fee was 5 cents. Mrs. Gladys Rife, who demanded excellence in dramatics, the diagramming of those darn sentences and the literature she loved and shared with all of us. Mrs. Fossler, and the wonderful manual typewriters in the commercial room. You were drilled

and drilled but it was from her that I learned that timed tests and short-hand dictation would carry me through my career as a secretary. I did learn in home economics that petit fours are difficult to make and a needle and thread were not my forte. As I'm writing this I can see Mr. Gerst's face as he smiled and deep inside you knew he was thinking 'these darn kids'. From Mr. Smykil we learned to march in straight lines and the excitement of being part of an outstanding instrumental music program. And, oh those pen battery flashlights atop our uniform caps. The lights would go out on the football field, on would go most of the pen lights and we would proudly march in formations that we had practiced over, over and over.

So many memories, so many people, so many events.

I'm excited to learn of the formation of a Mount Vernon Alumni Association. There are many friendships to renew, and new friends to make. "

Judy is currently Secretary to the Dean of Admission and Visit Coordinator at Cornell College. She is also the class of 1960's representative to the MV Alumni Association.

#### ■ Bob Penn '81

Bob's involvement puts him on the front line the 2nd Monday of every month as a Board Member. A member since 2002, he was recently honored by the Iowa Association of School Boards for completing the advanced level of Academy of Board Learning Experiences, ABLE, their in-depth training program for school board members.

On the other side of Bob's family tree is his father David Penn, also a MVHS

grad. Bob says "My dad's folks were educators. My grandfather Penn graduated from Cornell High School and then Cornell College. He was a teacher, coach and principal. MV elementary students used to take field trips to his orchard each fall where he would teach them about growing apples and making cider." Both of David's brothers were college educators; one of them graduated from MVHS. They are both Cornell grads.

Bob says "I was fortunate to have two of the teachers my parents had in high school – Gladys Rife and Lois Nichols (Lois student taught my dad in choir)." Bob's children have some of the same teachers he did including Dennis Gondek, Glenn Helble, John Thatcher, Bill Meyer and Bob Meeker. Bob is hoping "If Jim Bellamy continues to coach, my son Rob will play football for him and possibly run track for him, too."

Bob is full of great memories from his time as a student. For instance he was a punter for the football team. He remembers getting a bag of footballs from Coach Bellamy each spring to practice punting during the summer. "The barn on Cornell's soccer field (adjacent to the HS) bordered my back yard when I was growing up. I practiced by seeing how far back I could get from the barn and still be able to punt the ball over the barn. When Dave Ryan (class of 1985) was an elementary student he used to field balls for me while I practiced." Now Dave's son plays for Coach Bellamy.

#### ■ Nikki, Lauren, Rob and Jonathan Penn

To round out the 4 generations are Bob and Sue's children Lauren, Rob, Jonathan and Nikki. Lauren is a senior this year, Rob a freshman, Jonathan and Nikki are 7th graders.



# Alumni News...

## Elizabeth Stoner '97

gave an 'Afternoon of Broadway' performance last November in the high school auditorium. She is currently working on her master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. Donations were given to the Mount Vernon Music Association.



## Dick Moore '52, Steve Horton '68

volunteer at the Mount Vernon Community Schools on a regular basis — here Steve is shown working with a 4th grade class teaching electricity and Dick is checking a student ID at the high school during lunch period.

## Larry Ringer '55

The College Station (Texas) Library was renamed in honor of former mayor Larry J. Ringer during a dedication ceremony November 15, 2004. Dr. Ringer has been supportive of library services since his first City Council position in 1976. As mayor from 1986 to 1996 he led a committee to raise enough money and support in a bond election to break ground on the 16,000-sq. ft. College Station Library. Today he is chair of the Library Advisory Board which oversees services in the two city libraries.

## Ken Zinkula '78

received the Iowa 'Lt. Governor's Volunteer Award' for his involvement in Boy Scout functions over the last 10 years. Ken is an Internal Auditor with the Director's Office and has been a State of Iowa Employee for 22 years.

## Ben Pospisil, DDS '96

will be opening his own practice 'Mount Vernon Family Dentistry' in downtown Mount Vernon.

## Ed Fordyce '59

recently retired as President of the Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Company. Ed is a trustee on the Mount Vernon Community School District Foundation.

## Dave Ryan '85

has been named president of Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Company.

## Matt Pffnner '90

co-owner of 'The Predicament' newspaper in Osceola, Iowa, has created a web counterpart, thepredicament.com, 'the ultimate source for wrestling in the State of Iowa'.

## Susan Wolrab '85

Graduated from Mount Mercy College in Dec 2004 with a B.S. in Business.

## Austin Glen '30

celebrated his 90th birthday April 7th of 2005. He lives in Cedar Rapids.

## Matt Kroul '04

will start his sophomore year as a defensive starter on the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team.

## Bill Jilovec '59

and his wife Barb celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in March, 2005.

## John Goodlove '68

was recognized by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for his registered trophy buck.

## Heather Armstrong Kramer '88

was appointed by Governor Tom Vilsack to the Iowa Finance Authority Board.

## Eliza Keast '04

competed in the 2004 Miss Iowa-USA Pageant in November 2004

## Barbara Shettler '00

performed as the mezzo soloist with the Des Moines, Iowa Community Orchestra in Handel's Messiah in Dec. 2004.

## MARRIAGES

### Michael Woods '77

to Joleen Nelson, Aug. 6, 2004

### Jennifer Clark '88

to Gaspar Gonzalez, March 5th, 2005

### Maggie Lessmeier '96

to Nathan Willems, Dec 31, 2004

### Jason Clark '97

to Kristine Karwal, Oct. 4, 2004

### Stephanie Legore '00

to Gregory Meier, June 19, 2004

### Christine Dendurent '99

### and Andrew Bock '00

married October 23, 2004

### Lisa Klinsky '00

to Nathan Knutson

### Katie Wolfe '98

to Derek Scott, June 12, 2004

### Christy Washburn '00

to Travis Kolder, Nov. 6, 2004

## Natalie Hartung '96

to Derek Domaleski, May 30, 2004

## Vicki Fettkether '00

to Albert Martin, July 3, 2004

## Kristen Hotz '02

to Jason Robinson, July 10, 2004

## Melanie Marolf '96

to Kevin Ostmo, July 24, 2004

## Nathan Goodlove '99

to Amanda Geissler, May 21, 2005

## Send us your information...

Pictures welcome. By mail to:  
Alumni Association  
525 Palisades Road  
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314  
or alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us

## In Memory

Hillis C. Blood '40  
Shirley Lowe Loomis DuRos '53  
Mary Hull '35  
Dan Weddle '84  
Ruthann Viktor '41  
Bob Horton '65  
Richard Russell '34  
Richard 'Dick' Neal '56  
Donald Neal '58  
Denny Neal '32

Sharon O'Conner Bergstad '58

(Please excuse us if your loved one is not listed here for their recent death, but let us know for inclusion in the next newsletter.)

## Alumni Friends

Barbara Hanson Stoneking, who was secretary at the high school for the past twenty-seven years died March 26, 2005. The school held an assembly and students and staff attended a Memorial Service for Barb.

Leoral Evans, who was the first president of the Mount Vernon School Foundation died February 2, 2005. Believing in education, he endowed the elementary school libraries in Mount Vernon, Lisbon and Mechanicsville and established the Evans-Moffit Scholarship Fund at Mount Vernon Community Schools.

Betty Jane Hanley Scott, who was a 2nd grade teacher before she became a librarian at the elementary and high school libraries for 25 years died May 2, 2005.





# 'Fulfilling the Promise'

In March of 2004 the Mount Vernon Schools Community responded to the challenge to improve school facilities by passing a bond issue which provides the maximum allowable funding for school facilities.

In the fall of 2004 the Mount Vernon Community School District Foundation began the 'Fulfilling the Promise' Capital Campaign of alumni and friends of Mount Vernon Schools as part of the same Five Phase Facilities Improvement Plan. To date the capital campaign has been very successful in meeting the funding needs for completing Phase 2 of the Master Facilities Plan.

Because of the support of alumni, community, and friends of the Mount Vernon Schools:

- the high school will be constructed with all the rooms originally planned in the Phase 2 plan,
- the remodeling of the current high school building into a middle school will proceed as planned,
- and the construction of a new elementary school playground will proceed as planned.

## GIFTS to Mount Vernon

Following is a list of gifts received by the Mount Vernon Schools Foundation from April 30, 2004 through May 1, 2005 for the 'Fulfilling the Promise' Capital Campaign. This list is prepared by gift level.

### MAJOR GIFTS (\$15,000+)

- Ann McCutcheon Niehaus '59
- John '60 and Thelma Rife
- Jean Stoner
- David Van Metre '55

### FOUNDING DONORS (\$10,000+)

- Denver and Carol Dillard
- Shirley and Michael Ryan

### LEADING DONORS (\$5,000+)

- Sara L. Kendall '78
- Ann M. Koppenhaver '78
- Todd and Wendy Tripp

### MUSTANG DONORS (\$1,000+)

- Ed and Barb Bjork
- Terry Boren '77 and Carol Woods Boren '75
- Matt and Chiara Niederhauser '78 Burke
- Henry G. Carleton '42
- Mitch '83 and Diana Corcoran
- Larry and Marcie Cornelius
- Don '41 and June Hedges '42 Current
- Lori A. Dana '73
- Richard and Deborah George
- Darin and Sharon Thuerauf '86 Grice
- Janet E. Griffith
- Mike and Suzette Kragenbrink
- Karol Koppenhaver '74
- Don and Margaret Koppenhaver
- Gary '72 and Kay Koppenhaver
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- Mike Wieseler '99
- Maggie Lessmeier Willems '96
- The Mount Vernon Volleyball Club

### IN HONOR OF:

- Calvin, Mitchell, and Jack Kragenbrink
- Mike and Suzette Kragenbrink

## Gifts to the Foundation

Following is a list of recent gifts received by the Mount Vernon Community School District Foundation. Donations to the Foundation support educational programs of the school district.

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John Wilch  
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John Carpenter  
Eldean and Sheila Borg  
Steve and Mary Young  
Van Metre Foundation (David Van Metre '55)  
Class of '56 in memory of Richard Neal and Keith Price  
Middie Morf in memory of Leoral Evans

### IN MEMORY OF:

- In Memory of David Ford '43 -N. Maxine Ford
- In Honor of Edith R. Hetland and in Memory of Dr. Melvin Hetland -Helen A. Danforth
- In Honor of Gladys Lindsley and in Memory of Clyde T. Lindsley -Lorrie Foster Henderson '42
- In Memory of Sharon Sievers Nost '62: -John and Mary Hale
- In Memory of Gayla Deskin Pitlik '70: -Cynthia Deskin Halbmaier, '78
- In Memory of Robert J. Pospisil '42: -Clara M. Pospisil
- In Memory of R.B. and Caroline Wolfe -Dorothy Wolfe Welsh '60
- In Memory of Bob Woods and in Memory of Dalton Boren: -Terry Boren '77 and Carol Woods-Boren '75

### MATCHING GIFT COMPANIES

- Chicago Tribune
- RBC Dain Rauscher
- Rockwell Collins

# What's Happening In Your Mount Vernon Schools

## April 16 Ground Breaking Begins Phase 2

On the morning of April 16 alumni, faculty, staff, parents, students, and friends of the Mount Vernon Schools gathered to dig the first shovels of dirt from the ground of the new high school building site. This community ground breaking ceremony kicked off the construction of Phase 2 of the district's long-term facility plan! Phase 2 of the plan includes the construction of a new high school, remodeling the current high school building into a middle school, and construction of a new elementary school playground.

In March of 2005 Kleiman Construction of Cedar Rapids was awarded the \$10.5 million bid to construct the new high school building on 22 acres of land west of the current high school. The new building will include all the rooms outlined in the original architect plans including:

- 29 classrooms
- a media center with adjoining multimedia computer lab
- a multipurpose room with an adjoining kitchen
- a 1,200 seat gymnasium with adjoining locker rooms, weight room, and wrestling room

Expected completion of the new high school building is August, 2006.

Work continues on the remodeling plans for converting the current high school building into the middle school. OPN Architects, the same firm that designed the new high school building, has been working with middle school Principal John Krumbholz, as well as the middle school faculty, on the floor plan for the new middle school. The remodeling of the middle school for this phase of the facilities plan includes the installation of new carpeting, construction of more permanent classroom walls, remodeling of the existing bathrooms, and the addition of two bathrooms. The initial phase of remodeling will occur in the summer of 2005 with completion in the summer of 2006. At that time grades 6 through 8 will move to the new middle school with the fifth grade moving from the elementary school to the new middle school as well.



**Top: architectural rendering of new high school**

**Bottom:**

- 1** A new high school building being built on 22 acres west of the current high school
- 2** Conversion of current high school building to the middle school
- 3** Additional elementary school classroom space will be realized by moving the fifth grade to the middle school
- 4** The current elementary school playground equipment will be replaced
- 5** Cornell College Campus
- 6** Latest new housing developments to border the school district campus



The new middle school building will have numerous and significant advantages for students and teachers alike. Many of these changes became necessary with increasing middle school enrollment and limited space availability in the current middle school building. Some of the improvements at the middle school include:

- larger classrooms
- more classrooms
- expanded cafeteria space

- better kitchen facilities
- a large gym with more bleacher seating
- an auditorium with seating for 400
- expanded parking
- access to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN)
- air conditioned classrooms with improved ventilation
- better access for disabled students
- access to resources in the elementary school and high school buildings
- modern science facilities



- a modern building that will allow for easier implementation of technology updates

As elementary school enrollment and programs continue to increase, elementary classroom space has become cramped. When the fifth grade moves from the elementary to the middle school, this will provide additional classroom space for the elementary school.

The Washington Elementary Teachers and Parents group (WETAP) continues to plan the details of the new elementary school playground. This group has been instrumental in the planning, design, and construction of the new playground. June 25 and June 26 are set for the "build day" when everyone is invited to come and "raise" the new playground.

Upon completion of these Phase 2 projects, the three academic buildings will reside on one common scenic campus. A single district campus will be convenient for parents and allows faculty and staff to be more productive as a district.

Even as this work at the three buildings is completed, there will still be more to do before the next phase of facilities improvements begins. Although the district will have three great buildings for our students and faculty, we will have to work hard to equip the buildings and provide landscaping and trees around the new high school. As Superintendent Schwiebert recently stated, "It's like a young couple buying a new home, they have a wonderful house and a great start in life but not a lot of furniture to put in it".

Thank you to all our alumni, community members, faculty, staff, parents, and friends of the Mount Vernon Schools for your continued support of our schools which provides each graduating senior class with the strong education and variety of experiences from kindergarten through high school that they need to live a fruitful and rewarding life.



## Scenic School Campus

Over the years alumni, students, parents, school employees, and friends of the Mount Vernon school district have enjoyed coming to school on a scenic campus setting filled with trees and landscaping.



Thanks to the many donations of trees over the years and work by students, families, alumni, businesses, employees, and former

Superintendent Adrian Ringold, the Mount Vernon Schools campuses are a source of pride in Mount Vernon.

When the new high school is built, the three school buildings will all reside on one campus. Landscaping at the elementary school and the new middle school building will include the mature trees that exist today. However, the area surrounding the new high school building will have only limited landscaping when it is complete.

Over the next several years, current classes from kindergarten through senior year, as well as alumni classes, can continue this tradition by planting trees on the new high school campus. Planting trees on the school campuses has been a source of pride for everyone involved.

If you or your class has an interest in donating and planting a tree on the high school grounds, please contact Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert.

## School Newsletters

Curious about what is happening in the Mount Vernon Schools each month? All the monthly school newsletters are posted on the district web site at

[www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us](http://www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us) under the 'Alumni and Community' link, then 'The District', then 'District Newsletter - Current and Archive'.

If you don't have access to the internet, call Kathy Staskal at 319-895-8845 or send a note to Kathy at 525 Palisades Road, Mount Vernon, IA 52314 and she will add you to the list to receive the newsletters by mail each month.

## School Board Changes Requirements

Is Mount Vernon adequately preparing all students for their next step in life after high school graduation? This



has been a question that the Mount Vernon Board of Education and the Mount Vernon school administrators have been asking themselves and the Mount Vernon community for years.

Each year the Board of Education reviews policy changes to provide for the education of Mount Vernon students at a high level while retaining the traditions of excellence in academics, arts, and athletics. As an example, two years ago the Board of Education developed more advanced levels of mathematics beginning at the middle school level to provide the opportunity for our students to move above and beyond traditional mathematics classes offered prior to graduation.

This spring the Board of Education had similar discussions and as a result increased the overall high school graduation requirements. They also increased the requirements in mathematics and science to correspond to the increasing demands by colleges and employers in these subject areas. As in the past, our goal is to graduate students from Mount Vernon with a strong background in English, mathematics, science, and social studies while allowing our students the flexibility to explore or emphasize their interests in art, band, business, chorus, family and consumer science, health, industrial arts, orchestra, speech, technology, and world languages. At the same time we want to give students an opportunity to compete and participate in activities outside the classroom including arts, athletics, drama, music, and speech to provide students with a well rounded educational background.

It's great to see the Mount Vernon Schools continuing to move forward in excellence with each new graduating class!

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# Ground Breaking Ceremony for New High School



Everyone formed a line around the new school perimeter to show its size, then on cue from Superintendent Schwiebert, the ceremonial shovels of dirt were dug. Thank you to local photographer David Thackery and Mount Vernon High School teacher and pilot Richard Scarce for this aerial photo. Thanks also to local photographer and parent Jeff Schmitt for many of the pictures on this page.

The Mount Vernon Community School Board hosted a **GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY** for the new high school Saturday, April 16, 2005.

The new high school is being built at 731 Palisades Road and is directly west of the current high school.

Over 350 people celebrated this historical occasion by helping to dig the first ceremonial shovels of dirt for the new 93,000 sq. ft. high school. This construction represents the beginning of Phase 2 in a five-phase District Facilities Plan that continues to 'fulfill the promise' of excellence in academics, arts, and athletics for the students of Mount Vernon Schools.

The school is scheduled to open for the 2006 school year.





## New School District Software Implemented

While the time spent teaching and interacting with students in the classroom remains the most important thing that we do at the Mount Vernon Schools, communication outside the classroom between parents, students, and teachers is especially important to support the classroom work. To enhance this communication, the Mount Vernon Schools recently implemented a new software system, Pearson Centerpoint.

Pearson Centerpoint is the same program that teachers use to grade students. Now this information can be accessed by both parents and students on the school website at [www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us](http://www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us)

After logging into their internet account, they can do a variety of things including:

- view the current assignment list for each class
- view grades by assignment, grades for the quarter, and grades in prior years
- view when the student was tardy or absent from class
- receive messages from teachers and send messages to teachers
- view the academic school calendar
- view a list of uncompleted student assignments
- view the current course book of classes offered
- register for classes
- set up the parent notification system to email the parent when the student has an attendance or grade issue

Using this software, parents can log onto the system at any time to monitor the student's progress thereby avoiding any surprises later at parent teacher conferences or when quarterly grades are released. This new software adds accountability for everyone involved in the education of that student as the parents, students, and teachers strive toward the goal of student academic achievement.

Access to the Pearson Centerpoint has been released to all parents and students in the middle school and high school. Feedback from parents has been very positive.

## Do You Remember?



**BARBARA  
MCCLAIN**

Washington Elementary School teacher Barbara McClain says she hopes that alumni remember her as a caring person. She hopes

that she has passed on "the love, excitement, and never ending search of knowledge" to her students. Was Mrs. McClain one of your teachers?

Retiring this year after 32 years of service to the Mount Vernon Community School District, Mrs. McClain has taught kindergarten, reading, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades.

### What has changed since you started working at MV Schools?

• **McClain:** There are twice as many teachers, and a teachers' lounge. In 1970 we had a card table next to the boiler. The class size has gone from around 28 to around 21. There is less planning time, with computers to teach. Parents are much more involved, and have the option to request teachers. The old high school is gone from the north side of town. The music room at the elementary was in a portable and art was on a cart.

### How has the community changed since you started at MV?

• **McClain:** Grown – Highways 1 & 30 are now so busy. Many more eating places and stores of all kinds.

### What are some of the MV traditions?

• **McClain:** Homecoming night football games. Heritage Days. Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. Prom. End of Year activities like Geography Week, Book Talks, and grade visits to introduce students to the next year's classrooms.

### Computers and information systems have been a major change; has it had an effect on

### the classroom?

• **McClain:** In 2nd grade I do not find it saving me time. I need time to take care of e-mail and I need time to help to teach computer skills.

### How have girls' sports changed the atmosphere of our schools?

• **McClain:** Hopefully they teach girls self esteem and the challenges of hard work.

### Do you see alumni from time to time?

• **McClain:** A couple call or come over when they come back to town.

### Do you enjoy working with 'second generation' students?

• **McClain:** Yes. It is always nice to know the parents well when working with children.

### Are the same qualities that attracted you to MV still present?

• **McClain:** Yes. We are still a small town interested in education and near cultural centers of Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Chicago. It helps being near so many colleges.

### What challenges do you see for MV parents and community?

• **McClain:** Teaching our children responsibility, resourcefulness, and that it takes a community to raise our children.



**JEFF  
SCHWIEBERT**

Now Superintendent of the Mount Vernon Community School District, many of you will remember Mr. Schwiebert as high school athletic director or social

studies teacher. Starting his 24th year, Mr. Schwiebert says he is sure alumni will remember him as "much thinner", but thinks too that you "will remember him as someone who was willing to get involved with students".

He hopes that he has passed on to students the idea "that education is a continual process. It never ends. We are always students. We need to always look to improve our family's lives and become involved citizens in

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## Schwiebert, continued

our communities.”

### What has changed since you started working at MV Schools?

• **Schwiebert:** The staff. For my first 15-18 years there were very few changes. But in the last 5 years, particularly at the high school, there has been a major change. The students are the constant. They are, for the most part, eager to learn and fun to teach.

### How has the community changed since you started at MV?

• **Schwiebert:** We are larger, but parents and other community members are still very supportive of education. The passage of the recent bond vote with 75% approval is an indicator of community support.

### What are some of the MV traditions?

• **Schwiebert:** Solon rivalry in athletics. Outstanding music, drama, and sports programs. We expect our kids to do a lot and they always respond.

### Computers and information systems have been a major change; has it had an effect on the classroom?

• **Schwiebert:** Maggie Ellison and I started a sophomore speech project. In the early years very few used technology – for the most part overheads. Now the kids do multimedia presentations. It is a real improvement.

### How have girls' sports changed the atmosphere of our



A picture of Jeff Schwiebert welcoming the Alumni representatives at the April 16th Alumni Association meeting.

### schools?

• **Schwiebert:** Girls sports have been quite strong since their beginnings in the early 70s. Our female students today can't understand that boys would get to do something that they can't. The boys and girls programs support one another very well.

### Do you see alumni from time to time?

• **Schwiebert:** Heritage Days has been my opportunity to see many alumni.

### Do you enjoy working with 'second generation' students?

• **Schwiebert:** Very much. Every day when I visit the elementary I see many of my former students' children. It does however make me feel old.

### Are the same qualities that attracted you to MV still present?

• **Schwiebert:** Absolutely! The strong sense of community that holds this district together is still very apparent.

### What challenges do you see for MV parents and community?

• **Schwiebert:** As we grow, we need to keep lines of communication open between all involved parents, teachers, administrators, community members and of course, students.

## Congratulations to 2005 Retirees!



### Al Craig - 41 years

Al has taught at MV since 1964 as a high school math and physics instructor. He has coached high school baseball, boys golf, girls basketball, middle school football, and driver education. Al became a part time instructor in 2002.



### Dennis Gondek - 31 years

Dennis has taught middle school science here at MV since 1974. He has also been a yearbook sponsor. He taught one year in Cedar Rapids in '73.



### Donna Happel - 21 years

Donna began teaching in MV in 1984 as half time HS Title I Reading. In '89 she became half time Reading in the HS and half time in the MS. She taught for 10 years in Illinois, Michigan and three different Iowa schools before coming to MV.



### Glen Helble - 33 years

Glen started his teaching career here in 1972 and has taught his 33 years as a middle school math teacher. He also coached middle school girls and boys basketball and track.



### Barbara McClain- 33 years

Barb began teaching in MV in 1970, left the district in 1973, and came back in 1975. She has taught first grade, kindergarten, third grade and second grade.



### Bill Meyer - 34 years

Bill came to us from Wisconsin in 1971 and has been a middle school English teacher. He has taught driver education, was a yearbook sponsor, and coached middle school boys and girls basketball.



### Doug Wumkes - 29 years

Doug began his teaching career in MV in 1976 as a middle school Social Studies teacher. He coached middle school football, and high school football and tennis. Doug taught 5 years in Mount Pleasant before coming to MV.

### The Alumni Data Base...

currently has 4,391 alumni entries.  
It includes classes from 1930 to 2004,  
with 2,542 active addresses,

showing we have over half of our alumni addresses.

It also means that approximately 1,500 alums did not receive this newsletter.

**We're glad we found you, but there are many Mount Vernon alumni for whom we need updated addresses.**

**Will you let us know?**

**319-895-8845 or alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us**



# Current MV District Employees and School Board

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

	years of service
Valerie Binsfield, Kitchen	1
Nathan Frangella, Teacher	1
Susannah Maddock, Teacher	1
Kris Shelton, Kitchen	1
Allison Showalter, Teacher	1
Kate Carter, Associate	2
Mary Hale, Associate	2
Katie Pickel, Kitchen	2
Jessica Thede, Teacher	2
Jan Forest, Kitchen	3
Heather Plathe, Teacher	3
Brandy Schurbon, Teacher	3
Jessica Bartelt, Teacher	4
Lisa Darrow, Kitchen	4
Annie Hawker, Teacher	4
Emy Williams, Teacher	4
Lisa Greif, Teacher	6
Leigh Ann Jordan, Teacher	6
Gloria Telecky, Teacher	6
Jenny Ciha, Day Care	7
Julie Dye, Associate	7
Jodi Russell, Teacher	7
Sue Smith, Associate	7
Claudia Ternes, Associate	8
Jean Wade, Teacher	9
Chris Osborn, Associate	10
Denise Havill, Secretary	11
Jan Moore, Teacher	11
Lisa Kramer, Teacher	12
Sarah Fitzgerald, Teacher	14
Kristi Keast, Teacher	14
Julie Koehn, Teacher	14
Terri Zinkula, Teacher	15
Katie Poduska, Teacher	17
Cathy Stoner, Teacher	18
Lisa Alger, Teacher	19
Julie Vislisl, Teacher	19
Nannette Gunn, Teacher	21
Gayla Newmeister, Teacher	21
Sheryl Peshek, Teacher	21
Bill Thomsen, Teacher	23
Theresa Ludwig, Teacher	24
Lois Pavelka, Nurse	24
Jeff Risk, Counselor	24
Helen Rockrohr, Custodian	24
Teresa Loeb sack, Teacher	27
Carol Hess, Associate	29
Susan Brust, Teacher	30
Joan Kohl, Teacher	30
Patricia Lehn herr, Teacher	30
Judy Workman, Media Specialist	30
Jeanne Snodgress, Teacher	31
Shirley Giannini, Associate	32

Karen Stoll, Teacher	32
Barbara McClain, Teacher	33
Dorothy Steiner, Custodian	38

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kevin Fisher, Custodian	1
Kasey Kuntz, Coach	1
Tyler Lown, Coach	1
Patty Mote, Secretary	1
Duane Orr, Counselor	1
Holly Winn, Teacher	1
Kyle Jaspers, Teacher	2
Deanna Mlynarczyk, Associate	2
Susan Roberts-Maurice, Teacher	2
Chris Schlichting, Coach	2
Doreen Anderson, Teacher	3
Gary Benda, Counselor (on military leave)	3
Jena Jaspers, Teacher	3
Tammy Latta, Associate	3
Kim Steele, Teacher	3
Candy Heeren, Custodian	4
Bonnie Wikstrom, Associate	4
Kemra Peska, Associate	5
DeAnn Searce, Teacher	5
Middie Morf, Teacher	6
Chiara Burke, Secretary	8
Dave Blythe, Coach	11
Dorothy Nost, Kitchen	13
Sheryl Pospisil, Kitchen	13
Dee Clark, Teacher	15
Steve Benson, Teacher	16
Karen Stewart, Teacher	20
Adrienne Marlow, Teacher	28
Doug Wumkes, Teacher	29
Judy Stine, Teacher	30
Dennis Gondek, Teacher	31
Glen Helble, Teacher	33
Bill Meyer, Teacher	34
Dave Oliphant, Teacher	34
John Thatcher, Teacher	38

## HIGH SCHOOL

Lori Moss, coach	1
Tabitha Kaminsky, Teacher	1
Bob Kintzel, Coach	1
Josh Rife, Coach	1
Jo Sedlacek-Harman, Associate	1
Joy Wolfe, Associate	1
David Kennedy, Counselor	2
Mark Kerr, Coach	2
Alan Kiser, Teacher	2
Dave McGill, Technology	2
Mike Moran, Fall Play	2
Jerry Ortmann, Grounds	2

Robbin Rekemeyer, Teacher	2
Lisa Bierman, Kitchen	3
Charlotte Campagna, Coach	3
Tom Carter, Teacher	3
Trista Lynner, Teacher	3
Cathy Steines, Teacher	3
Susan Wells, Teacher	3
Mary Young, Teacher	3
Laurie Zaiger, Teacher	3
Dave Albang, Custodian	4
Eric Butikofer, Teacher	4
Rob Cook, Teacher	4
Andy Craig, Teacher	4
Justin Dix, Coach	4
Vicki Ellison, Coach	4
Tawnua Fell, Teacher	4
Doug Hanson, Coach	4
Lisa Henik, Associate	4
Joe Peters, Teacher	4
Kris Abodeeely, Kitchen	5
LeAnn Pisarik, Associate	5
Elle Westphal, Associate	5
Marcia Purington, Kitchen	6
Erin Wilkinson, Teacher	6
Jo Ann Gage, Teacher	7
Mark Schroeder, Coach	7
Kurt Ronnfeldt, AD	7
Stephanie Timm, Secretary	7
Scott White, Teacher	7
Mary Boudreau, Associate	8
Keith Burge, Custodian	9
Sue Deibner, Teacher	9
Roger Pitlik, Maintenance	9
Kathy Darrow, Kitchen	10
Roger Johanson, Coach	10
Suzette Kragenbrink, Media Specialist	10
Vicky Wieseler, Registrar	10
Tom Wilkinson, Teacher	10
Jeremy Elliott, Coach, Trainer	11
Jan Sauter, Teacher	11
Sarah Richardson, Teacher	12
Vance Light, Coach	12
Winston Alnot, Teacher	17
Jon Bellamy, Coach	17
Donna Happel, Teacher	21
Richard Searce, Teacher	21
Margaret Ellison, Teacher	22
Joleen Woods, Teacher	23
Carol Stone, Teacher	33
Bob Meeker, Teacher	34
Jim Bellamy, Coach	35
Shirley Ryan, Coach	35
Al Craig, Teacher	41

## TRANSPORTATION

John Amos, Bus Driver	1
Mike Lynch, Bus Driver	1
Sidney Cook, Bus Driver	3
Duane Frey, Bus Driver	3
Mike Hunter, Bus Driver	3
Kim Ronan-Amos, Bus Driver	3
Carol Smith, Bus Driver	3
Dennis Gross, Bus Driver	4
Sally Hunter, Bus Driver	5
Russell Kwaiser, Bus Driver	14
Ray Rickels, Bus Driver	14
Wayne Novak, Bus Driver	18
Janelle Sproston, Transp.	20
Meryl Hartung, Bus Driver	22
Diana Novak, Bus Driver	22
Jean Litts, Bus Driver	29

## ADMINISTRATION

Dennis Walsh, HS Principal	3
John Krumbholz, MS Principal	4
Gary Nelson, ES Principal	14

## SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Kathy Staskal, Communications	4
Matt Burke, Treasurer	7
Kay Woods, Kitchen	17
Jeff Schwiebert, Superintendent	24
Carol Woods, Secretary	24

## SCHOOL BOARD

Guy Booth, Attorney	
Bob Penn, Member	3
Ann Stoner, Member	3
Becca Brandt, Member	5
Janet Griffith, Member	7
Todd Tripp, Vice President	8
Tom Wieseler, President	19
Dean Borg, Member	25



Dean Borg was recently recognized for his 25th year of volunteer service as an elected School Board Member.

### WHAT IS YOUR WORK/PROFESSION?

When updating your contact information, please tell us your work/profession and schools you attended. The high school counselor can then use this information to link current high school students with alumni.

### DO YOU KNOW?

#### "When did MVHS adopt the Mustangs as our mascot?"

If you know the answer, call Kathy at 319-895-8845, along with any related stories you might have.

### WHERE ARE THESE PEOPLE?

If you know where these people are, please contact the class representative listed on the Alumni Agent sheet enclosed, or contact the Alumni Association at 319-895-8845 or [alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us](mailto:alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us)

**2003:** Sean Ellis

**2004:** Justin Coder

**1985:** Carolyn Daniels, Deanna Happel, Christine Jeffrey, Jason McIlquham, John Neal, and Denise Phillips

**1980:** Scott Lockwood, Lloyd Waybill, Craig Arnold, Dan Kirkpatrick, Kurt Anke, Jon Freeman, Randy Miller, Richard Simon, Larry Johnson

**1975:** Brian Kirkpatrick

## Missing...

• Is your current information missing from our data base? Or can you help provide contact information for another alumni (brothers, sisters, friends)? Update your information on the web, contact your class representative, or call 319-895-8845 today.

• Yearbooks – Our library is missing yearbooks:

- from the years 1945 and earlier
- 1952 (would cover '52 and '53)
- 1956 (would cover '56 and '57)
- 1958, 1959
- 1960, 1961, 1962, 1967
- 1970, 1976
- 1980

Do you have an extra one you would like to donate or sell?

## Thank you

...to John Goodlove '68 for his assistance in updating Mount Vernon addresses for the data base.

...to Frances Pitlik '48 who donated yearbooks for 1946 and 1948.

...to Sis Woods Pitlik '47 who donated yearbooks for 1965, 1968, 1978, and 1981.



**MEET KATHY STASKAL**  
Alumni  
Coordinator

When you call or email, ask for Kathy to help you. She has been assisting with the development of the alumni association since its inception. She is "extremely happy with the strides we've been able to make." She has especially enjoyed visiting with class representatives and getting to meet them one-on-one. Kathy says the Data Base is "going to amaze alumni when they log in on the web site. The services that we have been able to provide within a short amount of time for our alumni are as good as any I've seen for a high school. It should make our alumni and reunion organizers very happy."

You can reach Kathy at [alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us](mailto:alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us) or 319-895-8845.

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## Mustang

# ALUMNI

**MOUNT VERNON  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

525 Palisades Road  
Mount Vernon, IA 52314

Join us on  
Saturday, July 9th,  
from 8:30 to 10:30 am  
for an All-Alumni  
Breakfast in the High  
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# Hello Alumni!



# ALUMNI Association



## 'SUPPORT' the Mustang Alumni Association...

Questions or comments:  
319-895-8845

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alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us  
Jeff Schwiebert, Superintendent  
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Through the Mount Vernon Schools Foundation, the Mount Vernon Schools Alumni Association is being organized to improve communication among alumni and with the school district. In organizing an alumni association we have many ideas on how to help alumni communicate with each other and also to provide current information about the school district.

- The alumni website is being set up to allow alumni to:
  - maintain an updated list of alumni names and addresses for both communication and class reunions
  - maintain other information that alumni would like to share with their classmates
  - post information regarding alumni reunions and events
  - allow alumni to post pictures and letters to other alumni
  
- Through the Alumni Association we also plan to:
  - organize an all alumni get together at least once a year
  - gather and provide alumni with materials to help them organize reunions
  - print nametags and other materials for reunions
  - help set up school building tours
  - help set up speakers to talk at reunions
  - send out an alumni newsletter at least once a year

To help offset the cost of this new alumni organization, we are asking each alumnus to contribute \$10 annually to the Alumni Association. All alumni will benefit from this new organization, so please return the following form along with your check for \$10 made out to Mount Vernon Schools Alumni Association.

Cut and return with your \$10 check to: Alumni Association, Mount Vernon Community School District, 525 Palisades Road, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

## Yes, I'll be a 'SUPPORTER' of the Mount Vernon Schools Alumni Association

Alumni first and last name, including maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name and graduation year if also an alumnus \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country if outside USA \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone with area code \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



# Your Class Representative...

The following people have been identified as either a class contact and/or reunion organizer. If you should be listed as your class representative or as a committee member for your class, please let us know. Also remember that organizing a reunion is a big job, one that is best suited for a committee. If you are interested, please offer to help by contacting the person from your class listed below (area code 319 unless listed). If your class representative has an email address, it will be listed on your class web site at [www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us](http://www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us). Please help your class representative and the Alumni Office keep in touch with you by keeping your current address, email, phone, and name up to date.

GRAD YEAR	NEXT REUNION		
<b>2005</b> .....	2010-5 years	<b>1982</b> .....	2007-25 years
Beth Young		Sonia Essex Redmond 895-8259	
Anne Daly		<b>1981</b> .....	2006-25 years
<b>2004</b> .....	2009-5 years	Kim Klinsky Broulik 455-2650	
Laura Damon Moore 895-8355		<b>1980</b> .....	2005-25 years
<b>2003</b> .....	2008-5 years	Chris Kinley Osborn 895-6306	
tba		<b>1979</b> .....	2009-30 years
<b>2002</b> .....	2007-5 years	Jody Murphy Stewart 895-8282	
tba		<b>1978</b> .....	2008-30 years
<b>2001</b> .....	2006-5 years	Ann Koppenhaver 895-6411	
Jamie Wallace 895-6686		<b>1977</b> .....	2007-30 years
<b>2000</b> .....	2005-5 years	Annie Lehman Currie 895-8518	
Lauren Sauter 895-6637		<b>1976</b> .....	2006-30 years
<b>1999</b> .....	2009-10 years	Glori Holtz Roman 396-2991	
Kira Johanson 455-0028		<b>1975</b> .....	2005-30 years
<b>1998</b> .....	2008-10 years	Carol Woods-Boren 455-2354	
Charlotte Campagna 721-5980		Lori Lehman Reihle	
<b>1997</b> .....	2007-10 years	<b>1974</b> .....	2009-35 years
Bryce Chapman 895-8568		Deb Vargason Lord 265-2469	
Nick Boots 560-0836		Cindy Feaker Johnson 455-2821	
<b>1996</b> .....	2006-10 years	<b>1973</b> .....	2008-35 years
Ben Pospisil 895-0220		Ann Clark 895-9867	
<b>1995</b> .....	2005-10 years	<b>1972</b> .....	2007 - 35 years
Allyson Clark Thurn 365-4738		Diane Zinkula 395-7152	
<b>1994</b> .....	2009-15 years	<b>1971</b> .....	2006 35 years
Andrew Morf 247-9625		Linda Pospisil McNeal 895-8861	
Ebe Boetcher 363-2077		<b>1970</b> .....	2005-35 years
<b>1993</b> .....	2008-15 years	Gwen Stewart Drahos 455-2565	
Braden Pospisil Rood 895-8476		Judy Hess Greco	
<b>1992</b> .....	2007-15 years	<b>1969</b> .....	2009-40 years
Amy Reyhons Glick 563-886-6287		Cathy Humphries Stoner 895-6346	
<b>1991</b> .....	2006-15 years	<b>1968</b> .....	2008-40 years
Jenny Moore Hampton 833-4732		Barb Thomsen Neal 895-8171	
<b>1990</b> .....	2005-15 years	Jane & Ken Pospisil 895-6775	
Brittany Kaalberg Booth 895-6530		<b>1967</b> .....	2007-40 years
Paul Morf 841-3472		Roger Pitlik 895-8934	
<b>1989</b> .....	2009-20 years	<b>1966</b> .....	2011-45 years
Kelli Curtis Chapman 895-8568		Margaret Ellison Duffy 895-8786	
<b>1988</b> .....	2008-20 years	<b>1965</b> .....	2010-45 year
Lisa Squiers White 895-0122		Susan Mounts Fisher 895-6339	
<b>1987</b> .....	2007-20 years	<b>1964</b> .....	2009-45 years
Bob Blythe 895-0108		Joann Kroul Clark 895-8069	
<b>1986</b> .....	2006-20 years	Mary Bauman Kolbe 602-840-9630	
Deb Winchip Douglass 641-755-3055		Jean Kuntz Bowman 563-659-5315	
<b>1985</b> .....	2005-20 years	<b>1963</b> .....	2008 - 45 years
Marcia Peters 425-418-1110		Linda Peterson Nost 455-2138	
<b>1984</b> .....	2009-25 years	<b>1962</b> .....	2007-45 years
Dan Drahos 563-263-4695		tba	
<b>1983</b> .....	2008-25 years	<b>1961</b> .....	2006-45 years
Lisa Lewis Hazlett 895-0199		Richard Blew 816-529-3750	
		Barbara Williams Copeland 377-7644	
		<b>1960</b> .....	2005-45 years
		Lisa Caldwell Penn 396-2435	
		<b>1959</b> .....	2009-50 years
		Richard Glatly 218-372-3973	
		<b>1958</b> .....	2008-50 years
		Marilyn Dean Schnittjer 563-927-2019	
		<b>1957</b> .....	2007 50 years
		Myrt Clark Bowers 895-8515	
		Karen Jilovec Martin	
		Barb Neal Hutchins	
		Karen Clark Fiala	
		<b>1956</b> .....	2006 50 years
		Leona Reyhons Smith 895-8097	
		Roger Schnittjer 563-927-2019	
		<b>1955</b> .....	2005-50 years
		Kay Jilovec Lind 455-2079	
		Carol Hartenberger Walden 895-8634	
		<b>1954</b> .....	2009-55 years
		Bob Henik 895-8990	
		Keith Jilovec 432-6470	
		<b>1953</b> .....	2008-55 years
		Crystal Carmer Osborn 895-8505	
		<b>1952</b> .....	2007-55 years
		Dick Moore 895-8512	
		<b>1951</b> .....	2005-55 years (actual 2006)
		Dick McKeen 248-0502	
		<b>1950</b> .....	2005-55 years
		tba	
		<b>1949</b> .....	2005-55 years (actual 2004)
		Jack Stanton 928-759-0885	
		<b>1948</b> .....	2008 60 years
		Frances Pitlik 362-8172	
		<b>1947</b> .....	2007 60 years
		Sis Woods Pitlik 895-6038	
		<b>1946</b> .....	2006 60 years
		Helen Peterson Meeks 351-2273	
		Margaret Clark Reilly 895-6090	
		<b>1945</b> .....	2005 60 years
		Marilyn Woods Overman 895-8507	
		Betty Pospisil Wolfe 895-8125	
		<b>1944</b> .....	2009 65 years
		John Wolfe 895-8125	
		Mary Brawner Viter 895-8906	
		Paul Brace 563-391-0057	
		<b>1943</b> .....	2008 65 years
		Elizabeth Wolfe Kroul 455-2400	
		<b>1942</b> .....	2007 65 years
		Carolyn Neal Palmer 895-6643	
		<b>1941</b> .....	2006 65 years
		tba	
		<b>1940</b> .....	2005 65 years
		Wanda Collins Kaplan 895-8094	
		<b>1939</b> .....	2005 66 years
		Bill Kaplan 895-0324	