



MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI NEWS



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Above: Matt Kroul'04 signs a Kroul player-jersey from his NY Jets playing days, owned by Mark Hylbak'73. Story, see page 12.

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2018 Alumni Events

May 1 - DON'T DELAY - NOMINATE AN ALUM YOU THINK IS DESERVING OF A SERVICE, ACHIEVEMENT, MV COMMUNITY IMPACT, FINE ARTS, OR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARD NOW! SEE PAGE 16.

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

July 13 and 14 - Heritage Days in Mount Vernon along with Alumni Events & Reunions

- **Fall 2018 tba** - Homecoming and Alumni Award Ceremony.

More information about events in the Spring 2018 Alumni News.

2017 Alumni Hall of Fame

The Mount Vernon Community School District Alumni Association is pleased to announce the following alums have been selected as 2017 Alumni Hall of Fame winners:

Fine Arts - John Gaston, Class of 1982

Athletic - Matt Kroul, Class of 2004

Service - Janet Johnston McCannon, Class of 1955

Achievement - Mark Hylbak, Class of 1973

Community Impact - Kevin Whitman, Class of 1976 and Becky Thumm Whitman, Class of 1977

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2018

Antiques Extravaganza July 4
July 12-14 Heritage Days
Magical Night in Dec
other events: Lincoln Hwy Arts Festival
Chili Cookoff, and more

2018 REUNIONS

ALL-ALUMNI-COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 13 AND SATURDAY, JULY 14
Reception, Uptown MV
SATURDAY, JULY 14
- Breakfast (by donation) at High School

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CLASS REUNIONS

2013 - 5 year - tba

Contact: Hannah Giegerich
Contact: Sarah Yeoman

2008 - 10 year - tba

Find us on face book MV class of 2008
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2003 - 15 year - tba

Looking for a volunteer(s) to plan this reunion - contact Maggie Burke Slaymaker
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1998 - 20 year - July 14

@Jenni Woods house in Mount Vernon
Details to follow.

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1993 - 25 years - July 14th weekend

Reunion Saturday 6-10 at Cornell
College Commons
Find us on face book Mount Vernon High School Class of 1993

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Scott Rose, Sarah Rife Patten

1988 - 30 year - July 14 weekend

Find us on Facebook at 'Mount Vernon Iowa Class of 1988'

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1983 - 35 years - July 14 weekend

Find us on Facebook at 'MVHS IA 1983'
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1978 - 40 year - tba

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1973 - 45 yr - tba

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1968 - 50 years - Homecoming Weekend

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1963 55 years - tba

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Other Committee Members: Warren Stoner, Chris Stoltz, Jim Hickey, Gloria Herbolzheimer Krob and Karen Kaliban Fox and Linda Peterson Nost

1958 - 60 years - July 14 weekend

Sat eve Class Reunion at Kernoustie Country Club

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1953 - 65 years - tba

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Your class may not be having a reunion, but come on Heritage Days weekend, July 14, to enjoy seeing classmates, other alums, teachers, and your friends from the community.

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

CLASS OF 1963

We will celebrate our 55th Class Reunion the weekend of Heritage Days 2018 with events as follows:

Friday Evening July 13 Sutliff

Saturday Evening July 14

Warren and Margaret Stoner's home

Sunday Morning July 15 Lisbon History Center

Robert Dvorak dvorakb47@q.com. 319-895-8206

Linda Peterson Nost indanost@icloud.com

CLASS OF 1953

Classmates - do you have interest in a 65th Reunion? Please connect with Babs Moore to talk about it.
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or mooremanor@mchsi.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Andrew Morf '94
Alumni Association
President

Your Mount Vernon Alumni Association had another great year, and we hope you were able to partake in some of the activities at Heritage Days, Homecoming, or at the very least had the opportunity to return to Mount Vernon to connect with family, friends, and classmates.

Congratulations once again to this year's panel of Hall of Fame Inductees. A highlight of the ceremony was when Mark Hylbak (this year's Achievement Hall of Fame recipient) presented Matt Kroul (this year's Athletic Hall of Fame recipient) with his New York Jets jersey to sign. Mark had purchased Matt's jersey in New York ten years ago and said he hoped there would come a day he would run into Matt Kroul. Upon presenting the Jersey to Matt, Mark stated "Today is that day!" It was truly a serendipitous moment. (see page 12 for pictures and complete story.)



A historical moment for the MV Alumni Association came this year when as we completed our 10th Hall of Fame award ceremony. Over the last ten years we have inducted fifty alums into our Hall of Fame. Every year we are amazed at the achievements of our inductees. It is also important to note, and to thank, John Rife from the Class of 1960 who has served as our Master of Ceremony for every one of our Hall of Fame award ceremonies. He is shown here at our first ceremony in 2008.

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Wishing Happy Holidays to you and yours,

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HELLO CLASS OF 1958

We are planning our 60th year class reunion the weekend of July 14, 2018 Mark your calendars! We will send more information later.

Do you have any suggestions for our reunion?

Tentative plans are for an informal get-together Friday evening, breakfast at the school on Saturday morning, and dinner at the Kernoustie Country Club on Saturday night. Do you want a brunch on Sunday morning? Let us know.

Make your hotel reservations now at the Sleep Inn Motel as we have a block of ten rooms reserved for the Class of 1958 at \$99.

Their phone number is 319-895-0055.

If you have suggestions call or email Marilyn or Dave:

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CLASS OF 1968

OUR 50TH!!!!

The Class of 1968 will be holding their 50th reunion during the 2018 Homecoming weekend. Watch to a date to come.

We are expecting that Homecoming will land on one of the last weekends in September.

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CLASS OF 1998

We will hold our 20th Year Class Reunion on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at the home of Jenni Woods 405 B Ave NE in Mount Vernon Details to follow

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2017 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Community, alums, family, and high school students attended the 2017 Alumni Association Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony in the High School gym on Friday, September 22.



Hall of Fame recipients: Front row, Service Hall of Fame recipient Janet Johnston McCannon'55, Achievement Hall of Fame recipient Mark Hylbak'73, Community Impact Hall of Fame recipients Kevin Whitman'76 and Becky Thumm Whitman'77, Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Matt Kroul'04, and Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient John Gaston'82.



Group picture of Alumni Hall of Fame winners with nominators and special guests: Front row from left to right, Community Impact Hall of Fame recipients Kevin Whitman'76 and Becky Thumm Whitman'77, Service Hall of Fame recipient Janet Johnston McCannon'55, Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Matt Kroul'04, Achievement Hall of Fame recipient Mark Hylbak'73, and Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipient John Gaston'82. Middle row from left to right, MV High School Student Council President Sydney Hauser'18, Alumni Association President Andrew Morf'94, Nominator Jan Lowe Whitman Majors'57, Nominator Ann McCutcheon Niehaus'59, Nominator Barb Neal Hutchins'57, Nominator Sean Ellis'04, Nominator Chris Hanson Starkweather,'73 Nominator Don Stine, and School Board member Nannette Gunn. Back row: Foundation Director Ben Brannaman'05, Master of Ceremonies John Rife'61, Superintendent Gregory Batenhorst, Awards Chair and Alumni Association Board member Dennis Jordan'85, and High School Principal Steve Brand. Not pictured: Nominator David Van Metre'55.

Hall of Fame Events took place on Friday, September 22. The public was invited to attend the Alumni Association Awards Ceremony at 9:00 am in the Mount Vernon High School Gym. Following the ceremony, a Reception was held in the High School Library. The public was also invited to attend the afternoon Homecoming Pep Rally.

Friday evening, September 22 was the President's Hall of Fame Reception, the Homecoming Game and presentation of Alumni Award Winners during halftime at the Football Field, and the All-Alumni-Community Reception 'Tailgating Under The Tent' at the top of the bleachers. The Mustangs won over Northeast Goose Lake. The Alumni-Community Reception tent was open from approximately 6 pm until after the game.

In addition, student events included the Thursday evening Parade and Crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King and the Powderpuff Game, and their Saturday Homecoming Dance.



John Rife from the Class of 1960 was master of ceremony at the 2017 Hall of Fame Award event. This was John's 10th year as host.

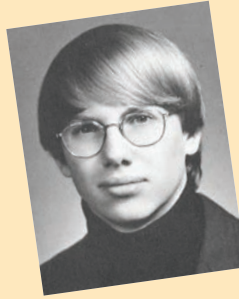


2017...
Celebrating 10 years of honoring alumni achievements

2017

Achievement Award Winner Mark Hylbak from the Class of 1973 was nominated for this award by classmate Christine 'Chris' Hanson Starkweather.

While growing up in Iowa, Mark went to a lot of movies and watched a lot of television. He always asked himself, "How did they do that? Why is the camera here instead of over there? Why is the lighting from behind?" These questions led Mark to purchase his own movie camera. While in high school he worked at Bob's Super Value during the school year and cut grass at Cornell College during the summer...finally getting enough money to purchase a camera. His sisters refused to act in movies so he improvised and used G.I. Joe dolls (they call them "Action Figures" today. Ha!). MVHS English teacher Mrs. Rife heard about Mark's movies and was intrigued. She invited Mark to bring his movies and a projector to school. Mrs. Rife decided to take film-making classes at Kirkwood so she could add movies to her curriculum. She gave Mark encouragement to pursue his dream of making movies and/or television as a career.



achievement



Mark attended the University of Iowa and received a B.A. in Broadcasting/Film in 1977. He secured an entry level position at KCRG-TV9 in Cedar Rapids: operating a studio camera for the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts. With his first paycheck, Mark purchased a TV (imagine!), something he never owned while in college. Within a few short years, Mark became a Technical Director and in 1981 he was named Director/Associate Producer of the two evening newscasts. Mark soon became a "news junkie." He felt a need to know what was going on EVERYWHERE! In Iowa, the US, the world! He was hooked.

"Then I heard about some crazy guy named Ted Turner starting up a 24-hour news channel on cable", Mark said. "I joined CNN in Atlanta as a Director in 1983. Covering the world is always interesting and often quite exciting." Mark was involved in covering just about every major news event for 30 years. "I was actually in the Sports Department for 7 years", covering everything from Super Bowls, World Series, NBA Championships, Stanley Cups, and World Cups. But news was always my first love. The first Gulf War really put CNN on the map." Mark soon was travelling the world. "One memorable trip was rushing off to

Moscow in December 1991." Mark was behind the Kremlin Walls directing for CNN when Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as President and dissolved the Soviet Union on Christmas Day. "Watching the Soviet Union flag come down on Red Square for the last time was amazing." The next day Mark went to the Russian White House to meet with their new leader Boris Yeltsin and direct the first interview for CNN. Another unforgettable trip was covering Princess Diana's funeral in London in 1997. "There was something like 136 TV cameras to cover the funeral procession. The event was exciting, exhausting, and emotional. Everyone was working 18-20 hours a day. And the day of the funeral was extremely long. There were a few tears in the control room when the funeral procession came out of Kensington Palace and we saw the six black horses pulling a carriage with Diana's coffin. There was a gasp... and then silence. We could hear the lonely tolling of a single Westminster Abbey bell. I got a lump in my throat when the carriage turned the corner and we saw the words "Mummy" on top of the coffin."

At CNN Mark was an integral part of teams that earned three George Foster Peabody Awards (honoring the most powerful, enlightening, and invigorating stories in television, radio, and online

media) and two Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards (given by the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University which the school considers 'the most prestigious award in television and radio news, the broadcast equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize.) Mark recently retired after 33 years.

Not much left on his bucket list, he rode the Zamboni at an NHL game, threw out the first pitch at a baseball game, and has traveled to all 50 states. There are many teachers at MVHS that Mark 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 over 30 years, I still tell people that I am from Iowa and proud of it! I still live in Atlanta, but I will always call Mount Vernon home."

Enjoying retirement, Mark can usually be found sitting under the magnolia tree in his front yard watching cat videos on his smart phone at 580 St. James Walk SE, Marietta, GA 30067 or by email at ga30067@aol.com.

fine arts



in over 35 principal and featured musical theatre roles in various Southern California theatres. Highlights include Sir Edward Ramsay in 'The King and I' with Deborah Gibson, Cabrillo Music Theatre; Father in 'Ragtime,' also for Cabrillo Music Theatre; and Captain Von Trapp in 'The Sound of Music,' Actors' Repertory Theatre of Simi as well as award-winning performances as El Gallo in 'The Fantasticks' and Percy in 'The Scarlet Pimpernel'. John also has numerous award-winning musical direction credits including 'Hairspray' for High Street Performing Arts Center, Moorpark, CA; 'Footloose' for Camarillo Community Theatre, Camarillo, CA and 'Singin' in the Rain' for Conejo Players Theatre, Thousand Oaks, CA, to name just a few. He recently made his directorial debut with a hit production of 'My Fair Lady'.

Highlights of his classical performances include tenor soloist in 'Mozart Requiem,' 'Handel Messiah' (selections), and 'Bruckner Te Deum.' Among his opera and operetta roles are Eisenstein in 'Strauss' Die Fledermaus,' and Frederic in Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance.' *The Thousand Oaks Acorn* calls John 'one of the best voices not just in Ventura County, but in all of Southern California.'

John says 'Thank you to Don Stine for nominating me for the Fine Arts Hall of Fame Award. Both he and his wife, Judy, contributed enormously to my musical growth while I was a student in the Mount Vernon schools. I also benefited enormously from the instruction I received from Carolyn Palmer, Lois Nichols, Kathleen Hartzell, and Marv Hippen. These outstanding teachers nurtured my love of music and theatre at an early age. I also remember fondly a number of people who directed and produced some of the earliest Mount Vernon Community Theatre productions in the early 80s: Barb Colehour, Laura Werkman, Damon Cole, Maggie Ellison, and Cheryl Dyrland, to name a few. They gave me some of my earliest theatrical opportunities and happiest memories. Although I have not made my living as a performer, the performing arts have largely been how I have made my life.

John may be reached at 769 Pamela Wood St., Thousand Oaks, CA 91320, or at jbgcomputer@yahoo.com



Fine Arts winner John Gaston from the Class of 1982, was nominated for this award by former instructor Don Stine. Don says John was a gifted performer in high school as a four-year trombone player and frequent soloist in Marching, Concert and Jazz bands, and a singer and frequent soloist in Concert Choir. John also participated three years in both Speech Contest and in Theatre.

Some of the milestones and awards John achieved in high school include All-State Musician all four years (two years in the choir and two years in the band) which was a first in Mount Vernon history, numerous division I ratings in solo and ensemble contest, both vocally and instrumentally, All-Conference Band all four years and first chair in the All-Conference Band senior year. He participated in several select festival choirs, most notably the University of Iowa Honor Choir (1982) and Soloist in

University of Iowa Honor Choir Concert. John was awarded a University of Iowa Voice Scholarship. His theatrical recognition includes: Senior Theatre Award in 1982, principal roles in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," "The Crucible," and "Fiddler on the Roof." John was also the class valedictorian.

After high school John earned a B.S. in Computer Science and an M.B.A. from the University of Iowa. He has worked in information technology for 28 years for companies such as Andersen Consulting (now Accenture), Paramount Pictures, EMI Music, Amgen, and currently for BrightView Commerical Landscaping.

His performing arts activities include singing, acting, musical direction, conducting, and directing for musical theatre productions, and his milestones are numerous. He has studied voice with various master teachers and performed



Service Hall of Fame winner Janet Johnston McCannon from the class of 1955 was nominated by both classmate David Van Metre and Barb Neal Hutchins '57. Since high school Janet has 'lived and breathed' service to community. She says her favorite quote is 'volunteerism is the price you pay for the space you occupy.'

In high school Janet served as editor of the school newspaper, the 'Chalk Mark,' was a member of Velvet Curtain, was the female lead in her junior class play, a member of concert band, a member of the Girls Athletic Association, a cheerleader, a homecoming court attendant and she performed declamation of 'Joan of Arc' for speech contest. She attended both MacMurray Women's College in Jacksonville, IL, where she was active in band, small group ensembles and the aquatics club, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she pledged Delta Gamma, served as Scholarship Chairman and graduated in 1959. Janet continued graduate studies at the University of Iowa and was a junior high school teacher in language arts and social studies in Burlington until 1969. During that time she also supervised student teachers and served on the school's salary negotiation committee.

During the 80s and 90s, Janet worked for the Southeastern Community College of Continuing Education where she taught Burlington history, doing both lectures and walking tours. She took this love of Burlington history to the Burlington Convention and Visitors Bureau where she conducted tour guide training classes and became a business owner in downtown Burlington. In 1972 Janet became a department store buyer, traveling four times a year for almost 15 years to New York City to buy for the store, presenting fashion shows and overseeing various departments. Ready to get back into education, she became a substitute teacher and taught sessions on leadership for the Leadership Burlington classes.

All of these prior experiences led Janet to lead both the Main Street of Burlington and Downtown Burlington Business Association for almost ten years. During that time she was instrumental in helping to redevelop the former Hotel Burlington into 74 units of senior housing. Janet became a contract consultant for the State of Iowa's Economic Development Authority's Iowa



service

Downtown Resource Center and Main Street Iowa. As a member of that team, Janet came to Mount Vernon to perform a community assessment in 2007, which was the beginning of our town's approach to revitalization.

What makes Janet a Service Hall of Fame recipient is not just her professional focus, but the many years she was involved in a variety of service organizations and projects. This includes her time as President of the Burlington Junior Women's Club, a member of the Burlington Little Theatre as a costumer and set decorator, a member of the Burlington Fine Arts League, a member of Rotary International, and a Board member of the Des Moines County Historical Society. In 1995 she was honorary co-chair of the Southeast Iowa Area on Aging Senior Olympics. Janet served several years on the 'Music & Menus' committee of the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra to raise money for the symphony and also co-chaired several Pops Concerts. From 2004-'08 Janet was appointed by Governor Vilsack to serve on the Iowa State Historical Society's Board of Trustees. In 2006 she co-chaired a capital campaign to build a new library facility in Burlington, and to turn the former library building into the Des Moines County Heritage Center. She then went on to co-chair a campaign to restore the historic Capital Theater in downtown Burlington. One of many supporters of Janet's nomination wrote "Janet is a whirlwind and a force to be reckoned with. Her contributions have been many, but it is the preservation of old buildings that seems to most easily stir her passion and her energy. Many incredible

Burlington buildings would be gone if it weren't for Janet."

Janet was a member of the Burlington City Council for six years, also serving on the Burlington Area Development Corporation Board, the Southeast Iowa Regional Plan Commission Board, and the Des Moines County Red Cross Board.

Among her honors are being noted in the publication 'Outstanding Young Women of America' in 1970, being named a Paul Harris Fellow twice by Rotary International, receiving the Greater Burlington Partnership's Emmy Award in recognition of continued years of community service and vision, and being honored as a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Southeast Iowa. In 2014 Janet received a Governor's Volunteer Award.

Now retired, Janet continues to remain active with the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra's POPS Concert Committee, in a variety of community organizations, and to lead walking tours of historic districts and downtown Burlington. She has often been a grant writer for historic projects. She is also a board member of the Apple Trees Trust, an organization dedicated to saving and reusing the home of Charles Perkins, founder of the Burlington Route Railroad, whose home is named Apple Trees.

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community impact

MVCS Community Impact winner, the team of Kevin Whitman from the Class of 1976 and Becky Thumm Whitman from the Class of 1977, was nominated for this award by alums Ann McCutcheon '59 Niehaus and Janice 'Jan' Lowe '57 Whitman Majors.

Kevin and Becky are familiar faces around Mount Vernon because of their involvement in many organizations and activities. Both separate and as a team, these two have been pillars of service for the Mount Vernon Community. Others explained that "when volunteering for the Booster Club there are folks who volunteer to work games and those who do all the behind the scenes stuff, like ordering supplies, picking up supplies, stocking them, keeping inventory, picking up grills, buying grills, refrigerators, cleaning the concession stands, before and after the season, moving supplies between seasons, etc. Basically much more than working games. The both make it happen. There are talkers and doers, and they are both doers."

While their two children were in school, Becky was a member of WETAP and PRIDE, serving as the PRIDE treasurer. Kevin served as a volunteer Parks and Rec flag football coach for two years, and Becky as a softball coach for two years. Kevin and Becky have been treasurers of the Mustang Booster Club for the last twenty years. As Booster Club members they worked concession stands, basketball tournaments, golf tournaments, helped host receptions for state champion and runner-up teams, and were involved in numerous other activities.

In the past few years both were also members of the 'Save Our Fields' group that raised over \$200,000 to pay for improvements at the football field - adding a new scoreboard, improved the field lighting, and purchasing and installing new bleachers. Kevin provided labor every weekend for this project from start to finish.

Kevin was a member of the Friday night chain gang for over twenty years, working all the JV and varsity football home games. He received a Distinguished Service Award from the Iowa Football Coaches Association in March 2017 for his service on the chain gang for over twenty years.

Both members of the First Presbyterian



Church in Mount Vernon, Becky taught Sunday school for ten years and was an elder for three years. She also served as financial secretary for five years. Both served as 'friends in faith' to teens going through confirmation.

Becky was a member of the National TTT Society for ten years, helping to send deserving 10-year-old girls to summer camp who might not otherwise get the opportunity. She was also treasurer for five years.

In high school Kevin participated in football, basketball, track, chorus, spring musicals, was a member of the yearbook staff, and was a class officer. He was also a member of the 1974 state championship football team. Becky participated in basketball, track, softball, spring musicals, band, speech, fall play, was a football manager, and on the honor roll all four years. Kevin worked for Schwan's for 31 years as

a driver/salesman and now works for Springville Ready Mix as a driver. Becky is an Accounting Assistant and just this fall received a 30-year service award working for Business Services at Cornell College.

Kevin and Becky may be reached at: 318 Hillview Dr SE, Mount Vernon, IA 52314, or by email at bwhitman@cornellcollege.edu



athletics



Athletic Hall of Fame winner Matt Kroul from the Class of 2004 was nominated for this award by Sean Ellis '03. An athletic standout in high school, Matt was a four-year letter winner in football and wrestling, a three-year letter winner in track, and two-year in Baseball. During his football career at Mount Vernon, as a sophomore Matt was Class 2A District 6 All-District and led all tacklers on the team with 94. As a junior he was named to the Des Moines Register Class 3A 1st Team All-State Linebacker and Class 3A District 4 All-District team. Matt had 879 carries on 173 carries and scored 20 touchdowns. He led all tacklers on the team with 125. As a senior Matt was named to the Des Moines Register 'Elite' All-State Team Linebacker, INA Class 3A 1st Team Linebacker, and Class 3A District 4 All-District team. He had 1140 yards on 214 carries and scored 16 touchdowns. He led all tacklers on the team with 116.

Matt was the 5th highest career rusher in Mount Vernon history with 2,019 total rushing yards. He was also the school's all-time leading tackler with 335 tackles, and one of only four players in Mount Vernon football history to be named to a Des Moines Register 'Elite' All-State Team.

In high school wrestling Matt accumulated the 4th highest wins in school history with 136, and the 8th highest winning percentage in school history at 86.6% (136-21). His pins during the 2003 season is tied for 1st all-time in school history, his 79 career pins is 2nd all-time in school history, and his 50.3% career pinning percentage (79 pins/157 matches) is 4th all-time in school history. He is one of only 5 four-time state qualifiers in Mount Vernon.

After high school Matt went on to play Division 1 football at the University of Iowa as a defensive lineman. A four-year Hawkeye letter winner, he holds the Iowa record for 50 consecutive career starts, was team captain in his senior year, was named 2nd team All-Big Ten in 2008, and was a semi-finalist in the national Draddy Award. While Kroul's on-field stats were impressive, it was the Matt's leadership on and off the field that stood out to Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz. The Hawkeyes failed to reach a bowl game in 2007 and opened the 2008 campaign with a 3-3 record.

With Kroul anchoring the defense as a team captain, Iowa capped off the season winning six of seven contests — including a 31-10 victory over South Carolina in the Outback Bowl. "That '08 team was a huge step for our program," Ferentz said back in 2012. "That is one of the most rewarding seasons any of us have gone through. It was a heck of a football team, and it's no coincidence Matt was a captain on that football team (from Mitch Smith, Hawkeye Nation, 2014)."

From the Hawkeyes, Matt was drafted to the National Football League, NFL, New York Jets where he played 3 seasons. The Jets moved Matt from the defensive line to the offensive line, changing his number from 98 to 66, and spent Saturdays studying offensive terminology. Being able to back up spots on both lines redefined his versatility.

After three seasons in New York as a member of the Jets, he returned to Mount Vernon to continue a family legacy that's more than a century old, Kroul Farms. Matt runs the day-to-day operations of the farm that grows produce in the summer, pumpkins in the fall, firewood in the winter, and flowers in the spring. Kroul's daily tasks include checking and filling orders, calling on customers and managing the team that works on the farm. Matt and his wife developed the Kroul Farms website, Facebook page, and Twitter account to better communicate with their customer base. He's also a certified seed dealer for Beck's Hybrids, helping other farmers enhance their operation by selling seed corn and soybeans. He also spearheaded Kroul Farms' first-ever Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. CSAs allow customers to buy local, seasonal food directly from the farmer. Customers pay a flat fee for a 17-week membership. In return, they receive five to 15 pounds of farm-fresh produce weekly from June-September. They also sell produce to a few local restaurants and grocery stores, but the possibility of expanding to more businesses could be on the horizon (from Mitch Smith, Hawkeye Nation, 2014).

Matt has also been active in local communities in various ways, such as helping with school reading programs and volunteering at local events.

Matt may be reached at 719 Raymond Dr, Solon IA 52333 or by email at mdkroul@gmail.com.





Hall of Fame recipients enjoy riding in their corvettes in the Thursday night Homecoming Parade. From left to right, Mark Hylbak'73 and Lucy Isman, Matt Kroul'04, Becky Thumm Whitman'77, Janet Johnston McCannon'55 and Barb Neal Hutchins'57.



A public reception was held in the High School library following the ceremony. At right are reception hosts Karen Jilovec Martin'57 and Jo Kroul Clark'64.



At left, enjoying the Hall of Fame reception are Superintendent Dr. Greg Batenhorst, Becky Thumm Whitman'77, Joy Koehn Kuntz'76, Mike O'Brien and Ann Koppenhaver'78

Below left, Matt Kroul'04 is being interviewed by High School students for a video they are producing. Below right, John Gaston'82 looks over the Award schedule with his sister, Susan Gaston Sherwood'71, and wife Lissa Gaston.

The Hall of Fame recipients enjoyed spending the day of Friday, Sept 22 with students from the High School. Above they are in a group interview. Journalism students wrote articles about most of the recipients, which can be seen on themustangmoon.com website. Below they are eating lunch in the school cafeteria along with several Alumni Association board members and other guests.



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HOMECOMING 2017

2008

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Dr. James Croft '47	 Jean Minish Stoner '37	 Gary Knutsen '65	 Marcia Russell '89

2009

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Richard Bowman '58	 Ireva Moore Heiser '50	 Paul Hufford '80	 Kristin Stewart '99




2010

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Leo Beranek '31	 David Van Metre '55	 Joy Jordan '87	 Elizabeth Stoner '97

2011

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 John Rife '60	 Millicent Hoggard Zenishek '47	 Randy Hoidahl '61	 Mark Benesh '83



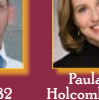


2012

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Graham Harman '86	 Dolores De De Staskal Hicks '50	 John Hearn '75	 Margaret 'Maggie' Quinn Ellison '62

2013

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
 Darla Stolz Templeton '64	 Richard McKeen '51	 Dennis Wolrab '64	 William Fringle '72	 Karen Illovec Martin '57

2014

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
 Lindsey Borg '83	 Myrt Clark Bowers '57	 Greg Randall '82	 Paula Holcomb '72	 Ann Koppenhaver '78

2015

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS	COMMUNITY IMPACT
 Joan Suchomel '74	 Chris Lyon '81	 Deb Winchup Douglass '86	 Alex Morf '99	 Dan Gaines '77

2016

ACHIEVEMENT	SERVICE	ATHLETIC	FINE ARTS
 Reverend Minister Thomas Zinkula '75	 Carol Croft Kent '51	 Vic Wallace '61	 Richard Nelson '50
COMMUNITY IMPACT			
			

The Stompers: Bill Bauman '66, Steve Edwards '65, Brian Harman '69, Greg Harman '65, and Randy Harman '68



Enjoying the President's Hall of Fame Reception held at the First Street Community Center library are from left to right, Thelma Rife, Barb Neal Hutchins '57, Janet Johnston McCannon '55, and John Rife '60.



Hall of Fame recipients were introduced at half-time to the Homecoming crowd attending the football game.

COUSINS COME TO CELEBRATE...



Top left: Susan Gaston Sherwood '71 (John's sister), Barb Thomsen Neal '68, Lissa Gaston, John Gaston '82, and Mary Thomsen '75. Mary Thomsen and Barb Neal are first cousins of John and Susan.

Top right: Barb Thomsen Neal '68 with her first cousin John, and Jeri Neal '66 (at far right) with his second cousin, Janet Johnston McCannon '55.

Bottom: Barb Neal Hutchins '57, Carmen Neal Musser '63, Janet, Sharon Neal Ulrich '59 and Jeri Neal '66. Barb is a first cousin of siblings Carmen, Sharon and Jeri, and a second cousin of Janet. Carmen, Sharon and Jeri are also second cousins of Janet.



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Mark Hylbak '73 Gets His Wish



THE SCENE: Master of Ceremony John Rife '60 begins to tell attendees 'thank you for attending today's Alumni Association Hall of Fame ceremony', when Achievement Hall of Fame recipient Mark Hylbak '73 yells out, "Wait, I have something to say!" A startled host John Rife welcomes Mark back up to the podium.

PICTURE 1 - Mark is toting a bag, and out of it comes a jersey. But not just any jersey - a game-worn jersey that was worn by Athletic Hall of Fame recipient Matt Kroul '04.

PICTURE 2 - Mark explains that he purchased the jersey back when Matt was playing for the N.Y. Jets. He always hoped the day would come that he could have Matt autograph his jersey. Mark held up the jersey and jubilantly cried "And today is the day!" Mark asked Matt to come up to the podium.

PICTURE 3 - Surprised, but all smiles, Matt signs the jersey.

PICTURE 4 - ...and gives the jersey back to Mark along with a hand shake.

PICTURE 5 - But a hug is better. To which the crowd responded with laughter, whoops of enjoyment, and loud applause.

Mark came to own this jersey because of a hobby. A hobby that continues to this day is his love of and collection of athletic jerseys. He attends many games in Atlanta (166 one year!) and needed something to wear to the games. He says "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 less expensive than the jerseys in the stores. I have gone somewhat overboard in this area and currently have over 5,000 game-worn jerseys.

Master of Ceremony John Rife '60 figured out that Mark could wear a different jersey each day for 13 years, 35 weeks and 6 days.



Classmates and friends met to celebrate with John Gaston. Front row: Chris Schwiebert '82, Bill Thomsen '82, John, nominator Don Stine, Sheri Russell Kahl '82, Sharon Kuntz Glenn '82, Sonia Essex Redmond '82. Back row: Barb Thomsen Neal '68, Susan Gaston Sherwood '71, Mary Thomsen '75, Judy Stine, and Linda Russell Brooks '82.



1982 Classmates with John are Chris Schwiebert, Sheri Russell Kahl and Sonia Essex Redmond.



At the Friday evening football game are Sharon Kuntz Glenn '84, Sonia Essex Redmond '82, Sheri Russell Kahl and John Gaston.



1973 Classmates and friends met at Gwen's Restaurant on Homecoming weekend for breakfast and to celebrate Mark Hylbak's induction into the Hall of Fame. From left to right, Kevin Woods '73, Mark, Lucy Iseman, Ann Franks Clark '73, Steve Cody '78 (standing), Christine Hanson Starkweather '73 and Kevin Smith '73.

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ALUMNI BASEBALL PLAYERS & FANS

High School Baseball head coach, Jeremy Elliott, with the help of Dave Ryan, would like to create a record book for Mount Vernon baseball.

They are in search of stats and/or information from coach Schwiebert's era and earlier.

If you have any details to share, please contact coach Elliott at mveliott@netzero.net

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The new Mount Vernon Veterans Memorial was a long time in coming to reality but through the combined efforts of the Mount Vernon American Legion, the city of Mount Vernon, local civic organizations and most importantly, the generosity and patience of citizens of Mount Vernon, we have been able to get to our current state of completion.

The Veterans Memorial honors the dedication and commitment of past, present and future veterans. Therefore, the memorial symbolizes the embrace of two hands (one old and the other young) as one concrete wall reaches toward and around the other.

The primary (exterior) wall is articulated with history with plaques to describe the connection between members of the Mount Vernon community, the nation and world events. This wall is not smooth; it purposely has a rough exterior to symbolize sacrifice and the passage of time but still shows the inner strength needed for service. On the inside of this wall are names etched into polished, black granite plaques embedded and secured in the concrete wall memorializing community veterans who have passed, with space reserved to add names in the future.

The secondary wall with a bench, potted plants and row of trees symbolizes the present and future as this hand reaches for that of history.

Just inside of this living wall is a paver walk where bricks will be available to honor loved ones for their service. As it sits, the memorial is an impressive sight from the road or while sitting within its clasping "hands," the inner plaza lends itself to peaceful reflection and a focal point for remembrance. However, the memorial is not quite done. We have moved into the final phase of construction

with the addition of panels that will depict in words and images Mount Vernon's connections to regional, national and international events throughout history. To accomplish this task, we have asked local historians Bob Meeker, Richard Peters and Richard Thomas to give thought to significant events that should be illustrated and are also soliciting input for Mount Vernon residents on their thoughts about this ongoing project.

As visitors to the memorial have noticed, we have begun emplacing engraved bricks in the plaza to help commemorate loved ones. We will continue to offer engraved bricks until there are no more usable spots in the walkway. The bricks are a great way to memorialize a loved one, your own military service or to commemorate a significant event in your life. Order forms are available at the memorial itself and located in different businesses in Mount Vernon.

Brick sales will help maintain a fund for perpetual care for maintaining the memorial, replacing flags as needed and engraving new names on the wall. Our goal is to add names to the wall without putting any undue financial burden on deceased veterans' survivors. Therefore, to get the most benefit from engraved brick sales we must purchase them in larger lots so it tends to take a little longer between orders.

Although Hahn-Howard Post 480 of the American Legion took the lead on this project, it is Mount Vernon's memorial to honor the sons and daughters of the community who served in the military and have passed on. Our goal is to ensure no one is forgotten.

Michael Woods '77



Celebrating Jim Rife's 70th birthday are brothers Roger Rife 1967, John Rife 1960, and Jim from the class of 1965.

Mustangs...what are they doing now?

■ LLOYD DUFFE '51

Many thanks to Mount Vernon Alumni News. It is especially gratifying for someone like myself, living in retirement outside of the country, to have access to Alumni News! It seems impossible that next month, it will be 12 years since Nidia and I made the decision to spend our retirement years in Colombia, South America. The decision to separate one's oneself from family, friends and country to this extent is not an easy one, but our transition has survived well the bumps along the way.

I wrote a very lengthy article that was published in the 2013 Spring Alumni News, covering my where abouts and what I had been doing since attending Mount Vernon High School. Now another 4 years has sped by all too quickly.

Becoming an expatriate as people like myself are referred to, is not an easy decision to make. Not everyone would be capable or even want to do this, but the number of American's living outside of their country has continued to increase each year. There are many reasons for this. Like having spent time living overseas in both civilian and military capacities. Being married to foreign nationals, job opportunities and a world that has been in many aspects, shrinking in size.

How many Americans now fit into this category is debated, but no-one including the American Federal Government seems to really know, which presents problems both ways. Guess figures have been put as high as 5 million or more, who are residing out side the country, but still responsible for Federal and sometime State taxes in the United States. Anyone thinking of permanently living abroad wants to be aware of the problems they may face, both in the United States and the country they intend to move to. Two major tax laws you can be responsible for as American citizen are (to say the least) very complicated! It is imperative you are aware of and understand the IRS 8938 requirements for Specified Foreign Financial Assets. Also the FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.

I am not trying to discouraged anyone with what I have said, but knowing where you stand before making a move into the unknown of living in another



country is very important! You want to make sure you do everything both legal and possible that will exempt you from the yearly IRS 8938 and FinCEN 114 requirements. You can also find a lot of good internet information, plus suggestions as to the top countries to consider when living overseas.

Personally, there is no way I would consider moving to any of the countries that are highly recommended for retirement. Especially at my age (which I won't disclose), but my Mount Vernon HS graduating class was 1951. We plan to stay here in Colombia, but my wife and I will be moving by the end of the year from this pleasant area and town called Fusagasuga located in the mountains near the Federal Capital of Bogota. Back in late March, we visited in the Medellin, Colombia area for the first time. It is called the city of eternal spring because of the year around tight and mild climate. While there, we went on to an area and small town less than an hour away called Guatape. The area appealed to both of us to the point we purchased a partial of rural ground located walking distance from the town square. We are now developing and building a home, which we hope to move to by the end of the year. We will be in the Western Andes or Pacific chain of mountains. Again at a little less than 6,000 ft. elevation with a pleasant year around Spring climate.

Making a internet web search for Guatape, Colombia will bring up many pictures and comments about this charming town and incredible lake area that was the result of one of Colombia's first hydraulic dam constructions. This I think this will help explain what has made us decide to make a move like this.

Lloyd can be reached at villanidia2000@yahoo.com



■ JIM MOORE '78



After 37 years of Federal Government service, I retired on 30 August 17. I served 4 years in the Marines from 78-82, and was hired by the National Security Agency in 1984.

During my service I spent 1 year in Alaska, 2 years in Scotland, and 8 years in England. Just prior to my tour in England, I married my wife Jill who was from Erie Illinois, and we've been married for 33 years.

During our tour in England we had 2 sons, Nicholas ('87) and Benjamin ('89). I earned my BS degree from University of Maryland, European Division during that time. (I'm still a staunch Hawkeye fan, that never changed.)

We moved to Maryland in 1992 and have lived here since. In 1995 we had our last child, Molly. Nicholas earned a MS degree from Virginia Tech and works for an IT firm on Government Contract. Benjamin earned a BA degree from Virginia Tech and is a reserve Captain in the Marines. Molly is in her senior year at Shippensburg University where she's studying to be an elementary teacher.

On September 18 of this year I was hired by an engineering firm and I'm now working in Columbia, Maryland. I'm an avid golfer and am hoping to make it back to MV for the reunion next year if there is one, and take part in any golf events that may be planned.

You can find me on Facebook, however I'm rarely on. I can always be reached through my email: ThelowaHawk@hotmail.com



MUSTANG MEMORABILIA?

Cleaning out your closets or have some neat memorabilia you would like to donate to the Alumni Association? Although we continue to add these items to our Alumni Library, the Alumni Board is considering construction of an alumni history and information display for viewing at the High School. Should this project move ahead, items donated by alumni will be a part of this display.

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MAIL BY MAY 1

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

Award winners will be announced in July and presented during Homecoming weekend, but please don't wait! We encourage you to fill out this nomination form and mail it in.

If you don't know all the qualifications for the person you are nominating, fill in as best as you can or work with your nominee. We will also mail a questionnaire to each nominee.

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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:

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- 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.
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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 Athletic 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.

2018 MOUNT VERNON ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



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

His/Her address (if known) _____

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

Name of Person Submitting the Nomination: _____

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All awards will be granted based on nominations, which can be submitted by mail using this form, or online at www.mvalumni.org. Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Awards Committee, and approved by the Alumni Association Board. Nominations are held. Questions - 319-389-8602 Kathy, or alumni@mvcasd.org

Send this form post marked by May 1, 2018 to: Alumni Association, 525 Palisades Rd SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

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Mustangs...what are they doing now?

■ TED NEAL '91

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By Sara Nelson
Photo by Mei-Ling Shaw Williams
October 16, 2017

New Clinical Associate Professor in Science Education, Ted Neal, seeks to help students reach their goals of becoming excellent teachers through his work with climate science and professional development in the classroom.

As a former instructor in the Science Education Program, and University of Iowa alumnus, Neal is not new to the College of Education. After receiving his Master of Science in education from Drake University, he received his doctorate in science education from the University of Iowa. In addition, Neal previously worked as a secondary science teacher in Cedar Rapids and Linho, Portugal.

"I want my University of Iowa students to realize that there are better ways to teach and embrace science, and help them know that they are amazing teachers working with amazing kids," says Neal.

Neal's previous research has centered on how classroom environments impact student learning, and how real-world learning problems impact student education. His current scholarship focuses on climate science, and how a different learning environment can impact student beliefs and understanding.

"I'm looking forward to continue to help students reach their goals of becoming amazing teachers. Overall, my goal remains the same, trying to help k-12



students achieve their personal learning objectives," says Neal.

Neal is an active volunteer within the community. He regularly visits schools and local areas to work with teachers and students, to help influence how children learn and how teachers teach. He also works on the science leadership team for the state of Iowa, and runs the Southeast Iowa Externship Program, which connects in-service teachers with businesses.

"I'm just really excited to continue to work with such amazing people, from my colleagues, to my students, to teachers and kids in buildings," says Neal. "I'm very blessed to get to work at the University of Iowa, and so honored to get to help shape education for kids, it's an incredible gift."

Ted can be reached at ted-neal@uiowa.edu.



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ANNIVERSARIES

Wiladene "Willie" Hoggard Willming 1950 and husband Ed Willming of San Antonio, TX, celebrated 65 years on August 31, 2017. Ed passed away on Sept 14.

Richard 'Dick' McKeen 1951 and wife Kathleen of Iowa City, IA, celebrated 50 years.

Barbara Sutliff Hansel 1955 and husband Paul of Cedar Rapids, IA, celebrated 60 years.

Keith Clark 1960 and **JoAnn Kroul Clark 1964** of Mount Vernon, IA celebrated 50 years on July 6, 2017.

Randy Hoidahl 1961 and wife Sharon of Aurora, CO, celebrated 50 years on Dec. 29, 2016. They celebrated their 50th anniversary as contestants on television's 'The Newlywed Game' (filmed in 1967) in June of 2017. Their wedding party included MVHS 1961 alums Mike Troyer, Dick Miner, Ritch Blew, Vic Wallace and Earl Bensmiller (d).

Harold Goodrich 1963 and wife Shirley of Mount Vernon, IA, celebrated 50 years.

Marcia Clark Kimm 1963 and husband Danny of Blairstown, IA, celebrated 50 years.

Steve Kalous 1963 and wife Alycejane of Cedar Rapids, IA, celebrated 50 years.

David Pitlik 1974 and **Linda Royer Pitlik 1975** of Mount Vernon, IA, celebrated 40 years on September 3, 2017.

MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS

Joe Alger 2007 married Sara Hasenclever on May 20, 2017. The couple resides in Mount Vernon.

Tim Pisarik 2005 married Christina Siess on Oct. 6, 2017. The couple resides in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dawn Washburn 2002 married Jeffrey Clifton on April 22, 2017. The couple resides in Houston, Texas.

Steve Swaney 1976 married Becky Porter on June 21, 2017. The couple resides in North Las Vegas.



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BIRTHS

Amber Melchert Hess 2009 and **Matthew Hess 2009** of Ely, IA, a daughter, Haleigh Jane Hess, on December 23, 2016. Grandparents are Patrick Melchert'84 and James Hess'75.

Adam Hale 2007 and wife Jacqueline of Pella, IA, a son, Nolan, on September 23.

Jon Thuerauf 2007 and **Lindsay Bock Thuerauf 2007** of Cedar Rapids, a son, Mason Hayes Thuerauf on October 12, 2017.

Jesse Rodman Lerch 2006 and husband Zach of Marion, IA, a daughter, Layla Jai Lerch on July 23, 2016.

Karah Goetschius Hoffer 2004 and husband Erik of New Lenox, Il. a daughter, Makenna Marie on July 7, 2017.

Dan Campagna 2000 and wife Caitlyn of Los Angeles, CA, a daughter, Autumn Celestine on October 4, 2017.

Kira Johanson Barone 1999 and husband Jarred of Canby, OR., a daughter, Luisa Jae Barone on Oct. 6, 2017

Aaron Cole 1990 and wife Sahaya Josephine of Fremont, CA., a son Augustine Aaron, on January 25, 2017.

EDUCATION & MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman First Class **Ryan J. Ackerman 2015** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Ackerman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate's in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ashley Neal 2012 earned a BA from Grand View College in Graphic Design, specializing in illustration, printmaking and SFX makeup.

Paul Rekemeyer 2007 was presented with a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on June 9, 2017. During his time at MIT, he was a Research Assistant in the Material Science and Engineering department. His thesis was entitled Nanostructured Photovoltaics: Improving Device Efficiency and Measuring Carrier Transport and is intended to lead to the manufacturing of efficient solar cells made from Earth abundant materials. He is remaining

in the Boston area to work for Analog Devices.

Ted Neal 1991 earned his PHD in Science Education in May 2017 from the University of Iowa. He is currently a professor at the U of I, educating future teachers in science methods.

AND MORE...

Kierstyn Borg Mickelson 2006 was appointed on July 1, 2017 to be a 3-year member of the Iowa State Board of Health. Kierstyn holds academic degrees in health care, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Registered Nurse degree. Her academic work was at Baylor University and the Mercy College of Health Sciences. She is employed at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Jamie Hampton 1991 was re-elected to a second two-year term as mayor of Mount Vernon, IA

Joan L. Suchomel 1974, AIA, ACHA, EDAC recently joined Cannon Design's Chicago office as Senior Vice President. Joan is an architect specializing in healthcare design.

Abigail Neal Bock 1999, Mount Vernon-Lisbon's middle school cross country coach, has been named the 2017 IATC (Iowa track coaches) middle school coach of the year. She has been coaching middle school cross country since 2006, and has seen the interest in the sport grow exponentially. This season, there were 62 kids on the roster between the seventh and eighth grade boys and the girls. In 2006 there were just 16.

Ali Stark 2011 was honored at the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union state volleyball tournament November 10th with hall of fame recognition. Stark played at Mount Vernon from 2007-to-2010. A four-time all-state selection, she was a part of two state championship teams for hall of fame coach Shirley Ryan. She was a member of three all-tournament teams and the captain of two all-tournament teams her junior and senior seasons. Ali was the Iowa Player of the Year as a senior, averaging three kills, 2.2 digs with 52 service aces and was a first-team high school all-American. Stark played collegiately at Illinois and was a four-time academic all-Big Ten selection while helping the Illini reach the NCAA regional tournament semifinals three times.

Rev. Michael Langer 1985 recently accepted a position with the



Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help at Alumni Association events -- they couldn't happen without you!!!

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) as the Associate Director of Ministry to State in Washington DC. Michael previously planted and pastored One Ancient Hope in Iowa City from 2008-2015, and most recently pastored Redemption Church in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. In Washington, Michael will provide pastoral care to those working and serving our nation on Capitol Hill. Their family will also celebrate the wedding of their eldest daughter, Josie, on March 10th in San Antonio, TX.



Paul Morf 1990 of Ely, IA, is one of three of Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC's attorneys who have been included in the 2017 edition of Chambers High Net Worth (HNW), an annual publication that covers private wealth management work and related specialties in key jurisdictions around the world.

Tristan Wirfs 2017, a right tackle for the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, was named 247Sports' True Freshman of the Week for Week 10 this fall. Iowa decimated Ohio State's College Football Playoff chances with a 55-24 win this fall and a big reason for that dominance was the play of the Hawkeyes' offensive line. Wirfs, a four-star recruit in the 2017 class, held his own all day against one of the most fearsome defensive line rotations you'll see in college football. A 6-foot-5, 315-pound U.S. Army All-American, Wirfs was thrust into Iowa's plans early because of an achilles injury to senior right tackle Ike Boettger in week 2. Wirfs didn't earn playing time immediately – his first consecutive action didn't come until three weeks ago – but he's more than held his own for what he's been asked to do. Ohio State was the toughest test of Wirfs' young career, and as a whole

he aced it. 247Sports ranked Wirfs as the nation's No. 126 overall player and the No. 15 offensive tackle in the 2017 class.

Source: <https://247sports.com>
Jeff White 2008 was cast on the television show 'House of Cards' as a series regular. In the Season 5 premiere of House of Cards, Jeff played Joshua Masterson, a terrorist affiliated with ICO, the show's analogue to ISIS.

Nathan Bunting 1992 moved to Orlando, Florida with his wife Valerie and three children to be the Manager of Community Care at Wycliffe Bible Translators. Nathan oversees the care of their members who live and work in Orlando and the care of the kids in their organization worldwide. Nathan worked at Faith Academy in Manila, Philippines for 15 years.

Lisa Squiers White 1988 accepted a new position at Cornell College in July 2017 and is now the Director of Annual Giving Operations.

Hall of Fame news

Bishop Thomas Zinkula '75, our 2016 Mount Vernon Achievement Hall of Fame recipient and Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport, was greeted by Pope Francis at the Vatican in September. Bishop Zinkula was in Rome to attend a formation program for new bishops.



In Memory of classmates we have lost

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Robert (Bob) Stephen

Manchester, IA October 12, 2017

(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.)

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@mvcisd.org or call 319-389-8602

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