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2014 Alumni Events

July 1 - DON'T DELAY - NOMINATE AN ALUM YOU THINK IS DESERVING OF A SERVICE, ACHIEVEMENT, MV COMMUNITY IMPACT, FINE ARTS, OR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARD NOW!

Who can nominate? ANYONE - you do not have to be an alum to nominate.

July 11 and 12 - Heritage Days in Mount Vernon along with Alumni Events & Reunions

Fall 2013 - Homecoming. Dates tba.

More information about all these events to come in the Spring 2014 *Alumni News*

2013 Alumni Hall of Fame

The Mount Vernon Community School District Alumni Association is pleased to announce the following alums were inducted into the 2013 Alumni Hall of Fame:

Achievement: Darla Stoltz Templeton, Class of 1964

Fine Arts: William 'Bill' Pringle, Class of 1972

Service: Richard 'Dick' McKeen, Class of 1951

MVCSD Community Impact: Karen Jilovec Martin, Class of 1957

Athletics: Dennis Wolrab, Class of 1964

Award recipients participated in a full day of events on Friday, October 4. The Awards Ceremony took place at 9:00 am in the High School Gym, followed by high school classroom visits, the Homecoming Pep Rally, and the Friday evening Homecoming Game and presentation of Alumni Award Winners during halftime, along with the All-Alumni-Community Reception 'Tailgating Under The Tent' which took place inside the First Street Building due to rainy weather.

Turn to page 4 for complete Hall of Fame Awards article.

From left to right,
Darla Stoltz
Templeton'64,
Karen Jilovec
Martin'57,
Dick McKeen'51,
Bill Pringle'72,
Dennis Wolrab'64



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2014 MV Community Events

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March 20-22	Cabin Fever Comedy Fest
May 3-4	Chalk The Walk
June 7	Chocolate Stroll
July 4	Antiques Extravaganza
July 11-12	Heritage Days
Sept 27	Lincoln Hwy Arts Festival
Oct tba	Chili Cookoff

2014 REUNIONS

ALL-ALUMNI-COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 11 AND SATURDAY, JULY 12 Reception Tent,
SATURDAY, JULY 12 - Breakfast (by donation)

2009 - 5 years - Heritage Days

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2004 - 10 years

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1999 - 15 years

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1989 - 25 years - Heritage Days Weekend

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1984 - 30 years

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1979 - 35 years REUNION IN 2015

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1974 - 40 years

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1969 - 45 years - Heritage Days

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1964 - 50 years - Heritage Days

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1959 - 55 years - Heritage Days Weekend

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1954 - 60 years

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1949 - 65 years - REUNION IN 2015

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1944 - 70 years - Heritage Days Breakfast July 12

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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.

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

CLASSES OF 1979 & 1980

At the Class of 1979's 30th reunion we agreed to reunite with the class of 1980 once again. But instead of meeting on 79's 35th we agreed to wait 6 years and do our reunion on the class of 80's 35th.

So this is for all the Class of 1979 members..our reunion will be Heritage days in 2015 with the class of 1980. Save the date.

We will be sending out letters, e-mails and reminders that we are waiting an extra year. It will also be at Bill Bowers' house again. We enjoyed his park like setting at the edge of town. It was convenient and close to uptown festivities.

CLASSES OF '49'50'51

Next reunion will be in 2015

Dick McKeen 319-530-7978
rmckeen933@aol.com

FROM WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY:

We lost a dear former employee in August. **Shirley Minnick Giannini** from the MVHS Class of 1944 was a beloved associate who had a love of animals and reading and shared that love with children. To honor Shirley, Washington Elementary is collecting donations to purchase any of the following: a reading nook in the library with a focus on animals, animal books, a climbing structure for the playground in the shape of an animal, picnic tables to add to the courtyard for outdoor learning.

If you would like to donate to this fund please make checks payable to the MVCSD Foundation, mail to 525 Palisades Road SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314.



Kevin Rogers '81
Alumni Association
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Efficacy II

In my spring 2013 message I left you with a query: if you had the power, the capacity to produce an effect – to make a difference in a person's life or in a group of people's lives, would you chose to journey new pathways?

Over the course of the last three plus years as I indicated in my summer message, events and the people I have come into contact with have had a tremendous impact on my life. Good, bad, or somewhere in between, it is those people and more specifically those events that are guiding me towards new journeys.

In March of this year I went to a place emotionally I had never been, and it is a place I don't ever care to venture again. My bad for letting it get to the point it did. I cannot even begin to explain the overwhelming sense of disappointment, anger, and the sense of helplessness, that consumed me. Thank you to those individuals (and you know who you are) who stepped forward, listened, and got me refocused.

Like so many Mount Vernon alums and members of the Mount Vernon community, I have without reservation volunteered time and talent to a number of worthwhile events for the school district, the community, or a non-profit organization. And like so many others, we don't volunteer our time to gain praise and recognition; we don't volunteer our time for advancement of a personal agenda; and we certainly don't volunteer our time to be reminded that we are merely a volunteer (and to essentially stay in our sandbox). We volunteer and do what we do because we care. We volunteer because we believe so strongly in something for the betterment of others: a school district, an organization, a community, or a group of individuals.

Recently I've made some difficult decisions in terms of where and how I believe I will have the greater power, capacity, and ability to affect an individual's or group of individual's lives. It was a single individual that helped me realize that my passion has been right in front of me all along and it's really nothing more than what I have been doing for the past several years on one front, and what I have supported for many years on another.

Volunteering a few hours of your time in support of students has rewards beyond imagination. And while their appreciation and gratitude may not always come in the form of the spoken word, it is there. It may come in the form of a smile or casual gesture in passing, an extended hand, a pat on the back, a short and quickly written thank you note, and sometimes an unexpected hug.

So the next time you are approached to volunteer one, two, maybe three short hours of your time in support of students, I hope that you will do so like I have and will continue to do. But even more, if a student ever approaches you and asks for a moment of your time to talk, take the time to listen and talk to them; the rewards are beyond imagination.

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2013 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Group picture of Alumni Award Winners with nominators and dignitaries: Front row: Master of Ceremony John Rife '60, Darla Stoltz Templeton '64, Karen Jilovec Martin '57, Dick McKeen '51, Bill Pringle '72, Dennis Wolrab '64, Foundation President Ann Koppenhaver '78, Alumni Association President Kevin Rogers '81. Back: Alumni Association Director Mary Thomsen '75, School Board President Darrin Gage, Mount Vernon Mayor Scott Peterson '71, Gabe Templeton, Kay Jilovec Lind '55, David Wolfe '50, Alumni Association Vice President and Alumni Awards Chair Dennis Jordan '87, Don Stine, Superintendent Gary O'Malley, Marty Pitlik '63, Alumni Association Treasurer Susan Mounts Fisher '65, Alumni Association Director John Pospisil '66, Alumni Association Director Michele Meyer Grudzinski '92



Achievement Award Winner Darla Stoltz Templeton '64

Darla Stoltz Templeton '64 was nominated for this award by her classmate, Martha Dillow Shackford '64, who says Darla "is a rare treasure." Darla is completing her 31st year as Chief Executive Officer of the Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri & Kansas. Her accomplishments and awards within the Epilepsy Foundation are many. Her personal accomplishments include: Executive of the Year awarded by the Epilepsy Foundation - National Office, Guest expert on epilepsy for the Centers for Disease Control, President of the national organization of epilepsy affiliate executives, and member of the Epilepsy Foundation national board of directors.

As CEO, she has led her organization to honors such as: recipient of the first ever 'Affiliate of the Year' award by the Epilepsy Foundation National Office, two international awards for program excellence from the International Epilepsy Symposium, and an invitation to the White House by President Ronald Reagan with the national poster child from St. Louis. Darla was also invited to the White House by President George Bush for the signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act, invited to dinner with Barbara Bush when she was presented an honorary degree from St. Louis University, and invited by Ted Kennedy to organize a health care town hall meeting. She was also chair of the Management and Operations Team for the national Epilepsy Foundation and its affiliate network.



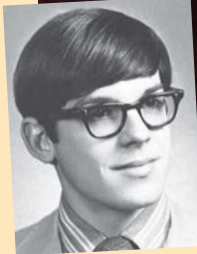
Alumni Award winners spent Homecoming day visiting classes at the High School escorted by members of the Student Ambassador team. From left to right are Gabby Kolker '14, Dennis Wolrab '64, Alex Hale '14, John Rife '60 (2011 Achievement Hall of Fame recipient), Carson Kuntz '14, Miranda Chapman '14, Hannah Bradbury '14, Kathleen Bevans '14, Darla Stoltz Templeton '64, Karen Jilovec Martin '57, Kay Lind '55, Wyatt Swartzendruber '15, and Courtney Maddocks '15



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At left, Karen is congratulated by Association VP and Awards Chair Dennis Jordan '87, Association President Kevin Rogers '81, Superintendent Gary O'Malley, Foundation President Ann Koppenhaver '78, School Board President Darrin Gage, and Mount Vernon Mayor Scott Peterson '71. At right, Karen receives her award from her son, Gabe Templeton.



Fine Arts winner William 'Bill' Pringle '72, who was nominated for this award

by Don Stine, says he "was fortunate to have two Iowa Bandmaster 'legends' as his mentors: Ken Smykil and Don Stine. (Smykil was his instructor prior to high school, Don Stine was his high school band director)." Bill was very active in his high school band program. He was a member of every possible performing group and was very active each year in the State Solo and Ensemble Contests. His career at Mount Vernon culminated his senior year with a successful audition and acceptance into the Iowa All-State Band, and a performance as the featured soloist with the Mount Vernon Concert Band, which was selected as an Honor Band for the 1972 Iowa Bandmasters Conference.

Bill attended Coe College on a music scholarship, where he studied trumpet with Paul Smoker. At Coe he was a featured soloist with both the concert band and jazz bands. He also won first chair trumpet in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Honor Band and performed regularly with the Cedar Rapid Symphony. Since then Bill has continued with course work at the University of Iowa, where he studied conducting with Myron Welch, and played with many freelance and community bands, including the Des Moines Big Band.

Bill's 37 year teaching career includes 31 years of high school experience at Panoira-Linden, Cherokee, Carlisle, Centerville, and City High in Iowa City. He is currently the band director at South East Junior High in Iowa City. Bands under his direction have been very active and successful in both state and national music contests. Jazz Bands under his direction qualified for the Iowa Jazz Championships annually and included many top five finishes with the Centerville and City High Jazz Bands. Most recently the two South East Jazz Bands under his direction placed 1st and 2nd in their division at the South East Iowa Bandmasters Association Jazz Festi-

val. Jazz Bands under his direction were selected as the Honor Band to perform at the Iowa Bandmaster Conference in 1996 (Centerville) and 2000 and 2003 with City High. He was also co-director for the City High Concert Band when it was selected as the Honor Band for the same Conference in 1999 and 2002. During his tenure at City High the Music Department was recognized 3 times by the Grammy Foundation as a Signature Gold School for its' performance excellence.

Bill was named Teacher of the Year in 1995 at Centerville where he also served as President and Chief Negotiator for the Centerville Education Association. He has also been elected and served as President of the South Central Iowa Bandmasters Association, and the Iowa Association of Jazz Educators.

Bill can be reached at 4707 Chandler Court, Iowa City, IA 52245, phone 319-337-4684, or by email at Pringles@mchsi.com.



Top, Bill plays the School Song to close his acceptance speech. Middle, Bill with MV High School Band Director Bernie Moore, nominator Don Stine, and Judy Stine. Bottom, Bill receives his award from his nominator Don Stine.

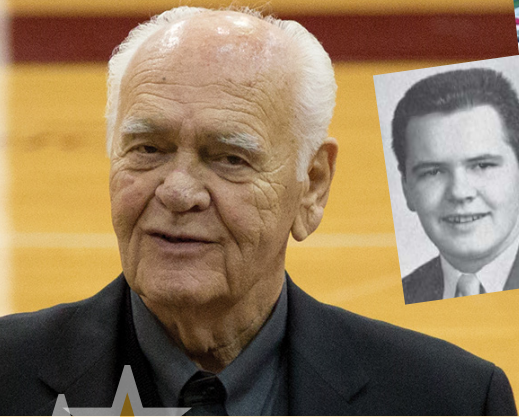
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In her position she worked with both the national office and the affiliate network, along with George W. Bush, to restore the Americans With Disabilities Act. Darla has been interviewed on National Public Radio, cable television and in the Post Dispatch many times as an expert on epilepsy. In addition she has worked with many celebrities to promote epilepsy awareness, including St. Louis Cardinals Stan Musial and Steve Klein, and St. Louis Rams Kurt Warner, Keith Lyle, and Andy McCollum.

Outside of her work with the Epilepsy Foundation, she served on the Board of Directors for Childgrove School (a small private school with emphasis on diversity, disability integration and the arts), the Professional Advisory Board of the Emmaus Home (agency that provides residential support to people with disabilities), and served on and was Chair of the Kirkwood Disabled Awareness Advisory Commission. Darla created a new organization and served on the Board of Directors of Options for Justice (agency that provides support for people with disabilities who get incarcerated); organized, raised money for and provided a leadership retreat for all 50 executive directors of the epilepsy movement; was a Camp Fire Girl group leader; and completed training to be a VISTA member (as she prepares for what she will do in her retirement).

During high school Darla participated in a variety of activities including: year book staff (editor her senior year); Student Council (Vice President her senior year); *Chalkmark* all 4 years; all-school play 3 years; Declam; Youth Center; Talent Show; Girls Recreation Association all 4 years (president her senior year).

Darla can be reached at 431 Ashwood, Kirkwood, MO 63122, phone 314-965-6883 or by email at darla@stl-epil.org.



Above left, Dick in High School. Middle, Dick and his wife Kathleen enjoy riding in their corvette during the Homecoming Parade. At right, nominator David Wolfe '50 gives award to Dick at the Award Ceremony

Service winner Richard 'Dick' McKeen '51 was nominated for this award by alum David Wolfe '50. A graduate of both Mount Vernon and Cornell College, he continues to remain active as Class Reunion Agent in both schools. He has made arrangements for tri-class Reunions of the 1949, 1950 and 1951 Mount Vernon classes every five years for the last 35-40 years. In addition Dick plans the reunions for the Cornell Class of 1955, and is now serving his second term as a member of the Cornell College Alumni Board of Directors.

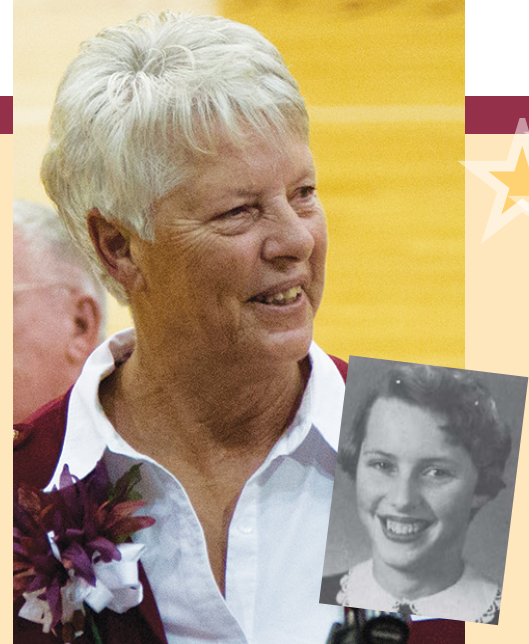
After college and then military duty, Dick started a career in sales, including the last 38 of 56 years in Real Estate. Dick says "I not only enjoyed a successful career in the business but I have enjoyed several leadership roles. I have been a believer in giving back." As a result Dick has contributed in leadership as the local President, State of Iowa President and National Regional Vice President of the National Association of Realtors, serving eight years as a National Director and member or chair of several committees on each level. His favorite role in the National Association was the Liaison to First District Congressman Jim Leach for a period of over ten years. The duty called for Dick to travel to Washington, D.C. for the annual 'Hill Visits', the nationwide meeting of the Legislative Leaders of the National Association from all states of the United States in lobbying efforts for the benefits of Home Owners throughout the country. His year as the Regional Vice President of Region Eight, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota allowed him to serve on the Executive Committee, the 45 member committee making executive decisions for over one million realtors throughout the United States. Other roles and honors during his Real Estate career included: Iowa Association of Realtors Realtor of the Year in 1998, Realtor PAC Chair for five years, Golden R in 1990 for PAC contributions, and National Realtor PAC Committee Member for seven years.

In Iowa City Dick has supported numerous University of Iowa Athletic programs. Dick initiated and was asked to be the Founding Member of the Johnson County "I" Club. He was honored by becoming a member of the National "I" Club Board of Directors in 1973, named President of the National "I" Club Board of Directors in 1976, and "I" Club Man of the Year in 1976, and continues in these activities today. He has been on the Rotary-Ronald McDonald Golf Board for over ten years, which raises an average of \$50,000 annually for support of families of McDonald House patients.

Dick became a member of the University of Iowa Presidents Club in 1975, and was a member of the fund raising Steering Committee for both Carver Hawkeye Arena and the Medical Education Research Facility. He is a member of Friends of University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, and served as Chair from 2003-2008. Dick participated as a member of the Big, Better, Best Steering Committee, representing the University Hospitals and Clinics in the 1.2 Billion Fund raising completed in 2008. He has been on the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Advisory Board.

Dick says he shares many of the service projects with his wife, Kathleen. "We have worked together and complemented each other in our many advocacy endeavors. Our advocacy involvements have been our way of giving back to our past. It has been a wonderful life."

Dick can be reached at 10 Lakeview Drive, Iowa City, IA 52240, 319-351-7977, or by email at rmckeen933@aol.com.



MVCSD Community Impact winner Karen Jilovec Martin '57 is the first recipient of this new Alumni Association Hall of Fame Award. This award recognizes an alumna for their service impact on the Mount Vernon Community. Nominated by her sister, Kay Jilovec Lind '55, Karen is an alum who was active in school, married an alum and settled in Mount Vernon, built a local business, raised a 'Mustang' family, and has always been an active member of the community.

In high school Karen lettered four years in music, Glee Club and Chorus. She was a PTA candidate and in her senior year was a Homecoming queen candidate. She still serves as her class treasurer.

She earned her real estate license in 1974 and her broker's license in 1978. She opened her own office Mount Vernon, Farm and Home Realty in 1980 on main street, retiring in 2008 after 35 years.

Karen has served on the city's Planning and Zoning Committee. She was a member of the Mustang Booster Club, serving as secretary and treasurer for approximately 12 years. She ordered food and coordinated the concession stand for sports events such as basketball, football and wrestling. At Hillcrest Country Club she has taken care of flower beds for 25 years and served on the Hillcrest Women's Board for many years, including chair of the "Save the Barn" effort.

Karen has served every office several times, formerly as treasurer, in the Chapter EW, National TTT Society. Their group has sponsored over 100 girls, with Karen sponsoring 10 girls through the 35 years she has been a member. At TTT she chaired their annual

"green sales" several times to help support sending these girls to camp.

Karen has been a member of the Lisbon United Methodist Church all her life and has served in several offices as well as fund raising projects and Sunday School classes. She has also served on the Sts. Peter & Paul Historical Foundation Board. She has been a Heritage Days volunteer.

Karen volunteers with the MV Alumni Association, and for several years her office was used as the alumni gathering place during Heritage Days. She has worked on all ten of her Class of 1957 reunions.

Karen can be reached at 301 5th Ave NW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314, phone 319-895-8255, or by email at klmartin39@gmail.com.



Athletic Hall of Fame winner Dennis Wolrab'64 was nominated for his award by fellow alum Martin Pitlik'63.

Marty says "Denny was an outstanding athlete and an individual identified by our competition as someone to be concerned about in all sports." During high school Dennis was an all-sports athlete, participating in baseball 5 years (playing varsity when he was in 8th grade), and 4 years each in basketball, football, and track, lettering 16 times. He participated in cross country for 1 year and M Club for 4 years. While in high school he was also in choir for 4 years, was Class Treasurer his junior year, and was selected as escort for Homecoming Court candidate Darla Stoltz.

Dennis's accomplishments in high school athletics are: In 1962 Dennis broke the 440 run record held by Bud Kudart set in 1947; held conference individual and relay race records from 1962 which held for approximately 30 years; at State won first place in the 440 and placed in the 220 and 1/2 mile; held nine different school individual and relay records; qualified for State in broad jump for three consecutive years; placed in indoor and outdoor track events at the State meet; was All-State in football, baseball, and track, and was All-State honorable mention in basketball.

During high school his teams won EIHC titles in basketball and track (two years in a row). In baseball he played 3rd base and pitched, batting over 300 his during his baseball career. Dennis was point guard on the basketball team and left half-back and defensive back in football. Dennis says "In the early 60's Mount Vernon High School did not have the facilities they have today. Back then, we had no track to run on. We also played basketball at Cornell College because our team had such a huge following and the high school gym could



Dennis Wolrab's family turns out to help Dennis celebrate his award. Above from left to right: Dennis, wife Anita Wolrab; Sandy Wolrab; Mike Wolrab'56, Sue Wolrab, Doug Wolrab'56 and below right are Dennis's aunt LaVonne Bova and sister Karen Wolrab Smith'59. Bottom: Dennis with nominator Marty Pitlik'63



not accommodate the large crowds."

Dennis went to college at the University of Wisconsin, and is now retired from the Weitz Company, where he was Ironworker Superintendent and member of Local 89 Ironworker for 45 years. Dennis received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Infantry Combat Badge while serving two tours in Vietnam as a door gunner. He served 25 years on both the Executive Board and the Examining Board for Ironworkers Local 89, and nine years as a North Central District Council officer.

Dennis continues to be a loyal alum and follows or attends Mount Vernon High School sports both at home and away.

Dennis can be reached at 2150 20th Street NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405, 319-396-0226, or by email at anitawolrab@aol.com



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Top left: Karen is escorted to the football field by daughter Lorie Martin Landis'80
 Top right: Karen (at right) with her sisters Denise Jilovec McAfee'77 and Andrea Jilovec'75
 Bottom: Karen receives her award from her nominator and sister, Kay Jilovec Lind'55

Plan to join us next year at Homecoming 2014 to celebrate Homecoming at the Pep Assembly, game, and 'Tailgating Under The Tent' and to attend the Alumni Hall of Fame Award Ceremony and Reception. Watch for the Homecoming date in the Spring edition of this newsletter.

THANK YOU to Lisa Lewis'83, Envisage Photo, for being our Alumni Awards official photographer, and to photo contributors Annamae Baker Stoneking'60, Dennis'64 and Anita Wolrab, Crystal Covington Wherry'05, Susan Mounts Fisher'65, Kevin Rogers'81

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Above, alum and MV School District Middle School teacher Emily Ryan Stamp '09

At left Russell Steiner '64, Sam Studt '64, and Sue Studt Barrett '82



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Khloe Rand '11 and Tom Mlynarczyk '10 enjoy the pictures on display at 'Tailgating Under The Tent'



Erin Pisarik '12 and her cousin Jenna Pisarik '11



Jim Kent '50 and Carol Croft Kent '51 made the trip from Massachusetts to enjoy Homecoming



Pat Pisarik '68 and his sister Terese Pisarik '65



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1964 Classmates came to congratulate Dennis and Darla -- from left to right, Dennis Akers, Dennis Wolrab, Darla Stoltz Templeton, Gary Kaplan, and Ron Longerbeam



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Rick Elliott (owner of the First Street Building), Scott Peterson '71 visit with others at the alumni Homecoming reception



2005 Classmates Crystal Covington Wheery (Alumni Association Board Member) and Mike Berthot

Thank you

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■ CRYSTAL COVINGTON WHERRY'05



What have you been doing since you left Mount Vernon High School?

After graduation I attended Simpson College where I studied elementary education, history

and german as well as participated in work study, chapel and IM sports. The connections and friendships made there will be forever cherished!

What do you do now?

I am currently working as a stay at home mom, daycare provider and photographer. Some might say I am crazy. I say I am lucky to stay so busy and still be able to enjoy the little moments that most working parents miss! My husband, Ryan, and I bought our house in Anamosa four years ago and we continue to move from one project to the next as homeowners. When I am not changing diapers you can find me changing paint schemes, camera settings or batteries in the kids' toys!

Why do you want to serve on the Alumni Board, or what are you hoping to do while serving on the Alumni Board?

As an alumni board member I would really like to represent a younger generation. So many times young people think of "alumni" in terms of older, more seasoned people and I'd like to make more of a connection to our younger Mustang alumni and blend the "older" and "younger" groups together!

A favorite memory of your time at Mount Vernon Schools -- or of a favorite teacher perhaps?

While I may not have one single favorite memory from school there are a few things that stick out: Herr Wilkinson doing the worm in German class, basketball practices and classes with Mr. (Andy) Craig, our Germany trip junior year, making up names for the "high five" cards, and having wonderful teachers all around!

■ ANDREW MORF'94



What have you been doing since you left Mount Vernon High School?

I attended St. Olaf College and received my BA in Political Science. I married my college

sweetheart Reagan Black from Wichita, Kansas – now Reagan Morf, and we have two children – Ingrid (6) & Hannah (3). We have recently built a home outside of Mount Vernon.

What do you do now?

I have been working in the insurance industry since graduation and have focused exclusively on employee benefits since 2002. Today I co-own an employee benefits company called Acumen and am the CEO. We work with over 1000 businesses in the state of Iowa, work with over 150 licensed agents who utilize our firm to write employee benefit business, and we have 14 full time staff at present.

Why do you want to serve on the Alumni Board, or what are you hoping to do while serving on the Alumni Board?

I'm honored to serve on the Alumni Board. I always felt growing up that Mount Vernon was a unique and special town that had a deep commitment to education and students. I am excited to be part of a board that helps keep alumni connected as well as updated on the happenings of the Mount Vernon Community School District.

A favorite memory of your time at Mount Vernon Schools -- or of a favorite teacher perhaps?

Walking off the football field in 1993 with a state championship trophy after a come from behind field goal kick by Rick Arenas with 19 seconds left on the clock to beat Britt West Hancock 22-21.

Thank you Director **John Pospisil'66** who will serve his 2nd term.

Thank you to outgoing Director **Michael Langer'85** for his service to the Association.

Dear Mount Vernon...

From 1978-2007 you were my home town. During that time I photographed almost a million images, not only in the Mount Vernon area, but in many places around the United States and overseas. This small sampling of images is my way of saying "thanks" to all the people I photographed. These images are derived from my love of photographing with black and white film. Pictured here are some of the people who impacted our community as well as my life.



1981 - Dan Bern's ('77) first publicity photos en route to many years as an international performing musician



2002 - Larissa Enns ('98) enjoys the sun at Garden of the Gods while attending Colorado College in Colorado Springs



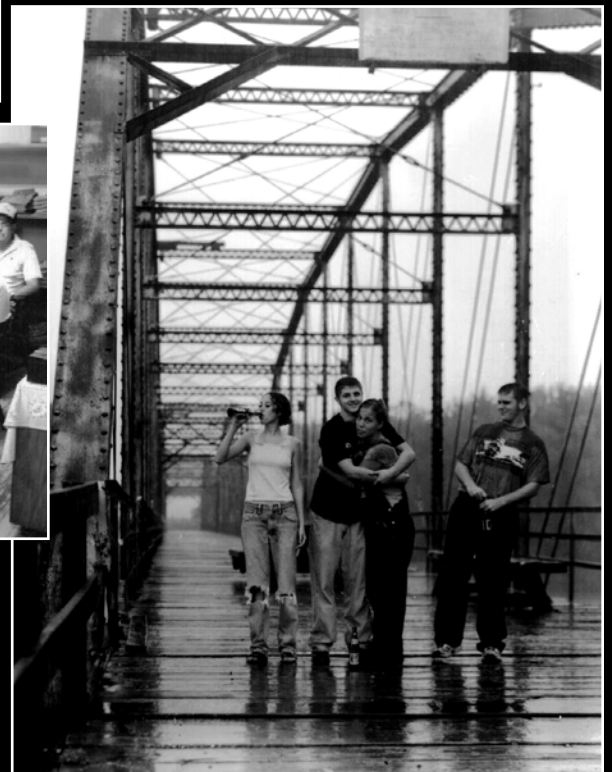
1989 - Tim Campagna ('04) and Julia Deibner Hanson ('04) show off their new plastic toys



1997 - A portrait of Jean Minish Stoner ('37), a wonderful person integral to Mount Vernon history

2000 - Local artist Mickey Woods in her textural and art filled yard, an appreciated stop for my photo students

1981 - Karen and Mike Stewart pose for the United Methodist Church directory with children Matt ('96), Hayley ('94), and Kristin ('99)



1994 - Tara Hoffman ('96) creates a modeling portfolio on a tire swing



2002 - Ted Neal ('91) and his wife Jess celebrate their marriage at the family farm north of Mount Vernon



1987 - Mount Vernon's menfolk gather in Bauman's basement to solve all world and local problems

1999 - The class of '99 features Kira Johanson, Chauncey Snodgrass, Megan Stine, and Stephen Krumm celebrating in the rain on the Sutliff Bridge

*Mount Vernon was always the home to which I returned, the place to be with family, enjoy friends, visit u
 Vernon Bank and Trust which, for 18 years, provided support and purpose for me to photograph the region
 and place of our community. My photographic roots began at the Mount Vernon SUN, where I served as*



1987 - Tony Just ('87) is full of introspection, life and artistic perspective



1983 - Karen Campbell ('79) is newly engaged to Darren Hurt of Anamosa

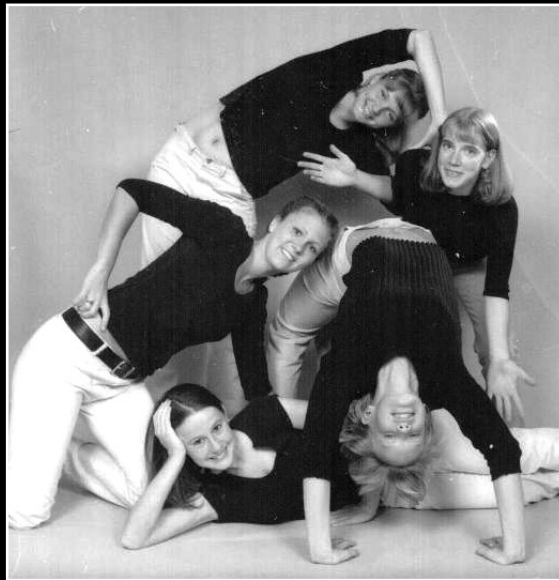


1983 - Ram freshman Bill Bremner ('83) poses with his cat for the "Men of Cornell" calendar sponsored by the Alpha Phi social group

1996 - The Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by countless MVHS graduates, all who are appreciated for their service



2001 - Five friends from the class of 2001 demonstrate "togetherness" (clockwise from left): Stephanie Triggs, Sarah Kleinsmith, Jamie Wallace, Kiri DeLaubenfels, and Becci Wumkes



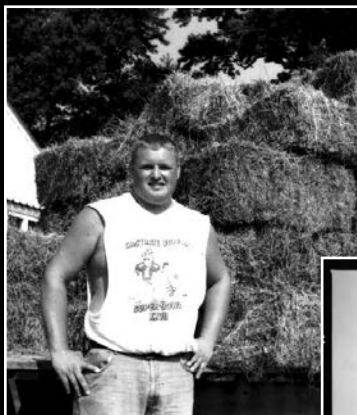
2002 - Mandy Woolf ('00) and her mother Jami serve cuisine in style at the Pizza Palace



1998 - Craig Engle, Cornell chaplain Cathy Quehl and their daughter Rachel ('14)



1997 - Sarah Toton ('98) became Sarah was a most talented photo



2002 - Adam Flockhart ('96) works at Kroul Family Farms

1996 - John Martin ('90) works in his office at McKinley Middle School in Cedar Rapids



1983 - Jennifer Bern ('75) is an accomplished singer and aspiring cantor



2001 - The Kleinsmith girls pose in ditch lilies at Abbe Creek Cemetery: Sarah ('01), Jen ('99), and Amy ('04)



1983 - Jim Wallace ('64), is a Cornell College assistant football coach, contractor, church league bowler, EMT volunteer

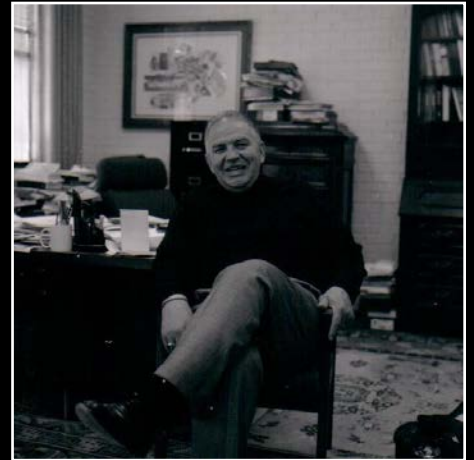
with neighbors, and to recharge for another journey somewhere to teach or explore. I appreciate the Mount Vernon community for their support in illustrating their annual calendar. This helped me gather countless images to record the beautiful history of our community. I served as the community's associate editor for two years. I also photographed extensively for Cornell College for several years.



2002 - Anne Halsey ('92) and Jeff Helgesen are newly married



1989 - Charlotte Campagna ('98) is a "flashlight angel" for a Methodist Church project



1996 - Barron Bremner, pictured in his office at Coe College, spent his entire life working at either Cornell or Coe colleges. He and his wife Bette parented six MVHS graduates: Barbara, Barron, Elizabeth, Rebecca, William, and Brenda. His skills and dynamic persona made a wonderful impact on our community



...s a "ghost image" against a tree. ...ographer and writer



1982 - Andy Buchmeyer ('82) exudes happiness on press day as a new freshman football player for Cornell. Throughout high school and college he played the game with immense heart and never stopped smiling

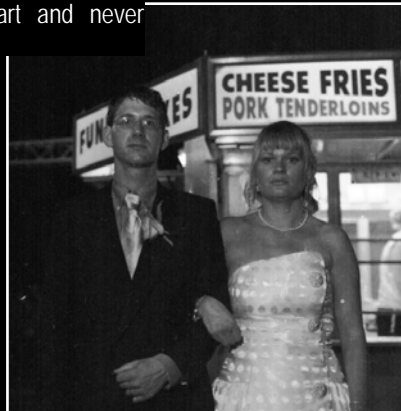


1992 - Lisa Squires ('88) is an extraordinary and elegant vocalist



1990 - Ed Fordyce ('59) succeeded his father Jay as president of Mount Vernon Bank and Trust. He is caught smiling for the camera

2005 - Missy and Josh Allard ('97) were married on Heritage Day. They strolled the midway during their wedding evening and created this "American Gothic" pose



1996 - Lyle Lichty, Bill Thomsen ('72) and Kim Benesh ('85) perform in the community theatre's *Man of La Mancha*

1995 - Chris Stoltz ('63) works inside the Sixth St. Power station in Cedar Rapids





2001 - Melina Wolrab ('98) unveils a non-stop humor



2000 - Ellen Daly ('01) is intense in her senior portrait in clay



2001 - The Schultz kids pose to make a present for mom: Miles ('01), Hannah ('07), and August ('10)



2002 - Daniel Campagna ('00) stars as Septimus Hodge in the Occidental College production of *Arcadia* in Eagle Rock, CA



2000 - Grant ('01), Elizabeth ('03) and Luke ('00) make a visual gift for their parents



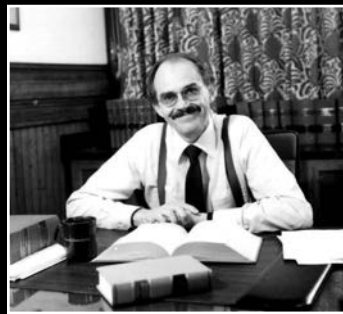
1985 - Preschool at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church



Four difference makers: parents, legislators, president, coach...



1989 - Ro Foege wins the "Grant Wood look-alike" contest and represented Mount Vernon for 12 years



1985 - David Osterberg represents Mount Vernon for 12 years in the state legislature



1987 - Doug Hanson, parent of 3 MVHS soccer players, coaches the sport for a decade



2000 - Cornell President Les Garner (r) welcomes Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack and Rep. Ro Foege

The question: what to do with 3 decades of landscape and portrait images? For now, I still print from b/w negatives, and I am fashioning my work into exhibits, books, posters, notecards and calendars. I will catalogue my images so that the future will know what I have and how to unlock the secrets. I thank the many people who already have copies of my photographs as art within their homes or businesses. You all keep me connected to my Iowa home. - Bob Campagna



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Mustangs...What Are They Doing Now?

■ JEREMIAH BARR '03

What have you been doing since you left Mount Vernon High School?

I've largely continued my education, starting at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids where I received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Mathematics. I took a brief break from academia and provided IT consulting services for businesses in the Cedar Rapids area after college. I apparently couldn't resist another half decade's worth of schooling, so now I'm at the University of Notre Dame working towards my PhD in Computer Science. I expect to graduate next summer. I met my wife, Rachel, while I attended Mount Mercy University. Our bouncing baby boy, Ronan, joined the family in March, 2012.



What do you do now?

I'm part computer vision researcher, part data scientist and part software engineer. I primarily focus on automatic face recognition in uncontrolled environments. Researchers across academia and industry have devised fairly accurate systems for identifying people from controlled images such as driver's license photos. In these types of settings, individuals must face the camera with a particular expression, the lighting is uniform and the camera focus is typically set well. Limiting the extent to which people can change appearance between pictures makes recognition easier for automated systems.

Now imagine trying to program a computer to recognize faces in arbitrary pictures. Head pose, facial expression and lighting patterns will generally vary between different images of the same face. The recent experiences of law enforcement agencies involved with the Boston Marathon bombing investigations showed that current face recognition technology is not ready to handle all of these factors at once. I'm working on filling this gap, while applying face recognition tools to identify social structures and detect people of interest in natural scenes.

An accomplishment you are proud of?

I've had the privilege of contributing to a face recognition application for law enforcement officials, the Universal Face Workstation (UFW). The software had a spot on 60 Minutes that you can see at <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=50147167n>.

A favorite memory or two of your time at Mount Vernon Schools - or of a favorite teacher perhaps?

Wrestling was a big part of my life all throughout high school, both on and off the mat. The wrestling team had a tradition of eating at Ryan's Family Steakhouse. One time, I joined fellow wrestlers Derek Feaker and Derek Alger to enjoy some fine dining at Ryan's. I tried to get a rise out of Alger by messing with his food. He responded in kind by launching a heap of mashed potatoes at my face. The glob of potatoes spread around my glasses, creating one mushy set of goggles. It really is too bad we didn't have a camera handy.

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■ CAROL DOLEZAL'81

As Robert Frost's poem says, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." Actually I've taken many roads less traveled and in a variety of directions. So what have I been doing since I left Mount Vernon High School?

First stop was college at the University of Iowa. I had no clue what I wanted to be when I grew up and kept ending up in writing courses so I applied for and was accepted into the undergraduate writer's workshop in poetry. Eventually, with an English degree in hand, I found work at American College Testing (ACT) in Iowa City, and took graduate courses to work toward my teaching credential. Student teaching made me think, good grief, I'll never be able to excite and teach high school students so I continued to work at ACT.

Then, on an outing at the Mount Vernon A&W with my disabled father, my life changed when I bought a lotto ticket. I won \$1,000 and thought, this is my ticket out of Iowa! I gave notice to my employer and piled myself into my silver blue Volkswagen Super-beetle and took interstate 80 to California, where I've been since 1987. After five years in California one is considered a native. Truth be told though, I am always an Iowan and make that known to all I meet.

Needing a sane reason to explain why I was picking up and moving to the Left Coast, I enrolled in graduate school to study Public Relations. When I arrived in the San Francisco Bay Area I felt like I was living the life of Mary Ann, Armistead Maupin's character in "Tales of the City". I worked with a consulting firm that had educational contracts to develop curriculum for local utility districts. I got really good at volunteering for non-profits such as a local concert series, church, affordable housing agencies. I learned it's not a good thing to simply be a volunteer in the Bay Area with its high cost of living.

Finally I landed a job using my marketing skills in the financial world, giving me a chance to learn about mortgage lending. I worked with Reverse Mortgages and then moved on to working at a bank with home mortgages and affordable housing programs as an underwriter, an administrator, a trainer, a manager. I enjoyed good paychecks and lots of travel, which was always a perk of the job! I grew into the San Francisco signature attire of black suit and briefcase. I enjoyed beautiful views from my office, living in Russian Hill and then Pacific Heights, great restaurants for business lunches, and frequent flyers miles to feed my vacation adventures. It was a kick for awhile to live the city life that I always dreamed of while living on a farm.

In the midst of this, I got married. The corporate world and values that came with that world were wearing me down. When I was working to get the employees I managed a 25 cent an hour raise and saw the excess income the owners of the company had, it was frustrating to experience the materialism of the corporate world.

Eventually, I was downsized and rather than take an offer for another corporate job, I worked on our project to have kids. I won the lotto again with twins and took a on most challenging and rewarding job as Mom. I call Grace and Jeremy my prophets for I guide and teach them, however I have learned more from them! They are now freshmen at Berkeley High School, which is very different from my high school experience. One of my MVHS friends commented, "How did you get two jocks for kids?", as my children are far more athletic than I.

Work-wise, I started to work from home as a consultant and led workshops and retreats about photo preservation and scrapbooking. I began focusing for myself and others about our purpose and meaning in this life. I kept volunteering, which included a six year stint facilitating a support group at



Top left: Carol's senior picture in High School
 Top right photo: Carol facilitating small group discussion in Lebanon about situation with Iraq Christians.
 Bottom photo: Carol and her Habibtis from Amar al Hasn, a village in Syria. These children are members of the Presbyterian Church.

a local hospital for new and expectant parents of twins and triplets. I also started exploring birthing and pre/perinatal psychology and served on boards of organizations focused on family building options such as adoption and assisted reproduction.

In the midst of raising kids and volunteering I started taking classes at a community center about building and construction. My husband and I bought a Victorian fixer house and I spent five years rehabilitating and restoring the house. I get to live in that house now and enjoy the fruits of my major labor and will most likely check house renovation off my list, never to be done again.

I continued to serve my church, both locally and nationally. In 2004, when I was a commissioner to our Presbyterian national General Assembly, we took many actions around the Middle East. My life became immersed interpreting our Assembly's actions about a region of the world I never dreamed of, nor understood from my Iowa roots.

I worked to learn more and became very involved with the interfaith community of the Abrahamic faiths. In 2006 I was asked to go to a peace conference in Bethlehem and took a side trip to Lebanon to visit the oldest Christian Seminary in the Middle East. By 2008 I was working with that seminary as a Presbyterian Mission Worker assigned to Syria and Lebanon. I worked as a Fundraiser and US liaison for the seminary. My 'job' was to immerse myself in learning about the region and then to help share and educate people in the

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US about the churches, ministries and people of the Middle East. Our seminary alumni become leaders within their communities providing schools, medical services, and when needed, shelters for refugees.

This was serious work assisting alumni with a consultation of church leaders from Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, helping facilitate the sharing of stories and support among one another as Iraqi's faced ongoing trauma and struggles. In my job, I moved from to the levity of dancing with bedouins in a tent in the middle of the Syrian Desert on the old Silk Road; to traveling to the Cedars of Lebanon and Khalil Gibran's birthplace (one of my favorite poets) and eating lunch by a waterfall where he lived and created his art. My relationships with people in the Middle East taught me much about human perseverance and joy in the midst of struggle.

As it became clear my position in the Middle East would be ending, I was led toward a new career that used my experiences. I had been with both of my parents through longterm illness and death. I held my father as he died after years of disability. Likewise, I was able to be with my mother at the end of her life in a hospice facility. I didn't have an 'Ozzie and Harriet' upbringing, and had grown to learn how to understand, reconcile and forgive my parents. By accompanying the two most pivotal people who brought me life, through the good, the bad and the ugly and toward the ultimate light, I learned to appreciate the richness of human experience. This gift helps me to accompany others. I applied and was accepted to a year-long Residency program in Chaplaincy at Stanford Hospitals and Clinics. I made it through a very challenging and growing year and now work as a Hospice Chaplain, and continue to do on call shifts at the Hospital, as needed. Chaplaincy feels natural for me, and provides a different type of travel that has taken me far beyond any geographic destination ever could.

When I sat in class during high school, I remember looking out the window at the cornfields that were there at that time, and dreaming of going out into the world to experience people and places different than me. My life has taught me to expect the unexpected, and I have

traveled physically and mentally far beyond what I dreamed.

So many teachers I had at Mount Vernon Schools provided lessons I could not fully realize until I was gone from school. A few examples were the English department: Gladys Rife, Sandra Bolton, Ruth Michaud and Donna Jacobs. Each steered me toward a love of reading, creative writing and expression that has been my compass. Poets, choral reading, yearbook, journal writing, public speaking and essays all came to life in high school. As technology has evolved, all those skills are still used and have enhanced new ways of communicating through social media, blogs, and media presentations. My English classes unlocked the creativity and fun that can be had putting information forth in the world.

Sophomore year Mrs. Rife taught me how to research and organize a speech. When I have been asked to preach or speak in front of large audiences in the US or abroad, I use techniques Mrs. Rife taught me. After preparation which includes identifying my audience, I confidently share and speak with diction, tone and pauses; and above all, I speak from the heart.

Four years of Spanish provided many opportunities to try to convince Nancy Swisher to let us have a fiesta day instead of studying boring grammar and vocabulary. Years later when I was in Costa Rica, at the end of two weeks Spanish immersion, I found myself engaged in a conversation (albeit with baby Spanish) with a Jewish family about what it was like to live in a country that is predominately Catholic. I thought, "Muchas gracias, Señora Swisher!"

One of the most important lessons I learned was in band from Don Stine. I was a percussionist and we tried out for parts. I wanted one of the exciting drum parts. He gave me the triangle part. I was disappointed, angry and a bit of a brat, thinking the triangle part was below my skills. Mr. Stine gave me a strong reprimand and said something about it doesn't matter what the part is, but what I would bring to it. He went on to say that in life I may get the triangle parts... whatever my role, big or small, it would be the passion and enthusiasm



Carol, 2006, in Bil'in, a West Bank village that prompted the documentary '5 Broken Cameras'

I brought that would define my success. Well, Mr. Stine was right. Throughout life I have found the passion and enthusiasm in where I'm led. And I've used that speech with my own children. And I am so grateful for that huge lesson through what seemed to be a little triangle piece!

For now I continue to serve as a Chaplain and look forward to that evolving career. I have been an ordained Elder within my church since the 80's and have been taking classes toward commissioning as a Lay Pastor within the Presbyterian church—PC(USA).

I've learned how to say yes to those things that challenge and inspire, however big or small. Likewise, I've learned to say no to things. If it doesn't fit the gifts I bring, there is someone else that will fit better and bring the energy that task or job deserves. I've learned the bumps in the road are also a part of the journey. I've learned not to take for granted the value of each day we have on this earth. And I've learned I have a choice of how I process whatever comes my way and use it for growth to move forward.

Mine has not been the predictable road life that I thought would happen. Instead I have taken many unpredictable roads. I first explored Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken" in a MVHS class with Gladys Rife. I'm proud to be from Mount Vernon Schools, and give thanks to the teachers and the community for helping me on my many roads. I've got a few more to go... can't wait to see where they lead!

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■ STEVE EDWARDS '65

After graduating from MVHS, I went to the University of Iowa where I became very active in the Writers Workshop and played in a very successful rock and roll band, the Friars. I almost pursued a career in creative writing but ended up at the University of Virginia Law School where I decided to get serious and finished in the top 3% of my class.

That enabled me to land a job at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York, regarded by many as the top law firm in the country at the time, where I represented clients like CBS and IBM.

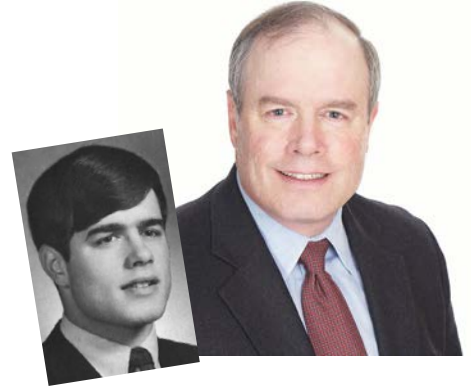
I left Cravath in 1980 and formed my own law firm – Davis, Weber & Edwards – which merged with Hogan & Hartson, a Washington, D.C. firm, and I became head of their Litigation Department in New York.

In 2010, Hogan & Hartson merged with Lovells, a U.K. firm, to become Hogan Lovells, the sixth largest firm in the world with 2,600 lawyers.

Probably my greatest accomplishment was becoming President of the Federal Bar Council, a bar association of approximately 3,500 lawyers who practice in the federal courts in New York. That has enabled me to work very closely with most of the federal judges in New York, and it has brought me into contact with most of the Supreme Court Justices, including Justices Alito, Breyer, Ginsburg, Kennedy, Scalia, Sotomayor and Thomas, as well as my former partner Chief Justice John Roberts.

In 2010, the Federal Bar Council gave me its Whitney North Seymour Award for Public Service by a Private Practitioner for my service as President of Nazareth Housing, which provides housing to the homeless, Treasurer of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice, which represents low income people in impact litigation and the Executive Committee member of the Jazz Foundation of America, which helps jazz musicians who are in need.

In 2003, I wrote a rock opera, "There's Something Afoot," which has been performed three times in New York, and in 2011, I wrote a play, "The Trial of Harry S Truman," which has been performed twice.



I still return to Mount Vernon every year for reunions of the Stompers, who were inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006. (Steve plays bass guitar and is known for bringing southern-oriented R&B to the band.)



I am married to Robin Edwards, who works for the Manhattan District Attorney's Office ("Law and Order"), and we have three children – Mark age 44, Elisabeth age 31 and Will age 26. Mark is a documentary film maker in Paris, Elisabeth is a blues singer in New York and Will is a chef in New York. I spend most of my time dealing with my clients, who include IBM, Estee Lauder, United Health Group, Ford, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Univision, Morgan Stanley and Deloitte & Touche.

Since I was a football guy, most of my favorite teachers were the coaches, who also taught things like history and geography. My favorite teacher of all, though, was probably Betty Hanley, who not only was the mother of one of my closest friends, Reid, but was incredibly patient and kind and always made schoolwork fun.

Steve can be reached at smedwards@hhlaw.com



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■ RICH HOIDAHL '59



Rich in Drake Relays garb with two of his prized Drake Relays possessions

I never thought I would say this, but the over 54 years that have transpired since I graduated from good old MVHS have practically flown by! The first five years were spent at Iowa State where I received my BS in Industrial Administration (i.e., Business Adm) in 1964. In college I helped colonize the ISU chapter of Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity, holding a number of offices including chapter president. I also participated in lots of intramural sports, attended as many ISU sports events as my schedule would allow (maybe too many!), and worked part time in the Memorial Union and as a waiter in a girls' dorm. For several summers I ran the pro shop at Hillcrest Country Club in Mount Vernon and tried (unsuccessfully) to match my brother Randy's prowess on the golf course! I also worked the second shift at Collins Radio for two summers manufacturing parts for aeronautical communications systems.

Within the first month after graduating from ISU, I began my career with Bankers Life Company (now known as Principal Financial), moved to Des Moines and got married. This marriage lasted ten years, resulting in three talented children and five wonderful grandchildren (so far!).

While at Bankers Life/Principal I worked primarily in Information Technology positions, such as computer programming, systems analysis and email administration. In 1978 I married my current wife of 35 years, Mary Ann. To this union came a step daughter, a second daughter and three more fine grandchildren (that's eight so far!).

From 1968 through 1978, I became heavily involved in the Des Moines Jaycees, serving as chapter president in 1977-78 and receiving a JCI Senatorship in 1978. I also served a two year term on the Arts and Recreation Council of Greater Des Moines from 1978-1980 and worked on the committee that ran the *On My Own Time* art show.

Fortunately for me, my employer strongly encouraged physical fitness and sponsored many intramural sports. I competed in basketball, golf, volleyball, tennis, bowling and track for many years. We had our own gymnasium when I began working there and added several wellness centers complete with fitness classes and personal trainers by the time I retired.

Track was (and still is) my favorite participation sport. In 1976 I joined a group of Bankers Life runners who ran a 24 Hour Relay. We continued training, and in 1977 I successfully completed the Drake Relays Marathon. Never again! Once was enough!

Between 1990 and 1998, I competed on Principal Financial's corporate track team in the high jump, long jump and sprint relay events. Our team was very competitive at both the regional and national level, highlighted by winning the national corporate track championship in our division in 1997.

In December of 2005, I officially retired after 41^{1/2} years of service to my first and only employer! I still stay in touch with many fellow retirees through biweekly breakfasts, serving on the Principal Retiree Committee for four years, attending special retiree events, and playing golf, tennis, etc.

Although officially retired, I don't lack for things to do. I actively collect (my wife swears I have OCD!) many things, including Drake Relays and Bankers Life/Principal Financial memorabilia, antique golf and tennis equipment, and autographs of famous athletes, especially in the sports of track and field and golf. I also buy and sell used golf equipment on Craig's List. This gives me a good excuse (and extra \$\$) to go to garage sales, flea markets and auctions, where I occasionally find some "goodies" for my various collections.

I have competed in the Iowa Games and

Iowa Senior Olympics for the last 23 years, primarily in track and field events (50-800 meters, high jump, long jump, triple jump, javelin, hurdles, etc.) Barring a serious injury, I hope to qualify next year to compete in either the 2015 National Senior Games or the 2015 State Games of America. In addition, I occasionally play golf, tennis, horseshoes and disc golf with other retiree friends.

Other activities include helping raise a 17 year old granddaughter who lives with us in Johnston, Iowa, photography, volunteering as a marshall each year at the Principal Charity Classic Golf Tournament, serving on the Board of Directors of the Iowa Senior Olympics, donating blood (in December I will reach the 25 gallon milestone), displaying many of my collections at the Johnston Public Library and at Principal Financial retiree events, and spoiling two very active young grandsons who live in nearby Des Moines.

I am still a big fan of ISU athletic teams. I also root for the Hawkeyes, Panthers and Bulldogs, except when they are playing ISU!

Last but not least, I still follow the achievements of the Mustang sports teams in the newspaper, on the internet and on television. I especially enjoy watching the track teams perform at Drake Stadium in the Drake Relays and the State Coed Track Meet.

The Drake Relays

I have had a "love affair" with the Drake Relays ever since 1958, the year MVHS track coach Don Hipple brought some of the track team to Des Moines to witness 'America's Athletic Classic' first-hand. I returned the following year for the Golden Anniversary Drake Relays and was treated not only to outstanding athletic performances on the track but also to the induction of the inaugural Drake Relays Hall of Fame class, including such legendary track stars as Jesse Owens and Al Oerter. By this time, I already considered the Relays as my favorite spectator event!

In the last 56 years, I have missed only one day of the Friday and Saturday programs. (While at ISU, I even hitchhiked from my fraternity house to Drake Stadium and back each year in complete safety!) Over this period I have collected countless programs (I only need six more to have a complete set),

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Mustangs...What Are They Doing Now? continued



medals, trophies, watches, ticket stubs, photos and autographs. I proudly display parts of my collection at Drake's Knapp Center on Thursday and Friday of the Drake Relays each year. Many have commented that this is the most extensive collection of Drake Relays memorabilia that they have ever seen! Please stop by and check it out if you're ever in the Des Moines area the last weekend in April!

Some of my most prized Drake Relays possessions (see photo on previous page) include an autographed framed 1997 program cover featuring a photo I took of the legendary Michael Johnson in 1996 (a few months before he won three gold medals at the Atlanta

Olympics) and a silver-plated traveling trophy given to the winning university two mile relay teams from 1925 through 1933. Other favorites include a 1967 champion's watch with its leather band signed by Jim Ryun from Kansas, the first to ever record a sub four minute mile at Drake, a Drake Relays program autographed by Jesse Owens, and a 2009 Centennial program autographed by all the living members of the 20 member Drake Relays Athletes of the Century.

In 2006 Drake University launched a project to create an online digital archive of the history of the Drake Relays. When I learned of this project, I volunteered to loan a large number of photos I had taken at the Relays over the years to be digitized for inclusion in this archive. If you have any interest in seeing the results, please use the following link: <http://www.lib.drake.edu/heritage/drakerelays/index.html>

Favorite memories of my years in the Mount Vernon Schools

One favorite memory was competing in the State Team Mile Race on the U of I track each Fall. Between 1956 and 1958 our team placed 5th, 4th, and 2nd despite being the smallest school in our division. My teammates included Doug Maccauley, Bob Bowman, Tom Wilkinson and Jim Jamison (I apologize if I forgot anyone!). Even though this race was run on a 440 yard track it was considered a 'cross country' race and usually included from 50 to 65 runners on the track at one time. Beside winning coveted state meet medals, our team was also given free tickets to the U of I football game that same afternoon at Kinnick Stadium. It was a real treat to watch some of Evy's best teams dismantle the opposition!

Other fond memories include practicing track events on the 390 yard track around the football field, hosting track meets on Cornell's cinder track at Ash Park, holding summer band concerts at City Park, having Jon (Fuzz) Swanberg live with me his senior year, "Chet Tie Day" honoring Coach Chet Wallace and the very wide and flowery neckties he loved to wear, taking bus tours with our concert band and choral groups to small high schools around the state, and getting permission from Leo Gerst for Ron Hess and me to leave school early one Thursday to play (and win trophies!) in one of the Men's Stag Golf Tournaments at Hillcrest Country Club.

Rich is really looking forward to attending the 55th class reunion of the Class of 1959 in 2014. He can be reached at skoder@earthlink.net.



■ KARIN HYLBAK CAPRI '71

When I found her things... their little girls take the stage this year!



image from Woman's World magazine

"When I graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1971 I decided my life would be fun. My English teacher Gladys Rife gave me a beautiful suitcase for a graduation present.

I moved to San Diego and graduated from Barbizon Modeling School. While in California I was an extra in the movies 'Miles From Home' starring Richard Gere and 'Zadar, Cow from Hell.'

My next big adventure was being in a commercial in Cedar Rapids for Stouffer's restaurant, Top of the Five. A few years ago I made a video commercial for the Cedar Rapids Smile Center.

My latest adventure was writing a story for Woman's World magazine for the August 5, 2013 edition (see image above). Here is my story:

"I returned her things!"

I was thrilled to find a beautiful purse in great condition at a local consignment shop. So when I took it home, I began moving all my things over to my new bag. But as I unzipped a pocket, I found a ring, a health insurance card and a few other things the previous owner must have forgotten about! Luckily I was able to find her name and phone number so I could give her a call. When I told her I'd found her things and would drop them off, she was stunned. "I've been looking all over for those!" she said. "I'm so glad my purse ended up with someone as honest as you!" But I was just glad her things made their way back home. I think it reminded us both how one good deed can truly make someone's day!

I live in Mount Vernon and have 3 wonderful children. I plan on writing more stories for magazines and I'm on the lookout for a new adventure!"

Karen can be reached at 319-895-8770 or purplecar99@yahoo.com



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MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS

Emily Ryan Stamp '09 married Shea Stamp, June 1, 2013. The couple reside in Hiawatha, IA.

Maura Holland '08 married **John Arnold '09** on September 7th 2013. The couple reside in Mount Vernon. John's mother is Sheri Russell '82.

Chelsea John '09 married Seth Harris, June 8, 2013. The couple reside in Boone, IA.

Rob Penn '08 married Katie Adams on Aug 2, 2012 in Bedford VA. They reside in Lynchburg VA. Rob's father is Bob Penn '81, his grandmother is Judy Caldwell Penn '60, and his great-grandmother is Betty Stoneking Meyer '41.

Samantha Weber '08 is engaged to marry Kyle Formanek on June 28, 2013 in Cedar Rapids.

Karissa Whitman '08 is engaged to marry Brad Walker on September 20, 2014

Katie Wilkins '08 is engaged to marry Jacob Curtis on October 4, 2014.

Hailey Goetschius '07 married Nick Thomson on May 26, 2013. The couple resides in Mechanicsville.

Justin Knight '07 married Sheila Bentzen, March 16, 2013. The couple resides in Lincoln, NE.

Joshua Henik '06 married Katlyn Huinker, June 15, 2013. The couple resides in Mount Vernon.

Sara Loan '02 writes in "Despite years of believing otherwise, Sarah Loan (class of 2002) has been convinced that Minnesota is a great state, populated by awesome people (second only to Iowa). This attitude adjustment may have been influenced by the fact that Sarah, a newly documented Minnesotan resident who will forever be Iowan at heart, and her fiancé, Chris Nolte (a red bearded Minnesotan) have announced their most excellent engagement. The wedding is planned for February, 2014 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids and will be attended by both Minnesotans and Iowans who will have to learn to put aside their state-loving differences in the name of love, brotherhood and most importantly, pie."

Jennifer Mick '00 married Andrew Ballard on August 20, 2013. The couple reside in Redwood City, CA.

Victoria Brawner '00 married Matthew

Schleier, Sept 14, 2013. The couple resides in Marion, IA.

Megan Stine '99, married Cavan Hender on May 4, 2013. The couple reside in Seattle, WA.

BABY NEWS

Caitlin Wieseler Bienemann '04 and husband Jared of Cedar Rapids, a daughter, Em-malin Kate, August 3, 2013.

Guthrie Burge '02 and Emily Huinker of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Nora Margaret Burge, Aug 8, 2013. Grandparents are Keith Burge '67 and Linda Blinks Burge '70, and great-grandfather is Vernon Burge '37.

Jonathan Hedges '02 and wife Rosetta of Cedar Rapids, twins Haylee Ann and Hayden Grace on February 8, 2013. Grandmother is Joan Buchmeyer '79.

Grant Rasmussen '01 and wife Whitney, a son, Anders, March 29, 2013.

Catherine Hileman Schierbrock '01 and husband Bill of Davenport, a son, Harrison Michael on October 26, 2012. Grandmother is Sara Gaarde '70 and great-grandmother is Joy Litts Gaarde '49.

Katey Forest Sanders '00 of Mount Vernon, a son, Elijah Matthew, August 11, 2013.

Abigail Aalbers Desautly '98 and husband Louis of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Ella Abigail, July 16, 2013.

B.J. Leeper '97 and wife Jodi of Olathe, Kansas, a son, Graham Jeffrey, May 2, 2013.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dave Wyatt '70 and wife Cyd of Omaha, NE, 25 years on Oct. 1, 2013.

Marcia Reyhons Lehr '61 and husband Bob of Lisbon, 50 years on Oct. 19, 2013.

Leroy Berry '55 and wife Helen of Bertram, IA, 50 years on Oct. 4, 2013.

EDUCATION & MILITARY SERVICE

Miranda Roudaush '13 completed Navy basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Command on August 23. BUCN Roudaush is now stationed in Gulfport MS in SeaBee training and is due to graduate December 5.

Adam Koffron '10 is now a Marine Lance Corporal in Boloxi, MS.

Logan Benson '09 BS with a double major in mathematics and English writing from Loras College, Dubuque, IA.

Joseph Dietrich '09 BA in computer information systems with a minor in philosophy, Clarke University, Dubuque, IA.

Brittany Duckett '09 BA in communication from University of Northern Iowa, spring 2013.

Chelsea Johnson '09 a BS in exercise science from Central College.

Skylar Lind '09 BA in marketing from from University of Northern Iowa, spring 2013.

Douglas Rice '09 BS in agricultural studies from Iowa State University, spring 2013.

Rachel Simons '09, BS in nursing from the U of Iowa, spring 2013.

Emily Ryan Stamp '09 BA in Elementary Ed from Coe College, spring 2013.

Rose Tepper '09 BA in psychology and Spanish from Lawrence University, WI.

Megan Traxel '09 BS in kinesiology and health from Iowa State University, spring 2013.

Sam Young '09 BS in social studies from John Brown University, AR.

Haley Jeppson '08 BA in mathematics from the U of Iowa, spring 2013.

Rob Penn '08 was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on May 11, 2012. He is a Platoon Leader in the National Guard's 116th Infantry Regiment out of Bedford, VA. Rob graduated from Liberty University in 2012 with a degree in Aeronautics.

Alan Driggs '07 MS in statistics from the U of Iowa, spring 2013.

Justin Knight '07 JD from the U of Iowa, spring 2013.

Molly Thornton '05 BA in music from the U of Iowa, spring 2013.

Jon Stoner '04 interned at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts from June to Aug 2013. He was selected as a production intern as part of the DeVos Institute of Arts management. Jon is now attending the California Institute of the Arts where he is earning his master of fine arts in technical direction.

Victoria Brawner '00 MA in Education from Mount Mercy University, May 2013.

Tyler Leeper '03 MA in Education-Technology Implementation from Concordia University, MN, on May 11, 2013

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Find the Sun online in two places: First, if you are a current subscriber go online to www.mvlsun.com, click E-EDITION at the top of the page. You may also receive news alerts. Second, online at www.colelibrary.org, to find Mount Vernon news from 1860 to the Sun of 2013

CORRECTION:

Gail Halsey Bertram '94 and Patrick Bertram of Oshkosh, WI, a daughter, Ellen Lee, March 20, 2013.



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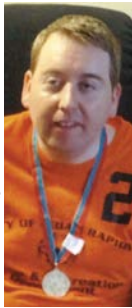
Matt Leopold '07 was hired as a First Congressional District field director for Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds. He will lead election organization efforts in each of Iowa's four congressional districts.

Gabe Haugland '00 was appointed in June 2013 by Gov. Branstad to a four-year term on the Fire Services and Emergency Response Council

Betsy McWilliams Brown '99 writes "My family and I relocated back to Mount Vernon this summer to be closer to family. I am now teaching 1st grade at Lakeview Elementary School in Solon. We are enjoying being back in the area."

Alexis Stine Gallegos '92 was named Executive Director at the Puget Sound Labor Agency.

Che' Krumm '92 was selected to be on Team Iowa for tennis in the 2014 National Special Olympics next June. He participates in most Special Olympics sports and is pictured here with his Special Olympics gold medal in state for volleyball. He has won a total of five state Special Olympics gold medals in tennis, Turbo Jav, volleyball and bocce ball.



Dana Vig '92 won the 2013 Kernoustie Men's Club Championship with an overall score of 95.

Paul Morf '90 was awarded the Martindale-Hubbel Client Distinction Award, which is based on client reviews. Morf

also earned an AV Preeminent rating – the highest an attorney can achieve. Morf is employed at the law office of Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman.

Graham Harman '86 (Alumni Association 2012 Achievement Award Winner), was named to *Art Review's* 2013 Power 100 ranked list of the contemporary art world's most powerful figures, along with three of his associates at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, for their 'philosophical movement rethinking assumptions about the relationship of the subject to the world.' Find his news online at http://artreview.com/power_100/

Jim Moore '85 and his wife Vicki were welcomed by members of the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group as new owners of the Bijou Theater in Mount Vernon, which the Moores bought in the spring.

Dan Berns '77 work was reviewed in the August 23rd issue of *New Yorker* magazine, page 8. It is a feature called "Critics Notebook," by Ben Greenman entitled, "Bern Rate" about Dan's three most recent albums and concert work.

Dana Christiansen '75 was named to the post of first assistant county attorney in Johnson County.

Joan L. Suchomel '74, AIA, ACHA ('74) was promoted recently to Director at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) in Chicago. SOM is one of the largest architectural firms in the world, famous for designing the iconic Willis (Sears) Tower and Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. Joan's practice focuses on healthcare



architecture. She is currently working on major projects for The Cleveland Clinic in Weston, Florida and The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mark Hylbak '73 celebrated his 30th anniversary as a director with CNN in Atlanta. Mark started his broadcast journalism career with KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids, joining CNN in 1983. He has been honored with several awards including three Peabodys and two duPonts for his work with CNN.

Mike Rice '73 was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame this past summer.

Harold Goodrich '63 was inducted as the 76th president of the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Vic Wallace '61 started his 46th year coaching football: 9 as a high school head coach and 37 as a college coach, the last 30 of these as a head college-university coach. He is currently coaching at Rockford University in Rockford, IL.

Betty Moore Stoneking '56 (went to school in Mount Vernon through 11th grade, and then graduated from Lisbon) was named the 2013 Lisbon Distinguished Alum. Betty is considered among the 'best of the best' of a group of cooks who served students for more than 28 years.

Dr. George Hill '49 received the 2012 David Cowen Award for Achievement in Medical History. George was honored for his many years of publications and presentations in medical history, especially his work on New Jersey's own Thomas A. Edison and Edison's impact on the environment. He is Emeritus Professor of Surgery at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and is Clinical Professor of Surgery at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

LOOK WHO IS WORKING AT MV SCHOOLS:

The following alums are new employees at Mount Vernon Schools:

Emily Ryan Stamp '09 teaches 6th grade reading and 8th grade vb coach

Maura Holland Arnold '08 is Early Childcare Director

Kassi Bragg Rice '06 is coordinator of the Drug Free Community Grant

Angie Williams '03 is a MS associate
Shawn Voigt '86 is the High School Industrial Arts (tech) teacher

Mike Studt '72 (retired principal) is an associate at Mount Vernon High School Alternative Education Center



Save-the-Fields efforts have raised \$116,000!

A huge *Thank You* to the over 200 donors who have supported the community effort to revitalize our Mount Vernon High School football field and replace the bleachers. Improvements totaling over \$29,000 to the field have been made and \$87,000 is available for bleacher replacement. Please consider donating to our new 'Save-a-Seat' campaign. By donating at the levels below you will receive a plaque of acknowledgement affixed to the new bleachers -- Bronze level at the bottom all the way to the Platinum level at the top. If you have previously donated, you will be receiving a letter from the committee asking if you want your gift to be recognized with a corresponding plaque and the wording of the plaque.

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Save-the-Field is an organization whose focus is to revitalize Mount Vernon athletic facilities. Any monies raised above the football field project will go toward other athletic facility improvements.



A fun gathering, 1946 classmates laughingly call themselves 'Jim's harem.' From left to right are Miriam Lodge (wife of Bill Lodge '46), Helen Dvorak Stoner, Jim Gunn, Maggie Clark Reilly, and Helen Peterson Meeks

5 JILOVEC FAMILY COUSINS GRADUATED IN SPRING 2013



From left to right, Mustang cousins Blakely Martin, Michaela Martin, Kyle Jilovec, Hunter Lind, and Mitch Jilovec, graduated in the spring of 2013. Blakely is the daughter of Doug Martin '86 and grandmother Karen Jilovec Martin '57. Michaela is the daughter of Mike Martin '84 and grandmother Karen Jilovec Martin '57. Hunter's grandmother is Kay Jilovec Lind '55, and Mitch and Kyle's grandfather was Keith Jilovec(d)'54.

REUNION PICTURES REUNION PICTURES

▶ CLASS OF 1962 - 50 YEARS



The Class of 1962 held their 50th Reunion during Heritage Days 2012. A full weekend, the class also enjoyed the Alumni Breakfast, and shown here, the class met at the Wine Bar on Saturday:

Row 1: Sharon O'Hara, Mary Ann Bohren Jilovec, Linda Buresh Brouillette, Pat Kolek, Mitchell, Terri Hartung Valenta, Theresa Vislisel Clark, Dennis Pesarik
 Row 2: Joel Clark, Ron Randall, Bob Marshek, Jerry Brogan, Doug Clark, Bill Ellison, Sue Martin Votrobek, Bill Horton, Jim Plank, Larry Petrick, Alice Anderson Holtz



For their Friday night event, the class met at Sulliff. Pictured are:
 Row 1: Bill Ellison, Joyce Rife, Dennis Pesarik, Terri Hartung Valenta, Theresa Vislisel Clark, Mary Ann Bohren Jilovec, Alice Anderson Holtz
 Row 2: Bob Colon, Jerry Brogan, Sharon O'Hara, Bill Horton, Jim Plank, Sue Martin Votrobek, Linda Buresh Brouillette, Pat Kolek, Mitchell, Doug Clark, Dennis Russell, Joel Clark, Larry Petrick

EDITOR'S NOTE: Apologies to the Class of 1962 that these pictures were not included in the Spring 2012 Alumni Newsletter

In Memory
 of classmates we have lost

- Blanche Biderman Long '33**
Lisbon, IA July 19, 2013
- Charlotte Pavelka Meroshek '37**
Mount Vernon, IA September 2, 2103
- Raphael Francis Pesarik '38**
Mount Vernon, IA June 23, 2013
- Donald Krumm '39**
Marshalltown, IA July 23, 2013
- Donald 'Don' Walton '42**
Mount Vernon, IA June 13, 2013
- John 'Jack' Koch '44**
Cedar Rapids, IA August 18, 2013
- Shirley Minnick Gianini '44**
Mount Vernon, IA August 21, 2013
- Gwen Smyth Turnbull '44**
Bowie, MD December 10, 2012
- Cornelius 'Bud' Druger '45**
Davenport, IA May 7, 2013
- Francis 'Frank' Hoodmaker '47**
Fort Collins, CO September 1, 2013
- John Blinks '48**
Lisbon, IA September 12, 2013
- Paul Tenney '50**
Cedar Falls, IA June 9, 2013
- Ann Young Hale '51**
Cedar Rapids, IA July 13, 2013
- Adeline Biderman Gaimari '52**
Cedar Rapids, IA July 17, 2013
- Larry Biderman '58**
Thousand Oaks, CA August 11, 2013
- Steven Andrew '68**
Cedar Rapids, IA July 25, 2013
- Leonard Ditch '68**
Maquoketa, IA June 1, 2013
- Cynthia Pierce Svendsen '68**
Cloquet, MN August 25, 2013
- Mike Havill '70**
Clear Lake, IA October 11, 2013
- Amy Bellamy '81**
Anamosa, IA September 27, 2013
- Pamela Seeman Castelli '86**
Essex Junction, VT August 15, 2013

FRIENDS

Nancy Swisher
Iowa City, IA Nov. 4, 2013

(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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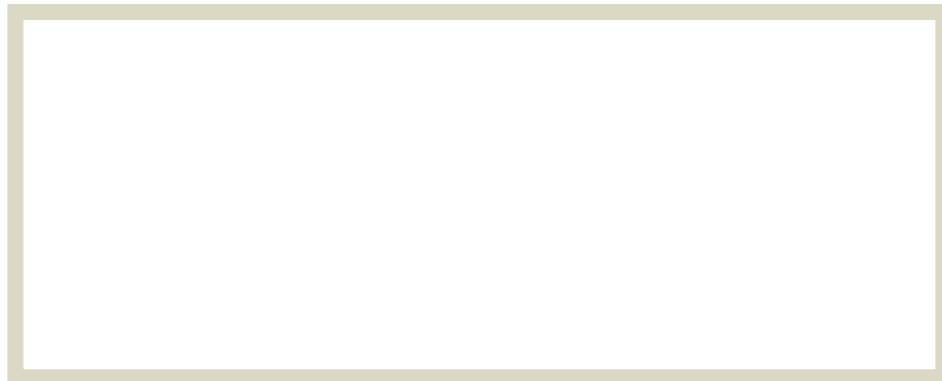
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