



MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI NEWS

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Alumni Association President Kevin Rogers '81 and alum Marie Sippola '59 look up information in a yearbook while visiting at the Alumni-Community Tent at 2012 Heritage Days. At right are Connie Meyer Kahl and Richard 'Horse' Glattly both of the class of 1959. See more pictures on page 6.

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ALSO IN 2013...

Friday, October 4 – is Homecoming and Alumni Hall of Fame Award Ceremony events. Watch for more information to come.

2013 Heritage Days Events Coming Up!

July 1 – 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, COMMUNITY IMPACT, ACHIEVEMENT, FINE ARTS, OR ATHLETIC AWARD NOW!** Who can nominate? ANYONE – you do not have to be an alum to nominate.

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July 12 and 13 – 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-Community Breakfast** at the High School on Saturday morning (8-10:30 am, serving from 8-10 am). The event is a popular meeting place, and a unique opportunity to see alums from 2013 to the 1930s (and even future alums!), as well as familiar faces from the community. Watch for golf cart transportation to and from the parking areas. There is additional handicapped parking at the front of the High School building. Then, visit the **Alumni-Community 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 ?. Who will you see there? See pages 6 and 7 for pictures from last year's activities. Heritage Days runs from Thursday night through Saturday night (see page 7).

July 13 – Let's play some basketball! Join others for a pick-up game or just to shoot some baskets in the High School Gym. Open to all from 2-4 pm.

ALL ALUMNI EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY & FRIENDS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION & SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pictured at right: We still connect with 25 alums from the 1930s, and Mary Mulhern from the Class of 1938 is one of the most loyal. She has been her class reunion organizer and strong supporter of the Alumni Association since its inception. She is pictured here at last year's Heritage Days breakfast with another loyal alum, Judy Caldwell Penn '60, who until this year kept our Alumni Database up-to-date, but continues to volunteer and be a strong supporter of our Association.





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Get your nomination in today for the 2013 Alumni Hall of Fame!
Deadline is July 1 Postmark
See page 20

MV Community Events

www.visitmvl.com

2013

July 4 Antiques Extravaganza
July 12-13 Heritage Days

2013 REUNIONS

ALL-ALUMNI-COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 12 AND SATURDAY, JULY 13 Reception Tent,
SATURDAY, JULY 13 - Breakfast (by donation)

2008 - 5 year - July 13 weekend

Find us on face book MV class of 2008
Saturday Reunion backyard cookout
Contact: Emilie Lynch Morrison
Phone: 319-350-4737
Email: eamorrison4@gmail.com
Contact: Ryan Winder
Email: eamorrison4@gmail.com

2003 - 10 year - July 13 weekend

Find us on face book mv2003classreunion
Saturday picnic and Reunion
Contact: Maggie Burke Slaymaker
Email: maggie.slaymaker@gmail.com
Kelly Pisarik Johnson
kpisarik@gmail.com

1998 - 15 year - July 13 weekend

Contact: Char Campagna McDermott
Phone: 319-895-8234
Email: charlotte.mcdermott@hotmail.com

1993 - 20 years - July 13 weekend

Find us on face book Mount Vernon High
School Class of 1993
Sat eve Class Reunion at First Street
Community Bldg (old Middle School)
Contact: Braden Pospisil Rood
Phone: 319-654-1016
Email: roodbrood5@gmail.com

1988 - 25 year - July 13 weekend

Sat eve Class Reunion at Sutliff Cider
Find us on Facebook at 'Mount Vernon
Iowa Class of 1988'
Contact: Lisa Squiers White
Phone: 319-895-0122
Email: whitetdlc@msn.com

1983 - 30 years - July 13 weekend

Find us on Facebook at 'MVHS IA 1983'
Contact: Lisa Lewis
Phone: 319-361-0396 or 319-895-8870
Email: lisa@envisagephoto.com

1978 - 35 year - July 13 weekend

Sat eve Class Reunion at Kernoustie
Golf Club, Classes of '77 & '79'9 invited
Find our class page at www.MVAlumni.org
Contact: Cynthia Deskin Halbmaier
Phone: 641-799-7583
Email: halby@me.com
Contact: Ann Koppenhaver
Phone: 319-895-6001
Email: ann@koppenhaverpcas.com

1973 - 40 yr - July 13 weekend

Fri eve reception
Sat Reunion at Kevin Smith home
Contact: Christine Hanson Starkweather
Phone: 319-895-8588
Email: clstarkweather@hotmail.com
Contact: Anita Rahn Clark
Phone: 319-895-8068
Email: gocakc@msn.com

1968 - 45 years - July 13 weekend

Contact: Barb Thomsen Neal
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& Ken Pospisil
Phone: 319-895-6775
Email: jane.pospisil@gmail.com
Contact: Marcia Swaney Wagner
Phone: 269-686-8383
Email: marcia@grillhouse.net
Contact: Mike Smith
Phone: 319-895-8131
Email: mikesmith124w@yahoo.com

1963 50 years - July 13 weekend

Fri eve at Sutliff, Sat eve Class Reunion at
Fawn Creek, Sun breakfast at Palisades
Contact: Bob Dvorak
Phone: 319-895-8206
Email: dvorakb47@aol.com
Other Committee Members: Warren
Stoner, Chris Stoltz, Jim Hickey, Gloria
Herbolsheimer Krob and Karen Kaliban
Fox and Linda Peterson Nost

1958 - 55 years - July 13 weekend

Sat eve Class Reunion at Sleep Inn
Contact: Marilyn Dean Schnittjer
Phone: 319-895-8817
Email: rmschnittjer@gmail.com
Contact: David Kroeger
Phone: 319-377-7782
Email: dpkroegs@aol.com

1953 - 60 years - July 13 weekend

Sat eve Reunion, Sun Brunch at Moore's
Contact: Babs Beckhelm Moore
Phone: 319-895-8512
Email: mooremanor@mchsi.com

1948 - 65 years - July 13 Breakfast

Contact: Frances Pitlik
Phone: 319-362-8172
(new address: 626 Rockwell Dr. NE,
Apt 231, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402)

1943 - 70 years - July 13 Breakfast

Contact: Elizabeth 'Liz' Wolfe Kroul
Phone: 319-455-2400

1938 - 75 years - July 13 Breakfast

Contact: Mary AdaLaide Mulherin

1933 - 80 years - July 13 Breakfast

Contact: Austin Armstrong
1212 Brendel Hill Drive N.W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
319-362-5159 home

If you attended Mount Vernon in the '30s or '40s
-- feel free to join these other folks at the
Breakfast -- they would love to have you there!

Even if your class is not having a
reunion, come to the Breakfast
to see classmates, other alums,
teachers, and community friends

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

IS YOUR CLASS HAVING A REUNION THIS YEAR? PLEASE SHARE SOME OF YOUR PICTURES...

"I am Lisa Squiers White '88, reunion chair for the Class of '88 and past Alumni Board president. I am writing to you as a Heritage Days committee member to ask for your help in a great new project.

Because of the significant role reunions play in the success of Mount Vernon's town celebration, the Heritage Days committee would like to collaborate more with Mount Vernon School District. The project I am coordinating is a photo slide show. This slide show, featuring photos from all of the reunion classes, will be set to music and projected near the main stage "uptown" both Friday and Saturday evenings. We think this will be a fun, interactive addition to the evening activities.

My request to you is to send me scanned photos from high school – they could be candid, athletics, music, plays, graduation, or any other great photos you might have. You can even invite classmates to participate in this project.

Please email me your scanned photos no later than Monday, June 10 to whitetdlc@msn.com."

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This award focuses on service contributions made either while in school and/or post-high-school to our community. The service may be in a non-compensated or compensated capacity.

Make sure to nominate those alums worthy of this award – is it a classmate of yours? Your fellow work associate? Your brother or sister? Your mom or dad? A cousin? Use the nomination form on page 20 and get your nomination in by the July 1 postmark deadline.

NOTICE TO CLASS OF 1964

Our 50th Reunion is coming up -- July 11-12-13, 2014

Save the date. (Heritage Days Weekend)

Contact: Jo Clark 319-895-8069 jo.clark158@gmail.com

Tex Clay 319-455-2752



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Kevin Rogers '81
Alumni Association
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Efficacy

A noun meaning: The power or the capacity to produce an effect. Or Efficacious: in adjective form, first known use – 1528, meaning: having the power to produce a desired effect.

Up until a couple of years ago, efficacy was essentially just another word in the dictionary in my little corner of the world. Then not too long ago, Matt, my spouse, returned from a business meeting with a coffee mug printed with the saying: If Not You; Then Who? As crazy as it may sound or seem, after some thought, I realized that I have actually been living an efficacious life for some time now, and I have been subconsciously asking myself: if not you Kevin; then who?

To put into writing an explanation is difficult. Truth-be-known, how do you put an emotion or feeling from your heart, and something from so deep within your soul into writing? Don't expect to see a novel anytime soon on the bookstore shelves.

Everyone has within themselves the capacity to produce an effect. And it is up to each and every one of us whether we choose to use our power to invoke an effect.

Like so many Mount Vernon alums and members of the Mount Vernon community, for the last several years I have without reservation volunteered my time and talents to a number of worthwhile events. However, over the course of the last three plus years, certain events in time and people that I have come into contact with, have without a doubt had a tremendous impact on my life. It is these events, these people, and the impacts that the cumulative have had on me, that have guided me towards new journeys in life.

Think about it; 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 venture down new pathways?

To be continued





REUNION PICTURES REUNION PICTURES REUNION PICTURES

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

▶ CLASS OF 1982 - 30 YEARS

1st row: Eric Siggins, Marty Williams, Barb Geiger, Greg West, Heidi Niehaus
 2nd row: Rob Wagner, Sonia Essex Redmond, Greg Enke, Sheri Russell, Judy Whitley, Karen Randall Mehaffy, Mark Rodman, Carol Hufford Deely, Tara Cole, Jenny Jordan.
 Not pictured but attended, Kiki McKay.



▶ CLASS OF 1942 - 70 years

The Class of 1942 celebrated 70 years with a Saturday luncheon at Gwen's Restaurant. Pictured from left to right are: Harriet Moffitt Sander, Pearl Whitlach Martin, Carolyn Neal Palmer, Lorrie Foster Henderson, Mary Carol Plattenberger Lambertson, Clara Meroshek Pospisil, Ruth Sievers Popelka. Unable to attend were Dr. Henry Carleton, Betty June Hedges Current, Hallie Franc Fisher, and Don Walton.



▶ CLASS OF 1956 - 56 YEARS

Class members met at Roger and Marilyn Schnittjer's home for cocktails Friday evening. Later that evening members strolled through uptown to enjoy the festivities and reminisce with friends at the Alumni Reception Tent. The next morning classmates met at the All-Alumni-Community Breakfast. That evening a meal, catered by Gwen's Restaurant, was enjoyed at the Sleep Inn Suites followed by visiting a program to acknowledge our deceased classmates and guests. The reunion weekend concluded on Sunday with a brunch at Leona Smith's home co-hosted by Betty Stoneking and Roger Schnittjer

Front row (left to right, Leona Reyhons Smith, Shirley Pospisil Heiserman, David Ennis and Betty Coon Ammeter.
 Second row: Mike Wolrab, Doug Wolrab, Nancy Anderson Ladehoff, Betty Moore Stoneking, Kenny Kaliban, David Albright, Roger Schnittjer, Dick Kruse, Carolyn Ludley Crawford, Albert Lnenicka, Bonnie Clark Keith, Barbara Becicka Larson, Bert Sippola and Deanne Dean LeVan



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▼ CLASS OF 1992 - 20 YEARS



1st Row: Ryan Brown, Dana Vig, Elisabeth Cole-Langemo, Michele Meyer Grudzinski, Heath Allard, Amy Reyhons Glick, April Kirkpatrick Charters, Shannon Mitchell
2nd Row: Barron Bremner, Scott Meeker, Jenny Brown, Vince Ellison
3rd Row: Julia Swanson, Ben Aalbers, Dale Merrill
4th Row: Emily Adams Vig, Danielle Huber, Jenny Wilkinson Volesky, Heather Fuchs Woods



Scott Meeker & Barron Bremner



Clockwise: Vince Ellison, Barron Bremner, Scott Meeker, Heath Allard, Ryan Brown, Dana Vig, Shannon Mitchell, Emily Adams Vig



▲ CLASS OF 1977 - 35 YEARS

COMPOSITES ARE UP TO DATE in the High School Commons SEE THEM ON HERITAGE DAYS OR STOP BY ANYTIME



WELCOME CLASS OF 2013

◀ Class of 2013

Welcome to new alumni from the Class of 2013. Approximately 96 seniors graduated May 19th. Shown above, Alumni Association President Kevin Rogers '81 and Association Treasurer Susan Mounts Fisher '65 presented each new alum with an alumni pin. Logan Walker is the graduate pictured.



PICTURES FROM HERITAGE DAYS 2012

The traditional Alumni-Community Breakfast was held on Saturday morning, July 14, with an Alumni-Community Reception Tent in uptown Mount Vernon during Heritage Days.



Bill Thomsen'72 and Emily Fordyce Joldersma'96



Linda Davis Cornwall'67, Dennis Brogan and sister Mary Brogan Williams'67

Below, brothers Casey DeVries'99 (left) and Cullen DeVries'97 (right) enjoy looking through the yearbooks with spouses and friends

At right: Roxanne Post Conley'74, LaVonne Meyer'94, and Kim Zanger Tucker'94



Dick Miner'61 and Suzanne Roberts Stoner'65



Robert Marshak'62, Jim Gunn'46, Larry Petrick'62



The Hufford sisters get together to shoot baskets during Heritage Days Open Gym -- Beth'84, Carol's daughter, Carol Hufford Deely'82, Cathy'83



1962 Classmates Teresa Vislisel Clark and Joyce Rife



The Brannaman Family -- Dan, Alex'09, Ben'05, Denise Henik Brannaman'81, and future alum Jenna



Braden Pospisil Rood'93 and her future alums look at the composites



Young alums and their families enjoy looking through yearbooks and pictures

2013 Heritage Days Events

THURSDAY, JULY 11 - FRIDAY, JULY 12 - SATURDAY, JULY 13

Watch for a complete complete list of events at www.visitmv.com and publication of events in the Heritage Days Issue of the Sun.

On Thursday activities and Family Night at Kernoustie Golf Club with Fireworks kicks off Heritage Days. Starts at 6pm with Fireworks at Dark.

On Friday at 4pm in uptown Mount Vernon, Heritage Days officially opens and you'll find a midway, inflatables, children's games, street vendors, bingo and more. On Friday 'Entertainment on Main' will happen on the Main Street Stage from 6pm to Midnight and on Saturday from 1pm until midnight. Watch for showing of a special Alumni Slideshow.

On Friday the Alumni-Community Reception Tent Open (next next to the Bingo Tent) will open from 4-9pm, and on Saturday from after the parade until ?

Over Heritage Days you'll enjoy special events such as the MV Fire Department Waterball, a Kids Fun Run, a Flag Football Tournament (see below), a 5K Run/Walk, Bike Ride, car show, Family Fun Zone, and of course the annual parade on Saturday.



For the 8th year in a row the kitchen crew was back at it. Pictured from left to right are Matt Burke, Dan Zimmerman, Mollie Burke'05, Scott Burke'09 Chiara Niederhauser Burke'78, Shannon Williams'05 and Marcia Purington. Not pictured: Carol Woods'75 Boren.



Rita Plank, Jim Plank'62, and Bill Horton'62



Austin Armstrong'33 and Mary Ellison Wolrab'33 at right with Austin's granddaughter Sheryl Woolman (mother is Linda Armstrong Janko'59) and great grandchildren.



Most of the Sargeant family met at Heritage Days -- Steve'77, Mark'74, and Linda Sargent Joerger'79



Alums Gary Knutsen'64, Kenny Pospisil'68, and Steve Andrews'68 (three on right) visit and shoot baskets with High School Basketball Coach Ed Timm and some of his players

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Get the old team together!

Get your friends together for a team!

Get your classmates together for a team!

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FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sponsorship Encouraged!

Food, Fun & Football

Heritage Days 2013!

Friday, July 12th, 2013 • MV High School Football Field
6:15 pm check-in • 6:30 pm rules meeting • 7 pm games begin!
[following the Kid's Fun Run]

Minimum 5 people per team • 18 years and older
 Pre-registration required • 2 game guaranty for all teams • Limit of 12 teams
 \$20 per player • Sponsors welcome but not required.

Proceeds benefit the Save the Mount Vernon Field efforts.

Register by June 30 to guarantee a place in the bracket.
 To register contact Jodi Hormann
jodi.hormann@gmail.com



Rosalee Bowman Gallagher'63, Cynthia Buresh Prewitt'66, Susan Mounts Fisher'65, Sharon O'Hara'62, Linda Buresh Broulette'67, Susan Martin Votrabek'66



THANK YOU for your 2012-2013 Support of the Alumni Association

One way YOU can help the Alumni Association is to be a 'Supporter'. We are asking each alumnus for a voluntary contribution of \$10 or more annually (July 1 to July 1) to help offset a variety of publishing, event, and Association expenses. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Following are names of alums who have supported us for the 2012-13 year. **Please see the back cover of this issue for the 2013-2014 Support Form.**

Does your name have an asterik* behind it? This means you have already contributed for the 2013-2014 year.

Is your name missing? Be sure to let us know
319-895-8845 or alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us.

Leo Beranek'31*	Bill Lenz'52	David Kroeger'58*	Joseph Studt'64*	Denise Dykhuizen McDaniel'79*
Ruth Conmey Lilley'31*	Ann Vislisl Pavik'52	Robert Lenz'58*	Irene Kuntz Cherveney'65*	Terri Overman'79
Austin Armstrong'33	Bill Yeisley'52	Ron Nezerka'58*	Susan Fisher'65*	Paul Hufford'80*
Frances Kealar Tragle'33	John Young'52	Gail Yeisley Rhodes'58*	Dave Hartl'65	Cherilee Butterbaugh
Vernon Burge'37*	Jean Pavelka Litts'53	David Sparks'58	Linda Kirkpatrick Kirkdorffer'65	Pickard'80*
Lloyd Ellison'37*	George Brown'53*	Helen Sproston Schneider'58*	Gary Knutsen'65*	John Royer'80*
Helen Peel'37*	Carlyle Bys'53	Marilyn Dean Schnittjer'58	Dennis Lnenicka'65*	Kevin Rogers'81*
Dorothy Beach Fisher'38*	Betty Dostal Carney'53	Jean Hammond Blessing'59	Therese Pisarik'65*	Jude Smith'81*
Mary Mulherin'38	Paul Drahos'53*	James Clark'59*	James Rife'65*	Leann Zinkula'81*
John Lane'40	Rosemary Brecht Erenberger'53	Dennis Drahos'59*	Dennis Steele'65*	Krystyn Bowers Barnett'82*
Merrill Pittlik'40*	Susan Albright Kehrli'53*	Jane Costello Fink'59*	Judith Berends Workman'65*	Carol Hufford Deely'82*
Don Minnick'41	Barry Morrissey'53	Ed Fordyce'59*	Susan Hansen Aragon'66*	Greg Encke'82*
Henry Carleton'42*	Larry Edwards'54	Richard Glattly'59	Steve Neal'66*	Lisa Addis Proehl'82*
Lorrie Foster Henderson'42*	Fae Sparks Edwards'54	Bill Jilovec'59*	Pamela Ellison Owen'66*	Sheri Russell'82*
Mary Carol Plattenberger	Marlene Mallie Ford'54*	Sharen Kay Carnahan Keeley'59	John Pospisil'66	Robert Wagner'82*
Lambertsen'42	Marie Russell Hruby'54	Jerry Kroeger'59*	Vance Rahn'66*	Greg West'82
Clara Meroshok Pospisil'42	Rachel Yeisley Miller'54*	John Maxson'59*	Nancy Smykil Berns'67*	Lindsey Borg'83*
Esther Dvorak Wilson'42*	John Pence'54	Ann McCutcheon Niehaus'59*	Donald Colton'67*	Lance Schoff'83*
Mildred Fisher Knight'43	Richard Steiner'54*	Shirley Andrews Sparks'59	Linda Davis Cornwall'67	Linda Russell Brooks'83*
Elizabeth Wolfe Kroul'43	John Studt'54	Annamae Stoneking Baker'60*	Sharon Meyer Crain'67*	Joann Zinkula Kintzel'83*
Donald Dill'44	Kay Jilovec Lind'55*	Keith Clark'60*	Shelley Peterson Dies'67*	Lisa Lewis'83*
Norma Bartosh Kubichek'44	Janet Johnston McCannon'55*	David Neal'60*	Marianne Hansen Garrigan'67*	Doug Rogers'84
Pauline Doubenmier	Jane Johnston Perry'55	Susan Dye Hodin'60	John Gunn'67*	Kathryn Wagner'84
Wagaman'44	Jerry Ringer'55*	Frances Bensmiller Lanning'60*	Michael Seiler'67*	Michael Langer'85*
John Wolfe'44	Cristobel Kramer Rhoads'55	Fred Niehaus'60*	Jane Strother Beck'68*	Jennifer Spencer Toriggino'85*
Thomas Wolfe'45	Narji Jo Rayman Steinbrech'55*	Ted Pence'60*	Robert Davis'68*	Jane Hill'86*
Betty Pospisil Wolfe'45	David Van Metre'55*	John Rife'60*	Karen Edwards Packer'68*	Michael Wagner'86
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Alvin Klouda'48*	Bonnie Humes Booden'57	Barbara Williams Mulligan'61*	Douglas Ware'70*	Todd Lehr'88*
Francis Pittlik'48*	Myrt Clark Bowers'57*	Michael Biderman'62*	Dave Wyatt'70*	Lisa Squiers White'88*
Bob Wolfe'48	William Bowers'57*	Linda Buresh Brouillette'62*	Kurt Larsen'71	Jeremy Elliott'89*
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Jack Stanton'49*	Karen Jilovec Martin'57*	Bill Horton'62*	Scott Peterson'71	Jason Booth'90*
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Warren Carney'52	Larry Kramer'58*	Gloria Krob Herboldsheimer'63*	Joni Loomis Tackenberg'74	Sarah Rife Patten'93*
		Deborah Lenz Hicks'63*	Linda Royer Pittlik'75*	Brian Lewis'94*
		Steve Kroeger'63*	Mary Thomsen'75*	LaVonne Meyer'94
		Carmen Neal Musser'63*	Deborah Capaccioli-Paul'76*	Kim Zangger Tucker'94
		Linda Peterson Nost'63	Joy Koehn Kuntz'76*	Ann Newman Ruffalo'95*
		Roy Wolfe'63*	Steve Swaney'76*	Josh Yoder'95*
		Dennis Akers'64	Brian Barthel'77	Caitlin Stoner Mogbana'96
		David Brown'64*	Becky Thumm Whitman'77	Morgan Stine'96
		Christine Hudson Brown'64*	Kevin Whitman'76	Elizabeth Stoner Cameron'97
		Jo Kroul Clark'64*	Denise Jilovec McAfee'77*	Amanda Dake'98*
		Tex Clay'64	Payson Peterson'77*	Megan Stine'99
		Charles Cochran'64*	Steve Sargent'77*	Luke Staskal'00
		Stephen Howard'64	Ron Thuerauf'77*	Jennifer Mick'00*
		Diana Kafer LaVoi'64*	Sara Kendall'78*	Dawn Washburn'02*
		Joyce Miller Maxwell'64*	Ann Koppenhaver'78*	Brittney Corkin Brannaman'04
		Jane Maxson Penfield'64	Jeff Spencer'78*	Jon Stoner'04
		Lyman Stoneking'64*	Kathy Klinsky Mallie'79	Ben Brannaman'05

Alice Stoner'07
 Courtney Sheets'08*
 Karissa Whitman'08
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MUSTANG STATE CHAMPIONSHIP COACHES HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Mustang Booster Club held an induction ceremony of the newly created Mustang State Championship Coaches Hall of Fame on January 18, 2013 in the High School gym during a home basketball game. This Hall of Fame recognizes high school athletic coaches that have led one or more teams to a state victory. The following coaches were recognized:

1973 BOYS BASKETBALL

Bob Landis 1967-1979

1974 FOOTBALL

Jim Bellamy 1970-2006

1984 VOLLEYBALL

Shirley Ryan 1972-2010

1985 GIRLS TRACK

Bob Meeker 1978-1993

1988 WRESTLING DUALS

Bill Thomsen 1982-1991

1993 FOOTBALL

Jim Bellamy 1970-2006

1994 FOOTBALL

Jim Bellamy 1970-2006

1997 BASEBALL

Jeff Schwiebert 1982-2001

2004 BOYS TRACK

Jim Bellamy 1970-2006

2005 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Roger Johanson 1996-2011

2008 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Sue Deibner 1997-present

2009 GIRLS TRACK

Bill Thomsen 1995-2010

2009 VOLLEYBALL

Shirley Ryan 1972-2010

2010 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bob Kintzel 2007-2011

2010 VOLLEYBALL

Shirley Ryan 1972-2010

2010 GIRLS TRACK

Bill Thomsen 1995-2010

2012 BOYS BASKETBALL

Ed Timm 2006-2013





Front Row: Booster Club Member and Event organizer Carol Woods'75, Coach Bill Thomsen'72
 Middle Row: Stephanie Timm representing Coach Ed Timm, Coach Shirley Ryan, Coach Jim Bellamy,
 Coach Roger Johanson, Coach Sue Deibner and HS Activities Director Joe Wallace
 Back Row: Booster Club President Susie Belding, Coach Bob Landis, Coach Bob Kintzel, Coach Jeff
 Schwiebert, and Coach Bob Meeker

About our Hall of Fame Coaches...



ED TIMM 2006-2013 Ed is currently a Social Studies and Physical Education teacher here at MVCHS, starting with the district in 2006. He became Boys Basketball Head Coach in 2006, and during his short 8-year tenure as coach reached a state title in basketball in 2012 – a title that came 39 years after the school's first state basketball title - and the first state title in any sport - in 1973. His record through 2012 is 100-44. His team was also Conference Champs in 2012, and Coach Timm was named 2012 Gazette KCRG All-Area Basketball Coach of the Year.

This year marked Timm's final year of leading the Mustangs. His high school coaching experience also includes four years at West Liberty and one at his native Tipton High School. Most of his 26 years of experience came at the college level, including at Cornell from 1996 to 2004.

The Hall of Fame ceremony honored both the first Hall of Fame inductee from 1973 for a boys basketball State Championship, Bob Landis, and the most recent Championship with Ed Timm. At the High School Ed is also Student Council advisor and weight room supervisor.



SUE DEIBNER 1997-PRESENT Sue, currently a Spanish teacher at MVCHS, has been Girls Cross Country head coach since 2003, with her team earning State Championship honors in 2008. Prior to 2003 she was assistant coach with Roger Johanson from 1997 to 2002 for both the boys and girls High School Cross Country teams. During her tenure Sue and Roger shared honors for all the Conference, State Runner-up and State Championship success of the Mount Vernon Cross Country Program. The Girls team was Conference Champs in 1998, 2000, and 2008. In addition Sue sponsors the Spanish Club and Spanish trips.



BOB KINTZEL 2007-2011 Kintzel coached girls High School Basketball from 2007 to 2012. During his 5-year tenure he compiled a record of 102-19. The Mustangs won a State Championship in 2010, then were 3A runners-up in 2011. The bulk of that team graduated in 2011 but Mount Vernon went 17-5 and repeated as Wamac Conference East Division champions the next winter. Kintzel coached the Mustangs to three league championships, an Eastern Iowa Hawkeye Conference title in 2008, then Wamac Conference East Division crowns in 2011 and 2012. Kintzel earned nine coach of the year awards from various

media outlets from 2010-12. He was twice honored as Iowa Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Coach of the Year and was selected as the Gazette/KCRG coach of the year in 2011.

Bob is currently an assistant Womens Basketball Coach at Cornell College.

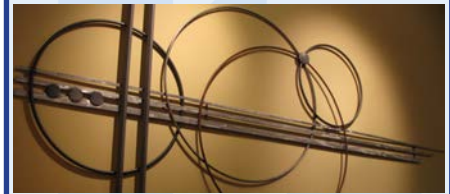
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ROGER JOHANSON 1996-2011 Roger was Head Coach for Boys Cross Country from 1996 to 2011, Head Coach for Girls from 1996 to 2002 and Assistant Girls Coach from 2003 to 2011. During his 16-year tenure he built a very successful program; tripling his team from just 20 participants his first year. He was honored for his State Championship title for Boys Cross Country won in 2005. In the past 16 seasons, Mount Vernon-Lisbon has qualified teams for state 14 of those years. The team was State Runners-up 2001, 2003, 2004, and Conference Champs 1988, 1990, 1991, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2011. Among his awards are Class 3A Boys Coach of the year in 2005 and NE Regional Coach of the year 3 times (years). Roger also served on the Mount Vernon School Board from 1994 to 1999. He is a professor at Coe College.



JEFF SCHWIEBERT 1982-2001 Former MV superintendent, athletic director, teacher and coach, Jeff Schwiebert started at Mount Vernon schools as a student teacher in 1980. During his 20-year baseball coaching tenure he earned a record of 379-256 and led the Mustangs to a state championship in 1997. In addition his teams earned 7 conference championships, 9 sub-state final appearances, 3 total state appearances including Runner-up in 1995 and 3rd place 1999. His teams have a 6-2 state tournament record, eleven 20-win seasons and two 30-win seasons. Schwiebert was

also an assistant coach in HS football from 1982 to 2000, and HS Boys basketball head coach from 1985 to 2002 earning a 201-171 record and qualifying for State in 2002 (making it the first appearance since 1973), Middle School basketball coach and a High School class sponsor.

He taught Social Studies at Mount Vernon High School for 22 years, was Athletic Director from 1990 to 2002, and Superintendent for 7 years. Jeff is currently Superintendent at North Scott School District.



BOB MEEKER 1978-1993 Bob is a MVCHS retired social studies teacher, teaching from 1971 to 2006, and head Girls Track Coach from 1978 to 1993. During his 15-year tenure he coached his team to a State Class 2A Championship in 1985 – our school's first, as well as Linn County's first, appearance at the Girls State meet.

The Class 2A title capped an extremely successful year for the MV girls track team. The Mustangs qualified for three events in the Drake Relays, a first in MV Girls Track history. Several school records were set this year, including records in the long jump & 100 meter dash. At state MV won four events. In addition Bob also coached a variety of sports including Middle School track, boys basketball, and volleyball. He was also head High School Girls Softball Coach from 1978 to 1987 and High School Student Council sponsor.



BOB LANDIS 1967-1979 Landis taught Social Studies and coached boys Basketball from 1967 to 1979 here at Mount Vernon High School. During his 12-year tenure Bob built a 182-86 record, a State Championship and 5 conference titles. The 1973 Boys Basketball State Championship was the first state title of any kind for our school district.

Among his honors are induction into the Iowa Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1993 and Coach of the Year in 1973 and 1983. Bob is the only boys basketball coach in Iowa basketball history to have two undefeated teams who were state champions, from two different schools and two different classes.

At Mount Vernon High School Bob was also Boys Golf Coach and Assistant Football Coach.



BILL THOMSEN 1982-1991, 1995-2011 A 1972 alum of Mount Vernon, Bill taught from 1982 to 2011 as a Physical Education, 4th grade and 5th grade teacher. Bill retired but has returned to teach 4th grade at Washington Elementary this year. He coached both High School wrestling from 1982 to 1991 and High School Girls Track at Mount Vernon from 1995 to 2011. He was honored for three state championship teams - one in wrestling and two in track.

In wrestling, Bill coached the Mustangs to their only State Wrestling

Championship in 1988 (Dual Meet State Tournament), coached the Mustangs to their only State Wrestling Runner-Up finish in 1989 (Dual Meet State Tournament), coached 44 State Qualifiers and 13 State Placemen, coached the team to 3 top-ten traditional State Tournament finishes, 7 Conference Championships in 9 seasons and 40 Individual Conference Champions.

During his time as High School Girls Track Coach, the Mustangs were State Champions in 2009, scoring the most points ever in Class 3A Girls Track and Field at State. They earned another Girls State Championship in 2010, earning five event titles including one state track record in 400 hurdles, and scoring points in every event the team qualified for at state competition. The team was Runner-up in 2008, and Conference Champs 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010. His athletes set many school track records.

Among his awards are finalist for National Coach of the year in 2012, and Junior High Football Coach in 2008. Bill also coached Middle School track, football and wrestling, in addition to teaching Drivers Education.



SHIRLEY RYAN 1972-2010

Shirley taught Physical Education at both Mount Vernon's Middle School and High School from 1970 to 2002, and coached HS Volleyball at Mount Vernon from 1972-2010. During

her tenure she compiled a record of 829-331-114, currently holds the record for IGCA coach with most wins in the state of Iowa, led the High School Volleyball team to 15 conference titles and seven state tournament appearances, won state championships in 1984, 2009, and 2010, and was State Runner-up in 1985, 2007 and 2008.

Shirley was honored as the State Coach of the Year in volleyball three times, was inducted into the Iowa Girls Coaches Association (IGCA) Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2012 and was a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 2009.

In addition to her coaching duties, Shirley served as a liaison to the Volleyball Advisory Board from 1988-94. She was also a member of Iowa Girls Coaches Association, All-State Selection, and All-Tournament Selection Committees. She was director of the Mount Vernon Youth Volleyball Camp for 25 years. Within the school district Shirley was also Girls Tennis Coach from 1979 to 1984 and a GRA and Cheerleading sponsor.

Her coaching honors include 2008, 2009, and 2010 Wamac East Coach of the year, IGCA 2007 3A Coach of the year, IGCA 2009 2A Coach of the year, IGCA 2010 3A Coach of the year, IGCA 2008 3A NE District Coach of the year, IGCA 2009 2A SE Coach of the year, IGCA 2010 3A NE District coach of the year, 1996 Pathfinder Award for NAGWS, IGCA Senior All Star Classic Coach 1986 and 1994, NHSACA Iowa finalist for National Volleyball Coach Award in 2009, NFHS Central Section Coach of the Year in 2010.



JIM BELLAMY 1970-2006 Jim Bellamy is being honored for four state championship wins - three in football and one in boys track. Bellamy's career as a Mount Vernon head football coach spans back to 1970, his first season as coach and science teacher at

MVCHS. He led the Mustangs on the gridiron for the next 37 seasons with teams that won three State titles and made the playoffs 20 times. The Mustangs won over 74 percent of its football games. Bellamy compiled a 268-93-1 record at Mount Vernon and is currently in the top ten winningest coaches in the state of Iowa with a total record of 320-127-4.

In his fourth season, in 1973, the Mustangs earned their first of what was to be 16 league (conference, then district) titles. In his 37 seasons, the teams were league champs or runner-up 26 times. In 1973 the Mustangs also earned their first state accolade, a year after the Iowa High School Athletic Association's playoffs began. The team was Class 2A state runner-up that year.

The next season, in 1974, the Mustangs were Class 2A State Champions, their first of three titles during Bellamy's tenure. Mount Vernon also earned 1st place football state championship status in 1993 and 1994. In Bellamy's 37 seasons, his teams were State runners-up five times (in 1973, 1978, 1989, 2002 and 2003).

Bellamy has received numerous honors for his coaching, including induction into the Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1985.

In addition to football he also led the MVCHS boys' track and field team from 1971 to 2006, winning a team State Championship in 2005. His teams had many successful individual athletes, and was State Runner-up in 1974 and 1982. Bellamy was named Coach of the Year for Track in 1991. His teams were Conference Champs seven times in '74, '78, '79, '80, '81, '96, '04.

For a 10-year stretch Bellamy coached the High School girls' basketball team, leading the Mustangs to the school's first state girls basketball appearance in 1984.

In addition Bellamy was also a Middle School wrestling coach. He taught high school here until retiring after the 1998-99 school year, and retired from coaching in 2006.



Mustangs...What Are They Doing Now?

■ LLOYD DUFFE '51



Lloyd and his wife on The Island of Taquile in Lake Titicaca, Perú



Editor's Note: Lloyd is someone we missed when doing the article about our international alums. Thanks to Lloyd for writing in - here is his update...

My wife and I are in our 8th year of retirement, living in Colombia South America. Prior to this we spent 30 years on the same street where I lived as a child in Ely, Iowa. This gave our two sons and two daughters the opportunity to grow up in a small town Iowa atmosphere.

Ely closed its High School do to lack of students in 1946. I started attending Mount Vernon as a Freshman in the Fall of 1947 and graduated with the class of 1951. Feel that I was fortunate to have chosen Mount Vernon to attend over other schools in the area. Treatment the students from Ely received could not have been better.

Roads to Mount Vernon in those days were far from good. Eleven miles of gravel and mud, before reaching the pavement of Highway #1. This involved driving 13 miles each way to school in order to participate in sports and other school activities. Rides were given to a number of students along the way in my 1930 Ford A so they could be in school activities.

Four years of football and basketball, three years of track, boys chorus and student council rounded out most of my participation outside the classroom. If I had any real claim in sports it was football. I did make All-Conference selections two years. However, starting and playing both offense and defense in every game for 4 years is what I still remember the most. Mainly because I had not experienced even seeing football played until I started that first game along side 7 seniors and 3 juniors. To say I was green and from the sticks may have been an understatement.

Following High School I traveled South down Hwy 1 to Iowa City and studied two years at the University of Iowa. 1953-55 found me in the Army and later stationed near the German/Czech. border. Then back to the University of Iowa graduating in Labor Management & Relations in business studies in January of 1957.

I stayed in the Cedar Rapids area for the next two years working for Linn County as a Property Appraiser and then the First Trust Bank in Ely. Early March of 1959 again found me leaving Iowa for Washington D.C. My dream of seeing more of the world had come true with an assignment as a Diplomatic Courier for the Department of State. This was the start of nearly 12 years traveling in many parts of the world.

Until June of 1966 I worked as a Courier and Courier Officer out of Manila Philippines and Frankfurt Germany. One year was on an Officer desk job, the rest of the time traveling to Embassies and Consulates to over 150 countries of the world. My dream of traveling and seeing some of the world had come true! After a period of training in Washington in 1966 I was sent to Argentina as a Tourist and then a Immigration Visa Office for over 2 years. This was followed by a year in Venezuela as an Administration and Consular Officer. Resigning my commission in 1970, I returned briefly to Iowa and on to Denver Colorado for 2 years.

1973-75 again found me changing course and going to Southern Colombia as the second oldest Peace Corps volunteer in the country. My main work was as a

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poor man's veterinary on 13 Colombian Government sponsored Cooperative Farm Operations for poor rural non-land owners. Spare time was spent in supervising and building a rural grade school in the same area.

I married a Colombian National during this time and we returned to the States and the Ely area in June of 1975. The better part of the next two years I worked at small independent construction jobs and the building of the home we lived in for nearly 30 years. We purchased several modest properties along the way, that working as a team we remodeled as income property. This was done, while working the night shift in Wilson and then Farmstead Foods as a maintenance and sanitation employee. This continued till March of 1990 and the second and final bankruptcy of this landmark Cedar Rapids Company. Having gone through it and being unemployed at 58 years of age is not the best of experiences! In my case fortune smiled on me and contacts from many years before, played a part in needed employment, if only part time.

By August of 1990 I had been security cleared again for Top Secret. I was sent to the Far East as a Control Officer traveling to nearly every country in the area for over 3 months. The same taking in Europe and the Middle East, when Desert Storm broke out. Flying over the Red Sea in a light plane from Bahrain to Kuwait at mid morning was something to always remember. Almost dark as night and the glow of dozens of oil wells on fire, as we approached land fall. In my most wildest expectations I could not foresee what would start to take place over the next 20 or so years!

Enough of glamorizing, but I did accept many interesting assignments over the next 15 years. Some at very short notice, while my wife had to handle all the responsibilities of running the household. In September of 2005 I said no more and that it was way beyond time to slow down and call it quits or at least retire. It was also high time for my wife Nidia to enjoy some twilight time among her family and old friends. She always had one of the nicest gardens in Ely. Here she has one that far surpasses that and is year round. My decision to come to Colombia was not a real difficult one. I only had to face a few struggles, like Spanish as my second language.

There is a poetic reading I once heard back in the 1960's that referred to the search for Shangri-la. A novel of the 1930's entitled *Lost Horizon* was also based on explaining, what and where this place might be? Since my personal wondering days are over, I call it a spot in the Andes mountains of Colombia. In a radius of 50 miles of our home, you can travel from hot river valleys less than 400 feet above sea level to more than 9,000 feet and temperatures that can drop well below freezing at night. Here at 5,648 feet at the front gate, we have a year around climate that is as pleasant as any I have experienced. To top this off, tremendous varieties of fruits and vegetables all the year around and mountain views in all directions. This is why I call Fusagasuga, Colombia for the lack of any better description, a Sangri-la.

Lloyd plans to the upcoming Heritage Days events and can be reached at villanidia2000@yahoo.com

■ SHAUN SWISER '99



I graduated from Mount Vernon High School in June of 1999 and the following month I flew to Ft. Sill, OK to begin my military life. My first duty station was a wonderful two years spent in Germany. I made so many friends while over there and still keep in touch with some. From there I changed assignments back to Ft. Sill, OK. It was here where my life REALLY changed. In February of 2003, just 6 months before I was supposed to finish my Active Duty contract, my unit deployed to Kuwait for the Iraq War that started in March. We returned from war in June and I transitioned from Active Duty to the Iowa National Guard in October. Three days after my first drill weekend in November we received a call for mobilization, we were deploying. I spent all of 2004 in Kuwait with a personnel unit processing soldiers in and out of Iraq. We returned from deployment in February 2005 and it was then that I began my transition to civilian life.

I got a job as a car parts sales rep at Advance Auto Parts. There I worked full time there until the Flood of 2008 when I was called to State Active Duty. I helped with unit coordination at Joint Forces Headquarters in Des Moines. After the flood I decided it was time to go back to school. I took courses at Kirkwood and in May 2010 I received an AAS in LAN Management. Two months after that, I began for a deployment to Afghanistan with 3000 of my brethren from the 2nd BCT 34th ID. I spent 8 months in Afghanistan providing IT support and then returned in July 2011. Quit my job at Advance and started a new job with Ovation Networks as a Network Support Technician.

My personal and family life truly didn't begin until December 2007 when I met my wife Jes. We met on MySpace and clicked instantly. She's in the Iowa National Guard as well. We grew to be close friends and our families love one another. Only a few days in to our relationship we knew we were meant to be together and on April 4th, 2009 at my 29th birthday party I proposed and she said YES! We were married outdoors at my parents house on May 1, 2010 where we also announced that Jes was pregnant with baby Swiser. I was fortunate to make it home from my deployment in time to see our son born on December 27, 2010. Also, a couple months after I returned from my deployment to Afghanistan we started trying for a second child and were blessed with our second son Johann on October 16, 2012.

Right now I am keeping busy being a loving and caring father and husband. Also strive to expand my knowledge in the IT field and provide excellent customer service for our properties where I work now. When I have the time I work on restoring my 1978 Camaro Z28 to factory condition.

Honestly, when I was in active duty all I could think about was getting out and enjoying civilian life but now that I am out I don't fully know. A part of me has been toying with the possibility of getting my medical issues taken care of and try and get back in to complete my 20 years. Until then I plan on focusing on my civilian career and be the best father I can be to my two sons and a loving husband to my wife.

I have several accomplishments I am proud of but the one that tops them all is being a family man. And surviving three deployments to combat zones.



One of my favorite memories would have to be from German class. Mr. Wilkinson let us watch Star Wars dubbed auf Deutsch and fellow classmate Alex Morf would do his best impersonations of the characters back to English. Oh, and also making a 'music video' of us performing the song Mein Hut der hat drei Ecken. We were such rebels!. And as much as I loved Mr. Tom Wilkinson as a teacher, my top pic for a teacher goes to Mr. Klaver. He was a great music teacher and helped me to reach 1st Clarinet as well as start me on lessons for bass guitar so I could change it up in Jazz Band. Shaun can be reached by email at shaun.swiser@gmail.com

■ SARAH DENNIS SCHROEDER '84



EDITOR'S NOTE: This update is taken from the *Sun*, Jan. 11, 2013 by Dave Morris

Sara has just published her first novel, "Twisted Hearts", a fictional story of a 17-year-old boy who becomes the head of his household when his father is injured. Sara attended Mount Vernon Schools through her freshman year, then switched to Grace Baptist Church school

in Marion. Schroeder is the daughter of Darrel Dennis, who still lives here, and the late Sandi Martin Dennis '60. Her grandmother, Pearl Whitlach Martin '42, still lives in Mount Vernon, as do other relatives. Sara says "I started writing poetry and short stories when I was in 4th grade. My middle school English teacher, Mr. (Bill) Meyers, was very inspirational with getting his students to step out of the box when it came to writing stories." Following "Twisted Hearts" will be "Twisted Minds," which is to take place in Mount Vernon and features the main character from the earlier book, who now is attending Cornell College. The book is available on Amazon.com, Or order directly from Schroeder for \$15 by writing to her at 3801 King Drive S.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 or via email at sbschroeder@msn.com.

■ ALEX MORF '99



Locals visited with their hometown star in December after his big performance in Des Moines in the national touring company of the Tony award-winning "War Horse." Pictured are (from left) Middie Morf, Alex Morf, Kate Rose, Darrel Morf, Dick Rose, Donna Happel and Don Happel.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Excerpt from the *Sun*, Dec. 2012 by Margaret Stevens

In December of 2012 Alex Morf '99 made a return to the Mount Vernon area soon as part of the first national touring company of the Tony award-winning *War Horse*. The company performed in Des Moines as part of a 30-city tour that started in Los Angeles in June. This is the first time Morf has performed in Iowa since high school.

Morf used this Iowa stop to return to his hometown for a benefit performance for the Mount Vernon School District theater department, raising money for a new light board for the district's auditorium. That event was a cabaret performance of songs and stories by Morf and a couple of his *War Horse* cast-mates.

War Horse is the first touring production for the New York City-based Morf. After graduating in 1999, he earned a degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and a master of fine arts from the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

Morf has earned numerous off-Broadway and regional theater credits. He was nominated for a 2007 Bay Area Critics Circle Best Supporting Actor award for his performance in *The Rain Maker*, and has won praises from newspaper critics from the New York Times, Washington Post and San Francisco Chronicle, and made his prime time television debut in an episode of "The Good Wife."

Several of Morf's reviews praise his physicality, particularly his skill with physical comedy. Those abilities manifested themselves in high school and college, where Morf was an all-state halfback and qualified for the state wrestling tournament and NCAA national wrestling tournament. Morf holds the Mustang record for career rushing yards in football.

War Horse, adapted from a novel from Michael Morpurgo, tells the story of young Albert Narracot and his beloved horse, Joey. When Joey is sold to the British Army during World War I, Albert enters the war to search for him. Morf plays Albert's best friend, private David Taylor, a role that offers great comic opportunities, Morf said. In addition to his supporting role, Morf understudies one of the lead roles and did play the lead part in Des Moines.

The Mount Vernon benefit, dubbed "A Blue Grass/ Folk Music Cabaret," was something Morf and his fellow *War Horse* performers worked up in their spare time, as their many talents include playing instruments and writing songs. "Since we're playing the same show all the time, it's nice to have a creative outlet," Morf said, adding that he's happy to return to Mount Vernon for a benefit.

"The start of my love for theater was going to high school plays and being part of park and rec," he said. "I owe a lot to the community."



Mustangs...What Are They Doing Now? continued

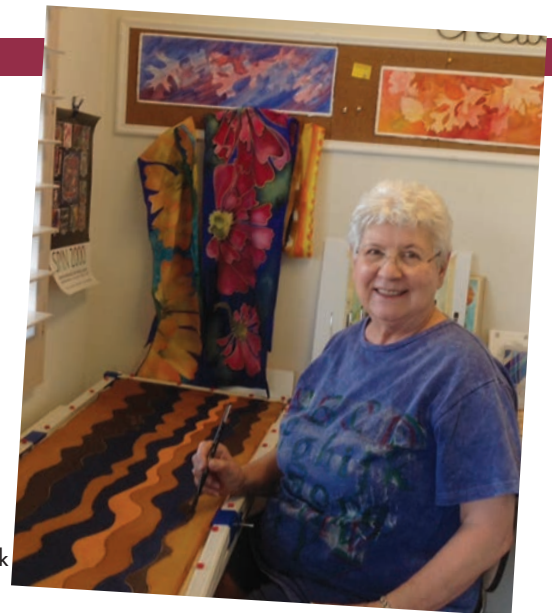
■ JANE COSTELLO FINK '59



Left: "Field of Dreams", silk art, stretched and framed by Jane
Right: "Sunflower VI" my favorite subject



Jane in her California Silk Studio



In 1959 I graduated from Mount Vernon High School ready for college having been exposed to many good learning experiences from the Mount Vernon Schools and community. I had too many ideas of what I wanted to do with my life. Teaching was not one of them. In the fall I started college at Clarke College in Dubuque as an art major but history and home economics were also strong interests. Teaching was not a option. After wondering what on earth I'd do when I graduated as an art major, I decided to transfer to Iowa State University and major in home economics.

During my summers in college I was always able to return to work at the Holiday House in Mount Vernon where, I have often said, I learned everything I needed to know about being a good employee from Dewey Humphries and the Johnsons. I also had a part time summer job at Jane Boyd Community House in Cedar Rapids directing a preschool. After graduation I couldn't wait to return there full time as Girls' Director working with after school enrichment programs and summer day camps. And a fun job it was! It lead me to believe I would really enjoy teaching. Really!

Iowa State friends introduced me to my future husband and after we were married and started our family, I began taking the education course work I needed to teach elementary school. I taught in the Anamosa Schools choosing part-time jobs when our children were young. Later I was inspired to obtain my master's degree from the University of Iowa in special education and finished my career as Learning Disability Resource Teacher at Van Buren School in Cedar Rapids, a job so rewarding it was hard to make the decision to retire. Far from being a boring career, teaching has been very rewarding. If you are bored as a teacher, you are just not paying attention. I should acknowledge Ken Smykil for giving me my first teaching job - teaching beginning flute in the girls' bathroom in the then, new Washington Elementary building. And I also should recognize Helen Colon, home economics teacher, for inspiring me to become a home economist in homemaking which has actually been a forever career.

My husband Varlyn worked for the Iowa State Extension Service as 4-H and Youth Director. Later he became involved in building and managing apartments in Anamosa and family farms. We have enjoyed international educational opportunities. Together we taught English in China and Romania and visited special education programs in England and The Netherlands. He has also done leadership and agricultural volunteer work in Ghana, Albania and Romania.

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A course in textile design at Iowa State began my interest and eventually, I discovered silk painting. The quest for learning silk techniques has taken my husband and me around the US for workshops. Through it I have developed a whole set of new friendships based on shared enthusiasms for silk painting. There is a joy in the color vibrancy and range; the control of dyes is not necessarily assured, so spontaneous, serendipitous accidents occur which keep the process fresh and challenging. In order to justify the cost of materials, I do a few art festivals selling scarves and wall pieces all on silk.

I had three goals for retirement: find a warm winter home, travel more and spend more time with silk painting. In 2006 we bought a small home in an over 55 community in Indio, California. My husband and I both volunteer at an elementary school with students who come from homes where Spanish or an Indian dialect is spoken. He's having fun playing guitar. I have a small studio in the garage where I can paint.

When we are in California we are 2 ½ hours from our daughter, Christine, her husband and 4 year old twins who live on the coast. Our son, David, his wife and two sons live in Portland, Oregon. Our daughter Marcy and her family live in a suburb of Philadelphia. These are all good places to visit but too far from Iowa!

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■ **JONAH GREENSTEEN'09**

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This update is taken from an article in the Sun, March 22, 2013 written by Jake Krob*



Jonah is in his senior year of film study at New York University's Tisch School of Arts. With a coveted spot earned from his school to create a short film, Jonah Greenstein is returning to his hometown for a story about the complexities of a small town, producing "Watertower".

Jonah said last summer, while preparing to submit his project idea, "I found myself dreaming of the countryside of Iowa." He decided it was time to return here for a "portrait of a small town." The title, "Watertower," is "the central image - it says there's a town here." Jonah was in town in March shooting a bit of footage and doing callback auditions for actors, most of them locals. He also laid the groundwork for fundraising, with the hope to raise \$5,000 to \$6,000 to help fund the project. He's using the crowd-sourcing website kickstarter.com as a way for people to donate (see watertowerthefilm.com). He'll be back for a couple of weeks in June to do the full filming. Once filming is done, he anticipates it taking about a year to complete the final piece. As a short film, "Watertower" will be about 18 minutes long.

Although Jonah spent most of his life in Mount Vernon, because he moved here in first grade he said he's often struggled with calling it "where I'm from." That's part of the reason he chose this place as the focus of his short film - it's a way to explore that identity. "It's a portrait of a small town," Jonah said. Although fictional, he said it includes pieces of memories he has about growing up here. For instance, scenes will be shot at Gary's Foods, where Jonah had his first job, and Subway, where, like many teens, he often went to eat.

Jonah said he got into film work because "it's a great mix of a lot of things I'm interested in," including music and photography. Through a grant from the Mount Vernon Area Arts Council, he and others started a film club in high school. He said pieces he made in high school were used in his portfolio application to NYU.

■ **JON KLIMO'59**



"Greetings! Although you have me listed as being part of the Mount Vernon High School class of 1959, my family and I moved from Mount Vernon to New York when I was about 12 1/2 or 13. But, the class of '59 would've been my group if I'd stayed. Though I haven't kept in touch very well, it does matter to me to be kept in the loop about Mount Vernon and "my" class.

Here's a few things about me...I just started Social Security and Medicare last fall and started the first of three years of final halftime work after about 36 years of full-time academic employment, almost entirely in doctoral programs, beginning back in 1974 when I started teaching at and directing my own large graduate program at Rutgers University. So, it will have been about 40 years of full-time academic career by the time I'm done in a couple of years. The past 15 years, I have focused on working almost entirely with doctoral students training to become licensed clinical psychologists: I help "shrink shrinks." This has been at The American School of Professional Psychology, Argosy University, at its San Francisco Bay Area campus.

There's quite a bit of stuff about me on my website- www.jonklimo.com- if you're interested. You can also find me on YouTube. You can say that my interest and activity areas, beyond more garden-variety creativity, poetry, and art, has been, what from many people's perspective might be considered an "acquired taste:" consciousness studies, transpersonal/spiritual psychology, parapsychology (used to be called psychical studies), and the "otherworldly," including unidentified flying objects and extraterrestrials (UFOs and ETs). I'm considered an "authority" on "channeling" and what happens, if anything, after we physically die. See what I mean about an 'acquired taste'?

I have been with my wife Jane now for 30 years and we have a wonderful, loving relationship. Together we have 10 grandchildren, the oldest being 23. Jane and I live in Oakland, California, and we have loved it ever since we moved here from New Jersey and Philadelphia in 1982/3."

Reach Jon at jonklimo@aol.com

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There are 10 different local newspaper names on the site. Issues will continue to be added at calendar year end.



What Are They Doing Now? continued

■ JIM GUNN'46

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Gunn'46 and wife Mary were featured in the Valentines Day issue of the Sun in February 'Love at 65.' The Gunns marked 65 years of marriage on Valentine's Day 2013. While many people were wooing their sweethearts this week, the Gunns were reflecting on a life of laughter, family fun, friends, travel, hard work and giving back to their community. Following is an excerpt from an article written by Jake Krob.

Ask Jim and Mary Gunn the secret of success to six-plus decades of marriage and you quickly see how well they get along. They're partners in the truest sense of the word. "I know what he's going to say," Mary says with a smile. Jim tips his head back, laughs and remarks, "She's always right."

The couple got married on Valentine's Day because it was on a Saturday in 1948, and was during the break between school semesters. "There were lots of hearts, but tastefully done," Mary says of the day they exchanged vows at the First Baptist Church in Bellwood, Ill., near Mary's hometown of Maywood.

A 15-inch story in the Feb. 19, 1948, Mount Vernon Hawkeye newspaper tells about the festive wedding: The crown of the bride's veil was heart-shaped, as was her bridal bouquet made of white carnations and orchids. Mary's attendants "each work a heart-shaped hat ... and carried a colonial heart-shaped bouquet."

Living in a Chicago suburb, Mary and several of her classmates were recruited by the late Paul Scott to attend college in Mount Vernon. "I fell in love right away," she said, recalling driving into the community on the Old Lincoln Highway and admiring the tree-lined streets. She enrolled at Cornell, and she and a roommate got jobs at the Maid-Rite in town.

"He and his cronies were always coming in," Mary said of her future husband. They don't recall their first date, but Mary fondly remembers Jim putting her on a train back to Illinois with a two-pound box of Fanny Farmer chocolates one time.

After their marriage, they lived on the



Gunn family's farm for two years. Jim then bought out a trucking firm in Lisbon, operating it for 30-plus years. He also worked at the True Value hardware store in town, and drove school bus. The couple moved into the city limits after a couple of years, raising three children - John'67, of Little Rock, Ark., Julie'70 of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Jay'71 of Mount Vernon. They have six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The couple also found meaning and value in giving to their community. Both are elders in the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, and Mary has sung with the choir for more than 50 years. In retirement, they delivered meals to the homebound. For 18 years they traveled together to Cedar Rapids to volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital. They were in local community theater productions, including a cameo in "Guys and Dolls."

Jim served on the Mount Vernon City Council for eight years, and as street commissioner was proud of getting 44 streets in the city paved during his term.

This year they turn 85, with Mary hitting the mark six months before Jim. The Gunns have loved traveling. They've been to every state in the country, every province in Canada, and to Alaska four times. Today, they feed birds on their back deck and spend hours reading.

They celebrated their 65th anniversary quietly and enjoyed a visit from their daughter this weekend. After all, Valentine's Day is a celebration for her, too - she was born on her parents' fifth anniversary.

Frank Benesh'56 Honored



Telethon organizers Braden Pospisil Rood'93 (left) and Kim Benesh'85(right) flank donors Megan Pospisil and Ben Pospisil'96

EDITOR'S NOTE: This update is taken from an article in the March 15, 2013 written by Dave Morris

Alums Take Part in 24-hour Telethon To Support First Street Community Theatre

A 24-hour telethon, named in honor of alum Frank Benesh'56, ran from 9 p.m. Friday, March 22, through 9 p.m. Saturday, March 23, and featured comedy, music, dance in a variety of performances. Organizers hoped to raise \$10,000 for upgrades at the auditorium. Frank's daughter and committee member Kim Benesh'85 said "We're doing this because we realize as a community that we all use the theater." Building owners Trude and Rick Elliott bought the former school in 2009.

Kim said it's only fitting that the telethon to benefit the First Street Community Center's Uptown Theatre be named after her father, Frank. "My father would love this," she said. "He loved the performing arts and he performed on the First Street Community Theatre stage, so it was certainly fitting that we honor him with this memorial telethon. It was a natural progression to include my father, a third generation Mount Vernon resident. Now there are five generations." Frank died of cancer last June.

There were about three performances each hour by local groups and individuals, along with remote broadcasts from Braden Pospisil Rood'93. More than 100 performers in all took part.

The event could be viewed in person at the First Street Community Center Uptown Theatre and online via livestream. The telethon was one of 21 events taking place that weekend as part of the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Group's annual Cabin Fever Comedy Festival.



ALUMNI IN OUR SCHOOLS

Hats off and thanks to the many alumni who volunteer in our schools for a variety of reasons. Pictured below are a few events that alumni helped with.



Matt Kroul'04 came to Washington Elementary in March to help celebrate 'Read Across America.' Matt played football in high school, went on to be a team captain and play defensive lineman for the Iowa Hawkeyes, then played for pro football team the New York Jets where he played offensive lineman. Matt came to share his love of reading with elementary students and answered a few questions that the students had!



In December of 2012 **Alex Morf'99** and two fellow performers from the national touring company of the Tony award-winning *War Horse* came to Mount Vernon to give a benefit performance for the Mount Vernon School District theater department, raising \$1400 for a new light board for the district's auditorium. In addition they spent time at the High School visiting with drama students. See page 15 for complete article.



Forming a selection committee, these alums pictured above met in May to judge 5 senior presentations for the High School Commencement speaker. Front from left to right are: retired teacher Judy Stine, Marilyn Schnittjer'58, Jeff White'08, Karen Kaliban Fox'63, Babs Beckhelm Moore'53, and Ann Lehman Currie'77. Back from left are Jeremy Clark'05, Dick Moore'52, and Bob Dvorak'63



Several alums were at the 2013 Senior Awards Night presenting scholarships. From left to right: Gwen Stewart Drahos'70 presenting the Rita Pospisil McGinnis'70 Memorial Scholarship; Dave Ryan'85 presenting the Mount Vernon Bank & Trust Co. Scholarship; Gail Halsey Betram'94 presenting the Charles Halsey Gift; Joan Suchomel'74 presenting the Suchomel Family Scholarship; Michael Woods'77, presenting the American Legion Hahn-Howard Post 480 Scholarship; and Mount Vernon High School teacher Ryan Whitman'03 presenting the Dave Thumm'79 Scholarship



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ALUMNI AWARDS

All nominees must be an Alum of Mount Vernon High School at least 28 years of age.

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

Criteria:

- 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:

- Service must be for a not-for-profit organization in a non-compensated capacity.
- Exhibits high moral character.

MVCSD Community Impact Hall of Fame (NEW AWARD)

Awarded to alumni who should be rewarded for their service impact on the Mount Vernon Community.

Criteria:

- Significant service contributions either while in school and/or post-high-school to the Mount Vernon Community.
- Service may be for any purpose.
- Service may be in a non-compensated or a compensated capacity.

Other considerations:

- Outstanding character and leadership.
- 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:

- 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:

- 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.

2013 MOUNT VERNON ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



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MARRIAGES

Chelsea Johnson'09 is engaged to marry Seth Harris on June 8th, 2013. Parents are Marty and Wendy Kaplan'71 Johnson.

Emily Ryan'09 is engaged to marry Shea Stamp on June 1, 2013. Parents are Dave'85 and Heidi Ryan.

Emily Wilkinson'09 is engaged to marry to **Jeffrey Visliser'08** on June 22, 2013. Parents are Steve'76 and Tammy Visliser and Tom'86 and Erin Wilkinson. The couple will reside in Springfield.

Brett Brannaman'08 to Tia Grabau, Sept. 15, 2012. The couple resides in Mount Vernon.

Megan Cox'08 is engaged to marry **Ben Klaus'07** on June 29th, 2013

Maura Holland'08 is engaged to marry **Jon Arnold'09** on September 7, 2013. The couple will reside in Mount Vernon. Jon's mother is alum Sheri Russell'82.

Adam Hale'07 was married to Jacqueline Hauber, June 9, 2012. The couple resides in Pella, IA.

Joshua Henik'06 is engaged to marry Katlyn Huinker on June 15, 2013. The couple will reside in Mount Vernon.

Jennifer Barnes'05 is engaged to marry Adam DuBois on June 29, 2013. The couple will reside in Cedar Rapids.

Curt Bjork'05 is engaged to marry Laura Miller on June 8, 2013. The couple will reside in Mount Pleasant.

Kristine Bjork'00 is engaged to marry Reece Roggentien on July 20th 2013. The couple will reside in Tiffin.

Justin Kladivo'00 married Cari Goedken on May 11, 2013.

Andy Pitlik'99 is engaged to marry Ashley Ernest on June 1, 2013. The couple will reside in Mount Vernon. Andy is the son of Roger Pitlik'67 and the late Gayla Deskin Pitlik'70.

Brandi Viter'96 to Lee Pitlik on March 9, 2013. The couple resides in Cedar Rapids. Brandi's parents are Gary'67 and LeAnn Viter. Lee's parents are David'74 and Linda Royer'75 Pitlik.

BABY NEWS

Katie Pitlik'03 and Brad Eichnorn of Cedar Rapids, a son, Hayden Edward Eichhorn, August 21, 2012

Erin Blythe Schaller'03 and Seth Schaller of Cedar Rapids, IA, a son, Beckett Allen, February 19, 2013

Megan Driscoll Downey'02 and Mike Downey of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Molly Joan, February 25, 2013

Kyle Kuntz'02 and Taryn Kuntz of Solon, IA, a son, Oscar Braden, May 20, 2013

Teresa Britt Patterson'02 and Tyler Patterson of Lisbon, a son, Joel Phillip, August 19, 2012

Aaron Schwiebert'02 and **Lisa Fettkether Schwiebert'02**, a daughter, Elizabeth (Libby) Marie, May 21, 2013. Grandfather is former superintendent Jeff Schwiebert.

Dina Hoke Rashid'01 and Tom Rashid of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Madalyn Anne, February 23, 2013

John Bock'00 and **Abigail Neal Bock'99** of Mount Vernon, a son, Nick Richard, Jan. 25, 2013

Jenny Blythe Mertes'00 and Brian Mertes of Johnston, IA, a son, Camden Leo on April 10, 2013

Kacey Kuntz Schmit'00 and Andy Schmit of Mount Vernon, a son, Maxim Rhyse, March 8, 2013

Betsy McWilliams Brown'99 and Chris Brown of Des Moines, IA, a daughter, Evelyn Jane, November 14th, 2012

Shaun Swiser'99 and Jes Swisher of Cedar Rapids, a son, Johann, October 16, 2012

Mike Wieseler'99 and Laurie Wieseler, a daughter, Ashlan Lea, April 7, 2013

Erin Driscoll Whithead'99 and Andy Whithead of Mount Vernon, a son, Jack Andrew, Sept 20, 2012

Nick Nissen'98 and Allison Nissen of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Evelyn Ann, Nov 5, 2012

Dustin Ohlfest'98 and **Lisa Argotsinger Ohlfest'03**, a son, Daniel Edward, December 27, 2012. Grandmother is Marty Thomsen Ohlfest'77

Anna Bigley Sabibo'98 and Joel Sabibo of Houston, TX, a daughter, Michelle-Sanya, August 7, 2012

Ellen Lee Halsey Bertram'94 and Patrick Bertram of Oshkosh, WI, a daughter, Ellen Lee, March 20, 2013. Her grandfather is Charles Halsey (former Biology/Chemistry teacher at MVHS) and her aunt is Anne Halsey'92.

Brian Lewis'94 and Denise Lewis of Marion, IA, a daughter, Avery Jade, July 2012. Sister Lisa Lewis '83 and brother Brett Lewis'90 welcomed their little niece.

Jared Pospisil'94 and Sarah Pospisil, of town, a son, Marek John, September 18, 2012. Grandparents are John'66 and Cindy Pospisil.

Jessica Lane Robinson'89 and John Robinson of West Des Moines, a son, Jessen Joseph, November 8, 2012



Becky Livermore'88 wrote in to say: When I was a senior I formed a polka band called "Barefoot" Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen. Ivanhoe came from the road I grew up on and still live on today south of Mount Vernon. This has been something I have continued to do since 1988 and it has actually become full time employment for my husband and myself for the last 8-10 years. (I've lost track of time!) We are celebrating 25 years as a band with a free dance on August 3 in Walford, IA at the Ponderosa Ballroom 1-4pm.

I think most of my classmates remember me playing the accordion since 5th grade. I would bring it in to play for music class once in a while throughout the school years. While in high school, I was always going to a polka dance somewhere or playing in a polka band somewhere. Sometimes I would miss school functions to play my music! It was always something I loved to do. I never dreamed it would become my living/career. Life doesn't get any better!"

Becky can be reached at 319-848-7133, polkabecky@aol.com See their website at www.barefootbecky.com

CORRECTIONS:

David ware'75 was missed in our International Alums article from the last issue. Dave lives in Nouakchott, Mauritania

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Alumni News...

Lisa Weddle Siebert'89 and Chad Siebert of Colorado Springs, Co., a son, Nicolas Steven, Dec 5, 2012

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John Wolfe'44 and **Betty Pospisil Wolfe'45** of Mount Vernon, Iowa, 63 years on August 23, 2012

Jerry Ringer'55 and Carole of Bloomington, IL 50 years on June 22, 2013

Jerry Zinkula'80 and Connie of Northbrook, IL, 20 years on May 1, 2013

EDUCATION

Skyler Hosier'12 graduated Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX

Nile Roudabush'11 completed Naval Basic Training on Jan 4 in Great Lakes, IL. He is now in South Carolina in a 24-month nuclear engineering training program.

Adam Koffron'10 (below right) graduated from Marine Corps Boot Camp in San Diego on Dec. 15, 2012. He is now Pvt. 1st Class at Aviation Electronics School in Pensacola, Florida. His parents are David'81 and Lynette Rodman'85 Koffron, and his grandmother is Annamae Stoneking Baker'60



Sam Rodman'10 (above left) is now in

San Diego on the USS Essex LHD2 as AO3rd class. His parents are Mark'82 and Deanna Rodman, and his grandmother is Annamae Stoneking Baker'60

Sam Herrmann'09 graduated from Loras College in May. Sam will be employed at Alsteel in Muscatine Iowa as a design engineer starting in June 2013.

Kristin Kimm'09 earned a Bachelor of arts degree in religious studies and speech communication from Iowa State University in fall 2012

Aarika Koppenhaver'08 graduated from Coe in accounting and is employed at McGladrey's in Cedar Rapids.

Adam Hale'07 graduated with a BA Degree in Elementary Education from Central College in December 2011

Jon Driggs'08 graduated from Iowa State University, ISU, in the fall 2012 commencement. He was named the outstanding senior electrical engineering student and graduated cum laude.

Sara Kruger'08 graduated in February from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy as a distinguished graduate. She is a sheriff's deputy with Spartanburg County in SC.

Pedro Salazar'01 from Drake University Law School in May. He has accepted a position as Associate Attorney at Baird Holm LLP in Omaha, Nebraska, beginning September 2013.

AND MORE...

Rich Hoidahl'59



"This is a photo of me with two time Olympic hurdler Lolo Jones at an autograph session during Drake Relays Week. I am a long time collector of Drake Relays memorabilia, which I display at the Relays each year. I was taking this opportunity to obtain Lolo's autograph on some magazine covers, bobbleheads, sports collector cards and posters from my collection. I've been working on the collection ever since 1958, when track coach Don Hipple drove some members of the MVHS track team to Des Moines to attend the Drake Relays, "America's Athletic Classic".

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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.

I've attended every Drake Relays since then. This was my 56th consecutive Relays!"

John Pospisil '66, and Alumni Association Board Member from Mount Vernon, was named Volunteer of the Year at Hallmark Care Center and Cherry Ridge Independent & Assisted Living.

Bill Strauss '82 and his 15-year old son Ryan completed an 80 mile, 11 day backpacking trip in November in New Mexico at the Boy Scouts of America Philmont National High Adventure Base. He says "I'm an Eagle Scout and my son is now a Life Scout - one step from Eagle. We currently live in Dubuque...along with my wife Lori and daughter Maddie." Bill's mother is Sheridan Gillam Edmund '60 grad and his sister is Debbie Strauss '80. His grandparents are Martha and Eddie Petrick '36.



Rev. Michael Langer '85 was elected and installed as the permanent Senior Pastor of One Ancient Hope Presbyterian Church in Iowa City at a denominational particularization service of the church on April 7th, 2013. Michael, and his wife Tess, came to Iowa City as church planters in 2008, and spent much of their first year overseeing their denomination's relief efforts in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids following the flooding that severely impacted both communities. The church currently meets at the Robert A Lee Rec Center in downtown Iowa City and serves the broader community, while focusing a great deal of energy upon students and the homeless population. In his spare time, Michael also serves on the Alumni Association Board.

Carissa Hoffman Thompson '88 is now an Adult & Geriatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and has joined The Iowa Clinic-Internal Medicine Downtown practice in Des Moines.

Mary Diers '86 was promoted from Senior Consultant, Client Relations, to Business Integration Manager, Career & College Readiness at ACT on March 25, 2013. Mary says "In this new role, I will have much more responsibility and visibility as a change agent within the company. I am very excited to continue to be part of an organization that makes such a big difference in lives of students."

Raven Zachary '91 is the founder of iPhoneDevCamp (now called iOSDevCamp). In 2008 he was the director of the official Obama '08 for iPhone app for the Obama Campaign. Then he started a company called Small Society building iOS apps for Starbucks, Zipcar, Whole Foods Market, and many others. He sold my company to Walmart, where he now runs mobile product management for 'Fortune 1'. He is also an advisor to Urban Airship and Apperian, and he throws a big party every year at WWDC called 'iOS Intelligence'. Find out more about Raven at <http://about.me/ravenzachary>

Vince Ellison '92 of North Liberty is starting a new position with Bergan Paulsen (local CPA firm) as their Chief Operating Officer at the end of May.

Tosha Berner Rubner '95 and her husband Daron, owners of Whitey's Restaurant in Lisbon, expanded the restaurant from a capacity of 79 to 235.

Jenni McNeal Woods '98 is owner/stylist at her business Shear Image in Mount Vernon.

Barbara Schettler '00 sang on March 17, 2013 at the Dallas Opera House and March 15 at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Texas. Barbara lives and teaches in Dallas.

Adam Swiser '00 of Mount Vernon was recognized by Hallmark Care Center as 2012 Employee of the Year. Adam has been at Hallmark since he was 17 years old.

Dr. Jamie Wallace '01 of Mount Vernon was honored by Farm Bureau with a \$2,500 Farm Bureau Rural Family Medicine scholarship in November 2012.



In Memory of classmates we have lost

Lloyd Ellison '37
Springfield, MO February 17, 2013

Virgil Crofter '38
Mount Vernon, IA January 2, 2012

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Canon City, CO. December 2, 2012

Stephen Heady '58
Laredo, TX March, 2013

Dennis Drahos '59
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North Liberty, IA March 21, 2013

Suzanne Roberts Stoner '65
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The Mount Vernon Community School District Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization that partners with alumni, businesses, parents, and friends of the Mount Vernon community to support a higher level of educational excellence and opportunities to prepare Mount Vernon School students for the challenges of global opportunities.

The Foundation receives tax-deductible contributions to support the programs of the Mount Vernon Community School District.

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If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Foundation you can do so online at www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us, click on Foundation, or by mail to Foundation, 525 Palisades Rd SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

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THANK YOU

Over 180 people or organizations made financial contributions to the Suzanne Roberts Stoner '65 Memorial. Suzanne had requested that her memorial donations be directed to either the Save The Fields Program or the Alumni Association. We are thankful to Suzanne and her family for their generous gift to the Save The Fields program from so many memorials. Thank you to everyone who contributed in memory of Suzanne.

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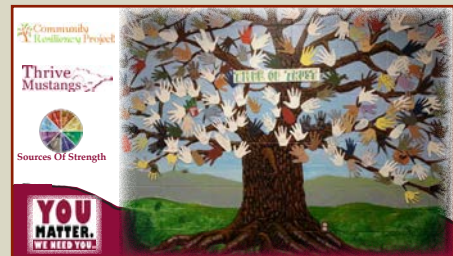
During library time students use Mackin Via to read books of their choice in the library lab.



Kindergarten students use iPads



Information cards and wrist bands will be given away at May kick-off event for Middle School Students



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YOUR DONATIONS WORK THROUGH FOUNDATION GRANTS

One of the ways your donations to the Foundation work is through 'Educational Excellence' Grants. These awards are given to school district teachers to spearhead innovative projects aimed at helping them take education to an even higher level. The Foundation provided approximately \$6,000 for the following twelve grants during the 2012-2013 academic year.

\$280 Melissa Hauser - CPR Manikins

School District Nurse Missy Hauser purchased approximately 5 adult/child manikins. As part of the Healthy Kids Act, a student must complete a course in CPR prior to graduation. Her goal is to have 15 manikins which will easily allow two students per manikin in each health class.

\$716 Third Grade Team (Maddock, Becthold, Vislisl & Ruden) - Nook Tablets

The Third Grade Team purchased four Nook tablets, one for each 3rd grade classroom to use as part of our literacy program. This allows students to use the Nook for the "Listen to Reading" component of the Daily Five program.

\$250 Elementary Library (Mary Priske) - Mackin Via eBooks

Starting an eBook collection at the elementary library, Washington Elementary Librarian Mary Priske purchased 10 books from Mackin Via that are accessible for up to forty students to view at one time. Priske plans to collaborate further on how to extend the project into a virtual book club.

\$1,100 Nannette Gunn - 2 iPads and Covers

Washington Elementary Technology Instructor Nannette Gunn received 3 iPads for use in Kindergarten classes. Mrs. Gunn says "I loaded programs on the iPads that would enhance the Kindergarten educational standards, and trained the teachers to use them."

\$200 Scott White - 4-wheel vehicle

construction materials

High School Industrial Arts instructor Scott White received funding to purchase materials and tools for his Industrial Tech Design Course students to construct a student designed and powered 4 wheel vehicle.

\$600 HS Math Department (Scarce, Young & McCollum) - Five TI-84 plus graphing calculators

High School math instructors Richard Scarce, Mary Young, Beth McCollum used their grant to purchase 5 TI-84 graphing calculators to be used in every math class to augment the teaching and curriculum. The graphing calculators will be used in every mathematics course taught and so they will impact the learning of every student at the high school.

\$500 Vocal Music (Wilkins) - AKG 420

Microphones

High School Vocal Teacher Thad Wilkins purchased two AKG 420 Microphones to record students both on an individual basis and in a large group setting. These microphones are being used during rehearsals, concerts, and recording sessions to capture classroom activities for both educational and performance needs.

\$700 Sue Diebner - Digital Video Camera

High School Spanish Instructor Sue Diebner purchased a Digital Video Camera for use by the The World Language Department. She says "Students are able to see themselves and observe how they look and sound when they are communicating in Spanish." The cameras also help students do interviews and put together documentaries on cultural topics they are studying.

\$500 Mark Benesh & Susan Maurice - Camcorder for Creation of school TV News program

Middle School Teachers Mark Benesh'83 and Susan Maurice have created a class for creating a schools T.V. News program. They also learn how to edit video and put it together into a program using the Macintosh computer.

\$300 Kim Steele - Net Book

Middle School instructor Kim Steele purchased one Net Book for use in her 6th grade social literacy classroom.

\$500 Jennifer Holub Tischer - Sources of Strengths supplies and materials for community awareness projects

Middle School Counselor Jennifer Holub Tischer has used her grant to purchase business-card size information cards and "You Matter. We Need You." campaign wristbands. Both items will be used at their kick-off assembly event on May 10th to help kick off the "You Matter. We Need You." campaign.

\$351 Jennifer Holub Tischer - Sparks curriculum

Jennifer Holub Tischer purchased an Elementary Sparks Kit and a Supplemental Kit for grades 3-12. Developed especially for students in grades 3-6, this kit is helping teachers engage children in meaningful conversations to help them discover their sparks.

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 2012-13 a few highlights...

AUGUST

Washington Elementary opened with its \$5.7 million addition and renovations
Mike Hansen is new elementary principal
Bob Haugse is new Middle School principal

SEPTEMBER

Homecoming was September 20th
-- Tanner Mote and Paulie Massey were named king and queen, Alumni Awards Ceremony takes place in HS Gym with students for first year
Professional Therapy Dog Joy becomes staff member at Washington Elementary

OCTOBER

Parent-Teacher organization WETAP raises over \$16 thousand for elementary at WEWALK

NOVEMBER

-HS art students display and sell art at Lincoln Highway Art Festival
-Volleyball player Marissa Stark named to 1st Team All-State
-Five vocalists earn HS All-State Honors
-Fall play is 'Suite Surrender'
-President Obama comes to Mount Vernon and HS Social Studies students go to hear him speak
-HS celebrates International Day

DECEMBER

-Former teacher and Coach Shirley Ryan inducted into Iowa Girls Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame
-Washington Elementary purchase 29 trees with A Trees for Kids grant and the entire school comes out to plant
-Elementary students created 'Wishing Stars' art display at Community Center for Magical Night

JANUARY

-MV Large Group Speech Team earned 10 division 1 ratings at District competition
-Trey Ryan earns District wrestling title
-Booster Club sponsors MV State Coaches Hall of Fame
-Alum Alex Morf '99 visits Mount Vernon and hosts a fundraiser for Fine Arts
-Middle School students head to the ski slopes for their annual Ski Trip

FEBRUARY

-HS wrestling team earned district championship and sends 4 Mustangs to state tourney
-3 seniors were named National Merit finalists -- Nate Marti, Paulie Massey and Kyla Rand
-MV Schools join Operation Backpack
Middle School 5th & 6th Grade Team place 1st in state at Elementary Knowledge Master Open Competition

MARCH

-HS Robotics team earns honors at State
-Joe Wallace named HS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director
-Senior Zak Moran named Mr. MVHS
-MVHS hosts State Academic Decathlon. MV places 4th in Small Schools.
-After 16 years of a combined Mount Vernon-Lisbon Girls Track program, schools compete independently
-Trevia Moore Heiser '50, Alumni Service Hall of Fame recipient, gave keynote address to HS Honor Society Induction Ceremony
-First year HS Girls Basketball Coach Dennis Roloff named WaMaC East Coach of the Year
-HS Academic Decathlon Team places 3rd in State, event hosted by Mount Vernon
-Fine Arts students and parents travel to New York City
-Middle School students create 'Tree of Trust' mural

APRIL

-Band gets new uniforms for 2013-14
-MS Science Olympiad earns state title and will go to National competition in May
-HS State Solo-Ensemble competition earns 23 Division 1 Choral Ratings, Ten choral ensembles earned Div 1 ratings, and three students were awarded outstanding performer awards -- the Chamber Choir, duo Zak Moran and Brandon Douglas, and vocalist Katy McCollum
-HS Jazz Choir earns Class 2A State first place
-HS Girls Tennis team has largest turnout ever with 39 players

MAY

-96 Seniors graduate
-HS Junior Robbie Peters earns Drake Relays title in HS boys discus competition. He became the 3rd athlete in school history to earn a Drake title
-Superintendent Pam Ewell resigns and District begins search for new superintendent
-Spring HS Musical is 'Urinetown'
-8th Grade Musical is 'Tied to the Tracks'
-Senior Xena Fitzgerald wins National Scholastic Art Award
-Our four parent groups, WETAP, PRIDE, MV Fine Arts Association and the Mustang Booster Club donate over 90 thousand dollars to MV Schools
-MV Archery teams, grades 4-12, compete at National competition

2013 MOVING ON...

Congratulations to the following district staff members who are retiring this year.



SCOTT WHITE

Industrial Education (shop)

Year started at MV: 1998

Total years at MV: 15

First year favorite memory: I was walking down the hall on my first day with kids

in Mount Vernon heading to the office in the 'old' high School. I bent over and picked up some paper off of the floor and continued to the office. Ade Ringold (then the superintendent) was motioning to me with two fingers. My first day and here is the superintendent wanting to chat with me. He just wanted to thank me for picking up paper from the hall way (I guess that no one else did that). It was a good compliment, but scared me.

Retirement plans: Working in my shop and not worrying about driving in a snow storm.



JENNY CIHA

Kids Club Director

Year started at MV: 2008

Total years at MV: 15



LAURIE ZAIGER

High School Art

Year started at MV: 2002

Total years at MV: 11 years

One or two memories: I have learned so much working here these last eleven

years. In my first months, I told my family and friends that I had found a hidden treasure and that it was the Mount Vernon community and schools. I found that I was able to do "pure teaching." I could focus on my subject area without being distracted with many problems of classroom management.

I worked beside so many wonderful and creative students; I am proud that many have found a passion or a career in the arts. And I am lucky to call some of them my friends.

When I started I felt honored to be a part of this faculty. I still feel it is an honor and privilege to work here. I have been nurtured and supported by people in both the school and the community; I am forever changed.

Retirement plans: I plan to do fun things with my grandchildren, to travel and to work on my own art.

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