

MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI NEWS

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AWARD NOMINATION IN
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**2009 ALL-ALUMNI EVENTS
•JULY 10-11**

Alumni Reception Area Friday and Saturday up-town MV during Heritage Days, be sure to stop in and enjoy the displays and friendship

•JULY 11 ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Don't miss this incredibly popular event, serving from 8-10, open from 8-11, High School, by donation, friends and community welcome

•SEPT 25 HOMECOMING

and Alumni Reception 6-9:30 pm, Alumni Band, Alumni Award announcement at half-time

•SEPT 26 CELEBRATION

Alumni Award Ceremony 9 am (tentative time) and Annual Meeting, President's Harvest Luncheon

FIRST ALUMNI HALL OF FAME AWARD WINNERS

Homecoming 2008 ushered in some new traditions, and they are keepers... the Alumni Awards – the Alumni Band – the Alumni Association Award Ceremony – and the President's Harvest Luncheon.

Those present witnessed events that will be talked about for years to come. What was so special? Where to begin? What to pick out? How about the stand-packed Homecoming crowd; the big win on the football field; the all-out cheering for our very deserving award winners; the alumni, friend and family support, and the many who traveled from Florida, California, Wisconsin, Maine, Colorado, and other states and Iowa cities to attend. Then there was the Award Ceremony; the award winners' acceptance speeches that left everyone saying 'wow'; the comradery of the first Alumni Band members; and the Middle School Commons transformed into a cozy atmosphere for a delicious Harvest Luncheon. The overall feeling was of being part of something very special. And, throughout the Homecoming weekend, there were strong reminders from alumni about their dedication to Mount Vernon and their enormous Mustang pride. Thank you to EVERYONE who played a part in these events and to the students and families of our district who welcomed these new traditions.

The first ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS are (shown below left to right) ...

- 2008 Achievement Dr. James Croft '47**
- 2008 Service Jean Minish Stoner '37**
- 2008 Athletic Gary Knutsen '65**
- 2008 Fine Arts Marcia Russell '89**

Read more about these winners on page 7. They were first announced and presented at the Homecoming game on October 3rd, then attended the Alumni Association Award Ceremony the next day to receive their certificates, and they were also honored at the President's Harvest Luncheon.

If you would like to see your classmates honored as one of our future Hall of Fame winners, see page 27.

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on in you'*

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Hall of Fame

Mustang ALUMNI

ALUMNI BAND SIGN UP NOW!

You're in for a really great time as a member of the Alumni Band. Players, non-players, and Pom squad members welcome. SEE PAGE 26

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DID YOU KNOW...

5 YEAR ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY IN 2010

In one year the Alumni Association will celebrate its 5th year. The first Alumni Association meeting for class representatives, held in conjunction with ground breaking of the new high school, was in April of 2005. The first newsletter was printed in May of 2005.

2009 MV Community Events

www.visitmvl.com

May 2-3	Chalk the Walk
July 4	Antique Extravaganza
July 9-11	Heritage Days
July 11	Art In The Park
Sept 26	Lincoln Hwy Arts Festival
Oct 10	Chili Cook Off
Dec 3	Magical Night

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2009 REUNIONS

(all phone numbers are 319 area code unless noted)
Is your reunion listing missing? Call 319-895-8845

Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11
All-Alumni Reception, Uptown MV
Saturday, July 11 Breakfast (by donation)
at new High School, and building Tour

2004 2009-5 years - July 11

Contact: Jon Stoner
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1999 2009-10 years - July 10-11

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1994 2009-15 years - July 11

Contact: Andrew Morf
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1989 2009-20 years - July 11

Contact: Kelli Curtis
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1984 2009-25 years - July 11

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1978-1979-1980 2009-30 years - July 11

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Contact: Chris Kinley Osborn '80
Phone: 895-6306
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1973 2009-35 years - tba

Contact: Ann Clark
Phone: 540-1388

1974 2009-35 years - no reunion this year*

1969 2009-40 years July 10-11

Contact: Cathy Humphries Stoner
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1964 2009-45 years July 10-11-12

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1959 2009-50 years - July 10-11-12

Contact: Richard Glattly
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1954 2009-55 years - July 11

Contact: Larry Edwards
and Fae Sparks Edwards
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1949 2009-60 years no reunion this year*

1944 2009-65 years no reunion this year*

*Your class may not be having a reunion, but come enjoy seeing your classmates and other alums at the All-Alumni Breakfast.

If you are from a class earlier than 1940, we will have tables at the Breakfast marked so that you can visit together with classes from the 1940s and 1930s.

Want to do something that would be really helpful to your reunion organizers?

Their number one request is 'Please send in your response' when you get your mailing or emails or phone calls. They truly want your attendance, but your response helps them plan. Many times they have to place deposits and purchase items for the reunion and your responses help them. Their second request is to the local people -- please attend.

You are a student once, but an alum for a lifetime.



Kevin Rogers '81
Alumni Association
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the advent of a new year I was excited to get my nose down to the grindstone – so to speak - and begin focusing on Alumni Association matters.

February marked the first time the newly elected Mount Vernon Community School District Alumni Association Board of Directors formally met since being installed in October 2008. One of the first things we tasked ourselves with was establishing a consistent schedule for distribution of our alumni newsletters. As I am sure it is with most alumni, I look forward to receiving the bi-annual newsletter and knowing when these newsletters will arrive is just one of the keys to our ongoing success. I am pleased to announce that the alumni newsletters going forward will be distributed in May and again in November of each calendar year.

In this, my inaugural message, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our past president Lisa Squiers White '88, and all past Alumni Association board members for their commitment and dedication to the MVCSD Alumni Association. It was their leadership and spirit that has made the Mount Vernon Alumni Association what it is today. It is this same spirit and pride of being a Mount Vernon graduate that prompted me to run for president of the Association. Like so many before me have said, the education I received, the memories I hold, and the experiences

I had at Mount Vernon Community Schools, are something not soon forgotten. So when I was contacted about serving in some capacity on the alumni board of directors, I realized that this was the perfect opportunity for me to give something back to the alumni community and Mount Vernon Community Schools. It is this spirit and pride that will also serve as my foundation as I serve as your president.

One couldn't help but to get caught up in the spirit and pride of being Mount Vernon Community School District alum during last October's homecoming weekend, awards ceremony, and first annual president's luncheon. While seven months have lapsed since homecoming weekend 2008, the memories remain ingrained. It was awe-inspiring to see the generations come together, catch up, and share their stories.

I too found myself getting caught up in moments of reminiscing, spending a few hours speaking with gathered alumni, families, and friends. I wasn't even in the Middle School building yet when I happened to come upon Judy Penn. Aside from the fact that her son Bob and I were classmates – class of 1981 – Mrs. Penn was the front office secretary at the elementary school when I was in grade school. Then I happened to run into Carolyn Palmer and Don Stine. Mrs. Palmer was my grade school music teacher and of course Mr. Stine (The Serpent as he was referred to within the

Iowa Bandmaster ranks), was my high school instrumental music instructor. Oh the memories of four years of chilly early fall morning marching practices that left everyone with soaked shoes and socks....

But the primary reason everyone was gathered that October morning was for the first annual MVCSD Alumni Association Achievement awards presentation. Learning of the life-accomplishments of Marcie Russell, class of 1989; Dr. Gary Knutsen, class of 1965; Jean Stoner, class of 1937; and Dr. James Croft, class 1947, was nothing short of awe-inspiring and an inspiration to all Mount Vernon alumni.

I cannot say enough about how happy I am to be a part of such an outstanding organization as the Mount Vernon Community School District Alumni Association. Whether you're a 1938 alum or a soon-to-be 2009 alum, I encourage you to get involved by attending alumni meetings, serving on a committee, volunteering at a school function, providing input and information for our bi-annual newsletter, or by simply attending alumni association events. It is your voices and your involvement that has made the MVCSD Alumni Association what we are today.

The spirit of who we are lives on in all of you!



CLASS OF 1971 - LET'S PLAN A REUNION

Members of the class of 1971 are invited to get together at the Alumni Breakfast on July 11, 2009 and talk about planning for their 40th Class Reunion in 2011.

LET'S PLAY BASEBALL

All are invited to play or enjoy being a cheering spectator, July 11th, 4 pm
Alumni Baseball Game
Cornell Baseball Field
Contact: Jeremy Elliott,
319-895-0440
mvelliott@netzero.net

If you have a group of people wanting to tour a school building, please give the Alumni Office a call at 319-895-8845.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTION RESULTS

The following alums were elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors: (*incumbent)
President – Kevin Rogers '81
Vice President – Ernie Farris '62
Treasurer - *Susan Mounts Fisher '65
Directors – *Jean Kuntz Bowman '64,
Dennis Drahos '59, John Pospisil '66
and Jerry Niederhauser '75

They joined Secretary Shauna Applebee Dye '01, and Directors Deb Winchip Douglass '86 and JennyKaye Hampton Moore '91. A HUGE thank you to now Past President Lisa Squiers White '88 and Director Nargi Jo Rayman Steinbrech '55 for their service to alumni as members of the Association Board.

Thank you also to Michele Meyer Grudzinski '92 and Lynn Watson Brokel '78 who also ran for the open positions in the fall election.

HERITAGE DAYS 2008

THANK YOU to the many alums who helped with these events!

The 2008 All-Alumni Breakfast was held at the new High School with a whopping 500 alums, teachers, community members and family members attending. This has quickly become a popular event. The food is really good, but who has time to eat with so many people to visit with!



Patti Bolton Erenberger '61 & Mary Ann Bohren Jilovec '62



Dick Bowman '58 & Judy Busenbark Kottmeier '58



Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert visits with Jake Pospisil '03



1968 Classmates Trudy Clay Pearson & Patti Forde Mussig



Karen Jilovec Martin '57 & Linda Trpkosh Thomas '58 visit with classmates



Brothers Pat Pesarik '68 & Ron Pesarik '75



Judy Caldwell Penn '60 & Carson Campbell '88 are surprised to see each other at the Breakfast



1963 Classmates Marty Pitlik, Herb Hendriks, Tom Childs, & Marilyn Schnittjer Hayes visit



Classmates Mary Hartenberger Wolf & Thiara Bys Smith meet up at the 1958 table at the All-Alumni Breakfast



Herb Hendriks '63 visits with alum Allan Miner '63



Everyone enjoys the class composites; here Linda Sutliff, wife of Gary Sutliff '61, looks at the old pictures



Many friends and families meet up at the breakfast -- here several alums enjoy breakfast and a visit; Heather Johnson Funk '77, Tasha Whitman (wife of Ryan Whitman '03), Marie Zinkula Kuntz '35 & Becky Thumm Whitman '77



Leroy Berry '55, LuAnn Berry '95, & Helen Berry make the Breakfast a family outing

THANK YOU TO JUDY CALDWELL PENN '60 for many of the Homecoming and Heritage Days pictures

2008
Hope to see you all again
July 10 and 11 of 2009!

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE 2009 ALL-ALUMNI EVENTS HERITAGE DAYS WEEKEND

SATURDAY JULY 11

8-11am (serving from 8-10) BREAKFAST AT HIGH SCHOOL

Cost: donation at door Building Tour 9-10 am
Friends, family, community welcome

FRI., JULY 10 AND SAT., JULY 11 ALUMNI RECEPTION AREA UPTOWN MOUNT VERNON

Friday 4-8pm & Saturday noon to 6 pm
Hang out with your classmates uptown
and meet fellow alums from many classes
Location tba

HERITAGE DAYS 2009

If you are planning a trip to Mount Vernon for Heritage Days July 9-11, don't forget about all the other activities going on. www.visitmv.com

Thursday - Hillcrest Country Club after 5pm

Activities and Family Night, Dark Fireworks Display

Friday - Uptown Mount Vernon

Noon-Midnight Main Street Stage, Food Vendors, Midway, Bingo

Saturday - High School

8-11 am Alumni Breakfast (serving 8-10) 8 am 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, - Uptown Mount Vernon

A variety of activities all day (hours vary) Main Street Stage,
Food Vendors, Midway, Bingo and more, including...

10 am-5 pm Arts in the Park, Memorial Park

11 am Heritage Days Parade, First Street West



Left: Alum Carol Woods Boren '75 helps in the kitchen.

Right: 3 generations get in the act of volunteering to help at the Alumni Breakfast -- Annamae Stoneking Baker '60, her daughter Lynnette Rodman Koffron '85, & granddaughter Jessie Rodman '06 (daughter of Mark Rodman '82)



Left: 3 more generations volunteer and enjoy some time together. From left Dennis Akers '64 with daughter Kaiamee Akers and future alum, granddaughter BreeAnn DeChan '16. Kaiamee is a 1st grade teacher at Mount Vernon's Washington Elementary.

Right: Alum Chiara Niederhauser Burke '78 volunteers in the kitchen. Chiara, along with her husband Matt Burke and District Nutrition Director Marcia Purington organized and cooked the breakfast. Matt is the School District's Secretary-Treasurer.

ALUMNI COMMENTS

Following are some, or portions of, comments the Association has received over the past year. Thank you to everyone who took time to write an email or note to the Association.

"Thanks to all who participated in the 1988 State Dual Wrestling Champions Reunion last Heritage Days. It was great to spend time with a bunch of guys that worked so hard for a common goal 20 years ago. Although an individuals sport, it takes a team to make champions - and that's what we did."

Jeremy Elliott '89, Mount Vernon, IA (see article on page 9)

"I want to thank the Alumni Association for such a nice weekend (Homecoming and Award Ceremony); the other alumni winners, too, and I want to thank Deb (Winchip) Douglass '86 for the award idea and for everyone who was in on the planning of what I hope continues to be an annual event. I think the surprise element of not announcing (the alumni award winners) until the Homecoming game at half-time was important in the timing, too. I thank all concerned for choosing me as the Service Award winner for 2008. Sincerely,"

Jean Minish Stoner '37, Mount Vernon, IA

"I got wisful for MV reading about all the great Homecoming activities lined up. Every year those awful polyester bell-bottom pants I wore in marching band seem less embarrassing and more amusing to reminisce about. Thank you for...my write-up in the last alumni newsletter...a number of friends passed along compliments. Thanks...for all the great work you do on behalf of MV alums. I'll be with you all in spirit on Oct. 3rd!"

LaVonne Meyer '94, Arlington, VA

"Someone from a 1960s class will be receiving an alumni award. Who? This is exciting news! I only lived in Mount Vernon for 4 years, and so only know the alums of the years surrounding 1966. I'm actually going to know and be able to congratulate the winner! Yea! Thank you for keeping "the spirit going" as you say. The Alumni Association is a great idea. Good for the school and community, but also good for us that live away."

Karilyn Mead Eastvold '66, Springfield, IL



Left: Katie Wolfe Scott '98, Katey Forest Sanders '00, Tom Ash '01, & Ben Pospisil '96 visit at the Alumni Reception area. Right: 1963 Classmates Rosalie Bowman Galagher & Marty Pitlik visit at the Breakfast.



Left: Lizzy Wolfe Kroul '43 & Jim Gunn '46 catch up while visiting at the Alumni Reception area. Right: Allan Viktor '69 on left, reminisces songs of 1963 listed on the display board with alum Gary Neal '63 at right and Gary's wife, center.

HOMECOMING 2008

In addition to the Alumni Reception on Homecoming eve and the Annual Meeting the following morning, our Association brought new traditions to Mustang Homecoming. These new traditions were a BIG success even in our first year, and included presentation of our FIRST alumni band and color guard/flag members at half-time of the varsity game, followed by the BIG ANNOUNCEMENT of our first Alumni Award recipients. Recipients went onto the field for recognition, then visited afterward in the Alumni Tent. The following morning, a brief Alumni Association Annual Meeting was followed by our FIRST Awards Ceremony and FIRST President's Award Luncheon.



ALUMNI BAND

ALUMNI RECEPTION



Left: Alumni band members meet in front of the First Street Building and get to know each other. Former band instructors Don and Judy Stine joined the festivities. Former instructor Megan Glass (not pictured) also came for Homecoming. Right: Alumni Band members Sheri Russell Arnold '82 and Dan Drahos '84



Jo Ann Thomson Stoner '70 visits with Jamie Wallace '01



Left: Band member Tyler Leeper '03 shown with Alumni Band Directors Betsy McWilliams '99 and Alan Kiser (HS Band Instructor). Middle: Mike Russell '89 Right: Alissa Claes Philipp '00



The Russell family made Homecoming a real family weekend by participating in the Alumni Band, alumni reception, Award Ceremony and President's Luncheon. Above, this year's Fine Arts Hall of Fame award winner Marcia Russell '89 and sister Julie Russell Lynch '86 enjoy looking at Class of '86 fall activity pictures with mom Barb Russell. Looking on is sister Linda Russell Brooks '83.

If you weren't a member of the first Alumni Band last year, you'll want to be this year. Includes a Welcoming Pizza Party hosted by Alumni Band Director Betsy McWilliams '99. The weatherman has promised good weather for September 25th! SEE PAGE 26 FOR INFO ABOUT THE ALUMNI BAND



Teri Hartung Valenta '62, on right, made a trip in from Colorado and enjoyed visiting, here with (left to right), David Koffron '81, Annamae Stoneking Baker '60 (mother of Mark, mother-in-law of David), and Mark Rodman '82. Below, Teri and another alum are enjoying a variety of class pictures.



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Photo by Jeff Schmitt, Rubicon Photo

From left to right: On the football field are Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert, Dr. Jim Croft, Jean Stoner, Dr. Gary Knutsen, Marcia Russell, and High School principal Dennis Walsh.

AWARD CEREMONY, ANNUAL MEETING & PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON, October 2008



The Mount Vernon HS Dance Team performed at the Alumni Award Ceremony, then also helped serve at the President's Harvest Luncheon. Left: Dance Team members perform, Center: Dance Team members help at the President's Luncheon Right: Dance team member and Laurie Keller (District Services Secretary), help make luncheon plates.

Alumni Association Names Award Winners

excerpt from an article by Dave Morris, *Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun*, October 08, 2008

Four Mount Vernon High School graduates received the first-ever Alumni Awards from the Mount Vernon Alumni Association during halftime at the October 3rd Homecoming football game, and were also recognized at the annual Alumni Association meeting Saturday, October 4th. Winners were named in four categories: Achievement, Service, Fine Arts and Athletics.



Left: Alumni Association Communications Coordinator Kathy Staskal receives Honorary Alumni recognition from President Lisa Squiers White'88 and Board.

Middle: Wolfe family members came to support brother David Wolfe'50, who had traveled from California to introduce his nomination and winner for the Achievement Award, Dr. Jim Croft'47. Left to right they are Tom Wolfe'45, Mary Wolfe Smith'47, Lizzie Wolfe Kroul'43, John Wolfe'44, David, and Bob Wolfe'48.

Right: John Rife'60 was a fabulous Master of Ceremonies for the Award Ceremony

Jean Minish Stoner'37 - Service Hall of Fame

Jean was nominated by Lisa Squiers White'88 and Ann Stoner. "When we found out about this award, Jean was the first person to come to mind," White said. "She is a model citizen in so many different ways. She is the quintessential candidate for this award."



Left: Marcia Russell'89 receives her Fine Arts Hall of Fame Award from her twin brother, Mike Russell'89. Shown in back is School Board and Foundation member and alum, Bob Penn'81.

Middle: Lisa Squiers White'88 presides over her last Annual Meeting as President.

Right: Alumni Association Board Members Deb Winchip Douglass'86, Jenny Moore Hampton'91, and Jerry Niederhauser'75 visit at the President's Luncheon. Deb Douglass is Chair of the Alumni Awards Committee, and Jenny is a committee member representing the Alumni Association. Other Alumni Awards Committee members include faculty/staff (past/present) Alan Kiser, Maggie Quinn Ellison'62, Fine Arts Association members Jenny Ciha and Janet Dietrich, Athletic Booster Club member Carol Woods'75 and community representative Bob Meeker.

HONORARY CAPTAINS

For the second year in a row, Football Coach Duane Orr has included 'legends from the past' as honorary captains for each fall football game. The Honorary Captains first join the team for their Thursday night practice, and offer lessons learned, then on Friday game night they walk team captains out onto the field for the coin toss, and join the team on the sidelines. Honorary Captains for the 2008 season were:

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|---|--|
| Mitch Corcoran'83 vs. Solon | Gary Knutsen'65 vs. Vinton-Shellsburg (HC) |
| Mike Hufford'79 vs. IC Regina | Jacob Craig '04 vs. Maquoketa |
| Scott Johnson'81 vs. Union LaPorte City | Coach Dick Peters vs. Benton Community |
| Dr. Jeff Clark'85 vs. Central DeWitt | Gary Koppenhaver'72 vs. Anamosa |
| Ian Dye'01 vs. Marion | |

Get your nomination in today for the next Award Winners to the Hall of Fame! See page 27

Award Winners, continued

As a current member of the Mount Vernon Alumni Association, she is the sponsor for the Class of 1937. Jean has helped with several projects from initial organization of classes, alumni breakfasts, as a resource for historical facts about the school and she was a donor to the original capital campaign. However, this is just a small portion of Jean's lifelong commitment to service and volunteering.

Starting in the early 1950s, she coordinated 30 workers at a flu shot clinic in Mount Vernon that treated more than 1,200 people. In that same decade, she was instrumental in the establishment of a special education class at Mount Vernon High School.

Jean remains a member and has been a past leader of several organizations, such as the Social Circle Club, United Methodist Women, Federated Mount Vernon Lisbon Women's Club, and Iowa Mothers Association, to name a few.

From her experience doing mission work at her church, she started and coordinated workers for a used clothing room at the Southeast Linn Community Center. Jean has used her sewing skills to produce thousands of baby quilts, lap robes and twin bed comforters for these groups: Smiles, Madge Phillips.

Additionally, her interest in history has found her volunteering for several years at the Cedar Rapids History Center. She used her experience there to begin working and helping others organize the Lisbon History Center and has logged in excess of 700 hours. She also has written articles for the Sun regarding the history of Mount Vernon and Lisbon.

Jean's energy and enthusiasm for life belie her 88 years. Even the adversity of a recent illness has not stopped her from staying the course of her volunteer work.

Dr. Gary Knutsen '65 - Sports Hall of Fame

Nominator Reid Hanley '64 of Clarendon Hills, Ill., submitted this information with his nomination for Gary:

There have been enough outstanding athletes at Mount Vernon in the last 20 years to more than fill a Hall of Fame. I think it's also important to remember those in the 1950s, 1960s and even earlier.

Gary Knutsen was the leading rusher in

the state of Iowa in 1965 and earned Coaches All-American honors that season. He was a four-year letterman in football, basketball and track. He was a four-year starter in football, basketball and track and also started one year in baseball. He earned all-conference honors in football and basketball his three final seasons (on a team or honorable mention).

As a senior, he was the leading scorer in the conference in football and basketball and was the conference shot put champion. He led MVHS to the conference basketball title his junior year. He also earned All-State mention his senior year in both football and basketball. He went on to play football at Cornell and became one of the top fast-pitch softball pitchers in the state.

Mount Vernon has been fortunate to have some great athletes. It is important not to forget the Gary Knutsens, Randy Hoidahls, Bob Bowmans and Bob Kruses who helped set the standard of excellence at MVHS.

After graduating from Cornell, he earned a master's degree in veterinary physiology from Iowa State. After founding Pathology Associates in 1981, he sold it in 2001. At that point, it employed 550 people. He currently is president of a digital pathology software company, is CEO of a toxicological pathology company and is involved in a firm that manages alternative investments.

Marcia Russell '89 - Fine Arts Hall of Fame

Marcia's nominators were her older sisters and twin brother - Sheri Russell Arnold '82, Linda Russell Brooks '83, Trina Russell Allen '84, Julie Russell Lynch '86 and Mike Russell '89.

In an interview with the *Sun*, Sheri Arnold noted, "She is a wonderfully caring person. She's dedicated to both her profession and her family. She puts others before herself. She brings humor to everything, and that's one reason her students just love her."

In their nomination, they wrote: Marcy is a 1989 graduate who has made significant contributions in the area of music. She has received numer-

ous prestigious awards and honors, as well as touched the lives of hundreds of people along the way through teaching and performing.

Marcy is an outstanding member of the music profession and a wonderful role model for her students, family members and everyone else she encounters. We believe she would be a perfect candidate to become the first inductee into the MVCSD Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

She currently is a vocal and general music teacher in the Platteville, Wis., School District, where she directs high school and middle school choirs and select ensembles. She has directed numerous high school and middle school musicals and served as a private voice teacher.

Dr. James Croft '47 - Achievement Hall of Fame

Dr. Croft, who is married to alum Diana Pringle Croft '46, was nominated by David Wolfe '50 who included this information in his nomination:

Croft has had a lengthy career as a music educator, teaching at Florida State University (1980-2003), University of South Florida (1972-1980), Oshkosh Area Schools (1954-1972) and Traer Public Schools (1951-1954).

He served as president of the National Band Association, CBDNA (Southern Division) and CBDNA (National). Honors include: Distinguished Alumni, Cornell College (1989), Distinguished Alumni Fellow, University of Oklahoma (1994), National Federation of Interscholastic Music Associations Music Educator Award (1990-91), FSU Professional Excellence Program recipient, Distinguished Service to Music Award from Kappa Kappa Psi, and FMEA Collegiate Teacher of the Year.

His resumé also lists numerous published writings, music premieres as a performer and numerous examples of conducting a variety of bands and symphonies.

In a tribute, Bobby Adams, Ph.D., described Croft as "intellectual, creative, imaginative, complex, analytical, brilliant, interesting, unpredictable, amusing and clever beyond belief."

SUN EDITORIAL: What an education! (from October 8th issue of the Sun)

For many, the term High School Homecoming simply makes you think about a football game, maybe a parade, and a dance for the kids.

After this past weekend, Mount Vernon shows it's as much about coming home, celebrating your roots, and honoring what's been grown here. And MVHS did it with style!

We speak mostly of work done by what's become a very strong institution over the course of four short years – the Mount Vernon Alumni Association. Examine all of the organization's efforts and you'll quickly realize it rivals the alumni groups of many small colleges.

This isn't an organization that simply acts as a clearinghouse for those who have MVHS diplomas. It celebrates what that means. This weekend provided a perfect example, as the Alumni Association honored four alums with the first annual Alumni Awards.

Our first reaction: Wow, what a group!

Gary Knutsen has been a world leader in pathology work – and he was recognized for his prowess as a Mustang with a Sports Hall of Fame Award. Another, Marcia Russell, was honored as a Fine Arts Hall of Famer, for her dedication and care as a music teacher in Wisconsin. Jean Stoner has spent a lifetime focusing on all things Mount Vernon and might as well be called Mrs. Mustang, particularly with all five of her sons, three daughters-in-law, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild attending school here. Bestowing the Alumni Service Award on her is a perfect fit. James Croft, fittingly, was presented the Achievement Award for his numerous national accomplishments as a long-time music educator.

Most amazing is the fact that the list has not been exhausted. Not even close. We know of dozens of other former Mount Vernon students who have the perfect qualifications for the Alumni Association's four award categories.

Additionally, this year's group (and, we're sure, the award winners to come) are diverse. This isn't a hall-of-fame that only focuses on sports. It's not just an award program to celebrate what grads did in high school, leaving out their later accomplishments. It's all-encompassing.

As a sidenote, we're also wondering if Mount Vernon shouldn't be the community the State of Iowa turns to for insight into reducing the brain drain. After all, numerous successful alumni live right here in the Mount Vernon area, from bank presidents to insurance company CEOs to small business owners.

We should also make this disclaimer clear: Only one member of the Sun newspaper staff is a graduate of MVHS. This isn't cheerleading for our own school. But there are those on this staff who wished they'd graduated from MVHS. That's not because their experiences elsewhere were poor. Not because they believe they would be better if they had gone to school in Mount Vernon.

Instead, it's because of what just happened this weekend. They wish all schools would take a lesson from the Mount Vernon Alumni Association and celebrate, in a very meaningful way, the accomplishments of those who were educated through the local school system.

After all, the association and its programs make it very clear: Anyone who graduated from MVHS should be certain they received a strong, solid education!

1988 DUAL STATE CHAMPS REUNION UPDATE submitted by Bill Thomsen '72

The reunion was set for Heritage Days 2008 and started Friday night with an informal meeting uptown where about fifteen to twenty old wrestlers, managers and cheerleaders got to chat. We met the next morning to be in the parade. Much thanks to Keith Woods for the hayrack and helping decorate it. Brandon Rutledge and Travis Allen designed and Brandon made them. We had a good group on board, and had a great time waving to the crowd and throwing candy. We gathered again for a golf outing at Hillcrest and found that golf may not be our sport, compared to wrestling, but some surprised us. We golf like we wrestled, very aggressively. We ended our reunion and day with a picnic at Rick Elliott's house.

Thanks to the youth wrestling program for providing the meat. The food and memories were great, and it was so nice to visit and see how twenty years has changed us in many ways and yet in many ways we haven't changed at all. Todd Neal made us each a small mat from the mat we wrestled on, with 'STATE CHAMP' written on it. The same phrase had been taped to the wall of the wrestling room by members of that team. Ted Neal made a DVD of old video footage of the state meet and interviews, with music from our practice room as background. Thank you also to Brandon Rutledge who donated all the proceeds he earned from our reunion t-shirts to the MV Middle School wrestling team. Everyone left saying they want to do it again, and not in twenty years. I think we'll see each other again in the near future. I hope so. As their coach, I knew them as young men with a common goal and interest. I had a great time trying to develop them. I was proud to see them as men and women (cheerleaders and managers helped a lot). It was an amazing season and one that MV should remember and celebrate.



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Class of 1993

Front row: Tim Akers, Keely Hunter Ziser, Sara Swender, Kim Wilkin Korte, Sarah Rife Patten, Scott Rose, Kelly Britt Oakley, Janda Mott Wilden, Tammy Berner Pitlik, Luke Ellyson
Middle row: Shanna Morrissey Cooper, Kim Stone, Eric Booth, Christa Warner Smith, Crystal Cardon Eskelson, Lisa Berry, Dave Leatherman, Chad Coons
Back row: Braden Pospisil Rood, David Harrington, Nathan Smith, Eric Shepley



Class of 1988

The Class of 1988 held their 20th reunion during Heritage Days July 11 and 12. Friday night they met at an informal gathering uptown during the dance. 'Homebase' was Chameleon's Pub & Grub. Saturday classmates met at the Alumni Breakfast, then Saturday night reunion festivities were at Hillcrest Country Club.
Front row: Leslie Slife DeBrower, Stacy Gross, Amy Harms Koersleman, Todd Lehr, Pat Spellerberg, Brent Durgin
Middle row: Carson Campbell, Kim Wulf Schultz, Sandy Zehms Guenther, Jennifer Clark Gonzalez, Mike Zobac, Lisa Squiers White, Tami Peterson Theobald, Kerri Ulch Wolfe, Heather Gugler
Back row: Dan Thuereuf, Mindy Arp Ollendick, Sandy Starkweather Lorenz, Erich Jacobsen, Dan Schellberg, Angela Harms Randall, Deede Bair Stastny, Keith Woods, Amy Jones, Dani Akers Ortmann, Dave Lynott



Class of 1963

The Class of 1963 celebrated their 45th Reunion over Heritage Days. They met on Friday at Sutliff Bridge and Baxa's Sutliff Store. On Saturday they met at the Breakfast, then celebrated their Reunion that evening at Warren and Suzanne Stoner's farm.
Front row: Linda Peterson Nost, Gloria Herboldsheimer Krob, Karen Kaliban Fox, Marilyn Schott Kasak, Raeleen Kamerling Strait.
Middle row: Carmen Neal Musser, Renee Sterenberg Branson, Deborah Lenz Hicks, Andi Jennings Robinson, Tom Childs, Chris Stoltz, Steve Kroeger,
Back row: Dr. Herb Hendriks, Gary Neal, Rev. Andie Wallace Jones, Allan Miner, Martin Pitlik, Marilyn Schnittjer Hayes, Bob Jilovec, Warren Stoner, Dr. Francis Pisarik, Robert Dvorak



Class of 1953

The Class of 1953 met for their 55th Class Reunion on August 2nd at Amana's Ronneburg Inn. They also enjoyed brunch at the home of Barbara and Dick Moore on Sunday. Pictured front row, left to right: Barbara Beckhelm Moore, Susan Albright Kehrli, Crystal Carmer Osborn, Irene Klouda Novak, Rosemary Brecht Erenberger, and Shirley Farris Burlingame.
Back row: George Brown, Don Walden, Rod Davies, Marie Reyhons Beuter, Carlyle Bys, Jean Pavelka Litts, Paul Drahos, Marilyn Watson Gerhardt, Bessie Koutny Telecky, Sylvester Drahos and Betty Dostal Carney.

Class of 2009

Welcome to the Alumni Association! The Class of 2009 will graduate on May 23rd.



Photo by JoAnn Gage



Class of 1933

Members of the Class of 1933, celebrating their 75th Reunion, met at the All-Alumni Breakfast. Pictured above from left to right is Mervyn Armstrong (d 2008), Blanche Biderman Long, Mary Ellison Wolrab, and Austin Armstrong. Pictured below, Guy Bys '74 and his father, Carlyle Bys '53, hold the 1933 Class Composite for the table of 1933 classmates and their families to enjoy.



REUNION PICTURES



Photo by Pat Glenn, Mount Vernon

Class of 1958 PICTURED ABOVE: Front row seated (left to right): Barbara Schick Sharp, Richard Clark, Carol Achenbach Powell, Janis Glattly Hoover, Linda Trpkosh Thomas, Judy Busenbark Kottmeier, Mary Hartenberger Wolk, Pat Sievers Montgomery, Thiara Bys Smith
 Standing behind sofa: Roger Martin, Rodger Brush, Bruce Mullen, Barry Bauman, Bob Kruse, Dick Bowman, Ron Nezerka, David Kroeger
 Front row on steps: Helen Sproston Schneider, Gail Yeisley Rhodes, Howard Clark, David Sparks
 Going up steps: Marilyn Dean Schnittjer, Tom Neal, Benny Jamison, Harold Clements, Bob Bowman, Bob Lenz, Chuck Coon, Larry Kramer

Class of 1958

The Class of 1958 met for their 50th Class Reunion over Heritage Days 2008. Friday evening they attended a reception at Mary Hartenberger Wold's home. Saturday morning classmates met at the All-Alumni Breakfast, then met in front of the High School to gather on their class float that they rode through the Heritage Days Parade. That afternoon they tour of their high school building on 1st Street. Their Reunion Celebration was held at Sleep Inn on Saturday night. They ended their reunion with a brunch at Hillcrest Country Club.



Class of 1948

The Class of 1948 celebrated their 60th Anniversary over Heritage Days weekend. Shown here Francis Pitlik and his wife Helen.



Class of 1972

The Class of 1972 met for their 35th Class Reunion in August of 2007. On Friday, August 11 they met for dinner at Gwen's Restaurant in Lisbon. On Saturday they met at St. Jude's Sweet Corn Festival in Cedar Rapids to see classmate Ross Kendall and his band play. On Sunday, August 12 they met for a Potluck picnic in Mount Vernon City Park.

Front row: Nancy Overman Van Zee, Valerie Pierce Hayes, Kris Bys Beisel, Gary Clark, Kim Murphy, Janis Truesdell Onstott, Connie Ferguson Winters, Mary Friedrichs Graybill
 Middle row: Jean Lehman, Patti Rice Troyer, Nancy Broulik Vincent, Debbie Holz Studt, Christine Woods Van Tuyl, Francesca Fritzi Wallace Thompson, Diane Zinkula, Joan Karr Berends
 Back row: Ralph Jordan, Daryl Johnson, Dan Dye, David Hoke, Gary Drahos, Kathy Akers Hartgrave, Mike Studt, Kathy Pissarik Dix, Jim Berends

Editor's Note: Our apologies to Jean Lehman and her classmates that this picture was not in the last spring issue.

Class of 1938

Several members of the Class of 1938 met at the All-Alumni Breakfast to celebrate their 70th Reunion. Some of the classmates shown here are Raphael Pissarik, Geraldine Broulik who attended with her husband was Leonard Broulik '38, and Marilyn Mulherin



Class of 1943

Several members of the Class of 1943 met at the All-Alumni Breakfast. Pictured here are Lizzy Wolfe Kroul and Roberta Wilson Plattenberger. This was their 65th Reunion.



Photo taken by Lisa Lewis Hazlett '83, Invisage

Class of 1983

The Class of 1983 enjoyed their 25th Reunion. Pictured above:

Front row: Lance Schoff, Brian Sargent, Ben Walker, Tom Chittenden, Ken Moser, Lindsey Borg
 2nd row: Beth Walden Smith, Christine Grant Pientok, Roxanne Edler Glassbrenner, Chuck Soukup, Mitch Corcoran, Joanne Zinkula Kintzel, Brian McGuinness, Jeff Strickland
 3rd row: Amy Schmidt Schweer, Tracy Sherman Thoreson, Tracy Staley Jarvis, Alan Pearson, Wendy Voigt, Cathy Hufford, Julie Penn Johnson, Kris Bostwick Messick, Paige Peterson, Sarah Bleakly Blazek
 Back row: Marlin Hofner, Gary Boren, Lisa Lewis Hazlett, Mark Benesh, Deana George Marris



Above, the following week a few classmates went to the Jones County Fair to see Dan Colehour's (center) band play

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

MV ALUMS MEET AGAIN AT U OF IOWA MEDICAL SCHOOL

by Bethany Campbell Tvedt

Medical school is challenging enough with so much to learn to become a physician. There's new jargon to acquire, medicines and disease groups to memorize, and remembering where to go for lectures or rounds. Add to that meeting new peers and instructors and it can begin to feel overwhelming. But for a group of Mount Vernon and Lisbon area alumni, it isn't quite as intimidating. They are fortunate to be one of eight fellow alumni attending medical school at University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine.

"It's nice because you automatically have someone you can connect with," explains fourth year medical student **Jamie Wallace '01**. "It gives you a friendly face in the hallway, or a member of the class ahead of you to loan you books, or someone to give you advice as you go along."

Medical school entails four years of highly specialized schooling; two years focusing on gathering medical education through lectures and classes, and

two years making clinical rotations throughout the hospital in all the medical specialties. Following graduation, medical students enter into at least three years of residency, further honing their clinical skills until they complete their training. It is a grueling schedule over many years, so having a built-in support structure from fellow alumni is helpful.

"Carver College of Medicine is fortunate to have a number of Mount Vernon area high school alumni currently enrolled in medical school," describes Carver Assistant Dean Catherine Solow. "They are successfully completing a rigorous curriculum and the leadership they demonstrate outside of the classroom enhances the learning environment for all students. Their impressive achievements reflect well on Mount Vernon and make them excellent role models for all who are considering a career in medicine."

Carver College of Medicine echoes the importance of students having a sense of community like the automatic connections Mount Vernon area alumni share. The Carver medical school is organized into "CELLS" which offer peer-to-peer

support, education, leadership and service learning. MV alums liken the CELLS to the houses in the Harry Potter books, but there is no mistaking the fact students benefit from peer connections. Students are able to learn more effectively and efficiently while reducing the isolation they can feel.

Many of the Mount Vernon graduates credit their decision to enter medical school to the quality education they received before entering college.

"Plenty of teachers helped shape who I am today," **Jessica Enns '00** states. All the MV grads echo her sentiment because of the quality instructors and unique experiences they were able to have here.

Lisa Fettkether Schwiebert '02 explains she was always interested in medicine growing up, but the Emergency Medical Measures class she took in high school led her to additional experiences in college which cemented her decision to attend medical school. While in college, she participated in a medical mission trip to China. "It was a great experience that allowed me to see how much I could improve the lives of others through medicine."

In the areas of math and science, "Mr. Halsey and Mr. Craig taught me the basics," reported Jessica Enns '00. Other

from left to right: Catherine Hileman'01, Jesse Visliser'03, David Easker'03, Lisa Fettkether Schwiebert'02, Jessica Enns'00, Rachel Young'03, Jamie Wallace'01, Greg Poduska'01



grads named Mr. Thomsen and Mrs. Poduska as being influential in many ways, while others said Mrs. Sauter and Mr. Eric (Butikofer) "made tough subjects much easier to understand." It wasn't just the science and math teachers students cited as being helpful to their education, but staff members such as Ms. Michaud, Ms. Ellison, Ms. Richardson, Mrs. Ryan and Ms. Deibner who broadened student experiences. "I was given an excellent foundation and I believe a long string of teachers spurred me on towards a career in medicine," **Rachel Young '03** emphasizes, "And I am proud to be a Mount Vernon alum."

Lisbon schools graduate **David Easker '03** took classes at Mount Vernon during high school, and was able to participate in combined athletic teams. "My interest in medicine began while watching the Mount Vernon athletic trainer (Jeremy Elliott '89) work with students," he admits. "My interest was confirmed as I learned about physiology and biochemistry in college."

"I can't think of a better place to grow up than Mount Vernon," **Jesse Vislisel '03** acknowledges. Over the course of his education, Vislisel explains he has developed a deep interest in both science and technology. "I have found medicine to be awe-inspiring because it allows me to combine my interests and skills to perform intricate work."

2001 graduate **Catherine Hileman** recalls experiences in middle school and high school while in Mount Vernon to be influential in her career decision. "There were teachers in every subject and every grade who made education in Mount Vernon a memorable experience and sparked my curiosity." Hileman continues, "I especially loved the teachers who challenged us to think critically, as well as encouraged imagination and creativity."

The extracurricular activities students experienced in Mount Vernon High School also played an important role in shaping their education. Fourth year medical student **Greg Poduska '01** recalls a trip to Alaska for the national Academic Decathlon tournament being "a definite highlight" of his high school years. "I always enjoyed being part of the various extracurriculars available," he states. "All the teachers who gave their time to coach, instruct and help with these activities were wonderful."

All of the Mount Vernon schools graduates echoed a similar sentiment: the experiences they gained while in school helped shape who they are, and what they will do in life. It may not be unique to have two graduates attend college or graduate school together, but the large group of Mount Vernon alumni attending University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine is special. It speaks to the quality education and guidance all these students received from Mount Vernon's staff members.

■ **Editor's Note:** The *Sun* originally featured several of these alums in an October 2007 issue. This article by Bethany follows up on their careers and alumni relationship at the University of Iowa.

MATCH DAY!

Two Mount Vernon alumni, Jamie Wallace '01 and Greg Poduska '01, are nearing the end of their medical school years, but they will soon be setting out for additional medical training as resident physicians.

Across the nation, March 19 was Match Day when all 4th year medical students learned where they will be going for their years of medical residency. Medical residency means additional training in a specific medical field such as Pediatrics, Neurology, Surgery and many more specialties.


Both students graduate on May 15 when Wallace will enter a Family Medicine residency with her match at Quad Cities Genesis Hospital in July, and Poduska will start in Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota. "It was important day," exclaims Wallace. "But I can't believe how quickly these four years have flown by."

WALLACE HONORED BY MED SCHOOL PEERS

Jamie Wallace '01 was one of 19 Class of 2009 medical students at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

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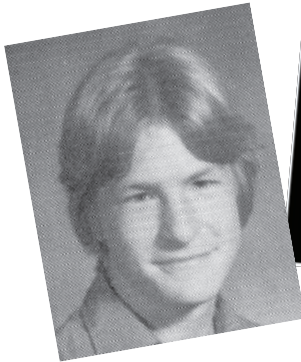
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■ ERIC HEYWOOD '80

Mount Vernon alum toured with The Pretenders

Editor's Note: the following update is excerpted from an article written by Dave Morris. Full article appears in September 03, 2008 issue of *The Sun*.



Left, Eric in his High School years Above, on his website

When the popular band The Pretenders released its latest CD in early October, Mount Vernon native Eric Heywood was a prominent part of it.

The veteran pedal steel guitar player, who played a vital role in Jay Farrar's Son Volt in the 1990s and has backed up everyone from Alejandro Escovedo to Ray Lamontagne, was recommended by guitarist James Walbourne for The Pretenders' job. The Pretenders' new CD is titled "Break Up The Concrete."

Heywood has an art degree from Macalester College in St. Paul. Throughout his varied career, his direction has been determined by "the love of the music," he said. There has been no master plan.

"In my case, it's absolutely word of mouth," he said. "I've never been a promoter – or planner, for that matter."

After graduating from Macalester, he played mostly in Twin Cities bars.

"A touring gig with Joe Henry got me out of the Twin Cities," he said. Although he's now based in Los Angeles, he said his Mount Vernon and Iowa memories stay with him.

"I've definitely taken it with me," he said. "Looking back, you appreciate a

lot of things, like not having to lock your doors."

He recalled a nice mix of college people, farmers and others. "The people are great," he said.

"And a lot of interesting stuff came through," he said. "I saw (sitar great) Ravi Shankar, of all people, at Cornell," he said. "And (saxophonist) Sonny Rollins."

Heywood's parents are Vivian Heywood, who taught art at Cornell, and the late William Heywood, who taught history, was dean of the faculty and served as acting president.

He credits his older brother, Phil, who is a fingerstyle guitarist, with being a big influence. "He introduced me to a lot of music," Heywood said.

He's still working out touring options with The Pretenders. That tour will include appearances at Radio City Music Hall in New York and the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville.

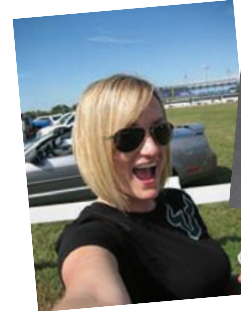
For more information, and a look at some of the photos he has shot while on tour, see www.ericheywood.com.



Mustangs...what are

■ CARLYE LA POINTE '00

Mount Vernon alum heads for wild, blue yonder



Left, Carlye's Face Book picture, Right, her senior picture

Editor's Note: the following update is excerpted from an article written by Dave Morris. Full article appears in April 16th, 2008 issue of *The Sun*

The sky's the limit for Mount Vernon native Carlye La Pointe as she prepares to become a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

La Pointe, now 26, has taken her own path and been recognized for her hard work as she has advanced in her military training.

Her motivation is straightforward. "I can't see myself doing anything other than being in the Air Force," she said. "It's important to serve my country."

After graduating from Mount Vernon High School in 2000 and earning an associate's degree from Kirkwood Community College, she was at a crossroads: It was either transfer to Iowa State University or join the military.

"My granddaddy had retired from the Air Force," La Pointe said. "He always had good things to say about it." By May of 2003, La Pointe had enlisted and was at basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

From there it was off to training as a photographer at the Defense Information School at Fort Meade in Baltimore. She was named a distinguished graduate in December 2003.

She was assigned to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., as a photographer. During her time there, she was engaged in a year-long process of applying for a SOAR scholarship that allowed her to be released from her enlistment to attend college and enroll in ROTC. La Pointe, currently a Cadet Lieutenant Colonel,

Volunteering is Fun...



Throughout the year many alums volunteer to help in one way or another. The best part is that as much visiting gets done as the work, and it is always a lot of fun for everyone involved. Shown here at left preparing an alumni newsletter for mailing is, from left to right, Nargi Rayman Steinbrech '55, Jenny Moore Hampton '91, Bunny Williams Mulligan '61, Kay Woods, Leona Reyhons Smith '56, and Kay Jilovec Lind '55.

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they doing now?

will be a 2nd Lieutenant when she graduates in May 2009 with a business management degree from the University of South Florida.

La Pointe's honors don't stop there. She is now part of an elite group that is attending pilot training. Of the 844 non-Air Force Academy applicants, 502 were selected.

"I would always get a little carsick when I was younger," La Pointe said with a laugh. "But I've taken some flying lessons and built up my tolerance."

In the fall following her graduation from college, she will attend Flight Training School in Colorado, then receive training specific to the type of aircraft to which she will be assigned. "I want to fly the big cargo planes, the C-5s or the C-17s," she said.

All along the way, La Pointe has been recognized time and again for her distinguished work and her leadership. After her field training, she was one of four group commanders who had their prop and wings medal pinned on by a general.

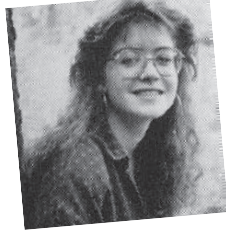
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■ SHARON GRICE '86

Thank you to Sharon Grice '86 from Mount Vernon who wrote in with this fun story and picture. Sharon says "My niece, Rachel Thuerauf, is a senior at Mount Vernon High School this year. When I was a senior in high school, the girls all had Mount Vernon football jersey's and mine said "Tear Off" on the back. (the phonetic pronunciation of Thuerauf). I've kept that jersey over the years and I pulled it out this fall for my niece Rachel to wear. She loves it and has gotten a lot of use out of it."

■ ADRIANA HARTELT BOETTCHER '91



Left, Adriana's senior picture, Above, Adriana today



Mount Vernon alum's lifesaving efforts recognized

Editor's Note: the following update is excerpted from an article written by Dave Morris. Full article appears in the July 23, 2008 issue of *The Sun*, and also in the *Gazette*.

Paper carrier Adriana Hartelt Boettcher '91 of Mount Vernon was recognized Aug. 8, 2008 at the Iowa State Fair for her lifesaving efforts on two separate occasions. Adriana's route is in Mount Vernon.

While delivering at the Chapel View Apartments, she heard the call of an elderly man who had fallen. The man, who was a Hurricane Katrina evacuee, asked her to come in to his apartment. She found him on the floor, called police and waited for paramedics to arrive.

Later that same winter, she discovered an elderly woman in the snow who had gone out at night without her hat and gloves in sub-zero weather. She had fallen, and her body felt cold to Boettcher, who wrapped her in her scarf and hat, and summoned police.

"I didn't think much of it at all at the time," she said. Boettcher did, however, mention it to one of her customers, Dean Borg of Mount Vernon, while she was telling him why the paper was later than usual. Boettcher said Borg gives her cocoa in the winter. Borg, in turn, nominated her for the award. "I had no idea it was in the works," she said.

"The paper route is supplemental income," Boettcher said. "I have a lot of loyalty to my customers, many of whom I haven't met."

Adriana can be reached at eaboettcher@netins.net



■ TODD BOTHEL '85



Left, Todd in High School, at right in Disneyworld with his two nieces, daughters of sister Trisha Bothel Almond '88

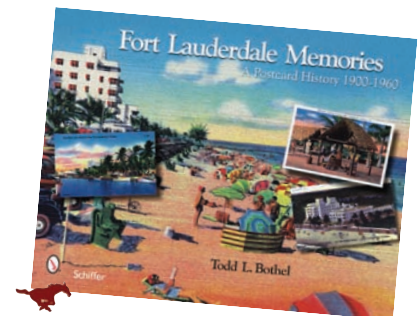
After spending a year in Australia as a Rotary Exchange Student following graduation, Todd attended Beloit College in Wisconsin to study Anthropology. Todd then attended John F. Kennedy University near San Francisco and earned his Masters degree in Museum Studies. He has worked at the March Field Air Museum, the San Bernardino County Museum, the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and the Old Davis School Historical Museum.

Currently, he is the Registrar at the Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach. He is responsible for cataloging artifacts, installing exhibits and maintaining the paper and electronic collections records. He is conducting research for a "Florida Jews in the Military" exhibit that will open in February 2010.

In October 2008 Schiffer Publishing released his book "Fort Lauderdale Memories- A Postcard History 1900-1960", which has over 200 historical images with captions of Fort Lauderdale. (Cover shown below)

He says "My favorite memory of high school was going to the marching band competitions and beating all of the other schools."

Todd can be reached at TLBothel@aol.com



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Can you help with an address, phone number, or email for any of these alums? Your help is very appreciated. We'd like to get these people up-to-date so that both their class representatives can contact them, but also so they can receive this publication.

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Janis Bair Robu
Pat Benesheck Were
Donald Yaeger
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Ed Hubble
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Vickie Hill Reynolds
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Kelly Jaeger
Mary Ketchum
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Alex Kubusch
Jenny Loeb sack
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THANK YOU to the following alums who were volunteers at the spring State Academic Decathlon at the High School

Carolyn Neal Palmer '42	Shauna Applebee Dye '01	Jane Colehour Pospisil '68
Kevin Rogers '81	Lisa Squiers White '88	Luke Staskal '00
Bill Thomsen '72	Dick Moore '52	Jenny Moore Hampton '91
Ryan Whitman '03	Duane Jordan '93	Steve Horton '68
Ian Dye '01	LeighAnn LaPointe Jordan '94	Maggie Lessmeier Willems '96
	Ken Pospisil '68	



AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETS

The Alumni Awards committee met last summer to review nominations and select the 2008 Hall of Fame Award recipients. From left to right around the tables: Athletic Booster Club member Carol Woods '75, Fine Arts Association member Janet Dietrich, community representative Bob Meeker, faculty/staff (past/present) Maggie Quinn Ellison '62 and Alan Kiser, Association Board member and Committee chair Deb Winchip Douglass '86, and Association Board member Jenny Hampton Moore '91. Not shown: Fine Arts Association member Jenny Ciha.

Mustangs...what are they doing now?

■ BILL THOMSEN '72

Middle school football coach earns prestigious award after 32 years

Editor's Note: the following update is excerpted from an article written by Dave Morris. Full article appears in the December 3, 2008 issue of *The Sun*

No one was more surprised than Mount Vernon Middle School Football Coach Bill Thomsen when he found out he was the winner of the Iowa Football Coaches Association's top honor.

Thomsen, 54, who has coached for 32 years, received the Don Taft Junior High Coaches Award at halftime of the 2008 Class 3A championship at the UNI-Dome. A Mount Vernon native and Cornell College graduate, he taught and coached for five years in New Hampton before returning to teach and coach in the MV School District for the past 27 years.

"I'm proud. I'm pleased. I think longevity has a lot to do with it," Thomsen said. "There's nothing about (coaching) I don't enjoy."

Thomsen keeps a busy coaching schedule, handling middle school football and wrestling and serving as the high school girls' track coach. He's quick to lay the credit at his athletes' feet. "There's a tremendous clientele in Mount Vernon. The talent is there," he said. "We're blessed with a lot of talented athletes."

If there's one thing he hopes the athletes he coaches take from him it's that they recognize the passion and dedication it takes. "I tell them you're already a winner just going out and facing the challenge of the sport, by volunteering to be

Below left, Bill's senior picture, at right, Bill today as 5th Grade Teacher at Mount Vernon Middle School



a part of the team," he said. "We're not always measured in a win-loss record."

Thomsen has a straight-forward coaching philosophy: "I will take the blame, and I want them to get the credit. I really like to take the pressure off and let kids be kids." That's not to say he isn't asking a lot of his athletes, and Thomsen said he works out alongside the students and tries to be a good role model.

Thomsen lights up when asked about what he has learned from his young athletes. "I love the effort, the variety - every kid's different," he said. "To see a kid who's semi-interested make a hit" and grow makes it worth it.

Despite the amount of time Thomsen spends involved in athletics, he's no one-trick pony. He's played everything from a cowardly lion to an ugly step-sister in community theater productions, and he's not afraid to get on stage and sing. "I think being a performer carries over," he said.

Years ago, when he returned to Mount Vernon, he taught physical education. He currently teaches math and health, but has previously taught reading, English and science.

Bill can be reached at wthomsen@mountvernon.k12.ia.us



■ RON BRIDGES '61



Ron, at left, is shown with one of the people he regularly drives to health appointments. Here Ron is picking up Harry after driving locally all day for the organization, to take him to Loma Linda, a four-hour round trip for a liver transplant that was just called in. Right, Ron as a freshman in High School.

Ron Bridges has been driving for the Reachout Morongo Basin organization for a little over four years.

Reachout serves 29 Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley and the surrounding areas and are a stand alone non-profit. Their largest program is the Transportation Program which provides rides to health care appointments. They own two vans and run them five days a week. Monthly they travel over 3,500 miles.

Ron, a driver of one of the vans, says "I take seniors and disabled people to medical appointments. I average about 2-3 thousand miles a month."

The organization operates two offices, oversees the 29 Palms Senior Center, coordinates more than 300 volunteers each year. Learn more by visiting Reach Out's website at www.ReachOutMB.org.

Ron can be reached at ronbridges@mindspring.com





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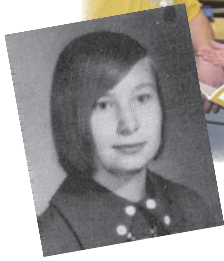
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Left, Wendy in her High School days. Above, Wendy in her current job is helping a Kirkwood student

■ **WENDY KAPLAN JOHNSON '71**

Wendy writes in... "Greetings to all from a 1971 Classmate! You might remember me as the 'wall-flower' in school.... Yes, I was, but I have changed. It is hard to believe that we have been out of school for 38 years. Many of us are still around the area. Since graduation I have enjoyed working for a variety of different employers. In 1984 my dream job came true. I started working at Kirkwood Community College in the Horticulture/Floral Careers Department. I have been here 25 years and I totally love what I do. I am an Office Coordinator and I wear many hats. As far as family life goes, I am happily married to Marty Johnson going on 26 years together and we have one beautiful daughter, Chelsea.

This incident from the past will always remain in my mind.....'On a sunny April day I was standing by the road ready to get on the school bus. As Dale Larsen (bus driver) approached, I made several motions to him that it looked like he had a flat tire on the one side. He stopped and I told him to get out, that there was a problem.....A long story short, I finally had to laugh and say "April Fools" to him...the expression on his face was PRICELESS!' I guess I was a prankster back then, and am still to this day. Life is too short.....we all need to laugh and remember the good times.

And the Class of 1971 needs to connect. I would like to extend an invitation to you all to stop by the Alumni Breakfast on July 11, 2009 to visit and talk about a 40th reunion in 2011. I personally would like to organize this reunion, and would enjoy forming a committee to help.

The "old school days" are gone, but the memories still linger. We were all put here with a purpose in mind and I would truly hope that our paths will meet up again and we can visit and reminisce about the "good old days" and how life has changed for all of us.

Wendy can be contacted at wjohnso@kirkwood.edu



Alumni News...



Sun photo by Abbi Swanson

Mary Wolfe Smith '47
Mary, who lives in Mount Vernon, grew this enormous 11-inch long, five-pound carrot in her backyard last summer. It is four-inches at the top in diameter.

Mike Woods '77 earned a Masters Degree in International Diplomacy with a concentration in Conflict Management through Norwich University, Vermont. In June '08 Mike had to defend his paper on 'Basilan Model of Counter-Insurgency as applied to the Global War on Terror.' Shown here at his graduation with wife Joleen Nelson Woods (MV High School Vocal Music Teacher).



Michael Langer '85 was installed as "Pastor and Church Planter" for a new church in Iowa City, Iowa by the Presbyterian Church in America in November, 2008. The new church is called One Ancient Hope. One of the things his church has been busy doing since the floods of '08 has been coordinating and overseeing disaster relief to flood impacted families in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. His denomination has brought almost 400 volunteers into the area from across the country, and recently hired a Director of Disaster Recovery to assist in overseeing this work.

Kristin Reilly '06 spent the summer of 2008 in Okinawa, Japan as an employee of "Camp Adventure" a group that, with input from the US Military and Boys/Girls Clubs of America, provides M-F Daycamp for children of Military personnel based overseas. Kristin was one of 950 students who were placed all over the world for the summer.

Bob Wolfe '48 of Mount Vernon was named a Volunteer of the Year by the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group (CDG) The award was presented Wednesday, March 25. Bob was recognized for the countless hours he has given to big and small projects for the community.



Last fall **Nargi Rayman Steinbrech '55** recruited 12 members of the Solon HS golf team for a Community Service Project to assist veterans at the 14th Annual Golf Tournament for the Blind. It is locally sponsored by the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Iowa City and has attracted over 100 blind golfers from 16 different states all over the U.S. An orientation presentation was completed during school by Nargi with administrative approval. The following week each student spent two afternoons at Lake McBride course with a blind vet driving the cart, keeping score, and being their "eyes" as their coaches watched. Nargi, pictured above at right end of the middle row, says "It was a huge success for students and veterans alike."

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Ryan Whitman '03 started this school year at Mount Vernon High School as a high school special education teacher and assistant football coach and basketball coach.

Kara Huffman '07 is starting her 2nd year as the Mount Vernon High School Dance Team Coach

Marilyn Woods Overman '45 celebrated 80 year birthday in August

Crystal Carmer Osborn '53 and husband Frank celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversary, August 16, 1958

Sonia Redmond '82 and husband Tom celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary, January 14, 1984

Gary Knutsen '65 was honored by Iowa State University with the 2008 Stange Award for Meritorius Service on October 24th, 2008. It is the highest honor given to alums of ISU's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sonia Redmond '82 was promoted to Assistant Cashier at Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Company. She has been with the bank for 21 years.

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE SUGGESTION OR SUBMISSION?
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Marilyn Dean Schnittjer'58 and **Roger Schnittjer'56** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 21, 1958.

Bill Yeisley'52 and wife Harriet celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, August 2, 1958.

Betsy McWilliams'99 is a 3rd grade teacher and technology specialist for the Des Moines Public Schools Hillis Elementary School in northwest Des Moines. She is getting married in the fall of 2009 to Chris Brown.

Mary Diers'86 took a new position with Kaplan University as an Admissions Recruiter.

The Grill House in Allegan, Michigan, along with alums **Marcia Swaney Wagner'68**, **Chip Swaney'72**, and **Tracy Bair Garvin'89**, can now be seen on The Travel Channel nationwide. The show is called *Steak Paradise Part 2*. The Grill House is featured as 1 of 7 outstanding steak houses in the USA. This will air throughout the year usually on Wednesdays.

Jean Lehman'72 was elected to serve on the Santa Fe Association of Realtors (SFAR) Board of Directors in 2008.

Col. Lindsey Borg'83 was promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Air Force in a ceremony at Scott AFB, Ill. Borg directs public affairs for Air Mobility Command from its headquarters at Scott AFB. The command includes about 135,000 people and is responsible for worldwide airlift of cargo and people, including the President, aeromedical evacuation of wounded troops, and in-air refueling of aircraft.

Greg Morrissey'76 was named Teacher of the Year at North Garland High School in Garland, Texas. He received his award at the April 17th Texas Rangers baseball game.

MARRIAGES

Carol Mallie Hansen'75 to Marty Feldmann, Jan 14, 2009, reside in Cedar Rapids

Melanie Pepper'86 to Brett Mangold, Oct, 19, 2007, reside in North Liberty

Shawn McGowan'89 to Bryan Janssen, May 25, 2008, reside in Cedar Rapids

Chad Reckling'89 to Theresa Hite, November 6, 2008, reside in Burlington, IA

Paige Davis'92 to Ken Volk, January 7, 2008, reside in Iowa City

Josh Snyder'96 to Keri Walbrick, September 20, 2008, reside in Mount Vernon

Paul Easker'00 to Patti Shonk, June 6, 2008. Reside in Ames, IA

Luke Rasmussen'00 to Leslie Brusven, October 27, 2007, reside in Hopkins, MN.

Lindsey Kerr'01 and **Jeremy Hotz'99**, June

28, 2008, reside in Mount Vernon
Lacy Johnson'02 to Skylor Maxson, Sept. 20, 2008, reside in Iowa City

Kyle Kuntz'02 to Taryn Robinson, November 8, 2008, reside in North Liberty

Sarah Ludwig'02 to Michael Cohen August 31, 2008, reside in St. Louis Park, MN

Brent Forbes'03 to Alyssa Berryann Aug. 9, 2008, reside in Mount Vernon

Jacob Pospisil'03 to Carrie Goetsch, September 27, 2008, reside in Cedar Rapids

Darci Kalen Merrill'03 to Garret Thomas Lorenson August 2, 2008, reside in Ames

Ryan Whitman'03 to Tasha Hauschild, July 19, 2008. Reside in Mount Vernon

Derek Kruger'04 to Kimberly DeVries, September 20, 2008, reside in Story City.

Anna Ternes'04 and **Joshua Rundle'04**, October 11, 2008, reside in Mount Vernon

BABY NEWS

Angie Hampton Jones'89 and husband Larry, a boy Keegan January 27, 2009

Shawn McGowan Janssen'89 and husband Bryan, a daughter, March 12, 2009

Jenna Wiebel Wischmeyer'91 and husband Kirk, a daughter, Lucy Ann, October 27, 2008

Maggie Lessmeier Willems'96 and husband Nate, a daughter Ava Grace, June 4, 2008

B.J. Leeper'97 and wife Jodi of Olathe, Kansas, a son, Latham Bryant, December 28, 2008

Kasey Lange'98 and wife Sara of Lisbon, daughter Mallie Ann, November 28, 2008

Vicki Fettkether Martin'00 and husband Albert, a son, Preston Henry, November 25, 2008

Ian Dye'01 and **Shauna Applebee-Dye'01**, a daughter, Eleanor (Nora) Rose, December 15, 2008

Nick Boren'02 and wife Teressia, of Mount Vernon, a daughter Kenzie Kay, August 29, 2008

EDUCATION NEWS

Janet Fisher'92 Bachelor of Science in Business, Mount Mercy College

Anna Ternes Rundle'04 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Coe College

Joshua Rundle'04 BA in Mathematics and Risk Management, Illinois Wesleyan University

Dustin Stewart'04 BA in Biology, Ecology and Systematics, University of Northern Iowa

Pvt. Nikki Ciha'08, graduated from the Army National Guard basic combat training in November 2008

In Memory

Vera Wickham Sadler 1932
Mervyn Armstrong 1933
*William 'Bill' Kaplan 1939
Marguerite Sievers 1941
Eula Burnett Lichtenburg 1944
Melvin J Coppock 1945
Joan Rhoads Siggins 1945
Willis Dean 'Jeff' Brawner 1946
Eric Anderson 1949
Milo 'Mike' Machacek 1949
Eloise Littell Reinhardt, 1949
Joseph Bridges 1951
Richard 'Dick' Hughes 1953
Keith Jilovec 1954
Jean Childs Funk 1957
Norman Rayman 1957
Lawrence Studt 1963
Karen Kent Smith 1965
Arnold 'Arnie' Onstott 1966
Kenneth Sutliff 1969
Kim Murphy 1972
Teriann Chitty Bryant 1964
Jacque Nichols Gilliam 1945

FRIENDS

Dorothy Emerson, former Secretary at Mount Vernon High School
Pat Wattleworth, former district employee

* Alumni Association Class Representative
(Please excuse us if your classmate or loved one is not listed here for their recent death, but let us know for inclusion in the next newsletter.)

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?
Your email address is as valuable as your mailing address these days. Having your email address in the alumni data base is a great way for other alums, your class representatives, and the alumni office to contact you. If you are not receiving occasional emails from the alumni office, then we probably don't have a personal email address for you.
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CAREER DAY AT MV MIDDLE SCHOOL

Phil Niehaus'84, pictured at left, and Dave Ryan'85, pictured at right, were among several alums who gave career presentations to Middle School students in April.

THANK YOU for your 2008-2009 Support of the Alumni Association

One way YOU can help the Alumni Association is to be a 'Supporter'. We are asking each alumnus for a voluntary contribution of \$10 or more annually (July 1 to July 1) to help offset a variety of publishing, event, and Association expenses. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Please see the back cover of this issue for the 2009-2010 Support Form.

Austin Armstrong 1933 Cedar Rapids IA	Elizabeth Pospisil Wolfe* 1945 Mount Vernon IA	Howard DeCamp 1951 Lombard IL	Jane Johnston Perry 1955 Mattoon IL	Linda Trpkosh Thomas 1958 Mount Vernon IA
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Vernon Burge 1937 Mount Vernon IA	Martha Moses Divishek 1946 Cedar Rapids IA	Carol Croft Ken* 1951 Winchester MA	Jerry Ringer, Dr.* 1955 Bloomington IL	Dennis Drahos 1959 Cedar Rapids IA
Robert Fisher* 1937 Aiken SC	James Gunn* 1946 Mount Vernon IA	John McCullough* 1951 Santa Rosa CA	Nargi Jo Rayman Steinbrech* 1955 Solon IA	Jane Costello Fink* 1959 Anamosa IA
Jean Minish Stoner 1937 Mount Vernon IA	William Lodge 1946 Cedar Rapids IA	Richard McKeen* 1951 Iowa City IA	David Thomson* 1955 Canon City CO	Edward Fordyce 1959 Mount Vernon IA
Dorothy Beach Fisher* 1938 Aiken SC	Helen Dvorak Stoner* 1946 Amana IA	Patricia Young Schloss* 1951 Cedar Rapids IA	David Van Metre* 1955 Omaha NE	Richard Glatly* 1959 Willow River MN
Mary Mulherin 1938 Mount Vernon IA	Robert Thompson* 1946 Calabasas CA	Ruth Thompson Trostle* 1951 Calabasas CA	Carol Hartenberger Walden 1955 Mount Vernon IA	Ronald Hess* 1959 Independence IA
Donald Krumm 1939 Marshalltown IA	Doug Van Metre* 1946 Marion IA	Warren Carney 1952 Cedar Rapids IA	Phyllis Brecht White 1955 Solon IA	J Jilovec* 1959 Mechanicsville IA
Leland Martin 1940 Cedar Rapids IA	James Croft* 1947 Tallahassee FL	Adeline Biderman Gaimari* 1952 Cedar Rapids IA	Betty Coon Ammeter 1956 Cedar Rapids IA	Jerry Kroeger 1959 Mount Vernon IA
Jeanne Sullivan Stopulos 1940 Bettendorf IA	June Koch Culberson 1947 Knob Noster MO	William Lenz, (Ret) Lt. Col 1952 St. Mary's GA	Barbara Pence Conn 1956 Laurel MD	John Maxson* 1959 Wheatland WY
Louise Dvorak Clark* 1941 Lisbon IA	Richard Edwards* 1947 Fulton IL	Richard Moore 1952 Mount Vernon IA	J Ennis, USN Ret* 1956 Jamesville VA	Marie Sippola* 1959 Cedar Rapids IA
Martha Rogers McNabb 1941 Racine WI	Francis Hoodmaker* 1947 Ft. Collins CO	Bill Yeisley 1952 Cedar Rapids IA	Kenneth Kaliban 1956 Cedar Rapids IA	Sharon Neal Ulrich 1959 Coralville IA
Ruth Minish Meeker 1941 Marion IA	Donald Killen 1947 Hot Springs Village AR	John Young 1952 Cedar Rapids IA	Leona Reyhons Smith* 1956 Mount Vernon IA	Annamae Stoneking Baker* 1960 Mount Vernon IA
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Henry Carleton 1942 Los Angeles CA	Dorothy Winey Parsons 1947 Bettendorf IA	George Brown* 1953 Kearney NE	Myrt Clark Bowers 1957 Mount Vernon IA	Sharon Dungey Decious 1960 Monticello KY
Leora Foster Henderson* 1942 Austin TX	Kathleen Woods Pitlik* 1947 Mount Vernon IA	Shirley Farris Burlingame 1953 Tucson AZ	Dr. Sandi Cunningham, PhD* 1957 Burns KS	Susan Dye Hodin* 1960 Arvada CO
Carolyn Neal Palmer 1942 Mount Vernon IA	Wilma Levy Whittemore* 1947 Callahan FL	Betty Dostal Carney 1953 Cedar Rapids IA	Barbara Neal Hutchins 1957 Marion IA	John Hunter 1960 Cedar Rapids IA
Donald Walton* 1942 Mount Vernon IA	Millicent Hoggard Zenishek 1947 Mechanicsville IA	Paul Drahos 1953 Cedar Rapids IA	Paul Kent* 1957 North Liberty IA	Frances Bensmiller Lanning* 1960 Nevada IA
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Elizabeth Wolfe Kroul 1943 Mount Vernon IA	Howard Davis 1948 Bella Vista AR	Ruth Ackerman Farris 1953 Eatonton GA	Karen Jilovec Martin* 1957 Mount Vernon IA	David Neal* 1960 Davenport IA
Richard Dvorak* 1944 Cedar Rapids IA	Audrey Burnett Davis 1948 Bella Vista AR	Jean Pavelka Litts 1953 Mount Vernon IA	Elaine Mulherin* 1957 San Antonio Hts CA	Judith Caldwell Penn* 1960 Cedar Rapids IA
John Koch, MD* 1944 Cedar Rapids IA	Ruth Reyhons Hinz 1948 Anamosa IA	Barbara Beckhelm Moore* 1953 Mount Vernon IA	Mary Bowman Seidler* 1957 Des Moines IA	John Rife* 1960 Mount Vernon IA
Norma Bartosh Kubicek 1944 Lisbon IA	Francis Pitlik* 1948 Cedar Rapids IA	Noel Neuenswander (Neu)* 1953 Moline IL	Janet Hess Smith* 1957 Des Moines IA	Jean Plank Stinehour* 1960 Littleton NH
Betty Herring Martinez 1944 Sun City AZ	Dr. Stanley Grant* 1949 Deer Park WA	Donna Wooff (wife of Art) 1953 Cedar Rapids IA	Judith Kohl Steiner* 1957 Kingwood TX	Steven Becicka* 1961 Bloomington IL
Gwen Smyth Turnbull* 1944 Greenbelt MD	Dr. George Hill* 1949 West Orange NJ	Annabelle Sturtz Bridges 1954 Cedar Rapids IA	Richard Washburn 1957 Sturbridge MA	Ronald Bridges* 1961 Twentynine Palms CA
Pauline Doubenmier Waganan 1944 Lisbon IA	Larry Nutt* 1949 Lincoln NE	Fae Sparks Edwards* 1954 Cedar Rapids IA	Vince Walrab* 1957 Cedar Rapids IA	Mary Reilly Freese 1961 Cedar Rapids IA
John Wolfe* 1944 Mount Vernon IA	Dolores Staskal Hicks* 1950 Rancho Palos Verdes CA	Lawrence Edwards* 1954 Cedar Rapids IA	Richard Bowman 1958 Shorewood MN	Craig Hipple 1961 Roswell NM
Jane Woods Overman 1945 Mount Vernon IA	James Kent* 1950 Winchester MA	Marlene Mallie Ford* 1954 Fairfax IA	Robert Bowman* 1958 Glenview IL	John Hoidahl* 1961 Aurora CO
Rita Travis Reilly 1945 Cedar Rapids IA	Richard Netolicky* 1950 Ely IA	Marie Russell Hruby 1954 Oxford IA	Richard Clark* 1958 Las Vegas NV	Don Jilovec 1961 Mechanicsville IA
Phyllis Connell Schump 1945 Iowa City IA	Wiladene Hoggard Willming* 1950 San Antonio TX	William Macaulay* 1954 Henderson NV	Myra Croft Greve* 1958 Northwood IA	Richard Miner* 1961 Incline Village NV
Dorothy Longbeam Steinocher* 1945 Rogers AR	David Wolfe 1950 Los Angeles CA	John Pence* 1954 Fairfax City VA	Janis Glatly Hoover 1958 Poughkeepsie NY	Barbara Williams Mulligan* 1961 Marion IA
Thomas Wolfe 1945 Solon IA	Joseph Bridges (d) 1951 Cedar Rapids IA	John Studt 1954 Bentonville AR	Larry Kramer* 1958 Marion IA	Gary Sutliff 1961 Tampa FL
		James Washburn 1954 Solon IA	David Kroeger* 1958 Marion IA	Ruth Ford Warren 1961 Marion IA
		Leroy Berry* 1955 Cedar Rapids IA	Tom Neal 1958 Cocoa FL	Linda Buresh Brouillette* 1962 El Cajon CA
		Barbara Sutliff Hansel 1955 Cedar Rapids IA	Ronald Nezerka* 1958 Cedar Rapids IA	Ernest Farris* 1962 Anamosa, IA
		Janet Johnston McCannon* 1955 Burlington IA	Gail Yeisley Rhodes* 1958 Clive IA	Christine Hodge Gochenover* 1962 Cedar Rapids IA
		Kay Mullen Morrissey 1955 Palmer MA	Helen Sproston Schneider* 1958 Mount Vernon IA	William Horton 1962 Trophy Club TX

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- Larry Patrick* 1962
Fairfax IA
- Ronald Schott* 1962
Sigourney IA
- Renee Sterenberg Branson* 1963
Hesperia CA
- Joan Hunter Brown 1963
Hutchinson KS
- Harry Edelman* 1963
Miami Beach FL
- Karen Kaliban Fox 1963
Marion IA
- Rosalie Bowman Gallagher* 1963
Des Moines IA
- Deborah Lenz Hicks* 1963
San Jose CA
- Barbara Clark Ingersoll* 1963
Prescott Valley AZ
- Susan Ellison Kowalczyk* 1963
Downers Grove IL
- Gloria Herboldsheimer Krob* 1963
Lisbon IA
- Steven Kroeger 1963
Casey IA
- Linda Peterson Nost 1963
Lisbon IA
- Francis Pisarik* 1963
Kenosha WI
- Martin Pritlik* 1963
Rockwall TX
- Christopher Stoltz 1963
Mount Vernon IA
- Dennis Akers* 1964
Cedar Rapids IA
- Ruth Bensmiller 1964
Shellsburg IA
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- Jean Kuntz Bowman* 1964
DeWitt IA
- Christene Hudson Brown* 1964
Ely IA
- Stephen Howard 1964
Cass Lake MN
- Robert Jilovec* 1964
Mechanicsville IA
- Mary Bauman Kolbe* 1964
Phoenix AZ
- Diana Kafer LaVoi* 1964
Apple Valley MN
- Joyce Miller Maxwell* 1964
Central City IA
- Jane Maxson Penfield 1964
Dongola IL
- Joseph Studt* 1964
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- David Brown 1965
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- Susan Mounts Fisher 1965
Mount Vernon IA
- Richard Hoke 1965
Mount Vernon IA
- Gary Knutsen* 1965
Naples FL
- Suzanne Roberts Stoner* 1965
Mount Vernon IA
- John Woods* 1965
Lisbon IA
- Judith Berends Workman* 1965
Cedar Rapids IA
- Susan Hansen Aragon 1966
Loveland CO
- Kathy Studt King* 1966
Bella Vista AR
- William Lighthall 1966
Lisbon IA
- Stephen Neal* 1966
Mount Vernon IA
- Pamela Ellison Owen 1966
Lake Ridge VA
- John Pospisil 1966
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- Marianne Hansen Garrigan* 1967
Fayetteville TN
- Jane Baker Hardin* 1967
New Port Richey FL
- Peggy Neal Howard 1967
Longmont CO
- Julie Thompson Kerhulas* 1967
Santa Maria CA
- Candice Goodrich Kling 1967
Kitty Hawk NC
- Terry Meeks* 1967
Advance NC
- Jane Strathier Beck* 1968
Cedar Rapids IA
- Ricki Franks Onstott* 1968
Mount Vernon IA
- Trudy Clay Pearson 1968
Tipton IA
- Candace Miller Plotz 1968
Ely IA
- Anne DuVal Rehfuss 1968
Roswell GA
- Michael Smith 1968
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- David Stoner* 1968
Mount Vernon IA
- Laura Werkman* 1968
Mount Vernon IA
- Darlene Hartl Allard 1969
Mount Vernon IA
- Mary Peterson Berry* 1969
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Mount Vernon IA
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Mount Vernon IA
- Jenna Wiebel Wischmeyer* 1991
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Is your name missing? Be sure to let us know 319-895-8845 or alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us.

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Thank you to the following classes and individuals who have given donations to the Association, either in addition to their support/dues, in memory of someone, or as a gift to help the Association.

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Are the Alumni Association and the Foundation the SAME thing? NO

The **Alumni Association** was formed to coordinate all-alumni activities. Donations to the Alumni Association are used to support the alumni newsletter, data base, awards and Association activities.

The **Foundation** is a charitable non-profit organization that partners with alumni, businesses, parents, and friends to help support a higher level of educational excellence for students of Mount Vernon Schools. Donations to the Foundation are used to support the school district in ways such as student scholarships and teacher education grants. The Foundation financially supported the Alumni Association in its first years, and continues with financial support of one alumni newsletter annually.

DONATIONS TO BOTH ASSOCIATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

ASSOCIATION IS HONOR SOCIETY SPONSOR



Each year the Alumni Association helps High School students by sponsoring the April Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Alums meet and greet guests, hand out programs, and sponsor the cake reception. Shown above in picture on the right, getting ready to serve cake are Association Vice President Ernie Farris'62, Association Treasurer Susan Mounts Fisher'65, Alumni Representative Barb Thomsen Neal'68, and Association President Kevin Rogers'81.

Kevin also greeted the Honor Society Induction audience, and introduced speaker Jean Minish Stoner'37 (shown above at left), who was also the Association's 2008 Service Award recipient.

Thank you!

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 2008-2009

- (HS-High School, MS-Middle School, ES-Elementary School)
- ~HS will graduate approx 118 students
- ~Spring Musical is 'Beauty and the Beast'
- ~HS vocalists earn 28 ones and 6 twos at All-State Music competition. Two groups received outstanding performers awards and perform in Ames.
- ~Noreen Bush is hired to replace Middle School principal
- ~John Krumbholz who announced his resignation in March
- ~HS Robotics Team competes in World Championship
- ~Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert announces resignation in April, and superintendent search is on.
- ~HS Decathlon Team places 2nd in Small Schools at State Competition and is also host for the State Competition
- ~Four HS Art Students earn recognition at the National Scholastics Art regional competition, with two students are selected for National Level competition.
- ~HS Individual Speech performers earn top ratings at district speech and qualify for State Competition
- ~School Board members earn IASB honors, the Better Boardmanship Award and individual Achievement certificates
- ~Ten HS speech team groups proceed to the state contest
- ~HS yearbook earns five 1st place awards in the Class A Iowa High School Press Association Yearbook Contest.
- ~HS Girls Cross Country earns state title.
- ~HS football team earns 'distinguished' academic award
- ~HS Volleyball team takes 2nd at state tournament.
- ~Homecoming royalty were Alex Brannaman, King, and Mackenzie Havill, queen
- ~Fall play was Neil Simon's comedy, *The Odd Couple*.
- ~HS Girls Volleyball earned WAMAC conference championship
- ~HS Boys and Girls Cross Country teams earned WAMAC conference championships
- ~Coach Shirley Ryan was named WAMAC East Division Volleyball Coach of the Year
- ~Two HS seniors earn National Merit recognition, Scott Burke and Jonah Greenstein
- ~Students from all three Mount Vernon school buildings participated in a student/community art project entitled "There's No Place Like Home" to support local flood victims
- ~Ryan Whitman'03 joins the High School staff as Resource Instructor

1927 SCHOOL BUILDING SOLD TO ELLIOTT FAMILY



What was once a high school or middle school to many alums, is now a community building under private ownership. In January 2009, Rick and Trudy Elliott became official owners of the 1927

school building on 1st Street East. It is now home to a variety of tenants and also serves as a community space.

The library and auditorium areas are available to the public for meetings and programs, including local theatre and dance groups. The gym also is available for leagues and family gatherings. The High School football team will continue to use the building, while the School District retains ownership of the field. The Elliott's goal in owning the building is to provide what the community wants and needs while covering costs; eventually creating a non-profit foundation to keep it up and running as a community building.

2009 MOVING ON...

The following district staff members will be retiring or moving on this year.



JEFF SCHWIEBERT

- What you taught: High School Social Studies, Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, Athletic-Activities Director, Head Baseball and Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coach, Superintendent
- Year started at MV: 1981
- Total years at MV: 28 years

•Parting words: I will be moving on to take a position as superintendent at North Scott schools in eastern Iowa. This was a difficult decision for me because of my 32 year connection to the Mount Vernon Community. I have received an excellent college education at Cornell College and had great education mentors from the teaching and administrative staff in Mount Vernon. Hopefully I have made a difference in some of our students' lives that I had the opportunity to teach and coach. I have had the joy of working with excellent teachers and staff, and have developed some of the greatest friendships in the world with many members of this community. My own children have received a quality, first class education. Mount Vernon will always be home to my family and me.



HELEN ROCKROHR

- Your position: Custodian, Middle and Elementary
- Year started at MV: 1981
- Total years at MV: 28 years

•First year favorite memory: My first day at the Elementary School was Halloween (need I say more?). It was a great introduction into the lives of hundreds of excited, costumed, and sticky youngsters!

•An eventful memory: During an ice storm in 2000, many soggy ceiling tiles came down and cold rain came pouring in the south hall at the Elementary School. This mess had to be cleaned up. I didn't realize how bad the smell was or how difficult and heavy the tiles were to remove!

•Retirement plans: Enjoy my hobbies of scrapbooking and cooking. Would like to finish my goal of visiting all the National Parks in the U.S.

•Parting words: Always do your best.



JEFF RISK

- What you taught: Elementary and Middle School Counselor
- Year started at MV: 1981
- Total years at MV: 28 (33 years total teaching)

•Parting words: HAIR TODAY... GONE TOMORROW. Thanks, Jeff.



JOHN KRUMBHOLZ

- What you taught: Elementary Teacher, Middle School Principal
- Year started at MV: 1978 and 2002
- Total years at MV: 15 years

•A personal success or highlight for you? Not exactly an event but a series of events that led me to seek out more information about how middle school students could be more effectively served. This series led me to a point in my career where I realize that the only reason middle school students are branded as hard to work with is because we as adults want to either treat them like elementary students or like high school students. The reality is they are neither and when we deal with them as middle school students and understand the transitions they are going through, life and school becomes a better place to be.

F O U N D A T I O N

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Thank you to alumni and community members who have contributed to the Foundation.

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\$650 Middle School - 8th Grade Science
Instructor Rob Hanson will purchase a data collection system for 8th grade science. This is also an opportunity to team with 8th grade math for utilization of the graphic calculator.

\$500 High School - 9-12 Industrial Education
Instructor Scott White will use grant funds to offset the cost of an existing class, the Industrial Education Design Course.

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Instructor Susannah Maddock will equip the K-2 ELP program with various materials for ongoing monthly projects.

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Instructor Nanette Gunn will purchase electricity kits for 4th grade, and a wireless microphone system for classroom use.

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Hooray! We're finally on a roll -- and our big night is coming soon!

FORMER BAND AND COLOR GUARD (FLAG) MEMBERS:

Remember all that fun you had in band and color guard (flags)? Well, join the alumni band to play the Mount Vernon school song at half-time of the Homecoming Game and we'll have one-heck-of-a-good-time! *Don't worry that you might be a little rusty*, we'll be playing along with the High School Band. Music is available by mail and on the alumni pages of the website. Let us know and we'll mail you more info - call 319-895-8845 or email to alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us. We need your shirt size to have a complimentary Alumni Band shirt ready for you (please respond as soon as possible). **Color Guard** - we would also like you to attend the practice, and we will have a roll for you to play too. Bring a flag if you have one.

Want to be part of the fun, but NOT play or hold a flag? Please check Option 2 in form below.

Then, come again on Saturday to the Annual Meeting so you can receive an award certificate, and we can hoot and holler again for alumni band and color guard-flag members attending. **YEAH ALUMNI BAND!**

Participation Options:

- Option 1:** Stand in place and perform with the MVHS Marching Band during the half-time game show "On Mount Vernon". The MVHS marching band will march its half-time show and then Alumni Band/Color Guard members will walk onto the field and perform the school song with the band. Alumni band members will NOT be marching.
- Option 2:** Stand with the band at half-time and be recognized as a Band/Color Guard alumnus, but choose not to perform. You may choose not to play or perform, but we still want to include you.

Rehearsal and Game Night Plans:

- Music will be mailed out to alumni in advance so you have a chance to practice on your own. Or you may get it on the web from the alumni page. www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us then click to the alumni page
- If available, you are invited to attend the Friday, 1st period high school band rehearsal 8:20 - 9:10 AM, at the High School band room.
- All participants should meet at the First Street Building at 5:30 pm for a PIZZA PARTY!
- At 6:15 we will then move to the front of the First Street building (players, bring your instrument). Shirts will be handed out to participating band and color guard alums. **GROUP PICTURE** at 6:30. Betsy McWilliams'99 will give you instructions, and HS Band Instructor Alan Kiser will then join you at approx 6:45 for a music rehearsal with the High School band. (You may then watch the game or visit until our meeting time just prior to half-time. You may leave instruments inside in the gym area. A parent does supervise the area. Betsy will also have a key to the area.)

Instruments:

- Please provide your own instrument, lyre, and flip folder.
- We have a limited supply of school instruments such as marching percussion, sousaphones, etc., but a few are available on a first come, first served basis.

For More Information:

Betsy McWilliams'99-Alumni Band Coordinator 319-551-1444 missmcwilliams@yahoo.com
Alan Kiser-MVHS Band Dir. 319-895-8843 x4009 akiser@mountvernon.k12.ia.us
Alumni Association, Kathy Staskal 319-895-8845 alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us

Cut and return to: MV Alumni Band, 525 Palisades Road SW, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314 or call 319-895-8845

Yes, sign me up for Option 1 Stand in place & perform with the MVHS Marching Band during the half-time
Shirt Size (circle one) SM M L XL 2XL 3XL (shirt compliments of the Alumni Association)

Yes, sign me up for Option 2 Stand with the band at half-time and be recognized, but choose not to perform

First and last name _____ Alumni Year _____

Instrument _____ I have my own I need to borrow an instrument

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Country if outside USA _____

Email address _____

Phone _____ Work or cell phone _____

Be sure to pass this on to other Mount Vernon Band Alums

MAIL BY JULY 3!

How will we ever choose just four people out of the many deserving alums of Mount Vernon Schools? We'll let the Awards Committee sweat about that -- just get in your nominations!

Award winners will be announced and presented at Homecoming this fall on September 25, 2009, but please don't wait! We encourage you to fill out your nominations and mail them (or submit online at www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us/alumni).

THE DEADLINE IS A FRIDAY, JULY 3RD POSTMARK -- GET YOURS IN THE MAIL OR NOMINATE ONLINE NOW!

'The Spirit Lives On In You'

ALUMNI AWARDS

MVCSD Alumni Achievement Award

Given to alumni who have earned recognition for their achievements and contributions in their professional life.

Criteria:

- Alumni of Mount Vernon High School at least 28 years of age.
- Demonstrates a high level of achievement in his/her field and makes significant contributions to that field.
- Exhibits high moral character.

MVCSD Alumni Service Award

Given to alumni for specific and meritorious service to the MVCSD Alumni Association, or any other not-for-profit organization. Criteria:

- Alumni of Mount Vernon High School at least 28 years of age.
- Service must be for a not-for-profit organization in a non-compensated capacity.
- Exhibits high moral character.

MVCSD Fine Arts Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in the fine arts while attending Mount Vernon High School. Criteria:

- Alumni of Mount Vernon High School at least 28 years of age.
- Significant contributions in his/her fine arts area.
- Conference honors and/or all-state recognition, or equivalent.
- Superior ratings earned in competition.
- Major roles in theater productions, solos, etc.

Other considerations:

- Outstanding character and leadership.
- Successful participation in college and/or post-college.
- Major roles in theater productions, solos, etc. after high school.
- College scholarships in the fine arts disciplines.

MVCSD Sports Hall of Fame

Awarded to alumni with exceptional accomplishment in athletics while attending Mount Vernon High School. Criteria:

- Alumni of Mount Vernon High School at least 28 years of age.
- Statistical records and/or awards received.
- All-conference all-state and/or state championships earned.

Other considerations:

- Outstanding character and leadership.
- Successful participation in college and/or professional athletics.

NOTE: If you submitted a nomination last year, you do not need to resubmit, and your nominee will be considered for an award this year.

2009 MOUNT VERNON ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



Name of person I would like considered for an award(s): _____

His/Her address (if known) _____

His/Her phone (if known) _____

Select Desired MVCSD Alumni Award(s):

Alumni Achievement Award Alumni Service Award Fine Arts Hall of Fame Sports Hall of Fame

Description of Qualifications (Attach additional pages as necessary): (Note: a questionnaire will be sent to your nominee)

Name of Person Submitting the Nomination: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Telephone (_____) _____ Home Telephone (_____) _____

Email _____

All awards will be granted based on nominations, which can be submitted by mail using this form, or online at www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us/alumni. Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Awards Committee, and approved by the Alumni Association Board. Questions - call 319-895-8845 or email to alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us

Send this form post marked by July 3, 2009 to: Alumni Association, 525 Palisades Rd SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

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ALUMNI Association 2009-2010

Thank you to everyone listed on pages 20 and 21 of this publication who last year gave to SUPPORT (dues) Alumni Association activities and newsletter publication. If your name was marked with an asterik*, no support (or dues) are requested at this time and you have already given for the 2009-2010 year. Thank you also to those listed on page 22 who gave an additional DONATION. Your support is very much appreciated and also goes to fund alumni organization publications and activities.

New or Renew? FOR JULY 1 2009 TO JULY 1 2010

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

Alumni first and last name, including maiden name _____

Class Year _____ Spouse name (and class year if also an alumnus) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Country if outside USA _____

Email address _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

- One Year Supporting Contribution\$10 per alum
- or Five Year Supporting Contribution\$45 per alum
- additional donation

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you!

Renew online at www.k12.ia.us/alumni or cut and return with your check to: MV Alumni Association, 525 Palisades Road, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314