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ALUMNI NEWS



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2014 Heritage Days Events Coming Up!

July 1 - Deadline to submit your nominations for the Alumni Awards. See page 26.

July 11 and 12 - It's Heritage Days in Mount Vernon and that means a flurry of activities for alumni. 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 alumni from the 1930s to 2014 (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 from 4-9 pm and Saturday from 11:30 am-until dark. Make the tent your *meeting place* and come to view displays, have your picture taken, or grab some cold water. Who will you see there? See page 10 for pictures from last year's activities. See page 11 for Heritage Days schedule information.

NEW THIS YEAR -- EARLY BIRD RECEPTION In town early? You're invited to the 'Principal's office' at the First Street Community Building for an Early Bird Reception on Friday, July 11, from 1-3 pm. Enjoy some refreshments, a little 'Taste of Iowa', and a tour of what was either your old Middle School or High School.

July 12 - Let's play some basketball! Join in for a pick-up game or just to shoot some baskets in the High School Gym. Open to all from 2-4 pm.

Also in 2014

Friday, September 26 - Homecoming and Alumni Hall of Fame Award Ceremony
Abbe Creek Bell Ceremony - see page 15

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

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Members of the class of 1963 who were celebrating their 50th Reunion in 2013 gather for a picture at the Alumni-Community Breakfast



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Get your nomination in today for the 2014 Alumni Hall of Fame!

Deadline is July 1 postmark

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2014 MV Community Events

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- July 4 Antiques Extravaganza
- July 11-12 Heritage Days
- Sept 27 Lincoln Hwy Arts Festival
- Oct tba Chili Cookoff

2014 REUNIONS

ALL-ALUMNI-COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

2009 - 5 years - Heritage Days

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2004 - 10 years

Sat July 12, 3pm, Kroul Farms
Families & kids welcome
Contact: Laura Damon Moore
Phone: 319-361-8128
Email: laura.damonmoore@gmail.com
Contact: Jon Stoner
Email: stoner.jonathan@gmail.com

1999 - 15 years - REUNION IN 2015

Contact: Betsy McWilliams Brown
Phone: 515-201-3823
Email: mrs.betsybrown@gmail.com

1994 - 20 years - Heritage Days Weekend

Sat July 12, 5-9 at Andrew Morf's home
\$20 per person
mvhs94reunion@gmail.com
Contact: Andrew Morf
Phone: 319-247-9625
Email: aandrormorf@gmail.com
Contact: Ebe Boetcher
Phone: 319-363-2077
Email: ebe4zippy@msn.com

1989 - 25 years - Heritage Days Weekend

Fri July 11 9pm-? meet in or around Scorz
Sa July 11 8-10am Alumni Breakfast, 11 am Class Float in parade, 6-9pm Reunion @ Regal Crown Reception, 9pm head back to uptown Mount Vernon
Contact: Kelli Curtis Chapman
Phone: 319-202-7162
Email: kellicurtis@msn.com
Contact: Jenifer Carmer Back
Phone: 319-455-2389 319-310-6365
Email: jencarmer@gmail.com

1984 - 30 years

on Facebook at Mt Vernon Class of 1984
Sat, July 12 3:30 pm at Drahos Pond
Contact: Dan Drahos
Phone: 563-263-4695
Email: laptopdoc@machlink.com
Contact: Wendy Ballstaedt Wright
Phone: 801-553-7266
Email: wkbwright@hotmail.com
Contact: Mike Martin
Contact: Pat Melchert

1979 - 35 years REUNION IN 2015

Contact: Jody Murphy Stewart
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1974 - 40 years September 2014 date tba

Contact: Cindy Feaker Johnson
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Committee members:
Roxanna Post Conley
Deb Peshek Thorman
Vicki Hill Reynolds

1969 - 45 years - Heritage Days Weekend

see schedule on next page
Contact: Allan Viktor
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1964 - 50 years - Heritage Days Weekend

see schedule on next page
Contact: Joann Kroul Clark
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Committee members:
Mary Bauman Kolbe
Jean Kuntz Bowman
Tex Clay

1959 - 55 years - Heritage Days Weekend

Sat July 12 Reunion at Lighthouse
Contact: Richard Glatly
Phone: 218-372-3973
Email: rglatly@frontiernet.net

1954 - 60 years

Contact: Norma Reyhons Abbott
Phone: 319-338-5364
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1949 - 65 years - REUNION IN 2015

Contact: Jack Stanton
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Committee members:
Bev Nation Behrens
Stanley Grant
Robert Gaston
Phone: 805-984-8825

1944 - 70 years - Heritage Days Breakfast July 12

Contact: John Wolfe
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Contact: Paul Brace
Phone: 563-391-0057

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

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

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CLASSES OF 1979 & 1980

Our joint reunion will be during Heritage Days in 2015.
Save the date - weekend of July 11

We will be sending out letters, e-mails and reminders. It will be held at Bill Bowers' house. We enjoyed his park like setting at the edge of town. It was convenient and close to uptown festivities.

CLASS OF 1969 45TH REUNION SCHEDULE

Friday July 11 2014

6:30 PM ~ Gather at Scorz in MV
9 PM ~ to Heritage Days street dance music by Large Midgets

Saturday July 12

8-10 AM ~ Breakfast at High School
10 AM~ Meet for parade in High School parking lot
4 PM ~ 45th Reunion - at Gwen's Restaurant in Lisbon, dinner at 6

CLASS OF 1999

Next reunion will be in 2015

CLASS OF 1964 50TH REUNION SCHEDULE

Friday July 11 2014

5 PM ~ Gather at Sutliff

Saturday July 12

8-10 AM ~ Breakfast at High School
9:30 AM~ Meet to board float for parade in High School parking lot
2 - 4 PM ~ Tour John Saathoff's Car Museum in Toddville

6 PM ~ 50th Reunion - Mount Vernon Community Center (our High School)

Sunday July 13

9-10 AM ~ Breakfast Buffet
Davis Park in Mount Vernon



Kevin Rogers '81
Alumni Association
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hasta que nos encontremos de Nuevo;
Auf Wiedersehen;
Fino a quando ci incontreremo di nuovo;
Until we meet again . . .

This will be my final President's Message, as I have decided to step down as president of your alumni association effective the end of August, and will not be seeking another three-year term on the board of directors.

It has been an amazing six year journey serving as your association's president, and I will be eternally grateful for the support extended to me by the board of directors, Kathy Staskal and Mount Vernon Community Schools, Mount Vernon alums and their family, and the many, many friends of the alumni association. Reconnecting with so many of you, listening to your shared stories and cherished memories, has been a true joy. Through the gut-wrenching laughter and the occasional shedding of tears as we've reminisced over the people and events that have touched so many of our lives, it's served as a true reminder that we never really lose sight of the events, people, and bonds created during our time days attending Mount Vernon Community Schools.

The spirit truly lives on in all of you!

Continue sharing your stories, your memories - even creating new ones; become engaged in the occasional gut-wrenching laughter; and never let go of the pride we all have in being Mount Vernon Community School District alums!



President Kevin Rogers '81 presiding at an Alumni Association Board Meeting

BAND MEMBER REUNION 2014 SAT., JULY 12 - 1-4PM

at the Russell Farm, 361 Cedar River Rd, MV. All band alumni and families are welcome, but we are focusing on the Stine Era. Bring lawn chairs, snacks to share (lemonade/tea and water will be provided) and lots of memories.

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Next reunion will be in 2015
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▶ CLASS OF 2008 - 5 YEARS



The Class of 2008 met for their first reunion over Heritage Days and enjoyed a cook-out.

▶ CLASS OF 2003 - 10 YEARS



MV Class of 2003 met at Bryant Park over Heritage Days weekend 2013 for a get-together to celebrate our 10 year reunion. Classmates enjoyed catching-up on the past 10 years, reminiscing about old memories, and meeting each other's families. Pictured above are:

Back Row: Ashley Smith, Kierstan (Stoll) Nemmers, Jenny Corcoran, Tyler Leeper, Kit Currie, Bryce Husak
Middle Row: Katie (Keas) Parpart, Amy Guetzko, Amy (Aronowitz) Bear, Abbie (Reihle) Hames, Rachel (Young) Overton, Krystle Bragg, Ryan Nicol, Strider Patton, Danny Carter, Nate Newmeister, David Schroeder, Matt Stoner, Jesse Vislisel

Kneeling: MacKenzie (Neal) Paulson, Courtney (Frye) Speed, Clarissa (Houston) Doscher, Lindsey (Gillespie) Hartwig, Kelly (Pisarik) Johnson, Bryan Hoke, Adam Rebhuhn, Kevin Kuhn, Ryan Whitman
Sitting: Emily (Clute) Delao, Nikki (Port) Morgan, Katie Pitlik, Maggie (Burke) Slaymaker, Chris Legore, Andrew Suman

▶ CLASS OF 1998 - 15 YEARS



Top row l-r Carissa Thompson (Hoffman), Nick Bjork, Tara Olsen (Murphy), Alex Junk, Nick Nissen, Mike Elliott.

Bottom row l-r Sara Baitinger (Shepley), Katie Scott (Wolfe), Abby Desaulty (Aalbers), Shane Studt, Charlotte McDermott (Campagna).



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▶ CLASS OF 1993 - 20 YEARS



Front: Josh Vinquist, Bruce Johanson, Luke Ellyson, Aaron Thurn, Dan Neal
 Second Row: Kim (Wilkin) Korte, Braden (Pospisil) Rood, Sarah Rife Patten, Sarah Wirfs, Tammy (Berner) Pitlik, Scott Rose, Rob Hanson
 Third Row: Eric Shepley, Shanna (Morrissey) Cooper, Janda (Mott) Wilden, Erik Booth, Dave Leatherman, Kelly (Britt) Oakley, Duane Jordan, David Harrington, Elle (Hope) Zober

▶ CLASS OF 1988 - 25 YEARS



The Class of 1998 met for their reunion during Herigage Days 2013 at Sutliff Cider:
 Row 1: Mindy Arp Ollendieck, Kim Wulf Shultz, Sandy Zehms Guenther, Kerri Ulch Wolfe, Heather Armstrong, Lisa Squiers White, Leslie Slife DeBrower, Brent Durgin
 Row 2: Pat Spellerberg, Jennifer Clark Gonzalez, Magille Kurtz Gevock, Tim Hill, Dan Thuerauf, Deede Bair Stastny
 Row 3: Mike Zobac, Dan Schellberg, Stacy Gross, Dewane Hughes, David Lynott, Carson Campbell, Greg Hanson, Erich Jacobsen, Emily Ault Scully, Keith Woods

▶ CLASS OF 1983 - 30 YEARS



The Class of 1983 held their 30th Class Reunion during Heritage Days 2013
 1st row: Mary Pisarik Holubar, Betsy Lee Kral Bender, Roxann Edler Inman, Amy Schmidt Schweer, Jill Wolrab Clark, Mitch Corcoran
 2nd row: Julie Penn Johnson, Cathy Hufford, Linda Russell, Loretta Kamerling Welsh, Deana George Marris, Paige Peterson, Christine Grant Pientok
 3rd row: Lisa Lewis, Christine Traver Kott, Randy Petrick, Wendy Willits, Lance Schoff, Alan Pearson
 4th row: Marlin Hoffner, Mark Benesh, Ben Walker Beth Walden Smith, Joann Zinkula Kintzel

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▶ CLASS OF 1973 - 40 YEARS



Front, left to right: Jackie Moore, Susan Blazek Biggs, Shelia Billings Moffett, Pam Feaker Simonds, Charlene Hinchcliffe, Anita Rahn Clark, Ann Franks Clark, Chris Hanson Starkweather, Pamela Gaines Sabin, Ivan Ossie Simonds, Linette Stewart Geissler
Back: Steve Moses, Paul Kretschmer, Mike Rice, Judy Lowenberg Clark, Kevin Woods, Kevin Smith, Mike Mortenson, Erik Encke, Dave Brokel, Holly Tonne Sauter.
Not pictured: Mark Kirkpatrick



At right, the Class of 1973 met at the Alumni Tent on Friday

▶ CLASS OF 1963 - 50 YEARS

The MVHS class of 1963 held their 50th reunion at Fawn Creek Country Club in Anamosa on Saturday, July 13th, 2013



Above, front row: Rosalie Bowman Gallagher of Des Moines, Gloria Herboldsheimer Krob of Lisbon, Marilyn Schnittjer Hayes of Geneva, IL, Joan Hunter Brown of Hutchinson, KS, Karen Kaliban Fox of Marion, Rev. Kathleen Wallace Jones of Bartlesville, OK.

Second row: Carmen Neal Musser of Riverside, Linda Peterson Nost of Lisbon, Sandra Brush McNeal of Marion, Roberta Woods Vaglica of East Hartford, CT, Devan Morgan DeSandis of Brigantine, NJ, Diane Richardson Hamed of Ocean Park, WA, Marcia Clark Kimm of Blairstown, Marilyn Schott Kasak of Marion, Renee Sterenberg Branson of Hesperia, CA.

Third row: Chris Stoltz of Mt. Vernon, Jim Hickey of Mt. Vernon, Harold Goodrich of Mt. Vernon, Tom Childs of Burlington, WA, Warren Stoner of Mt. Vernon, Allan Miner of Los Galtos, CA, Barbara Clark Ingersoll of Ely, Jerry Krejci of Mt. Vernon, Susan Ellison Kowalczyk of Downers Grove, IL, Andrea Jennings Robinson of Pacific Grove, CA, Sandra Schweitzer Haven of Watsonville, CA, Paula Thomson of Clive, Dr. Herb Hendricks of Pine Mountain, GA.
Back row: Gary Neal of Los Alamitos, CA, Robert Jilovec of Mechanicsville, Steve Kroeger of Casey, Robert Dvorak of Mt. Vernon, Dr. Francis Pisarik of Kenosha, WI.
Attending but not pictured: Richard Stivers of Anamosa



The Class of 1963 met at the Alumni Breakfast and then rode together in the Heritage Days Parade

REUNION PICTURES REUNION PICTURES

▶ CLASS OF 1968 - 45 YEARS



The Class of 1968 held their 45th Reunion July 12-14, 2013, during Heritage Days. Front Row: Sandy Collins Prull, Janet Henderson Lacy, Donna Clark Ulch, Connie Lehman Clancy, Steve Andrew, Ken Pospisil, Karl Moses, Bob Davis, Gary Reyhons. Second Row: Doug Pospisil, Laura Werkman, Ricki Franks Onstott, Sharon Broulik Kadlec, Jane Colehour Pospisil, Linda Hess Clarkson, Gail Wolrab Logan, Candy Miller Plotz, Barb Thomsen Neal. Third Row: Craig Scheetz, Vaughn Schweitzer, Marcia Swaney Wagner, Mike Smith, Bob Kolek, Mamie Giannini Kounkel, Dan Thompson, John Goodlove, Back Row: Dale 'Dick' Bensmiller, Pat Pisarik, David Stoner, Bob Stoll, Rox Rahn, Gordy Clark.

▶ CLASS OF 1958 - 55 YEARS



The Mount Vernon High School Class of 1958 held its 55th class reunion during Heritage Days. An informal gathering was held on Friday night, July 12, at Kernoustie Golf Club, where members renewed old friendships. Many members met at the alumni breakfast at the high school Saturday morning, July 13. On Saturday evening, a banquet was held for 40 class members, spouses and guests at the Sleep Inn in Mount Vernon. Deceased classmates Roger Martin, Eddie Staskal, Dee (Jennings) Dingman, Mavis (Edwards) Spangler, Don Sievers, Jay LeRoy Heady, Steve Heady, Sharon O'Connor and Don Neal were remembered by Marilyn (Dean) Schnittjer.

Pictured at our Saturday reunion are:

Front row, left to right – Barb Schick Sharp, Roger Brush, Ron Nezerka, Gail Yeisley Rhodes, Helen Sproston Schneider, Janis Glatly Hoover, Linda Trpkosk Thomas and Marilyn Dean Schnittjer.
 Standing behind the sofa, left to right – Richard Clark, Dave Sparks, Dave Kroeger, Tom Neal, Kathy Moore Bearce and Bruce Mullen.
 Ascending stairs, bottom to top – Bob Bowman, Benny Jamison, Larry Kramer, Bub Brown, Thiara Bys Smith and Chuck Coon.

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CLASS OF 1978 - 35 YEARS



At our golf outing, standing: Kevin Halbmaier, Ann Lehman Currie, Andy Wolfe, Cynthia Deskin Halbmaier, Denise Clark Havill, Dennis Ties, Mike Hines Seated: Rob Ipsan, Warren Havill, Terry Boren, Bob Raim



The Class of 1978 met over Heritage Days 2013 for a 35th Reunion event at Kernoustie Golf Club. The classes of 1977 and 1979 also joined us. Back row standing L-R: Loren Williams, Kevin Kretchmer, Scott Brokel, Ken Zinkula, Kevin Whitman, Gregg Pospisil, Kathy Petrick Crowley, Dennis Murphy, Jody Murphy Stewart, Ann Lehman Currie, Sara Kendall, Kim Ferguson, Charlotte Morrow Kirby, Andy Wolfe, Denise Clark Havill, Steve Jilovec, Rob Ipsan, Warren Havill, Paul Holtz, Russ Neal, Jay Koehn, John Kroul, Terry Boren, Payson Peterson (behind Terry & Carol), Carol Woods Boren
Sitting L-R: Cynthia Deskin Halbmaier, Ann Koppenhaver, Chiara Niederhauser Burke, Ron Johnson, Jodie Martin Hines, Becky Thumm Whitman, Mike Hines
Laying in Front: Mike Sheetz

Classmates and friends from the 1930s through 1940s



Above: Mary Ellison Wolrab'33, Mary Mulherin 38, Austin Armstrong'33

Front row: Austin Armstrong'33, Shirlee Peterson, Mildred Fisher Knight'43, Ward Hemingway'44, Betty Pospisil Wolfe'45, John Wolfe'44, Millicent Hoggard Zeneshek'47, Janice West Johnson'45
Top row: Dick Dvorak'44, Alvin Klouda'48, Art 'Bud' Kudart'48, Lizzie Wolfe Kroul'43, Helen Peterson Meeks'46, Bob Gaines'44, Mary Brawner Viter'44, Helen Dvorak Stoner'46

Class of 2014

Welcome to new alums from the Class of 2014 -- 98 seniors graduated May 18th.



Alumni Association Board members Susan Mounts Fisher'65 and Mary Thomsen'65 were on hand at the 2014 Graduation Ceremony to our congratulate new alums. Top: Susan and is presenting Hannah Whitley with an alumni pin. Hannah is the daughter of alums Mark Whitley'75 and Heidi Niehaus'82, and the granddaughter of Ann McCutcheon Niehaus'59 and Fred Niehaus'60 Bottom: Mary is presenting a pin to Sonny Krob.

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

1922 STATE RUNNER-UP BASKETBALL TEAM

During some research Mount Vernon High School history teacher and 2012 Boys Basketball State Championship Coach Ed Timm found that Mount Vernon had a boys basketball State Runner-up team in 1922. The High School displays banners in the gym for state teams – and at this point 1922’s banner is missing. The 1922 basketball team was coached by Arlo Sanderson, and team members were captain Art Current, Wade Lentz, Dwight Miller, Francis Tollman, Robert Bauman, and Homer Stockton. A little history about team:

Excerpted from the timeline – “Iowa and Basketball – A Tradition for Millions” on the Iowa Association High School Athletic Association, IAHSAA, website:

From 1912 through 1922 the IHSAA did not officially conduct a State Tournament series. A group of educators operating with the approval of the IHSAA and known as the Iowa High School Athletic Council reviewed the records of teams and held “invitational state tournaments” usually in Iowa City and/or Ames. These college communities offered playing facilities and lodging for the teams. In 1920 continuing through the 1922 season two invitational state tournaments, one in each city, were held. This was done in an effort to promote the sport statewide. (At the 2012 State Tournament the IHSAA celebrated the first 100 years of State Tournaments.)

During the 1912-1922 era the Iowa Athletic Council sponsored a “state tournament.” With limited travel (mostly by rail), those State Tournaments were held at Iowa State College or the State University of Iowa with teams invited to play. In 1920, 1921 and 1923 tournaments were held at both sites. Starting in 1923 the IHSAA assumed full control of the sport as member schools started to add basketball to their athletic programs.

In 1922 Mount Vernon was in the Iowa City Tournament which had an A and a B class of 4 schools each. Mount Vernon lost to Cedar Rapids in the Championship Playoff:

Class B Semifinal Round:	Mount Vernon 15, Plymouth 13 Sidney 10, Valley Junction 6
Class B Final Round:	Mount Vernon 16, Sidney 11
Championship Playoff:	Cedar Rapids 26, Mount Vernon 11

From the March 23, 1922 issue of the *Mount Vernon Hawk-Eye*:

Conceding only to possible national tourney contenders, the famous Cedar Rapids ‘Tigers’, a larger and more experienced team, defeating such teams Mason City, Mt. Pleasant, Plymouth and Sidney, playing in a three day interscholastic basketball tournament representative of the best in the state, Mount Vernon H.S. last Saturday evening participating in the final contest of the highest class of Iowa basketball circles, won the highest athletic honors ever brought to the local high school and focused the attention of athletic enthusiasts throughout the state on the gallant squad which accomplished this fine record. Excitement throughout the town was spurred from the opening day, Thursday, when the locals won their first contest, augmented on Friday by three games and three straight victories. From that time on everybody in town was a basketball fan and every bit of news and comment seeping through from the tournament center at Iowa City was discussed and enjoyed in practically every place of business and every home in town. It was something new, something worth while and something that was top-rated in its field. It was a great record, a great triumph, a fine demonstration of gameness and efficiency on the part of trainer and team personnel, which whether or not it is soon duplicated will not soon be forgotten in local high school and allied circles.... Basketball teams from towns and cities all over the state were participants in the event. The games were witnessed by spectators numbering as high as 2,500.

The Cedar Rapids team went on to win first place in Chicago at the national interscholastic meet. Find complete information at <http://www.iahsaa.org/basketball/basketball-archives/> and in the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Historical Society’s Sun archives at <http://coletlibrary.org/online-resources/local-newspaper-archive/>

Does your family have a picture of this team in your scrap books? If so please share with the Alumni office by calling 319-895-8845.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MOUNT VERNON STUDENTS IN SOME WAY?

The Alumni Association has formed a new task force to help alums become more involved in our schools – mentors, pen pals, volunteers, presenters – there are lots of possibilities and many can be done from wherever you live! If this is something you are interested in, please fill out the form on page 27. Board members Crystal Covington Wherry’05 is leading the effort and will represent High School volunteers, Andrew Morf’94 will represent Middle School volunteers, and Michele Meyer Grudzinski’92 will represent Washington Elementary volunteers.

ALUMS IN OUR SCHOOLS



The Alumni Association sponsors the High School Honor Society Ceremony Reception. Volunteers at this year’s March reception were from left to right, Susan Mounts Fisher’65, Ruby Myers Montgomery’86 and Meridith Hoffman’86.



Alums presenting at this year’s Mount Vernon Middle School Career Day are Josh Henik’06 who is an agronomist and teacher at Kirkwood’s Agricultural Science Department, Jeremy Clark’05 who is a loan officer at Mount Vernon Bank & Trust, and Jenifer Carmer Back’89 who is office manager at Mount Vernon Family Dentistry.

Vince Ellison’92 is shown presenting the Margaret ‘Maggie’ Quinn Ellison Scholarship to Mount Vernon senior Kathleen McCollum’14





HERITAGE DAYS 2013...

Heritage Days 2013 brought alums and families together from all over the world. Over 400 were served at the All-Alumni Community Breakfast. An event you don't want to miss!



Daughter Linda Buresh Brouillette'62, alum Mary Bauman Kolbe'64, mother Doris Buresh, daughter Cindy Buresh Prewitt'66, and alum Jane Maxson Penfield'64



Siblings Bruce Mullen'58, Kay Mullen Morrissey'55, Ward Hemenway'44



Daughter Julie Loomis Stephenson'71 and mother Joyce Loomis



Siblings Treva Moore Heiser'50, Jim Moore'53, Betty Moore Stoneking'46, Kathy Moore Bearce'58



Jon Arnold'09 and grandmother Barb Russell



Siblings Joan Hunter Brown'63, John Hunter'60, and Janet Hunter Carmer'66



Marcia Swaney Wagner'68, John Hayes, Marilyn Schnittjer Hayes'63



Chris Frasher'98



Kassy Bragg Rice'05 Amber Gerth'03, Ashley Benter'07, Krystle Bragg'03, Nikki Stastny'12



2011 Classmates Janelle Knight and Adrienne Smith

At right sisters Janis Glatly Hoover'58 and Susan Glatly Clark'66



Eadie Schettler'10



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW - HERITAGE DAYS 2015 IS THE WEEKEND OF JULY 11

2014 Heritage Days Events

THURSDAY, JULY 10 - FRIDAY, JULY 11 - SATURDAY, JULY 12

See a complete list of events at www.mvheritedays.com and publication of events in the Heritage Days Issue of the Sun.

On Thursday join Family Night and Fireworks at Kernoustie Golf Club

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.

On Friday the Alumni-Community Reception Tent Open (next to the Bingo Tent and near Bauman's) will open from 4-9pm, and on Saturday from after the parade until dark. A great place to meet up with your friends and family!

Over Heritage Days you'll enjoy special events such as the Kids Fun Run, a 5K Run/Walk, car show, Family Fun Zone with Zipline, and of course the annual parade on Saturday at 11am.

NO FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS THIS YEAR - FOOTBALL FIELD BLEACHER CONSTRUCTION - VOLUNTEER ALL CALL - SEE PAGE 27

NEW THIS YEAR -- EARLY BIRD RECEPTION In town early? You're invited to the 'Principal's office' at the First Street Community Building for an Early Bird Reception on Friday, July 11, from 1-3 pm. Enjoy some refreshments, a little 'Taste of Iowa', and a tour of what was either your old Middle School or High School.

OPEN GYM SAT 2-4 AT HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN TO ALL

Meeting someone during Heritage Days?

Tell them 'Let's meet at the Alumni Tent'



Crystal Covington Wherry'05, Greg Pospisil'78 & wife Robin



Allene Merritt Bys'52, Carlyle Bys'53, George Brown'53



1943 Classmates Lizzy Wolfe Kroul and Mildred Fisher Knight with Mildred's son Jim



Cecilia Sullivan'13

Below: For last 10 years+ Carlyle Bys'53 has represented the Alumni Association in the Heritage Days Parade with his 1950 Jeepster Touring Phaeton (Thank you, Carlyle!). Out of commission in 2012 and 2013, Dave Kroeger'58 drove his 1936 LaSalle in the parade. He is shown here at left, with his brother Jerry Kroeger'59



1959 Classmates Karen Williams Huerter and Linda Schick Drahos



Below left: Bill Bys'68 and Tom Carew'87

1960 Classmates John Rife and Annamae Stoneking Baker





THANK YOU for your 2013-2014 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 2013-14 year. **Please see the back cover of this issue for the 2014-2015 Support Form.**

Does your name have an asterisk* behind it? This means you have already contributed for the 2014-2015 year.

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

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Iowa City, IA	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	Marion, IA	Cedar Rapids, IA	Chattanooga, TN
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Mt. Juliet, TN	San Antonio, TX	Burlington, IA	Clive, IA	El Cajon, CA
Vernon Burge*37*	David Wolfe*50	Kay Mullen Morrissey*55	Marilyn Dean Schnittjer*58	Jim Clark*62*
Mount Vernon IA	Los Angeles, CA	Monson, MA	Mount Vernon, IA	Mesa, AZ
Lloyd Ellison*37*	Howard DeCamp*51*	Jerry Ringer*55*	David Sparks*58	Ernest Farris*62
Springfield, MO	Lombard, IL	Bloomington, IL	Ankeny, IA	Anamosa, IA
Helen Peet*37*	Lloyd Duffe*51*	Nargi Rayman Steinbrech*55*	Helen Sproston Schneider*58*	Bill Horton*62*
Mechanicsville IA	Fusagasvga, Columbia	Solon, IA	Center Point, IA	Trophy Club, TX
Dorothy Beach Fisher*38*	Dick McKeen*51	David Van Metre*55*	Jeannette Hammond Blessing*59	Sharon O'Hara*62*
Aiken SC	Iowa City, IA	Omaha, NE	Mountain Home, AR	Oconomowoc WI
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Mount Vernon, IA	Manning, SC	Mount Vernon, IA	Cedar Rapids, IA	Fairfax, IA
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Albany, OR	Mount Vernon, IA	Solon, IA	Anamosa, IA	Mechanicsville, IA
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Lambertson*42	Solon, IA	Cedar Rapids, IA	Johnston, IA	Mount Vernon, IA
Cedar Rapids, IA	George Brown*53*	Roger Schnittjer*56	Bill Jilovec*59*	Sandra Schweitzer Haven*63*
Clara Meroshek Pospisil*42	Kearney, NE	Mount Vernon, IA	Mechanicsville, IA	Watsonville, CA
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Wagaman*44	Jean Pavelka Litts*53*	Douglas Wolrab*56*	Shirley Andrews Sparks*59	Gloria Herboldsheimer Krob*63*
Lisbon, IA	Mount Vernon, IA	Cedar Rapids, IA	Ankeny, IA	Lisbon, IA
Glenn Klinsky*45	Susan Albright Kehrli*53*	Bonnie Humes Boodon*57*	Annamae Stoneking Baker*60*	Steve Kroeger*63*
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Mount Vernon, IA	Mount Vernon, IA	Mount Vernon, IA	Mount Vernon, IA	Riverside, IA
Helen Dvorak Stoner*46*	Crystal Carmer Osborn*53*	William Bowers*57*	Susan Dye Hodin*60	Roy Wolfe*63*
Amana, IA	Mount Vernon, IA	Mount Vernon, IA	Arbada, CO	Viera, FL
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		Sun Lakes, AZ	Littleton, NH	Centennial, CO
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		Shorewood, MN	Bloomington, IL	Northfield, IL
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		Glenview, IL	Oakgrove, MO	Martelle, IA
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		Solon, IA	Simpsonville, SC	Iowa Falls, IA
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		Lisbon, IA	Cedar Rapids, IA	Naples, FL
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		Marion, IA	Aurora, CO	West Olive, MI
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		Marion, IA	Austin, MN	Mount Vernon, IA
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		Browns Valley, CA	Mechanicsville, IA	Peoria, IL

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- Kay Mullen Morrissey'55
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- Jenna Wiebel Wischmeyer '91
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Janet Hess Smith'57 in honor of
Karen Jilovec Martin'57
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Clara Meroshek Pospisil'42 in
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- Marilyn Woods Overman'45 in
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- CORRECTIONS**
The following alums were
missed in the listing last
spring:
Lana Richardson Hartl'66
Don 'Skip' Killen'47
Merritt Staley'47
- DONATIONS**
Thank you to the following individuals who have given donations to
the Association, either in addition to their support/dues, in memory of
someone, or as a gift to help the Association.
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- Dick McKeen'51
- George Brown'53
- Betty Dostal Carney'53
- Crystal Carmer Osborn'53
- Fae Sparks Edwards'54
- Larry Edwards'54
- Kay Mullen Morrissey'55
- Phyllis Brecht White'55
- Roger Schnittjer'56
- Class of 1958
- Ron Nezerka'58
- Marilyn Dean Schnittjer'58
- Richard Blew'60
- Judith Caldwell Penn'60
- John Rife'60 and Thelma Rife
- Michael Biderman'62
- Gloria Herboldsheimer Krob'63
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memory of Ann Young Hale'47
- Marilyn Woods Overman'45
in memory of C.J. 'Bud'
Druger'45
- Millicent Hoggard Zenishek'47
in memory of 1947
classmates Iolene Gaines
Clark, Jim Croft, Ann Young
Hale, Francis Hoodmaker
William Lenz'52 in memory of
Shirley Lenz Brown'53
- William Lenz'52 in memory of
Linda Lenz Schoenfelder'59
- Ann Vislisl Pavik'52 in
memory of Alice Vislisl
Faars'55
- Ann Vislisl Pavik'52 and Al
Pavik in memory of Adeline
Biderman Gaimari'52
- Gail Yeisley Rhodes'58 in
memory of Linda Trpkosh
Thomas'58
- Karen Williams Huerter'59
in memory of classmates
John Swanberg and Dennis
Drahas
- Annamae Stoneking Baker'60
in memory of Dennis
Drahas'59
- Class of 1963 in memory of
Gladys Rife
- Class of 1963 in memory of
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 Lynn Maaske'73 in memory of Michael Maaske'65 and Paul & Pauline Maaske
 Liz Smith Burgess'77 and Mark Burgess'67 in memory of Jody Burgess'72
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 Joyce Loomis in memory of Amy Bellamy'81
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THANK YOU

Over 200 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 Alumni Association or to the Save The Fields Program. We are thankful to Suzanne and her family for their generous gift to the MV Alumni Association from so many memorials. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Alumni Association in memory of Suzanne.

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

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

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

DONATIONS TO BOTH ASSOCIATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Mustangs...What Are They Doing Now?

■ MARK HYLBAK'73



After my graduation in 1973, I attended the University of Iowa studying broadcasting and film. I received a B.A. in 1977 and went to work at KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids where I became a "news junkie". Worked my way up the ladder and started directing the 6PM and 10PM news in 1981. Then I heard about some crazy guy named Ted Turner who was starting up a 24 hour news channel on cable.

I joined CNN in 1983 as a Director and have been in Atlanta ever since. The work here is always interesting and often quite exciting. CNN has provided me with many opportunities to travel around the world. One highlight would be in 1991 when I was behind the Kremlin walls in Moscow when Mikail Gorbachev resigned, then going to the Russian White House the next day and meeting with their new leader Boris Yeltsin. Watching the Soviet Union flag come down on Red Square for the last time was amazing. Another unforgettable trip was covering the Princess Diana funeral in London in 1997. The event was exciting, exhausting, and emotional.

In my free time there are many sports teams in Atlanta, so I go to a lot of games. One year I attended 166 games. That was fun! And of course, I need something to wear to the games. Many teams sell their game worn jerseys at the end of the season. The jerseys may have grass stains on them, but they are often cheaper than the jerseys in the stores. I have gone somewhat overboard in this area and currently have over 4,100 game worn jerseys.

Not much left on my bucket list. I got to ride the Zamboni at an NHL game (I can die a happy man). I threw out the first pitch at a baseball game. Been to all 50 states.

There are many teachers at MVHS that I would like to thank: Dr. Rife for encouraging me when I was making films. Mr. Peters for a sense of history. Mr Landis for an understanding of government. Mr. Silliman for showing me that there is a big world out there. And Mr. Stine for being around.

Even though I have lived in Georgia for 30 years, I still tell people that I am from Iowa and proud of it. Mark can be reached at Mark.Hylbak@turner.com



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



Thanks to the following volunteers who formed a committee to judge the High School graduation speeches. Their job was to pick the two best speeches out of four, that would then be presented at graduation. From left to right Dean Borg, Sheila Borg, Annamae Stoneking Baker'60, Karen Jilovec Martin'57, Alumni Association Board Member and Committee organizer Crystal Covington Wherry'05, Lisa Lewis'83, Chris Kinley Osborn'80 , Tawnya Darrow Hotchkin'05, Jeremy Clark'05 and Mitch Corcoran'83

Jim Gunn'46 Gives Bell to Abbe Creek School



(Following is an excerpt from an article in the *Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun*, January 9, 2014 - *Former student hopes bell tolls again at historic school*)

Jim Gunn'46 remembers the teacher ringing the bell outside the Abbe Creek School when he attended there as a child, and now he wants the bell returned to the school for visitors to enjoy. "It should go back to the school," Jim said. The school, located on Mount Vernon Road west of Mount Vernon, is now operated as a museum by the Linn County Conservation Board. It looks like Jim will get his wish. Jenny Corbett, lead naturalist with Linn County Conservation, said the department welcomes the bell. "We do want it," she said. Corbett pointed out that work is scheduled to begin this spring to repair moisture damage, add climate control and add security at Abbe Creek School. Earlier in 2013 the state Department of Natural Resources approved a \$50,000 state Historical Resource Development Program grant that is being matched by the county for a total project value of \$100,800. "We were able to place the school on the National Historic Register to apply for the grant," Corbett said. It is imperative that the county do the structural work and repair moisture damage at the old school, she noted. "It's always been so hard to put real artifacts in there before," she added. Architect Douglas Steinmetz of Cedar Rapids will be working on the repair project, Corbett said. Jim Gunn, who's now 85, attended the school roughly 80 years ago. His great-grandparents lived on the



property behind the nearby Abbe Creek Cemetery, and his mother, Hazel, also attended the school.

The cast iron bell currently is securely mounted on a pole just outside the living room of the Gunns' rural Mount Vernon home. It has many coats of black paint on it, and Jim would like to see it sand-blasted. He bought the bell for around \$50 to \$75 at an auction in the 1960s.

From the time he obtained the bell many years ago, Jim has intended for it to go back to its historic location.

The schoolhouse museum is about a mile west of Mount Vernon on the Lincoln Highway (now County Road E48). The school was organized in 1844, and the building was built in 1856. It is thought to be the oldest one-room brick school still standing in the state. It is open the first and third Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. June 1 through Aug. 31. It is usually closed during the winter.

Editor's Note: Since this article, Jenny Corbett from Linn County confirmed that that bell would start to be renovated this spring and they hope to have it done by August or September. When the bell is done there will be a ceremony and alumni and community members will be invited to attend. Jenny says that both Jim and Austin Armstrong'33 were students of the school.



ALUMNI COMMENTS

TO THE CLASS OF 1963: To the best classmates anyone could ever have. I would like to thank you all for your prayers, support and caring kindness to me while going through my fight with cancer. Your prayers and great thoughts humbled me greatly. To think that so many of you cared was overwhelming. With your prayers and best wishes, we beat the cancer. Although I am cancer free, the fight is not totally won. I am working hard to regain my strength and to be able to maintain my weight – with your continued best wishes I will succeed. Again, thank you all and may God bless each of you.

Tom Childs'63, Burlington, Washington

New Alums make 2014 History

With the conclusion of their senior seasons in the state finals Feb. 22, Mount Vernon's Trey Ryan'14 and Josh Cannon'14 entered the MVHS wrestling record book. Ryan earned a state championship at 170 pounds, becoming the 10th Mustang since 1957 to earn a title.

The 10 Mustangs have combined for 15 state gold medals – John Broulik, Randy Majors, Paul Hufford, Greg Randall (four), Steve Randall (two), Shawn Voigt, Tracey Allen, Jacob Craig (two), Matt Kroul and Ryan.

Ryan also became the Mustang with the most wins. With his 157 career victories, Ryan topped his brother Jacob's 153. Cannon became the 14th Mustang to earn runner-up status since 1957. They've combined for 16 second-place finishes: Mick Snodgrass (two), Robert Broulik, Dan Broulik (two), Bill Bowers, Marty Williams, Shawn Voigt, Doug Rogers, Tracey Allen, Todd Neal, Chad Thurn, Nick Thurn, Jacob Ryan, Trey Ryan and Cannon. Cannon also became the Mount Vernon wrestler with the eighth most career wins, with 122 victories.

Ryan and Cannon also got into the record books with their single-season wins this past season. Ryan moved into the top spot with 47 victories (four more than the previous record holders, his brother Jacob in 2007, and Nick Thurn in 1999). Cannon had 41 wins to move into the No. 4 spot for most wins in a season.

All-time career pins was also a milestone for Ryan. He recorded 86 during his high school time on the mat, the most by seven (Kroul is second with 79). In the category of the most pins in a single season, Ryan's 26 this past season is shared with Kroul (2003), Devon Gonzalez (2007) and Nelson Jerabek (2009). Head coach Vance Light, who's held the position since 1994, also remains high in the Mustang record book. He has the most dual wins of any Mount Vernon coach, with 313. No. 2 is Larry Straw, with 82 wins from 1967 to 1977.

(Source, the *Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun*)
SUN MARCH 13 Ryan, Cannon make MVHS history





THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



Labeling the spring Alumni Newsletter for mailing, are top photo: Treva Moore Heiser '50, Marilyn Dean Schnitther '58, Marie Sippola '59 Middle photo from left to right: Jan Lowe Majors '57, Kay Woods, Annamae Stoneking Baker '60, Karen Jilovec Martin '57, Nargi Rayman Steinbrech '55, Tex Clay '64, Treva and Marilyn
Bottom photo: Nargi, Tex, Treva, Marilyn



Quite a group gathered in November to label the fall mailing. In no particular order: Bob Dvorak '63, Leona Reyhons Smith '56, Annamae Stoneking Baker '60, Dennis Wolrab '64, Tex Clay '64, Marilyn Dean Schnitther '58, Roger Schnitther '56, Jan Lowe Majors '57, Gary Kaplan '64, JoAnn Kroul Clark '64, Keith Clark '60, Tina Gugler '78, Shirley Swanson Gugler '65

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MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS

Miranda Roudabush '13 married Andrew Vierra on December 23, 2013.

Lane Stewart '07 is engaged to marry Carrie Van Houten on Aug. 22, 2014.

Kierstyn Borg '06 married Kent Mickelson Nov. 30, 2013. The couple reside in Ankeny.

Jennifer Barnes '05 married Adam M. DuBois on June 29, 2013 The couple resides in Marion.

Joe Siegle '04 married Katie Bennett on April 12, 2014. The couple reside in Cedar Rapids.

ANNIVERSARIES

Marilyn Woods Overman '45 and husband Ray of Mount Vernon, 65th years, April 23, 1949

Joyce Olmstead Lucas '57 and husband Jim of Central City, IA celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on June 1st, 2013

Dave Kroeger '58 and wife Karen of Marion, IA, 50 years, October 19, 1963

Linda Peterson Nost '63 and husband Edward of Lisbon, 50 years, February 29, 1964

BABY NEWS

Danielle Dye '09 and Andre Vasser of Mount Vernon, a son, Kael Andreus Vasser, Oct. 10, 2013. Grandfather is Dan Dye '72.

Jake Ryan '07 and wife Alexa of Minneapolis, MN, a son Richard Nolan, April 10, 2014

David Rice '06 and **Kassy Bragg Rice '06** of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Charlee Sue, February 26, 2014

Lauren Penn Oliphant '05 and husband Tim of Olathe, KS, a son Wesley Grant on April 3, 2014

Tyler Leeper '03 and wife Jamie of Minneapolis, MN, a son, Niko Thomas, December 12, 2013.

MacKenzie Neal Paulson '03 and husband Dustin of Minneapolis, MN, a son, Bentley Neal, April 2, 2014.

Maggie Burke Slaymaker '03 and husband Brock of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Rozlyn Katherine Slaymaker on March 13, 2014. Grandmother is Chiara Niederhauser Burke '78

Ryan Whitman '03 and wife Tasha of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Mia Renee Whitman, April 18, 2014

Ian Dye '01 and **Shauna Applebee Dye '01**

of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Lydia Beatrice, Nov. 7, 2013. Grandfather is Dan Dye '72.

Cassidy Sill Reinken '01 and husband John of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Eloise Mavis, Nov 13, 2013

Andrew Telecky '01 and wife Samantha of Ewing, KY, a son Ryker, Dec. 15, 2013

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

Kasey Lange '98 and wife Sara of Mount Vernon, a daughter, Teagan Code, March 31, 2014

Chad Pitlik '98 and wife Devan of Albuquerque, N.M., a son, Levi Wayne, Jan. 13, 2014 Levi's grandfather is Doug Pitlik '79 of Mount Vernon

EDUCATION & MILITARY SERVICE

BUCN Miranda Roudabush-Vierra '13 completed the Navy's Expeditionary Combat Skills program on February 21, 2014. She has now joined SeaBee Battalion 5 on base in Port Huenueme California.

Brandon Klatt '11, Air Force Airman, graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Joshua Haug '10 earned a bachelor of science in engineering in electrical engineering at the U of Iowa 2013 Fall Session

Lacey Downey '09, bachelor of arts, elementary education, middle level education dual major, University of Northern Iowa at 2013 fall commencement ceremonies.

Kara Henik '09, with highest honors, bachelor of arts, elementary education; University of Northern Iowa at 2013 fall commencement ceremonies.

Ben Kraus '09 earned a bachelor in art, informatics at the U of Iowa 2013 Fall Session

Samantha Weber '08, bachelor of arts, early childhood education, elementary education University of Northern Iowa at 2013 fall commencement ceremonies.

John Weirather '09, bachelor of arts, English. University of Northern Iowa at 2013 fall commencement ceremonies.

Inga Jaeger '02 graduated summa cum laude from Cornell College in December with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. Inga has been notified that her college research paper titled "Industrial Agriculture and Sustainable Solutions" will be

published soon in *Dialectics: Journal of Leadership, Politics and Society*, an online academic journal published by Penn State.

Andrew Telecky'01 earned an Associate of law enforcement administration. He is now working on a bachelors degree and is living in Kentucky running his own business, Solutions You Need!

AND MORE...

Jeff Meeker'89 and **Monica Lehner**

Meeker'86 ran in the 2014 Boston Marathon. Jeff and Monica live in Mount Vernon. See article about their run in *The Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun* May 1 issue)

Laura Werkman'68 is celebrating 45 years this June 2014 as a licensed cosmetologist and 34 years as a salon owner in October.

Jessica Hines House'84 and husband Tom purchased a Veterinary Practice in St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands last year. Jessica wrote in to say "Anyone in class of 1984, you have an open invitation!"

Kelly Rhone'04 wrote and is directing the comedy play "They Don't Even Go To The Party" in Los Angeles June 12-27

Braden Pospisil Rood'93 was chosen as Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Volunteer of the Month for February 2014.

Mike Smith'68 was chosen as Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Volunteer of the Month for March 2014.

Dan Dye'72 of Mount Vernon was recently honored as the volunteer of the year at Hallmark Care Center in Mount Vernon.

Jeff White'08 appeared in episodes 4 and 5 of the second season of "The Americans", a television show on the FX network which started February 26. His episodes aired March 19 and 26. The show, starring Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys, is about two KGB agents who are posing as a suburban couple with children in Washington, DC during the early '80's "cold war." Jeff graduated from Iowa State in 2012 with a performing arts degree and then spent a year at Actors Theatre of Louisville, KY as an acting apprentice. He lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Alex Morf'99 is performing on Broadway as Curley in the current production of "Of Mice and Men" starring James Franco as George and Chris O'Dowd as Lennie. Leighton Meester plays Curley's Wife. The production runs through July 27 at the Longacre Theatre in New York City.



photos compliments of Braden Rood'93

Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group (CDG) volunteers received the State of Iowa's best Fundraising Award for 'The Frank Benesh'56 Memorial Telethon A GoGo' at the 27th annual Main Street Iowa Awards celebration. Shown above, Alums **Kim Benesh'85** at left, and **Braden Pospisil Rood'93** at right, with CDG Director Joe Jennison, were among the Mount Vernon volunteers who were at the Awards Celebration where they received their award from Governor Terry Branstad. The telethon event was held in March 2013 as part of the annual Comedy Festival. The telethon honored the late **Frank Benesh'56** who supported theater and other local activities. The telethon raised more than \$16,000. The funds will go toward upgrades of the theatre at the First Street Community Center.

Shelby Kinzel'09, a senior volleyball Player at the University of Northern Iowa was named to the NCAA 1st Academic All-American team.

George Hill'49 of West Orange, NJ, published a new book "Proceed to Peshawar" in November, 2013. The book is the story of a U.S. Navy intelligence Mission on the Afghan Border in 1943.

Chelsea Dowdell'06 is currently attending the University of Phoenix for her Masters in Business Administration with an anticipated graduation date of December 2014. While going to school she is working full time at Hibu, Inc. in Cedar Rapids as a Distribution Marketing Coordinator.

Jim Moore'53 was elected mayor of Mount Vernon in November 2013.

Taylor Dicus'11 (volleyball/basketball) and **Kylea Weber'11** (volleyball/softball) were co-recipients of Junior Female Athlete of the Year at Cornell College in Mount Vernon. Dicus is the career leader for blocks in volleyball, where she earned all-conference and all-region honors. Also a first-team all-conference pick in basketball, Dicus finished as the 2013-14 Division III leader in field goal percentage (65.2). Kylea Weber garnered honorable mention All-America accolades during the 2013 volleyball season. The school's career digs leader ranked 10th nationally in that category and was voted first team all-MWC and all-region. Weber joined the softball team for the first time this spring and was among the league's top outfielders with a .316 batting average.

Maggie Lessmeier Willems'96, Mount Vernon High School's head Volleyball

coach, was named 3A coach of the year for Iowa's northeast district

Emily Ryan Stamp'09 of Mount Vernon was named a finalist of the 2013 Barron Bremner Outstanding Athlete Award at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Emily is a teacher at Mount Vernon Middle School.

Katie Freeman'98 played a big role in getting 2013 National Book Award winner James McBride's novel to a wide audience. McBride's book, "The Good Lord Bird" took top honors in 2013. Katie, associate director of publicity at Riverhead Books in New York, works with up to a dozen authors at a time. Her job includes arranging author tours, press interviews and reviews. See complete article about Katie in the December 5, 2013 issue of *The Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun*

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Pictured above, front from left to right: Ron Armstrong'64, Gary Knutsen'65, Tim Simmons'64, Randy Hoidahl'61. Back: Bill Bauman'66, (guy peeking in back unknown), Mike Troyer'61, Dick Miner'61, Vic Wallace'61, Jim Wallace'64, Lawrence Studt'63, David Studt'61. Submitted by Dick Miner'61, he says "this snapshot was taken in the original High School Gym (now the First Street Community Building), most likely over Christmas vacation in 1966. Troyer, Miner, Wallace, Hoidahl, and Studt were all members of the 1960-1961 Conference Championship Basketball Team". Dick says "We won the sectionals that year, then lost to Monticello after triple overtime in sudden death play for the District Championship. Monticello ended up winning the Class A State Championship."

DID YOU MOVE? HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS? GET MARRIED?
 Don't forget to send your updated contact information, email addresses, and news items to the Alumni Association at alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us or call 319-895-8845

Editor's Note: As we were working to identify everyone in this picture, Randy Hoidahl'61 had commented: "In one of our alumni games we had the Studt crew - and for awhile had five 'Studt' players on the floor at same time - so the PA announcer could say: Studt dribbles down the floor, passes to Studt, over to Studt in the corner, back to Studt in the middle, out to Studt at top of circle, who shoots, misses and Studt rebounds, passes to Studt underneath who puts it back in the basket!! So score two points to Studt, one rebound to Studt, and one assist to Studt...Think playing in that game were John, Vernie, Leroy, David and Lawrence. Maybe Sam, too, or in place of John....Too bad we probably do not have a pic from that game."



VOLUNTEER ALL-CALL TO ASSIST WITH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD BLEACHER CONSTRUCTION IN JULY -- WANT TO HELP? SEE PAGE 23

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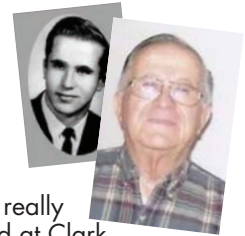
HERITAGE DAYS 2014-July 10-12

CALL TO ACTION

Over the years Heritage Days has developed from just another small town festival to an event celebrating and showcasing our unique small town heritage which includes an impressive alumni gathering. This gathering is unique to Iowa, where classes spanning several decades hold their reunion on the same night every year. This is a reflection of the alumni and what it means to be from Mt. Vernon. Recently we pivoted from unimaginative rides to new and more exciting rides like a 220' Zipline and the 4 person Eurobungy. However, we also recognized the need for historical rides. Therefore, this year we are excited to introduce a 50' Ferris wheel to our stable of rides which captures the spirit of small town America and aligns to our iconic Heritage Days symbol. Heritage Days needs alumni support to continue to make this event special and to allow us continually keep people coming back year after year as we celebrate our small town culture. Please visit our homepage www.mvheritagedays.com to give a tax deductible donate with a simple click of the button. Every donation, no matter how small, helps ensure Heritage Days will continue to be a success!

A Fun Memory

from the Class of 1963's 50th Reunion Publication



from DICK STIVERS'63...

"One memory that has really stuck with me happened at Clark Air Force Base, Phillipine Islands. It was a rainy day and the Army chow hall was closer and when I walked in there was a guy knew. I got my food and went to sit with him and he told me to leave, he was army and I air force. I said "but wait I know you from somewhere" he looked up and said "I don't know you leave me alone." I stood and named off places I had been and still he was very rude and wanted me to leave. Then I said "you are from Iowa" and he said "yes so what", I said "Mt. Vernon" and he said "sit down." It was Tom Humes'62 on his way to Ethiopia. I talked to Tom after we were both discharged a couple times."

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

Alumni News...



Director Elise Rodenberg (6th & 7th Bands), Guest Conductor Bill Pringle'72, Director Bernie Moore (8th through 12th grade bands)

Bill Pringle'72 (MV Alumni Association's 2013 Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient) was guest band conductor Feb. 27, 2014 at the 6th-12th grade Mount Vernon Festival of Bands concert. Bill spent the day working with band students in class, and during the evening concert conducted one music selection with each band. Bill offered this reflection back to the students and teachers:

"I grew up, went away to college and pretty much lost contact with Mount Vernon. I continued to visit my parents on an annual basis until they passed away, but I rarely strayed out into the community. Dan Dye'72 and I occasionally met for lunch here in Iowa City. We cussed and discussed our childhood adventures and memories and talked about old friends that we would like to see again. He seemed happy living in Mount Vernon, and happy with the school system. For me however, I still believed in the old adage that "you can't go home again."

Boy was I wrong! Recently I had the chance to revisit Mount Vernon on two very special occasions. The first occasion was last fall for my induction into the Fine Arts Hall of Fame. This was truly a memorable and first class event. The second was in February as a guest conductor for the Mount Vernon bands. Both times I went in not knowing what to expect. Both times I was absolutely, positively overwhelmed with the friendly adults, well behaved students—all definitely "above average", and the excellent teaching I encountered. Sure, I had some tips for the "young" band directors, but I also stressed to the students to listen to their teachers because they are telling them the right things to do.

I am so proud and pleased that another generation of Mount Vernon students can have some of the great educational and musical experiences that I had in school. Now I know that I don't have a grasp of everything that is right or wrong with the Mount Vernon

school district, but as an alumnus with 37 years of teaching experience in five different school districts I feel like I have a pretty good basis for comparison. It appears to me that there are a lot of great things happening in the Mount Vernon school system. It appears to me that there are vibrant, eager to improve, teachers and staff that put kids first. And it appears to me that there are a lot of excellent parents, because I met a lot of great kids! Once again, Mount Vernon is the exception to the rule. I came home again and it was great! Thank you for allowing me to experience once again what it feels like to be a Mustang. I look forward to coming back, "giving back", and looking back, at some special



Tom Wilkinson'86, Spanish and German Languages teacher at Mount Vernon Schools, started an Archery program in 2007 with a handful of students who wanted to try it out. Now a very successful and popular program, this year Tom had 120 archers in grades 4-12 along with 20+ parent coaches. They sent 61 archers to nationals where the Middle School team placed 20th, High School 52nd, Elementary School 82nd after facing about 700 school teams (about 200) in each division from approx. 40+ states. You can see the Archery Team on Facebook at Mount Vernon Archery or online at mvtraparchery.org. Congratulations to Tom who was named Ed Thomas coach of the week by local CBS2 and FOX28 March 27th for having a strong impact on the community and on the sidelines.



CORRECTION:

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

Chelsea Johnson'09 married Seth Harris, June 8th, 2013.

In Memory of classmates we have lost

Beth Eloise Baker Mast'33

Bozeman, MT Jan. 30, 2014

Helen Burge Woods'35

Anamosa, IA January 1, 2014

John R. Becker'46

Encinadis, CA Oct. 23, 2013

Howard DeCamp'51

Lombard, IL October 12, 2013

Susan White'83

Cedar Rapids, IA Dec. 12, 2013

FRIENDS

Nancy Swisher

Iowa City, IA 11-14-2013

Bill Nichols

Bettendorf, IA 12/17/13

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



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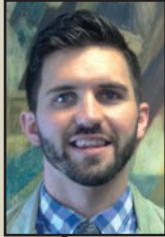
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With continued gratitude,
Ben Brannaman '05,
Foundation Director

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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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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 \$6,000 for seven grants during the 2013-2014 academic year. Recipients of the funds are:

\$300 'Live From The Heart' DVD set

High School Science Teachers Heather Allen and Jan Henik utilized their grant dollars to purchase a program called 'Live From The Heart' which provides students the opportunity to see a heart bypass operation. The program also interviews the staff in the surgery room, giving the students an idea of the training and schooling required for those professions.

\$1,000 eBooks for Library

A foundation grant made it possible for Middle School/High School Teacher Librarian Suzette Kragenbrink to purchase eBooks for both Libraries. The eBooks can be checked out even when the library is closed.

\$360 Alternative Energy Circuit Kits

Middle School Science Teacher Rob Hanson was able to provide his eighth grade students with "...an enriching hands on experience." He used a foundation grant to purchase alternative energy circuit kits which enable students to research and build circuits, demonstrating alternative energy sources such as wind, hydro, solar, and biomass.

\$500 Art Instillation for Magical Night

District Art Teachers Mark Benesh '83, Sarah Fitzgerald and Ely Sotillo worked with Mount Vernon students to create a winter-themed art instillation that was displayed during the City of Mount Vernon's annual Magical Night celebration. The large scale instillation gave students the chance to plan, construct and display their work in a unique environment.

\$3,465 iPods for High School PE

Physical Education Teacher Chelsee Shortt now has iPods available for use in her High School PE classes. Chelsee says, "The iPods have been a tool for advancing the learning of fitness and health. With the enhancement of bluetooth technology and countless new applications, I feel this tool will be versatile in my classroom for years." One of her classes used the iPods to create and track fitness goals in a weight room unit.

\$375 Stereo Headsets with Microphones

Middle School Social Studies Teacher Kim Steele was able to purchase 30 stereo headsets with microphones to be used by her sixth grade students.

Below, sixth grade students headphones in Mrs. Steele's Social Studies class
Bottom, eighth grade students are working with alternative energy circuits in Mr. Hansen's science room



Donation Updates School Fitness Rooms



Thank you to alum **Dave Van Metre '55** and his wife Carol for their generous donation to update the Middle School and High School weight/fitness rooms for strength and conditioning. The Van Metre's donated nearly \$14,000 in equipment to the two schools. The donation from the Dave & Carole will be used by many students for years to come.

Establishing A Scholarship

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

Funds can be set up as a memorial, as an honorarium of a special person, as a means to celebrate a special life event, or as an opportunity to bring donors together for a common goal.

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

All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. Donations can be made in any form, such as cash, securities, life insurance, or bequests. Contact Foundation Director Ben Brannaman at Foundation@mountvernon.k12.ia.us or 319-693-9520 for more information or to set up a scholarship fund.



Since the 'Save Our Fields' efforts began considerable work has been accomplished at the football field – including additional lights and a new scoreboard. We are now working to put in new home-side bleachers that will have a seating capacity at least double that of the current capacity. Construction has already begun and installation of the aluminum bleachers is set to be completed prior to the 2014 football season.

To fully fund the installation of the new bleachers we need your help. We are calling on alumni, businesses, parents and friends of the Mount Vernon community to help us make this happen.

We encourage you to partner with us and invest in the future of Mount Vernon's historic football field. Watch for a mailing to come to your mailbox soon, and return your contribution with the pledge form, OR mail at any time to Foundation, 525 Palisades Road SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314.

Questions or interested in learning more? Please feel free to contact Foundation Director Ben Brannaman '05 at 319-693-9520 or bbrannaman@mountvernon.k12.ia.us.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 2013-14 a few highlights...

AUGUST

- Dr. Gary O'Malley joins the District as Superintendent and Kate Jones is new Washington Elementary principal
- MS students start 1:1 i-pad program for grades 5-8
- HS Baseball earns WAMAC East title and goes to State Tourney in July
- HS Cheerleaders have 9 members selected UCA All-Americans
- Enrollment continues to increase

SEPTEMBER

- Homecoming was October 4 -- Trey Ryan and Hannah Whitley were named king and queen
- PERL, the Playgrounds and Recreation Spaces measure is approved by voters
- Tom Wieseler steps down after 27 years on the School Board
- New school board members are Tara Brokovich, Sherry Grunder and Lori Merlak

OCTOBER

- MV Football places 5 on 2013 All-District Team & 16 on Academic All-District team -- 1st Team All-State honors to Robbie Peters and Jake Pisarik
- MV-L Girls Cross Country finish 1st in Wamac, 5th at State, and Coach Sue Diebner is awarded WAMAC Cross Country Coach of the Year

NOVEMBER

- Fall musical is 'Aida'
- Five vocalists and musicians earn HS All-State Honors and 5 Middle School students chosen for Opus Honor Choir
- High School Volleyball places 4th at State, led by alums Head Coach Maggie Lessmeier Willems'96 and Brandi Viter-Pitlik'96. Willems was named coach of the year for the northeast district in Class 3A
- Mount Vernon hosts first-ever Robotics Tournament
- Two Mount Vernon senior football players were named to the Des Moines Register Class 2A All-State football, first team defense - Jake Pisarik and Robbie Peters
- Yearbook staff earns top honors from Iowa High School Press Assoc.

DECEMBER

- Elementary students created 'Magical Forest' art display at Community Center for Magical Night
- Wes Bruns is new HS Boys Basketball head coach.

JANUARY

- Alum Ben Brannaman'05 is hired to lead the Foundation program
- Middle School students head to the ski slopes for their annual Ski Trip

- Science Olympiad team is started at the High School
- High School wrestling coach Vance Light joins exclusive club of fewer than 45 coaches in the history of the sport in Iowa by going over the 300 dual win mark with his Mustang teams
- Superintendent Gary O'Malley will hold 4 forums about school facilities

FEBRUARY

- HS wrestling team earns district championship and sends 4 Mustangs to state tourney, with Trey Ryan placing 1st in State at 170lbs
- Robbie Peters selected to the 2014 Shrine Bowl
- Alum Dave Van Metre'55 and his wife Carole make an update to the Middle School and High School weight rooms happen

MARCH

- HS Robotics team earns honors at State
- MS Archers earn 1st at State Tourney
- Senior Mickey Hines named Mr. MVHS
- MVHS places 8th at State Academic Decathlon
- Sunny Rahe Shultz'97 is keynote speaker at HS Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- HS Speech Team earns ten division 1 ratings at State Individual Events competition, and senior Emma Conroy was chosen All-State Performer in solo musical theatre
- Band, Choir, and Orchestra groups score 1's at Large Group Contest
- HS Large Group Speech Team earns 6 Division 1 ratings at State Large Group Contest.
- HS art students display and sell art at Lincoln Highway Art Festival
- Archery Club has 3 teams at State in the top three and 25 archers in the top 20, under direction of coach Tom Wilkinson'86

APRIL

- MS Science Olympiad earns state title and will go to Nationals
- High School Disc golf club is formed
- Spring HS play is '33 Variations'

MAY

- 98 Seniors graduate
- 8th grader Maggie Lynott recreated the famous Afghan woman from *National Geographic* at Chalk the Walk and took first place -- making her next year's featured Chalk the Walk artist.
- Lance Pedersen is new Mount Vernon High School head football coach
- Our four parent groups donate over \$160 thousand to MV Schools



FOOTBALL FIELD GETS A FACE LIFT



Work began in April of this year to replace the dilapidated Mount Vernon football field bleachers with a modern, more easily accessible metal bleacher system. The new bleachers will almost double the home side seating capacity.

After volunteers removed the wooden boards and steel railings, cement removal began with the help of M & K Dust Control owners Fred Meyer, Michelle Meyer Grudzinski'92, and their staff. The next phase of the project will include digging footings and cement work for the new bleachers.

Get your tax deductible donations in by June 30, 2014 to be included in the recognition plaques. For more information and pictures of the project in process go to www.savethemountvernonfield.com

VOLUNTEER ALL-CALL...

It's happening folks...and probably faster that we can even imagine. On May 2 Southern Bleacher Rep Todd Townsend spoke with the 'Save the Fields' group to explain the process of assembling the bleachers. The pieces (yes pieces) will arrive in mid-July 7-11. What came across loud and clear is we need a 'Mustang Herd' of volunteer people to accomplish the task of assembling the bleachers. We need volunteers at different stages during the build week and with many different skill levels - there are jobs for everyone (including donation of baked goods and snacks). Groups work a shift 4 hours at a time. It will be similar to the playground builds the Mount Vernon Community has done in the past.



Volunteer work would begin July 14-20. We would love the assistance of anyone who would enjoy being a part of this experience. To volunteer go online to the Volunteer Spot at <http://vols.pt/8D85Av> or contact Jenny Hampton at: jennykayehampton@gmail.com or 319-651-3439. If delivery is delayed or comes earlier - we will contact volunteers to reschedule.



2014 MOVING ON...

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



CAROL WOODS '75

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What You Did:

Superintendent/District Secretary, Bookkeeper, Volleyball & Girls Basketball coach

Total years at MV: 33

First year favorite memory: I started my first year working at the school when I was 24 and many of my High School teachers and administrators still worked at the school. It was intimidating at first but they all went to great lengths to welcome me.

Another teacher or staff member who was a mentor or helped you? Everyone I've worked with at Mount Vernon has had a role in my school and life story. Ade Ringold was probably the most influential for me and my children through MV schools. I often tried to ignore his advice and it somehow it always seemed to be the best course of action in the long run. Ade was also my high school principal and he made me stay in high school typing class because apparently I didn't have enough credits for one semester. I told him I was NEVER going to be a secretary and stomped out of his office. Who would guess that 7 years later, I would be his secretary for 20+ years! Jeff Schwiebert followed in Ade's footsteps as Superintendent and he also tried to advise me and I always felt he had my best interests at heart. I also had the opportunity to be an assistant coach with both Shirley Ryan and Jim Bellamy. They were the very best at coaching sports they love and an assistant coach couldn't ask for a better experience or mentors.

One or two memories: Working at Mount Vernon Schools is like gaining another family; the staff shares sorrows and successes.

What has changed in education? Technology advances faster every day. As soon as I figure out how to do one tech thing, another comes along and I'm again left in the dust. I realize the students need technology to survive in the world.

A comment about Mount Vernon students: The Alumni Association has brought so many of our alums back to Mount Vernon with the Alumni Awards and when you learn of the accomplishments of our graduates, it is mind boggling. Alumni always comment about how great it is to come home and what a special place Mount Vernon School was for them. I always enjoy exchanging stories with alumni from multiple generations.



SARAH RICHARDSON

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What You Taught: High School English

Total years at MV: 21

First year favorite memory: I was hired about

10 days before the new school year started and so I panicked about being unprepared. The first book that I was supposed to teach, I had never read. I was a true deer in the headlights. As I reflect back on that dust storm of events that consumed me the first month of being a high school English teacher, the students were much smarter than I was; I was just a better actor! What I've learned since then? Young people are sharp, intuitive, competitive, ambitious, and love the challenge of keeping their teachers on their toes.

Another teacher or staff member who was a mentor or helped you? Suffice to say, I was in awe the minute I set foot in MVHS, and I remain so today. All three English teachers in the department at that time helped me immensely. They

were gracious with their resources. Ruth Michaud, Donna Jacob, and Maggie Ellison helped mold me into the teacher I am now.

One or two memories: I was asked to be the graduation speaker at two commencement ceremonies. Such an honor and privilege will always be a humbling, nostalgic highlight of my career. I took a group of 10 Honors American Lit students to New York City to see the final performance of Death of a Salesman in October of '99 and I am sure we accomplished more in 36 hours than most visitors to NYC accomplish in a week.

What has changed in education? Education is slowly evolving in the right direction, away from an antiquated model that is no longer relevant to the way young people learn today. Rather than sit 'n git, students are making connections with what they are learning and how those experiences will help them be successful later in life.



NANNETTE GUNN

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What You Taught: 4th Grade, STEM Education, Technology and Curriculum

Total years at MV: 30

First year favorite memory: On my first day of student teaching a little girl asked me how to spell orangutan. I said, "We're going to have to look that one up!" She yelled out loud, "MISS SEXTON CAN'T SPELL!!!!"

Another teacher or staff member who was a mentor or helped you? I look up to Sarah Fitzgerald and Kristi Keast for their constant effort to be teachers who look to improve their craft and professional expertise in school and in the community.

One or two memories: Some of the highlights of my career were to be among the first 50 National Board Certified Teachers in Iowa, being a National Board Facilitator across the state on the ICN for 6 years, meeting the governor twice and being a speaker at the National Board Conference. I was honored to receive the Linn County Educator of the Year award, enjoyed teaching at Coe as adjunct faculty, being a STEM Teacher in Residence at Grant Wood AEA, having a project at the National Science Expo for STEM Education in Washington DC, and also being on a state team to refine the Iowa Roadmap for STEM Education. The most admiration I carry in my heart is with

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

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

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

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the many amazing students I've had the pleasure of working with over the years. There are no finer children anywhere in the world than those we have here in Mount Vernon.

What has changed in education? I feel like I have gotten to teach during the most exciting times ever! I typed my first worksheets on a Regal Typewriter. Then we had mimeograph machines. Then we had copy machines, and then we had computers that I could become creative with. I just love the technology tools we have today in education!! The pace at which we can obtain and transfer information is remarkable!



MICK ANGEL

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What You Taught: High School Counselor and boys' golf coach

Total years at MV: 4

First year favorite memory: A very solid memory that came from my first year of teaching — how much work teaching is, how much effort it requires to be prepared, how much patience teaching requires and how important it is to spend time building relationships with students, parents and colleagues.

Another teacher or staff member who was a mentor or helped you? First, I did my school counseling internship with a man by the name of John Allen who was a marvelous example of the importance of acceptance, tolerance, patience and building relationships in all that a counselor does throughout a typical school day.

What has changed in education? As with life in general — some things change and some things always stay the same. Deep down, the kids are the same as they have always been. Society has changed over the years. When I first began my teaching career we didn't even have personal computers. Paper copies of classroom work were made by using a carbon master to run mimeograph copies that came out as blue print on a page.



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Remembering Señora Nancy Swisher, Teacher and Friend

Submitted by the Retired Teachers Group

Nancy Jeanne Swisher, longtime teacher of Spanish at Mount. Vernon High School, passed away November 4, 2013 in her Iowa City home, surrounded by her loving family. She had lived an abundant and generous ninety-two years.

Nancy graduated from the University of Iowa with degrees in Spanish and Portuguese. Prior to World War II, she pursued her language studies in South America. She was lucky enough to have boarded one of the very last ships leaving Chile for the United States before the war made such departures impossible. She often joked that had she not caught that ship, she probably would have married a Chilean gentleman and lived her life abroad.

Upon returning to the states, her excellent language skills led to a job in Washington, D.C., as a cryptographer for the F. B. I. during World War II.

A pilot's license enriched Nancy's joy of travel. She and her husband, Scott, flew a variety of aircraft, some quite sophisticated, to Puerto Rico, their lake cabin in Minnesota, and numerous far off destinations.

Political action has long been regarded by Nancy's family as one way to get important things done: a relative once sheltered Pancho Villa's horse in his living room. Nancy was an early activist for land preservation and water quality and was outspoken in defense of the preservation of those things both in Iowa City and at the site of their family cabin on Fishhook Lake, Minnesota. When her daughter, Sarah, was only a little girl, Nancy journeyed with Sarah to the State House in Des Moines where Sarah bravely and successfully lobbied for a law protecting doves in Iowa. Large sea turtles, turned on their backs to be eaten later by locals, were frequently rescued by Nancy who rolled them upright to return to the sea.

A love of languages and cultures propelled Nancy to Spain, Poland, Italy, Chile, Bolivia, Guatemala and Costa Rica. She was deeply moved and molded by the diversity of the human spirit encountered. Whether warmed by compassion sitting in a shaman's humble tent in the Andes or chilled by brutality in an abandoned Nazi concentration camp in Poland, Nancy's grasp of life in its many forms was deepened.

A teacher has little to give other than a reverence for knowledge, a wealth of personal experiences, a joy of learning and compassion and patience for others. Nancy arrived to the classroom with all of these.

In a previous age, a great library burned in Alexandria. The insights and knowledge of many were forever lost. Someone once observed, "When a person dies, a library burns."

Nancy Swisher was such a library, but thanks to her years of selfless sharing with friends and students, much of her spirit and wisdom live on.

Muchas gracias, Señora Swisher.



MAIL BY JULY 1

How will we ever choose just four people out of the many deserving alums of Mount Vernon Schools? We'll let the Awards Committee sweat about that -- just get in your nominations! New for this year: The MVCSD Community Impact Award!

Award winners will be announced in August and presented at Homecoming on Sept. 26, 2014, but please don't wait! We encourage you to fill out this nomination form and mail it in.

THE DEADLINE IS A JULY 1, 2014 POSTMARK -- GET YOURS IN THE MAIL NOW!
'The Spirit Lives On In You'

ALUMNI AWARDS

All nominees must be an alumnus of Mount Vernon High School at least 28 years of age.
NOTE: If you have already submitted a nomination, you do not need to resubmit, and your nominee will be considered for an award this year.

MVCSD Alumni Achievement Award

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

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.

2014 MOUNT VERNON ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



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

His/Her address (if known) _____

His/Her phone (if known) _____

Select Desired MVCSD Alumni Award(s):

- Achievement Service Mount Vernon Community Impact (service) Fine Arts Sports

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

Name of Person Submitting the Nomination: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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

Email _____

All awards will be granted based on nominations, which can be submitted by mail using this form, or online at www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us/alumni. Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Awards Committee, and approved by the Alumni Association Board. Nominations are held for three years. Questions - 319-895-8845 or alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us
Send this form post marked by July 1, 2014 to: Alumni Association, 525 Palisades Rd SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314
**Elected or appointed members of the Alumni Association Board are not eligible during their term of service.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MV STUDENTS? HERE'S HOW...

FIRST: Fill out this survey. Return to the Alumni Association (see bottom of form) OR respond online at MVALumni.org
Our goal is to match YOU with STUDENTS. Counselors or teachers will use our information to find volunteers for their classrooms, OR to match students with alums who are either involved in a particular vocational or professional industry or who have attended various tech schools/colleges/universities our students are interested in. (Even if you are retired, you may participate by listing your former occupation and information.) If you have questions please contact the Alumni Association office at 319-895-8845 or alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us.

SECOND: You will be contacted by an Alumni Association representative to confirm your participation

THIRD: Your contact information will be shared with Mount Vernon teachers and counselors

YES, I'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE: (check all that apply)

Contact me by Personal Email Work Email FaceTime Skype Best Phone: _____

I am willing to participate in: Interviews by phone/computer/in person Job Fair Job Shadow Mentor Pen Pal Presentations

General classroom volunteer Other _____

I am willing to work with students in High School Middle School Elementary School

I can also help students with: Leadership & Decision Making College Plans Art Appreciation at Elementary Jr Achievement Program Volunteer

Today's Date _____

First and last name _____ Maiden Name _____

Home Address/City/State/Zip/Country _____

Class Year _____ Home Email address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Work Email address _____

Occupation _____

Company Name _____

Company website _____

Undergraduate or Vocational School _____ Degree _____ Major _____

Post Graduate Study and School _____ Degree _____ Major _____

Please list hobbies, volunteer work, or other activities you are involved in and would be willing to share information

_____ :

Other comments

Please MAIL to: MV Alumni Office, 525 Palisades Road SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

Or FAX to 319-895-8845 or alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us

Or Email to alumni@mountvernon.k12.ia.us

OR fill out online at MVALumni.org

Thank You!

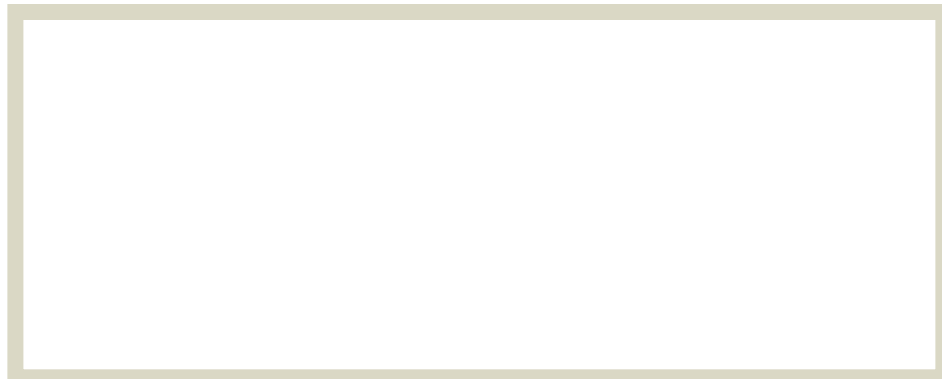
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MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI Association 2014-2015

Your tax deductible support is very much appreciated and funds alumni organization publications and activities

FOR JULY 1 2014 TO JULY 1 2015

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

Alumni first & last name, including maiden name _____

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

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Country if outside USA _____

Email address _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

One Year Supporting Contribution \$10 per alum

or Five Year Supporting Contribution \$45 per alum

additional donation or memorial..... _____

Amount Enclosed \$..... _____

Thank you!

Renew online at www.MVAlumni.org or cut and return with your check to: MV Alumni Association, 525 Palisades Road, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314