

# MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ALUMNI NEWS

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Make the Heritage Days Breakfast a Family event like the Dye Family - shown here are Danielle Dye '09 with brother Ian '01 and sister-in-law Shauna Applebee Dye '01 and their children. Shauna also serves on the Alumni Association Board as Secretary



## ALUM HERITAGE DAYS EVENTS - JULY 8-9

**July 8 and 9** - It's Heritage Days in Mount Vernon and that means a flurry of activities for alums. Be sure to attend the ever-popular All-Alumni and community breakfast at the High School on Saturday morning (8-11 am, serving from 8-10 am). The event is a popular meeting place, and a unique opportunity to see alums from 2011 to the 1930s (and even future alums!), as well as familiar faces from the community. Then, visit the Alumni Reception area up town near the Bingo Tent on Friday and Saturday - on Friday from 4-9 pm and Saturday from 11:30 am-until approximately 7 pm. Who will you see there? See pages 4 and 5 for pictures from last year's activities. Heritage Days runs from Thursday night through Saturday night.



**July 9** - Let's play some basketball ball! Join other alums for a pick-up game or just to shoot some baskets in the High School Gym. Open from 2-4 pm.

## other 2011 events...

**July 1** - extended post-mark deadline to submit your nominations for the Alumni Awards. See page 19. **DON'T DELAY - SUBMIT AN ALUM YOU THINK IS DESERVING OF EITHER A SERVICE, ACHIEVEMENT, FINE ARTS, OR ATHLETIC AWARD NOW!** Who can nominate? ANYONE - you do not have to be an alum to nominate.

**September 16** - An early Homecoming and fall in Mount Vernon along with our alumni award activities and Alumni Association Annual Meeting. Join us Friday night for the homecoming football game and alumni reception, along with an on-field introduction of our 2011 award recipients and Alumni Band! Then join us Saturday for our Award Ceremony and Annual Meeting, followed by a Fall Awards Reception.

**ALL ALUMNI EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER FRIENDS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT**



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Get your nomination in today for the 2011 Award Winners Hall of Fame! Deadline is July 1! See page 23

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### 2011 MV Community Events www.visitmvl.com

- July 4 Antique Extravaganza
- July 8-10 Heritage Days
- Sept 24 Lincoln Hwy Arts Festival
- Oct tba Chili Cook Off

## 2011 REUNIONS

### ALL ALUMNI-EVENTS

- Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9 Reception Tent, Uptown MV on Main Street (west of Bingo Tent)
- Saturday, July 9 Breakfast (by donation) at new High School

### CLASS REUNIONS

#### 2006 - 5 YEARS

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#### 1991 - 20 YEARS

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#### 1986 - 25 YEARS July 8-9

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#### 1981 - 30 YEARS July 8-9

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#### 1976 - 35 YEARS

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#### 1971 - 40 YEARS - July 9

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#### 1966 - 45 YEARS July 8-9

Contact: Margaret Ellison Duffy  
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#### 1961 - 50 YEARS July 8-9

Contact: Richard Blew  
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Contact: Barbara 'Bunny' Williams Mulligan  
Phone: 319-377-7644  
Contact: Dick Miner  
Phone: 775-833-2747  
Email: raldenm@aol.com

#### 1956 - 55 YEARS at All-Alumni Breakfast and more plans for reunion in 2012

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#### 1951 - 60 YEARS (1949, 1950, 1951) held fall 2010

#### 1946 - 65 YEARS July 9

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Contact: Margaret Clark Reilly  
Phone: 319-895-6090

#### 1941 - 70 YEARS @ Alumni Breakfast

#### 1936 - 75 YEARS @ Alumni Breakfast

#### 1931 - 80 YEARS @ Alumni Breakfast

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



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

Get your nomination in today for the 2011 Award Winners Hall of Fame! Deadline is July 1 Postmark See page 23

### IN THE FALL 2011 ISSUE...

2011 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS AND HOMECOMING PICTURES ALUMNI 2012 REUNION INFO

(send in your news by October 1st)

## MVHS Class of 1961 50th Year Reunion Schedule:

Friday, July 8: No-host bar and reception at Baxa's Sutliff Tavern: 5-10 PM. Class members from 1956 to 1964 encouraged to meet and greet.

Saturday, July 9: Class banquet at the Cornell College Commons: 6-10 PM with dinner starting at 7 PM and program at 8 PM.

Sunday, July 10: Bar-b-que, Keg Party, or ? at location to be determined: 1-6 PM.

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816-529-3750 (Oak Grove, MO)

## MVHS Class of 2001

The 10 year reunion for Class of 2001 will be held Heritage Days weekend. We will be meeting at several events hosted by Heritage Days and finishing with a bonfire at Ian and Shauna Dye's house Saturday night. Anyone who needs more info can contact Shauna Applebee Dye through Facebook.

## MVHS Class of 1971

40TH REUNION CLASS OF 1971  
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011

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Kevin Rogers '81  
Alumni Association  
President

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it."*

David Daniel Kominski (Danny Kaye) 1913-1987

It wasn't all too long ago, I was throwing a heck of all of paint at my canvas and more times than I care to count or admit, missing the canvas entirely. It wasn't until the last ten, eleven, maybe twelve years, did I realize that, darn, I have invested in a heck of all of paint, and my canvas was virtually void of anything substantial. Now approaching the half century mark (in age that is), I pause on occasion and look at my multiple canvases and think, wow. And in all honesty, my mother Eileen would be the first person to stare me straight in the eyes and say, "I would have never thought . . . . ."

This last March during the Iowa Academic Decathlon state tournament a long time acquaintance and I were chatting and they asked me why I do what I am doing as matters relate to Mount Vernon Community Schools, and why I volunteer so much time and energy to these efforts. My typical response to this and similar queries is that, "I enjoy what I am doing." It wasn't until the conclusion of the IAD awards banquet that the wheels in the void between my ears kicked into motion and I fully began to realize why I am doing what I am. The simple answer is: PRIDE. Pride in being a Mount Vernon alum; pride in the Mount Vernon students (our future alumni), and pride in our school district.

In a real sense, I have thrown all of maroon and white on my canvases the last three years. If someone were to have told me in the fall of 2008 that I would have had such large swatches of maroon and white on so many of my canvases, I would have laughed myself into tears. But I do and I am proud of it!

To me as I am sure it is viewed by others, Mount Vernon Community Schools is more than a mere set of buildings, it is a community in itself that spans the community and many generations of alumni. That sense of 'community' and 'pride' has played out many times during my tenure as president of your alumni association. To realize this, just take a look at the hundreds of alumni and community members that have freely volunteered countless hours of their time to alumni and school district events. From athletic functions to the fine arts; speech tournaments to the Iowa Academic Decathlon state tournament; the Heritage Days alumni-community breakfast to the annual MVCSD Alumni Awards. It is this PRIDE exhibited by the 'school district community' that makes Mount Vernon Community Schools a school district that people always look up to and admire.

Pick up a can of maroon paint and throw some on your canvas!



WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2011  
*"You are a student once, but an alum for a lifetime"*

It is a joy to welcome the Class of 2011 as alums. For the second year, President Kevin Rogers '81 and Treasurer Susan Mounts Fisher '65 greet each graduate to give them a Mustang Alumni lapel pin. In left photo they greet Jessie Binsfield, and in the right photo they greet Ethan Konkowski.



COMMENCEMENT  
SPEECH JUDGING  
Thank you to alums  
Carolyn Palmer '42 and  
Darin Vig '86 for judging  
and helping to select  
this year's High School  
Commencement Speeches.  
Pictured from left to  
right are High School  
Principal Steve Brand,  
Pryor Stroud '11, 'Mookie'  
Mlynarczyk '11, Janelle  
Knight '11, Sarah Ryan '11,  
Carolyn and Darin.





### Class of 1981 - 30th Reunion

Heritage Days Weekend  
 Friday and Saturday, July 8-9, 2011  
 Friday-Main Street  
 Heritage Days venue,  
 Saturday- The Barn, at the  
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### DVD AVAILABLE



Thank you to Tom Childs from the Class of 1963 who has donated a video to the Alumni Association he made from some home movies filmed during the 1962 Football season. Thirteen minutes, full color, and although there is no sound, it features the football players, Homecoming Parade with band, snake dance, & uptown buildings and people.

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**LAPEL PIN**



Lapel pins available at ALL alumni events  
 \$2 each

## ALUMNI COMMENTS

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

"To my knowledge the class of 1964 has lost 12 of 62. Ron Martin, Sally Johnston, Steve Rahn, Gilbert Drahos, Bess Hummes, TerryAnn Chitty, Terry Travis, Bill Moffit, Bob Bensmiller, Dave Fisher, Reid Hanley, Lyle Hanna. If I missed anyone please forgive me. I would ask all our class mates to have a moment of silence for them and their families."

Gary Kaplan '64, Cedar Rapids, IA

"Pride in Mount Vernon hasn't changed. Coming back to Mount Vernon for the Homecoming weekend can be bitter-sweet. The house I grew up in has been moved to a nearby site. New houses replace the farm houses I once knew. People have moved; changes are everywhere. But one thing remains the same - the pride that I have in my alma mater, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

The four individuals who received awards on Saturday morning, Oct. 9, are a reminder of the excellence that we have in our schools and the fine citizens that the town and school have

produced. I am very happy to have made the choice to attend the award assembly.

I also want to thank the person who found my debit card (probably in the old high school parking lot) and anonymously called the bank so that I would not have to worry about extra charges being put on my card. This is yet another reminder of how I am proud to be from Iowa and the wonderful town of Mount Vernon!"

Donna Becicka Nichols '81, Columbia, Mo.

"I was delighted to receive the (Fall 2010) Alumni news. Leo Beranek was a student of my father's and I emailed him and we have had a go-back-and-forth. Very nice to be able to do that. I can't believe he is the oldest grad! About to be 96! I remember him and his family - and their hardware store. I see many names in your listings that I remember. I wish I were closer so that I could be there for your events. Thank you for the news."

Richard Nelson '51  
 Newport, RI

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT HERITAGE DAYS  
 ALUMNI BREAKFAST OR RECEPTION AREA**  
 -- Call 319-895-8845 or write  
 alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us

# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

### Heritage Days 2011!

**Friday, July 8th, 2011 • High school football field**  
**6:30 pm registration • 7 pm Games begin!**

**Minumum 5 people per team • 18 years and older please sign up as a team • individuals also welcome**  
**\$15 per person [includes a team t-shirt] • \$20 day of event**

Proceeds benefit Mount Vernon Athletic Facility Improvements.  
 Register by June 24th to guarantee a team and shirt.  
 To register contact Jodi Hormann  
 at jodi.hormann@gmail.com or 319-895-9876.

Get the old team together!

Get your friends together for a team!

Get your classmates together for a team!

Co-ed teams are welcome!

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# WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE IN THESE PHOTOS?

Thanks to Mike Moore'67 and Harry Edelman'63 for sending these photos our way.



This picture is of most of the 1962 football team doing a can-can dance at the homecoming prep rally. Mike wrote: "The reason these guys are so happy is because it was the first time Mount Vernon was going to have a winning season in any of their memories. I remember running that hill down by the shop area five trips, at least two or three times a night. We also had tires to high step through. We learned to believe we could win." The previous year they didn't win a single game! From left to right: Rich Rankin, Unknown, Bill Bauman, Lawrence Studt (deceased), John Krumm, Mike Moore, Ray Stoner, Gary Knutsen, Ron Armstrong, Marty Pitlik, Gary Neal, Harry Edelman, Jim Hickey, Chris Stoltz, Tim Simmons, Ted Croy, Reid Hanley (deceased), Ron Martin (deceased). Pictures and captions below were in the Gazette...



1st Team Line  
 L - R: Martin "Marty" Pitlik'63, Mike Moore'65, Jim Hickey'63 - Captain, Jim "Jimbo" Wallace'64, Ray Stoner'64, Bob Wilkinson'63 (Deceased), Ron Martin'64 (Deceased).  
 Not pictured: Warren Stoner'63, Ron Armstrong'64.



Back Field  
 Front: Gary Knutsen'65 - QB.  
 Back L-R: Harry Edleman'63 - RHB, Tom Childs'63 - FB, Denny Wolrab'64 - LHB.

Caption from Newspaper:  
 HE MUST HAVE CALLED 'EM RIGHT FRIDAY NITE, for the Mustangs, quarterbacked by Gary Knutsen, No. 16, Mt. Vernon sophomore and one of the school's most promising athletes, won their opening game of the '62 season. They avenged last year's defeat by Solon by trimming the Spartans 20-6. With Knutsen are the three speedy ground gainers: Harry Edleman, at left, Tom Childs and Dennis Wolrab.

## Thank You Volunteers!!!



It takes a lot of people to put together and host our alumni events – THANK YOU to everyone who has helped with Alumni Events over the past year.



# REUNION PICTURES REUNION PICTURES REUNION PICTURES



## ▲ Class of 1965 - 45 years

Front, kneeling: Joe Woods  
Left to Right middle: Gary Knutsen, Robert Caldwell, Mike Moore, Donald Patchin, Dave Hartel  
Back row: Florene Allard Akers, Susan Mounts Fisher, Suzanne Roberts Stoner, Pauline Meroshek Erickson



## ▲ Class of 1945 - 65 yrs

Betty Pospisil Wolfe, Marilyn Woods Overman, Mary Fredrick Barkwill, Opal Paul Gish, Renee Travis Reilly, Dorothy Longerbeam Steinocher, Robert Ruble



## ◀ Class of 1985 - 25 yrs

This picture is from Girls' Night at Kim Benesh's home in Mount Vernon. Pictured left to right are Sally Gardner Miller, Paula Gray-Dietz, Adria Hardesty, Amy Petersen Niehaus, Tami Staley Ketchum, Lisa Niederhauser Oelrich, Lynette Rodman Koffron, Peggy Peterson Stubbs, Wendy Pyles Marker, Laura Schmitz Timm, Kelly Erickson, Nichole Nelson Flynn, Robin Baker Mantz, Ann Vislisl Kortemeyer, Jennifer Spencer Toriggino, Julie Livermore, Shawna Hutchins Rawson

## ▼ Class of 2011 105 Graduates from the Class of 2011



Photo by/loAnn Gage



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## ◀ Class of 2005 - 5 yrs

L to R: James Minor with son Jayden, Anita Gonzalez Minor with son Tristan, Chelsea Ciha, Dustin Smith, Chelsey Havill Steinberg, Jenny Barnes, Zach Bostwick, Nate Wolfe, Clint Currie (back, tallest), Luke Doherty (in yellow), Jason Barnd (with the pitcher), Sara Beckly Pumphrey, Justin Pearson (in maroon), Kyle Smyth (sitting), Chris Thuerauf (hat), Olivia Junk (brown tank), Rebecca Martin (kneeling), Beth Young, Francisco Aguirre with his two daughters and Crystal Covington.



## ◀ Class of 1990 - 20 yrs

FRONT ROW: Andrea Matt Zastrow, Kela Kelley Lange, Paula Sand Gold, Brittany Kaalberg Booth, Sonya Wulf Sullivan, Christine Dosland Kreel, Janee Koehn Brendes, Troy Cronbaugh  
 SECOND ROW: Dave Cosgrove, Kim McGowan McAdams, Lotta Nordenhall, Beth Carlson Wasserstrom, Peter Wilch, Paul Morf, Dan Aalbers,  
 THIRD ROW: James Winchip, Dave Dunn, Matt Borg, Megan Story Ostrom, Jon Akers, Aaron Telecky, Aaron Thomson, Travis Allen  
 FOURTH ROW: Angie Vittetoe Reed, Alex Frey, Matt Slinker, Russ Ryan, Matt Ostrom, Dave Jordon, Benton Frey, Jason Booth  
 Not pictured: Ann Cejka, Bob Foss



## ◀ Class of 1960 - 50 yrs

The Class of 1960 enjoyed sharing Friday evening at the Sutliff General Store with classmates from '59, '61 and other MVHS alumni. The Saturday evening dinner and program was held at the Kirkwood Center for Continuing Education. John and Thelma Rife hosted a Sunday brunch at their home.

Pictured are (front, from left) Bob Beckman, John Hunter, Judy Caldwell Penn, Beverly Lange Chunka, Patsy Tonne Storla, Linda Stastny Bragg, Kay Kamberling Jamison, Ed Saathoff, Jim Matthews, (middle row, from left) Mary Ann Saathoff Prenosil, Annamae Stoneking Baker, Nelda Conner Techau, Frankie Bensmiller Lanning, Dorothy Wolfe Welsh, Susan Dye Hodin, Sherry Gillam Edmund, Sue Ammons Booth, Paul Herboldsheimer, (back row, from left) Fred Niehaus, Pat Lynott, Keith Clark, Lumir Nezerka, John Rife, Robert Achenbach, Tom Bergmann.

Photo by Lisa Lewis '83, Envisage Studios





We continue to welcome many of our alumni members from the 1930s and 1940s at the Breakfast. Shown here are Mary Ellison Wolrab'33, Austin Armstrong'33 and at right Mary Mulherin'38.

Don't wait for your reunion year to attend - come and enjoy seeing classmates from other years and friends from the community

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



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# PICTURES FROM HERITAGE DAYS 2010

Another great turn-out at the 2010 All-Alumni and Community Heritage Days Breakfast when over 500 people attended Saturday morning. The Alumni Reception up town was located for the first time near the Bingo Tent on both Friday and Saturday - find us again this year at the same location! Stop in for your bottle of water and see who is featured on the label!



An impromptu basketball player reunion was held at the Open Gym by Randy Hoidahl'61, Gary Knutsen'65, Dick Miner'61, Reid Hanley'64 (d) and Jim Wallace'64



Mike Woods'77, Frank Benesh'56, Joleen Woods (HS Vocal Instructor), and Sara Gaarde'70

Families continue to make the Breakfast a family event - here's some of the groups from 2010...



Dave Brown'65, Mary Brown Nistler'66 and Steve Brown'70



The Pospisil's - Scott'95, John'66 (also an Alumni Association Board Member), and Jared'94 with his daughter



Thank you to Susan Dye Hodin for this picture of "The Dye Kids" in town for her 50th class reunion; From left to right brothers and sisters: Ed Dye'67 (Canada) came to join in; Dan'72 (Mount Vernon); Sara (Sally) Dye Trout'69 (Cedar Rapids), Susan Dye Hodin'60 (Colorado), Andrea Dye Vaughn'70 (Washington) who was here for her 40th class reunion; and Jim Dye (Mount Vernon). She says 'naturally at a time like that we all remembered our sister Laurie Dye Short who died in 1977.'



Brothers Eric Larsen'70, Ty Larsen'73, and Gregg Larsen'71



**THIS YEAR --  
HERITAGE DAYS DATES  
ARE JULY 8 and 9, 2011**

**HOMECOMING AND ALUMNI  
AWARD CEREMONY  
DATES ARE  
SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17, 2011**



Robert Caldwell '65 and Allan Viktor '69



Ben Neal '90 and Beth Young '05



Lisbon grad Joey Morningstar with alums Jon Penn '10 and Nick Young '07



Scott Peterson '71 and Jerry Niederhauser '75



John Rife '60 and Karen Williams Huerter '59



Everyone enjoys the yearbooks and displays



2009 Classmates Shelby Kintzel and Kara Henik



Dave '58 and Karen Kroeger



Bill Bys '68 and sister Thiara Bys Smith '58



Janet Hunter Carmer '66 and Joan Hunter Brown '63



Nargi Rayman Steinbrech '55, Dave Van Metre '55, and Leona Reyhons Smith '56



Fred Lehmann and Marsha Siggins McWhinney '70



Alex Brannaman '09



Jean Minish Stoner '37 and Cathy Humphries Stoner '69



Troy Cronbaugh and his wife visit with Jenny Moore Hampton '91



Marilyn Asplund Buchanan '61, Bunny Williams Mulligan '61 and Karen Kaliban Fox '61



Frances Bensmiller Lanning '60 and husband Nile



Ron Randall, Jerry Meek '62, Joel Clark '62, Dick Miner '61, and Mike Biderman '62



# Mustangs...what are they doing now?

## ■ CAROL WOODS BOREN'75



Left to right, Shirley Ryan with Carol after winning the 2011 High School State Volleyball Championship, with team at State, Carol in 1975, and Carol and Shirley watching a volleyball practice

**Editor's Note:** Following is a reprint of an article from the November 23, 2010 Sun, by Jake Krob

After 29 years as an assistant coach, Carol Woods is putting away her clipboard. And she's retiring with a big honor - Woods has been named an assistant coach of the year by the Iowa Girls' Coaches Association. "It's just icing on the cake," Woods said of the honor.

A 1975 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Woods started working for the school district 29 years ago. She immediately started coaching - first as a volunteer assistant to Jim Bellamy for the MVHS girls' basketball team. After a seven-year run helping the basketball program, Woods started working as an assistant to Shirley Ryan for the volleyball team.

Ryan announced her retirement (see page 16) after the Mustangs won the state title this month. And so did Woods, after 22 years working as an assistant. "I had the honor of coaching with the best coaches in Mount Vernon," Woods said. During her tenure, the volleyball program had more than 462 wins.

All along, Woods said she enjoyed coaching because of the kids. "They keep you young," she said. "And it's really fun to see them develop."

Woods described her coaching roles as "the comedian." She said she often tried to "keep things light," especially when the team faced challenges on the court.

She was also an analyzer. At every volleyball match, she kept a chart of stats on a clipboard. When the numbers told her something was or wasn't working,

she immediately told Ryan about it.

"Carol has been very instrumental in the players' development and as fine young athletes," Ryan said. "All of our players adore Carol Woods as their coach and their comrade."

Woods has given tirelessly in other areas of the school. She has been on the football chain gang for over 20 years. She continues to run the clock at both girls' and boys' basketball games, works track meets as a timer, and has served in the Booster Club since 1995. Woods has served on the school wellness committee, the alumni committee, and she has been instrumental in helping establish the district's staff recognition awards program. Outside of school, Woods serves on the historical chapel board of Sts. Peter and Paul church. She has been a member of the Linn County 4-H since 1990. She is also a member of the local Twin City Bloomers Garden Club.

Woods and her husband, Terry Boren'75, have three sons, Derek'00, Nick'01 and Sean'03. Woods said she'll enjoy spending time watching Sean, a walk-on for the University of Northern Iowa football team. And she looks forward to having more time for her four granddaughters.

And those four girls might someday mean Carol will get her clipboard out again. "Maybe when they get to club age, I'll come back and help coach," she said.

Carol can be reached at [cwoods@mountvernon.k12.ia.us](mailto:cwoods@mountvernon.k12.ia.us)



Bill Thomsen'72 also retired this year as a teacher and coach (see page 16), shown here with his 2010 State Track Team. The School District currently has several other alums coaching or sponsoring activities, including Tom Wilkinson'86 who teaches German and sponsors Archery and Trap Shoot, Kim Bjork who teaches Middle School Math and also coaches 8th Grade Volleyball and Softball, Ryan Whitman'03 who is High School Resource and also coaches High School Boys Track and Football, Abby Neal Bock'99 who teaches Middle School Math and also coaches Middle School Track, Maggie Lessmeier Willems'96 who teaches High School Social Studies and also coaches Volleyball and Girls Track, Drew Russell'09 who is assistant Boys Soccer coach, Jeremy Hotz'99 who is an assistant football coach, Crystal Eskelson'93 who is our High School Girls Tennis Coach, Jon Bellamy'79 who is High School Boys Track Coach. Dave Blythe'76 and Bob Blythe'87 have been High School Basketball Coaches.



**■ GEORGE HILL'49**



George, who now lives in New Jersey, and has a long list of accomplishments to his name is also very interested in geneology. He wrote in to tell us "You may be interested in this TV program that I recently did on Iowa genealogical resources. It is called "Iowa Sources," and you can access it as follows:

FAMILY HISTORIAN, cable TV's genealogy show, can now be viewed online. Just follow these instructions:

- 1 - Click on: <http://www.hometowntv.org/pro/node/7>
- 2 - Once you have hit the site, click VIDEO ON DEMAND
- 3 - Under categories tab, click on HTTV Regular Programs
- 4 - Scroll down and click on FAMILY HISTORIAN

There are more than one FAMILY HISTORIAN segment on this site, so please keep scrolling down until you see "Iowa Sources." You may also want to see my interview on "Mayflower Families," which is further down on this menu.

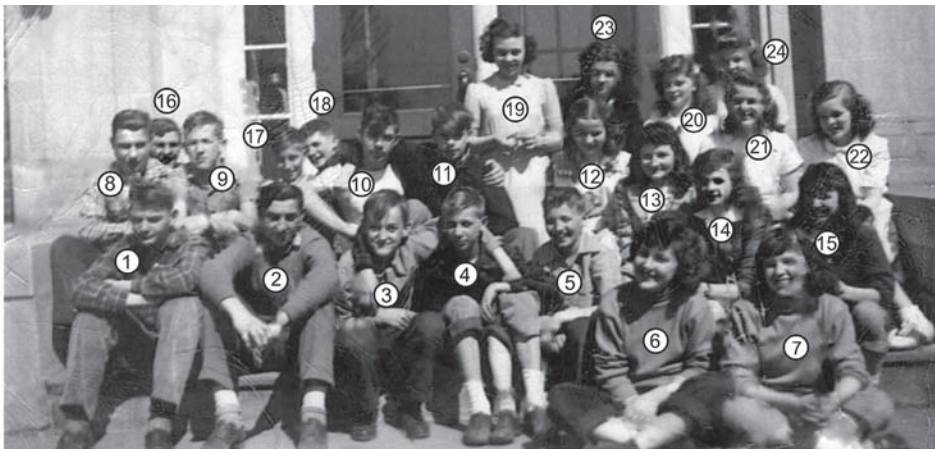
George also writes these fun comments ... "Although I only attended school for two years in Mount Vernon, I consider it as "my home town." The reason is that both of my parents went to Cornell, and they stayed there until about 1937 when we moved to Lisbon. We moved back again during the war, when Dad was in service and Mother taught the Navy Flight Preparatory students at Cornell. That was when I was in 7th and 8th grade (see picture below). We moved to Perry for my 9th grade, but back again for the summer of 1945, before we moved to Sac City and I finished school there (1945-1949).

Mother's family was from the area around Linn, Cedar, and Jones county for four generations, and I still have lots of cousins (distant, of course) in those areas. She grew up in Lisbon, graduated from high school there in 1920, and worked her way through Cornell in six years. She met my father, who was from Wright County (he was in the third generation, it being a more recently settled area), and was his TA at Cornell. He worked at Cornell in the Public Relations Department and she was a teacher (geology) until she was laid off because she was pregnant. She was the first married woman to be a teacher, but being pregnant too was too much. My mother was driven to Cedar Rapids and I was born there at St. Luke's Hospital. It must have been quite a scary episode but I never thought about it until recently. My parents continued to live in Mount Vernon until I was about five, when my father got a job in the bank in Lisbon. He received the Alumni of the Year Award from Cornell in 1974. They told the story of his officiating at a basketball game and a dead pigeon was thrown down from the loft when he fired the starter's pistol to start a game. That made it into "Ripley's Believe It or Not."

I get back to Mount Vernon as often as I can, at least once a day in my mind's eye.

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PICTURE FROM JACK STANTON



**Mt. Vernon, Iowa - 8th-Grade Class - Spring 1945**

- |                    |                   |                    |                       |                    |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Stan Grant      | 6. Joan Blinks    | 11. Dick Winsor    | 16. Jack Stanton      | 21. Bev Nation     |
| 2. Maynard Barrett | 7. Jeanie Baldwin | 12. Eloise Littell | 17. Dick Franta       | 22. Martha Osgood  |
| 3. Elwin Wooff     | 8. Larry Nutt     | 13. Becky Current  | 18. Eric Anderson     | 23. Nancy Ink      |
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Here is a fun picture sent to us from Harry Edelman'63, it is of Bob "Skinny" Jilovec and MaryAnn Boren taken at the 1960 GRA formal. Skinny & Mary are approaching their 50th wedding anniversary.



## Mustangs...what are they doing now?

### GEORGE HILL'49, continued

More about this MV alum... Dr. Hill was the first U.S. Navy Medical Officer to graduate from the U.S. Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Georgia. He was a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 1950-52, and he was on active duty in the U.S. Public Health Service during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He is a veteran of the War in Vietnam and he was recalled to duty as a surgeon in the Navy during the Gulf War of 1990-91. He received the Civic Actions Medal, Gallantry Color, with Palm and Frame from the Republic of Vietnam in 1972, and he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal from the U.S. Navy in 1993. He received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal in 2001. Visit his web site at [www.georgejhill.com](http://www.georgejhill.com) or contact him at 973-736-0738, 3 Silver Spring Road, West Orange, NJ 07052-4317

### MELISSA PRAY MULDOON'78



Melissa, who lives in California, sent in this update: This has been a great year for the Muldoon family, as we have been hosting Francesca Mirabile, a high school student from Italy for the 2010/2011 school year, through the AFS International Study Abroad Program. Francesca is currently attending Irvington high school with my middle son Michael. Both are seniors and will graduate together in June. Ironically, both were born the same year on May 10th! We have had a fascinating year with our daughter and have formed a strong loving bond with her (finally I have a daughter!) and this coming August our family plans on visiting her family in Locorotondo in Puglia (the heel of the Italian boot!) I highly recommend the AFS experience if you are considering sending your son or daughter abroad for an intercultural experience, or if you want to host an international student. For more information visit the AFS Intercultural Programs website: <http://www.afsusa.org/>

I continue with my graphic design business and create logos, websites and package designs for a variety of clients. My husband Patrick, is CEO of a protein energy bar company. My older son Ryan is studying pre-law and philosophy at Chico University. My middle son Michael, who just finished his Eagle Scout project, after graduating will attend a University of California school in the fall (final selection pending!) My youngest son Kyle is a junior high school student. All my boys swim and play waterpolo & baseball. Francesca thus far has been the only choir singer/thespian in our family, which has allowed me to get involved in high school theater productions (i.e., designing sets & play bills), which has brought back fond memories of when I participated in MVH musical productions with Lois Nichols!

I continue to write a blog in Italian and interact with students of the Italian language all over the world. You can find me in the blogosphere at <http://melissamuldoon.wordpress.com> and you can tweet me at italiamelissa!

Above is a snap shot of our family visiting Yosemite in January.



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## MARRIAGES

**Mary Genevieve Gardner'00** and James Alan Kacmar were married June 26, 2010. Mary is the daughter of Mark'70 and Julie Tonne'70 Brannaman and granddaughter of Mary Baldwin Brannaman'49

**Dina Hoke'01** and Thomas Rashid, both of Cedar Rapids, were married Aug. 14, 2010. Dina is the daughter of David'72 and Anne Hoke of Mount Vernon

**Kelly Pisarik'03** and Adam Johnson of Aurora, Il were married on Nov. 6, 2010

**Neal Reasland'04** of Solon, IA and Stephanie Torgeson of Story City, IA were married Dec. 18, 2010.

**Mike Wieseler'99** and Laurie Shurtz of Cedar Falls were married July 17th, 2010

**Julie Atherton '82** and Brian Lane of Oatman, Arizona, were married on April 9, 2010. Alums Linda Conley Gaines and Dan Gaines attended.

**Doug Phillips'82** and Jacqueline Dicus of Newton, IA, were married April 8, 2010. Doug is the son of the late Paul Phillips (Middle School Principal 1962-1966) and Beverly Phillips (Middle School Science teacher 1961-1990)

## ENGAGEMENTS

**John Dillard'98** is engaged to marry Julie Gabel on June 25. John is employed at the national headquarters of State Farm Insurance as an Applications Architect. They live in Heyworth, Illinois. John is also a volunteer track coach in Tri-county schools.

**Olivia Junk'05** and **Chris Stoner'07** will exchange vows on June 11, 2011

## BABY NEWS

**Nick Boots'97** and wife Sarah, a son, Brogan Alan Boots, November 9, 2010

**Stephanie Leogore Meier'00** and husband Greg, a daughter, Ava Madeline Meier, Oct. 30, 2010



Photo by David Thackeray

## HOSTING THE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

Each year the Alumni Association sponsors the High School Honor Society Induction Ceremony Reception by providing volunteers to greet and pass out programs, and to treat students and parents to cake and punch. Shown here at this spring's reception are alums Mary Thomsen'75 and Barb Thomsen Neal'68, Association Board Member Michelle Meyer Grudzinski'92, and Treasurer Susan Mounts Fisher'65

**Nick Nissen'98** and wife Allison, a daughter, Kinley Eileen Nissen, Oct. 8, 2010

**Anna Bigley'98** and Joel Sabido, a son, Caleb, Sept. 24, 2010

**Angie Vittetoe Reed'90** and husband Chad, daughter, Abigail Marie, Sept. 24, 2010

**Vicki Stoner Bausch'97** and husband Alan, a son, Caleb Alan, Feb. 14, 2011

## EDUCATION

**Helen Park Jameson'79** received a Fulbright grant for International Education Administrators and will be visiting various educational institutions and government agencies in Japan (June 10th - July 2nd) to learn more about their post-secondary educational offerings. She is Manager of Intercultural Training and Programming at the University of Iowa

## ANNIVERSARIES

**David'68** and **JoAnn Thomson Stoner'70** celebrated their 40th anniversary on April 24, 2011

**Deanne Dean'56** and **David LeVan'56** celebrated their 50th anniversary on Dec. 17, 2010

**Larry Ringer'55** and wife Jean celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in November 2010

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## In Memory

of classmates we have lost

Dorothy Fisher Tennant'36  
Robert Fisher'37  
Robert Merritt'39  
Lillian E. Kirkpatrick Cody'41  
Richard Edwards 1947  
John Kirkpatrick'48  
Richard A. Collins'55  
Donna Jean Billings Fishell'62  
Elvin Lee "Otis" Onstott'63  
Lyle Hanna'64  
Douglas Pierce'81  
Kraig Kruger'81

(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.)



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## Alumni News, continued...

### AND MORE...

**Jane Baker Hardin'67** wrote in to say she "was blessed with another grand-daughter, December 21, 2010 in Clearwater, FL. Her name is Payton Anne Mae Rutherford. She has big blue eyes like her older brother, Aaron, who is 2 yrs.old. Jane's daughter, Barbara Anne, is their mother. Two years after Jane's son, Joshua died, Jace Andrew Cooney, became legally Josh's son and my grandson. Josh's wife, Margaret, will be raising him alone now. So, Jane is proud to have a grand total of 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



**Jack Stanton'49** wrote in to say "The following may not be earth-shaking news or information, but it certainly was a major surprise to my wife and me! Especially since I have lived in AZ for a total of about 40-years.

Most folks know or have heard of the Grand Canyon which of course is in Northern Arizona. And many may know that there are four (4) methods/modes to visit the bottom of that Canyon. These are: Walk down one of the maintained trails - from either North or South Rims; or, take a Mule-ride to the bottom, although there's a personal weight-limit per person of 200 lbs. which is not an alternative for me; or, you can "raft" on a guided tour down the Colorado River - usually choosing from 7-10 days duration; or, you can take a helicopter down - and of course back up to the South-Rim.

A couple months ago, the local Community College, Yavapai College in Prescott, in their publication of classes offered, in the section for the no-credit continuing life-long learning program, announced the availability of a day driving-trip down to the bottom of this Canyon! Thus a fifth alternative to get to the bottom - beside the River, of which I was totally unaware. Actual making the trip in a college-owned-12-passenger Van, with a great driver, historian and guide who has made - at least he stated, "over 2000 total trips down including this driving-alternative, over the past 30-years or so."

We decided to accept/take this unique offering since - particularly at my age (starting my 9th decade on this Planet this month) as probably the only way I could or would get to view the Bottom of the Grand Canyon. That is "up close and personal." (As we found

out, also on that trip were two other couples originally born and raised in Iowa: One couple and our long-time friends, a retired Asst. A-G with whom I worked at the State of AZ and live near us; and another we just-met-couple who has retired to Prescott after his career as a Pharmacist on the Navajo Reservation. A total of 10 folks making this trip.)

It was a great experience, and truly at my age a convenience to be able to say that I not only saw and enjoyed the trip - down and back up, and from the convenience of a motor vehicle; but that I can add that I have had my hand in the Colorado River in the bottom of this national treasure, the Grand Canyon! While this experience and accomplishment isn't nationally news-worthy - perhaps in your judgment not even in Mount Vernon, IA-news-worthy, but to me it was a day-trip of a lifetime!

P.S. The trip - down and back to the Canyon bottom, about 20-miles in length, and descending about 4,000 ft., starts at Peach Springs, AZ, the tribal headquarters of the Hualapai Tribe. This town is located on historic US Route "66," part of the route we took to get to this Canyon trip. (Route "66" which is now by-passed by I-40, was back in the 1930s to early 50s was the main route from Chicago to L.A. The last time I was in/through Peach Springs, AZ, was in the Fall of 1938, when my parents took me on a driving trip from CR to the Long Beach, CA-area, to visit family there.)



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## Academic Decathlon A Success With Help of Alums!



### *Thank You MV Alumni!*

A personal note of thanks and appreciation to all Mount Vernon alumni that have lent their time to recent alumni activities!

Thank you to those who for labeled and mailed the Fall 2010 Alumni Newsletter.

Thank you to those who hosted the MVHS Honor Society Reception.

Thank you to the HUNDREDS of Mount Vernon Alumni, family, and friends, that stepped up to the plate and freely volunteered their time in support of the Iowa Academic Decathlon state tournament.

Your support of our alumni association and Mount Vernon Community Schools and it's students is invaluable!

I would like to share a message (on the next page) that Dr. Ewell and I received and was published in *The Sun* from Mary K. Overholtzer, Academic Decathlon Coach, Mount Ayr High School, Mount Ayr, Iowa.

Kevin Rogers  
Chair of 2011 Academic Decathlon  
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LETTER FROM Mary K. Overholzer...

"The Mount Vernon Mustangs ROCK! You rolled out the red carpet as Mount Ayr's State qualifying Academic Decathlon team arrived on Friday and Saturday, March 4th & 5th. We were in awe of your community, your school, and most of all the people who made this a great weekend for our students at Mount Ayr. We would be proud to call Mount Vernon, Mount Ayr's sister school. You sure do have a great community! Please tell your students, your teachers, your parents, your school board, and your community!

Even though we placed 23rd, we know a good thing when we see a good thing. Mount Vernon knows how to do it right! Our team was behind the learning curve in our first state Academic Decathlon appearance, yet I believe our students were inspired after this phenomenal weekend! Even though our district provided the overall costs of the hotel, the mileage, and the meals; it's the Mount Vernon High school and community who can claim being the PHENOMENAL hosts for this two-day event that proved to be well organized, hospitable, and smoothly run. I was highly impressed with your volunteers within the Mount Vernon community and the Mount Vernon American Legion Hahn-Howard Post 480 who supported the many schools by sponsoring and serving the plus 200 students who competed.

I see a new potential of what academic competition can do for our individual

students. I see the potential of what can be in our own school-especially after admiring your showcase of your athletics, your alumni association, your First Tech Challenge team, your Academic Decathlon club, your woods classes, your art department, etc. It goes on! Congratulations.

I must commend the personal touch of the custodial staff and the artists within the school. The custodians are funny, personable, and helpful. I can't call them by name; but I do have the Mount Ayr Raider poster that hung in your cafeteria area to welcome us to your school. It will hang in our high school hallway! I know there was major clean-up for this event, yet one of your own climbed the ladder and brought the poster to me during the evening festivities. I would call this servant leadership within a very tidy school.

It's great to listen to dignitaries speaking at an event such as this including: the Honorable David Loebsack, United States Congressman, The Honorable Charles Grassley, United States Senator, and Governor Terry Branstad. The keynote address was the heart of the evening when Mr. Richard Peters addressed the students, proud parents, teachers, and coaches. We can see a history of excellence within your community. Thanks again for being great hosts! You are to be commended!"





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## MOVING ON...

Congratulations, THANK YOU, and best wishes to the following district staff members who will be retiring this year.



### TERRI LUDWIG

**What You Taught:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades  
**Year started at MV:** 1981  
**Total years at Mount Vernon:** 30  
**Total years:** 34  
**First Year Favorite memory:** I remember having two students

volunteer to be the jar of peanut butter and jar of jelly for our song "Peanut Butter and Jelly." We took the class to Hallmark to perform and they danced around in costumes when we sang our song.

**Another teacher or staff member who was a mentor or helped you?** Terry Loeb sack was very helpful my first year in Mount Vernon. Pat Lehn herr and Barb McClain guided me through my first grade experience and Karen Stoll welcomed me to the third grade team!

**One or two memories:** Students always seem to remember with fondness when I would bring my guitar to school on Fridays. We would use the music we learned for plays, radio shows, Christmas programs and also entertaining the residents at Hallmark Care Center. Bringing out the creativity with my class was very enjoyable.

**What has changed in education?** Our society has changed, which has affected the role of the school, teachers and parents. Advances in technology have given teachers new tools to enhance student learning.

**Do you remember the first student you taught that you had also taught their parent(s)?** This happened a couple of years ago when Jenny (Wilkinson) Volesky'92 walked into my room during "Meet and Greet" with her daughter, Kaitlyn. Jenny was in my first class in Mount Vernon.

**Retirement plans:** I plan to travel the U.S. and overseas, and spend more time with my family.



### SHIRLEY RYAN

**What You Taught:** Secondary Physical Education  
**Year started at MV:** 1970  
**Total years at Mount Vernon:** 41  
**Total years:** 42

**First Year Favorite memory:** My office was the back room in the old girls locker room of the 1st

Street Building. Mary Ellison and Jody Burgess (girl the statue at the Middle School is a memorial to) were juniors and they both came down to find me, introduce themselves and welcome me to Mount Vernon!



My favorite coaching memory is that the first team played in their PE uniforms and the matches were after school.

**Another teacher or staff member who was a mentor or helped you?** Ade Ringold taught me so much about perspective. Especially when a few students were getting to me. He taught me to see the bigger picture. As a coach, I learned so much from the Graceland College USA Developmental Camps and the many, many national coaches clinics.

**One or two memories:** I loved teaching dance. In the 70's I taught modern dance, disco in the 80's, and ballroom, country and swing in the 90's. It was a ton of work - I loved it. I also remember that one day out of the blue I got a call from a former student who was "working his steps in recovery." He apologized for his behavior and thanked me for one trying class period when I told him if he would just change his clothes and try, then I would find a way to get him through. He did - and I did!!

Each and every year coaching was a great memory for me. Some were more trying than others, of course!

**What has changed in education?** Money is tighter and tigher and class sizes are bigger.

From a coaching perspective, the WAMAC was a great change for athletics - except for the longer distance travel times during the school week. Club sports have also been on the rise and have been influential.

**Do you remember the first student you taught that you had also taught their parent(s)?** From the class of 1971 (before Title 9), I taught only girls then, I remember Donita Clark and her daughter Jamie Meill, Karin Hylbak Capri and her children Anthony, Angela and Sherry Krumm, and Linda Pospisil McNeal and her children Sean and Jenny McNeal - Just to name a few!

As a coach, I coached JoAnn Zinkula Kintzel'83 and both of her daughters, Shelby and Courtney Kintzel.

**Retirement plans:** Work in my garden. Kyak, bike, and do something creative in the arts.



**DOROTHY STEINER**

**Position:** Washington Elementary Custodian

**Year started at MV:** 1966

**Total years at Mount Vernon:** 47

**Another teacher or staff member who was a mentor or helped you?**

Darlene Blythe and Helen Rochrohr. Helen was a wonderful person to work with and a very good friend. I have a lot of good friends at work.

**One or two memories:** Watching the kids grow up and graduate. Some I babysat and they were very special to me. Judy Suman was special and I babysat her outside of

school. Riley Vargason and she is about to graduate.

**What has changed in education?** The many different buildings I have work in. I enjoyed when I served lunch and I enjoyed teaching the kids.

**Retirement plans:** A good question... I like puzzles and hidden words, and I will keep myself busy. If someone wants help cleaning, I will come.

**WILLIAM 'BILL' THOMSEN '72**



**What You Taught:** HS/MS PE 1982-84, 5th Grade 1984-2010, MS PE 2010-11

**Year started at MV:** 1982

**Total years at Mount Vernon:** 29

**Total years:** 34

**First Year Favorite**

**memory:** I can't say

I remember a first year memory. I do remember the feeling of fear before the class entered the room and trying to look more confident than I was. I checked the mirror often, trying to make sure I was presentable. I remember thinking how great the day was and that if this is work, I'm loving it. I really didn't have a bad day. I'm not excited about leaving. I'm just trying to figure out where the time went. I hope all teachers have the experiences I had as a teacher.

**Another teacher or staff member who was a mentor or helped you?** Sheryl Peshek was a partner and adviser for so many things I did. We shared classes and had a common interest in teaching. We had some wonderful times with the students. John Thatcher was my 8th grade football coach and later we worked together in Drivers Education classes. He is a good friend and a man I've respected.

**One or two memories:** My brother, Tim '67, bringing in the human heart always got the students excited. He would talk to them about almost anything before bring the hearts out. As a teacher I don't know that I had or should have had personal successes. I was fortunate to coach MV to their first and only State Dual State Title in 1988 and State Dual Runner-up in 1989. I have also had the honor of coaching the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Girls Track team to two state titles in 2009 and 2010, plus a State runner-up in 2008. In track I had the athletes choose the mascot for each season; something I think helped unify the Mount Vernon-Lisbon team into a true TEAM. I've been nominated four times for the *Who's Who of America's Teachers* by students I've had. I've received notes from former students thanking me. Those are special.

**What has changed in education?** We spend a lot more time on talking about education and not always educating. The expecta-

tions by parents have changed and we've watered down much of our curriculum to make it appear we are not falling behind. Technology has changed dramatically since 1977. We are still working on how best to use it to aid in education.

**Do you remember the first student you taught that you had also taught their parent(s)?** The first, I'm not sure, but many of them have passed my way. It was always fun to conference with old classmates or parents of students that I had as a student.

**Retirement plans:** I plan on continuing in education, subbing or maybe a job in a parochial school. I'd also like to write more. I plan on getting back on the stage and performing in some capacity. Anything, but not working, will be fine.



## KMVL CLOSES IT'S DOORS

A local note...Mount Vernon-Lisbon's only local cable TV station closed on May 1. Unable to find a buyer, Dean Traver (pictured at right), founder and operator of KMVL-18, has been trying to sell the business for about five years but is now retiring. Found on Mediacom channel 18, KMVL has been a



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local media institution in Mount Vernon-Lisbon since Traver started the channel in 1985. He's covered everything from high school graduations and volleyball matches to community celebrations and our Alumni Awards Ceremony. That means coverage of about 200 events and meetings every year. Best wishes to you, Dean!



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Thank you to alumni and community members who have contributed to the Foundation during the Fall 2010 Campaign.

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**CORRECTIONS:** The following MUSTANG DONORS were incorrectly listed in the last spring newsletter under 2008 Fall Donors, and should have been listed as as 2009 Fall Mustang Donors.

-Bill & Ruth Deskin  
-John '60 & Thelma Rife  
-Mary Bowman Seidler '57 in memory of Grace & Roy Bowman

## YOUR DONATIONS WORK THROUGH FOUNDATION GRANTS

One of the ways your donations to the Foundation work is through Foundation Grants. These grants are given to school district teachers for innovative projects aimed at helping them take education to an even higher level. The Foundation provided approximately \$5,000 in grants in the 2010-2011 school year.



## 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**

## Establishing A Scholarship

Establishing a scholarship is an exceptional way to honor an important person or life event while supporting educational opportunities for graduating students. Scholarships can be established for any educational pursuit – college, vocational or technical training. Funds are held in an endowed scholarship account to be used specifically for the scholarship as determined by the donor/donors.

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Scholarships can be for a single graduation year or for a series of years. Donors can provide the high school principal and the scholarship selection committee with a series of criteria for the graduate receiving the scholarship to meet. As donor, your name will be listed in the graduation program and in other Foundation materials in recognition of your generous gift.

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## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 2010-11

### AUGUST

- 1,283 students K-12 start classes along with a new Pre-K Section
- School year starts out with new High School principal Steve Brand and Washington Elementary principal Mr. Terry Eisenbarth

### SEPTEMBER

- Homecoming Court members were Janelle Knight, Kylea Weber, Rebecca Young, Sarah Ryan, Micah Wieditz, and Taylor Dicus, Christian Mlynarczyk, Pryor Stroud, Ryan Cox, Andrew Bellamy, Griffin Kuntz, Trevor Gretten.

### OCTOBER

- Janelle Knight and Christian Mlynarczyk named 2010 Queen and King.
- Elementary students work with the artist group Tiny Circus during Ms. Fitzgerald's art classes and Mrs. Keast's music classes.

### NOVEMBER

- Carol Woods '75 named Iowa Girls' Association Volleyball Assistant Coach of the Year
- Fall play is *Almost, Maine*
- Senior Forrest Scott is one of four students in Grant Wood area to participate in a Virtual Reality training symposium for statewide group of leaders and educators/students
- Drivers Education moves from school-summer class to private instruction
- HS Students Polly Carrico, Abigail Chihak, and Bonnie Thornton selected for NEIBA District Honor Band
- The 2010 *Centaur*, the Mount Vernon High School Yearbook, wins third place in the class A division of the Iowa High School Press Association Fall Yearbook Contest
- Seven Mount Vernon High School students selected as members of the 2010 All-State Chorus - Micah Russell, Beau Rolland, Seamus Taylor, Paige Ford, Zak Moran, Matt White and Emma Garwood
- Four Middle School vocalists selected as members of the state Opus Honor Choirs. Benjamin Gilbert performed with the 7th/8th Grade Boys Honor Choir. Sydney Pratt, Aubrey Lyon and Lucy Conroy performed in the 7th/8th Grade Girls Honor Choir.
- Senior Sarah Ryan named Iowa's female recipient of the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.
- Both the High School Volleyball Team who earned WAMAC Conference first place honors, and the High School Cross Country Girls Team qualified for State. Conner Smock represented the Boys Cross Country

Team at State.

- Girls Volleyball Earns State Title, followed by retirement announcements by Coaches Shirley Ryan and Carol Woods '75
- Senior Stephen Gruber-Miller was named a Commended Student in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program

### DECEMBER

- Gatorade Company names senior Ali Stark as its 2010-11 Gatorade Iowa Volleyball Player of the Year.
- Middle School LEGO Robotics team (aka Robostangs) take 1st place Champion's Award at the regionals

### JANUARY 2011

- A MS/ES Mentoring program began between middle school and elementary students.
- MS Competes in National Computer Quiz Bowl - Takes First In Iowa

### FEBRUARY

- The 36 member HS Speech Team had 33 students who earned straight ones/superior ratings at Large Group Districts; 30 who earned straight ones/superior ratings at State contest; and five who earned All-State nominations.
- High School Wrestlers advance to Districts - James Wenzel, Kyle Jilovec, Noah Dahlstrom, Trey Ryan, and Ryan Cox
- The Mount Vernon speech team is host of the WAMAC Individual Speech Contest and takes 2nd
- For the first time ever a Mount Vernon senior, Sarah Ryan, has been awarded the elite E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship.
- "Mookie" Mlynarczyk is voted Mr. MVHS

### MARCH

- High School Girls Basketball Team earns runner-up finish at the State
- Many new clubs appear this year, among them the U Exercise Club and Water Polo
- 5th Grade Musical is "Rock and Roll Forever: How it All Began"
- Mount Vernon hosts State Academic Decathlon and places 2nd in State for Small Schools

### APRIL

- High School Robotics Team heads to first Technical Challenge World Championships
- High School Musical is 'High School Musical', with a Sunday special 'sing along'
- MVHS Trash Can Band is a new performing group



**MAIL BY JULY 1!**

**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 presented at Homecoming fall 2011, 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](http://www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us/alumni)).

**THE DEADLINE IS A JULY 1, 2011 POSTMARK - GET YOURS IN THE MAIL OR NOMINATE ONLINE NOW!**

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# 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. Nominations are held and considered for three years.

## 2011 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](http://www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us/alumni). Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Awards Committee, and approved by the Alumni Association Board. Nominations are held for three years. Questions - 319-895-8845 or [alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us](mailto:alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us)

**Send this form post marked by July 1, 2011 to:** Alumni Association, 525 Palisades Rd SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

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# ALUMNI Association 2011-2012

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**New or Renew? FOR JULY 1 2011 TO JULY 1 2012**

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

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

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