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ALUMNI NEWS



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Above: 2017 New superintendent Dr. Greg Batenhorst, after a run in the Heritage Days 5K, meets up with retired Superintendent Adrian Ringold at the All-Alumni-Community Breakfast.

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An opportunity to help add auditorium seating in our NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



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2018 Heritage Days Events Coming Up!

July 13 and 14 - 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). Come and check out the new items added to the menu! The event is a popular meeting place, and a unique opportunity to see alumni from the 1940s to 2018 (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. (note that people participating in the 5K will be meeting at Washington Elementary)

NEW -- Come see the future of Mount Vernon while attending the Alumni Breakfast on Saturday morning. The City of Mount Vernon and the Mount Vernon Community School District will hold a joint groundbreaking ceremony to kick-off work on the new Community Center as well as the projects approved in the recent school district bond issue. Come learn more about what is on tap with these projects.

Visit the **Alumni-Community Reception area** up town in the old Fire Department Station next to City Hall. Friday from 4 pm until approximately 10 pm, and then Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to approx. 5 p.m. Make the reception area *your meeting place* and come to view displays, enjoy yearbooks, have your picture taken, order up some ice cream, or grab some cold water. Who will you see there? See pages 11-12 for pictures from last year's activities and this year's Heritage Days schedule info.

EARLY BIRD RECEPTION

...on Friday, July 13, from 1-4 pm. Enjoy refreshments and a tour of what was your old Middle School or High School. You will be **AMAZED** at the variety of shops and businesses now in the building. In addition, the 1940s classes will be having a reunion in the 'Principal's Office.'

Also in 2018
Friday, Sept. 28
Homecoming and Alumni Hall of Fame Award Ceremony



Class composites in the High School continue to be a popular stop -- here is alum Cheryl Covington MacDowell 1982



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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 EARLY BIRD RECEPTION 1-4 PM FIRST ST. BLDG.
- FRIDAY, JULY 13 AND SATURDAY, JULY 14 - Reception uptown
- SATURDAY, JULY 14 - Breakfast

2013 - 5 year

Contact: Hannah Giegerich
Contact: Sarah Yeoman

2008 - 10 year - Heritage Days Weekend

Saturday July 14 Cookout at Maura Holland Arnold's house, 4:00pm-? (see more info on page 4), Sunday, June 15 Meet at Big Grove in Iowa City around 1:00pm for a late lunch. Please keep an eye on the class Facebook page (MVHS Class of 2008) for updates

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2003 - 15 year - Heritage Days Weekend

Neal Family farm on Saturday July 14th from 5pm-??, with kettle chicken and a bonfire. Visit Facebook event created titled: Class of 2003 15 year reunion (this page will have more information).

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1998 - 20 year - Heritage Days Weekend

Saturday night gathering at 9 pm in front of Scorz
Contact: Char Campagna McDermott
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1993 - 25 years - Heritage Days Weekend

Saturday, July 14th from 6-10 pm
at Cornell College Commons
Find us on face book at Mount Vernon High School Class of 1993

Contact: Braden Pospisil Rood
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Scott Rose and Sarah Rife Patten

1988 - 30 year - Heritage Days Weekend

Heritage days weekend July 13-14
Friday night: informal gathering uptown Mount Vernon
Saturday night: Baxa's Sutliff Store & Tavern
Find us on face book at 'Mount Vernon Iowa Class of 1988'

Contact: Lisa Squiers White
Phone: 319-899-4671
Email: whitetdlc@msn.com
Contact: Jennifer Clark Gonzalez
Phone: 310-530-8809
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1983 - 35 years - Heritage Days Weekend

Saturday evening reunion potluck at Lisa's home, 5 pm
Find us on face book at 'MVHS IA 1983'

Contact: Lisa Lewis
Phone: 319-361-0396 or 319-895-8870
Email: lisa@envisagephoto.com

1978 - 40 year - Heritage Days Weekend

Saturday eve at Andy's located at 703 7th Ave NW (Joan-your old home) from 6:30-9.
See more information on page 5.

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1973 - 45 yr - June 8-9, 2018

Fri., June 8 - Meet & Greet BBQ, 6:30 pm to ? at Chris Hanson Starkweather's house

Sat., June 9 Dinner & Concert, 4 pm to ?
First Street Community Center, Dinner at 5:00 pm,
Performance by classmate Phil Heywood at 8 pm
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1968 -50 years - Homecoming 2018, Sept 28

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see information on the next page

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1963 55 years - Heritage Days Weekend

Friday eve at Sutliff, Saturday afternoon at Stoner Home, Sunday am at Lisbon History Center
See info on page 5

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1958 - 60 years - Heritage Days Weekend

Meet & Greet Friday evening, Breakfast at the school on Saturday morning, and Reunion Dinner at the Kernoustie Country Club on Saturday night. Brunch gathering on Sunday morning. (See next page.)

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1953 - 65 years - July 14 of Heritage Days

Sat. eve Reunion dinner at home of Babs Moore. 6 pm

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1948 - 70 years

1943 - 75 years

Contact: Elizabeth 'Liz' Wolfe Kroul
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ALL 1940's CLASSES REUNION July 13

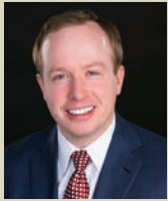
Friday, at the First Street Community Center 1-3 pm

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Andrew Morf '94
Alumni Association
President

Many exciting initiatives are underway in Mount Vernon! The Highway 30 bypass is presently under construction; two hundred new homes are slated to be built adjacent to Stonebrook and near the Elliott Athletic Complex in the next 10 years; the Community Wellness Center recently surpassed the \$1.9 million mark in funds raised and will break ground this fall to begin construction on this exciting new community resource; and last but certainly not least, Mount Vernon voters overwhelmingly approved a \$12.8 million bond referendum on April 3rd of this year. Included within the facility upgrades is the construction of a new performing arts center at Mount Vernon High School. Seating for 768 was planned, however given the growth that is anticipated in our community, the fine arts community has identified the need for an additional 80 seats and other amenities that were not able to be included in the bond. As a result, the district is looking to raise an additional \$250,000 from donors and friends, including Mount Vernon alumni.

The Mount Vernon Alumni Association is extremely excited and supportive of this fundraising initiative as we believe not only students, but the entire community, will benefit from the value of this state-of-the-art fine arts center. Page 26 of this newsletter highlights additional information about the project and how you can help in the completion of this special community project.

Heritage Days will soon be here! Please join us at our annual Alumni Breakfast located at the high school cafeteria on Saturday, July 14 from 8 am to 10 am. Also plan to stop uptown and enjoy an ice cream cone at the Alumni Association Reception open on both Friday and Saturday – located at the old fire house. Have a great summer – make every second count!



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CLASS OF 1958 REUNION

60th year class reunion the weekend of July 14, 2018

Friday afternoon: 1-4 All-Alumni Early Bird Reception at First Street Bldg
Friday evening: 'Meet and Greet' at Schittjer's residence 5-7 pm

Saturday AM: All-Alumni-Community Breakfast, Heritage Days Parade & Alumni Reception

Saturday evening: Reunion Dinner at Kernoustie Golf Club 5-9 pm

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CLASS OF 1968 -- 50TH REUNION

The Class of 1968 will be holding their 50th reunion during the 2018 Homecoming weekend. Homecoming is September 28.

Sept 27: Thursday: Class Float in Homecoming Parade

Sept 28: Friday Morning: Attend the Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony

Friday afternoon: All-School pep rally

Friday eve: Homecoming game and Informal Gathering after in First Street Bldg (our High School) library

Sept 29: Saturday: Golf outing, tours of downtown, etc

Saturday eve: Reunion at Kernoustie Country Club

Sept 30: Sunday am: Continental breakfast, home of Ricki Franks Onstott

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CLASS OF 2008

We will celebrate our 10th Class Reunion the weekend of Heritage Days 2018

SATURDAY, June 14 Cookout

...at Maura Holland Arnold's house 4:00pm-? Eat around 5:30pm
421 Cedar River Rd. Mount Vernon, IA 52314
Please bring a main/side dish to share BYOB

SUNDAY, June 15 Meet at Big Grove

...in Iowa City around 1:00pm for a late lunch/afternoon drinks

Please keep an eye on the class Facebook page (MVHS Class of 2008) for updates
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CLASS OF 1978

The boys are taking the lead role in organizing our 40th High School reunion and we hope many can make it back/attend.

An informal, but hopefully fun, get-together will take place

Saturday, July 14 at Andy's:

located at 703 7th Ave NW (Joan-your old home) from 6:30-9.
We will have a simple Mexican bar (chips,salsa,queso,taco meat) catered by a local restaurant, but no fee is involved.

Bring what you want to drink and we will ice it down for you.
There might be a former teacher/coach or school administrator that stops by. Music will be rocking up town after that.

Please let us know in the next month if you can attend so we can refine our plans.

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CLASS OF 2003

The class of 2003 will be having our 15 year class reunion at the Neal Family farm on Saturday, July 14th from 5pm-??, , 874 Irish Lane, Mt. Vernon, with kettle chicken and a bonfire.

Visit Facebook at: Class of 2003 15 year reunion (this page will have more information).

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CLASS OF 1963

55th Reunion....the weekend of Heritage Days 2018

Friday Evening July 13

Classes of 1962 and 1964 are welcome to join us at Sutliff.

Saturday Afternoon, July 14

Mid-afternoon gathering at Warren and Margaret Stoner home for refreshments.

Sunday Morning July 15

Coffee and rolls at the Lisbon History Center

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Early Bird Reception

You're invited to the First Street Community Building for an Early Bird Reception on Friday, July 13, from 1-4 pm.

Enjoy some refreshments, some good company, and a tour of what was either your old Middle School or High School. You will be AMAZED at the variety of shops and businesses now in the building.

Class of 1940s will also be holding a Reunion from 1-3 in the 'Principal's Office'.

CLASS OF 1988

HERITAGE DAYS WEEKEND JULY 13-14

Friday, July 13

9 p.m. - informal gathering (uptown)

Saturday, July 14

11 a.m. - Ride on Class of '88 parade float

6 p.m. - Class Reunion at Sutliff

On Facebook at

"Mount Vernon Iowa Class of 1988"

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CLASS OF 1998

20th Year Class Reunion on Saturday, July 14, 2018

Meet uptown outside of Scorz at 9 pm

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CLASS OF 1983

Saturday, July 14, 5 pm

35th Class Reunion at the home of Lisa Lewis

It is a potluck so bring a dish to share, and your beverages.

We will be smoking a ton of pork and have cake :)

Class of 1983 friends are welcome!

Lisa Lewis lisa@envisagephoto.com
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The following classes held reunions in 2017.

Thank you to the reunion organizers and classmates for sending in pictures and information.

▼ CLASS OF 1967 - 50 YEARS

The Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th Reunion on Saturday, July 8th, starting with the Alumni-Community Breakfast, followed by riding on a float in the Heritage Day's parade (see photo at right). In the evening, we gathered on the lower floor of Cornell's Thomas Commons, with our dinner catered by Bon Appetit.

Submitted by Jane Hardin: "Our 50th Class Reunion was a great success. I'd like to thank Larry Pisarik, Sharon Crain & Sandi Hanna for all their hard work. I'm not sure of the price, but having it at Cornell was the perfect place. I'd vote to have it there next year. I think we missed only one person from the group of girls I hung with, and that was Nancy Smykil Bern. I hope your hip replacement went well, Nancy. There were lots of folks planning joint replacements this year. Best wishes for healthy joints. At reunion I was able to announce that our class had lost 12 members. None of them, however, were lost in the Vietnam War. Our class had several members in the military, and it should be noted, that we were then affected by the draft system."



Photo by Dave Thackery Photography



Top Row: Doug Randall, Joe Connor, Buzz Burgess, Bob Locke, Mike Seiler, Rob Davis, Roger Pitlik, Roger Rife, Larry Pisarik, Jackie Wolrab Moore, Gary Viter
 2nd Row: Linda Davis Cornwall, Keith Burge, Ken Neal, Tim Thomsen, Diane Pospisil Henry, Sandi Erenberger Hanna, Mick Snodgrass, Ron Swanson, Dave Moses, Conrad Leighton
 3rd Row: Nancy Brogan, Nancy Tonne Hansen, Wanda Kamberling Clark, Christine Chadek Deigan, Barb Clarke Oakland, Mary Krejci Barr, Pam Pitlik Byersdorfer, Steve Clark, Dennis Allard, Jeff Siggins, Nancy Lynott, Bill Lange
 Bottom Row: Don Colton, Peg Neal Howard, Sharon Meyer Crain, Marianne Hansen Garrigan, Jane Baker Hardin, Kandi Goodrich Kling, Shelley Peterson Dies, Kathy Brawner Worcester
 Missing: Jackie Wolrab Moore



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▼ CLASS OF 1957 - 60 YEARS

The Class of 1957 held their 60th Reunion July 8-10, 2017.



Shown here, left to right are: Myrt Clark Bowers, Joyce Olmstead Lucas, Elaine Mulherin, Karen Jilovec Martin, Doug Tharp, Steve Ludley, Jan Lowe Majors, Bonnie Humes Boodon, and Bill Bowers. Not present that attended other events were Barb Neal Hutchins, Karen Clark Fiala and Leona Reyhons Smith Fair '56.

On Friday evening Jan and Bob Majors hosted a gathering at their home at 5 pm. Later the classmates and friends went to Sutliff. Saturday evening classmates, spouses and friends had a Reunion Supper at Sally's in Springville. Then on Sunday morning, Myrt and Bill Bowers hosted a brunch at their home for classmates, spouses and friends.

▼ CLASS OF 1997 - 20 YEARS



The class of 1997 had their 20th reunion at Davis Park during Heritage Days on July 8th, 2017. The group enjoyed a cookout under the pavilion. Hours were spent sharing stories from the old days and catching up with each other as children played in the park. It was a wonderful and relaxing afternoon!

Front row: Justin Dix, Vicki Stoner, Talia Nelson, Brandon Durgin, Jason Clark
Middle row: Katie Pisarik, Amanda Kula, Nick Boots, Bryce Chapman, Sarah Loeb sack
Back row: Kyle Stoner, Blake Covington, Doug Hess, Jesse Pisarik, Troy Newmeister, Cullen Devries, Brad Dvorak, Sean Kneeland
Not pictured: Everyone else



▲ **CLASS of 2002 - 15 YEARS**

Our class met for dinner and socializing at the First Street library and then headed uptown for more fun. From left to right: Kyle Kuntz, Brock Grenis, Aaron Schwiebert, Lisa Fettkether Schwiebert, Eric Schettler, Tom McCulloh, Jon Hedges, Michael Lessmeier, Tyler Cullen, Amelia Carl Kibbie, Catherine Benter Norwood, Teresa Britt Patterson, Kristen Hotz Robinson, Mary Shook Dalton, Sarah Loan Nolte, Jessie Brown-Kwaiser Thurn, Jenna Voss, Kira Scott Moore, Lacy Johnson Alger, Angela Lysne.

▼ **CLASS OF 2001- 'Sweet 16' 16 YEARS**

Top photo is from our Saturday morning family gathering at Bryant Park, from left to right:



BACK ROW: Cassidy Sill Reinken, Ethan Thompson, Ian Dye, Drew Rotschafer, William Thomsen,
FRONT ROW: Megan Moon, Shauna Applebee Dye, Crystal Raiber, Stephanie Triggs Flies, Sarah Kleinsmith Dannals, Jamie Wallace Smith, Jennifer Dotson Stockwell, Stephanie Pisarik Brinkmann

The second picture is from our evening gathering at Kernoustie Golf Club, from left to right:



BACK ROW: William Thomsen, Drew Rotschafer, Shauna Applebee Dye, Sarah Kleinsmith Dannals, Crystal Raiber, Lindsey Kerr Hotz, Stephanie Triggs Flies, Jennifer Dotson Stockwell, Stephanie Pisarik Brinkmann, Katie Hommer Ripke
FRONT ROW: Ian Dye, Cassidy Sill Reinken, Jamie Wallace Smith

▼ **CLASS of 2007 - 10 YEARS**

We enjoyed gathering during Heritage Days 2017. From left to right Ben Vozenilek, Ryan Jamra, Joe Alger, Nikki Mehaffy Nost, Sean Boren, Kevin Wolter and Jordan Smith.





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▼ CLASS OF 1962 - 55 YEARS

The MVHS Class of 1962 held their 55th Reunion Banquet, July 8, 2017, at Teddy's Barn & Grill in Anamosa. Classmates pictured from left to right: Jim Plank, Jerry Meek, Jerry Brogan, Terry Hartung Valenta, Ellen Baskerville Paone, Bill Ellison, Patricia Kolek Mitchell, Joe Lynott, MaryAnn Bohren Jilovec, Bob Marshek, Bill Horton, Ron Randall, Joel Clark.



▼ CLASS OF 1987 - 30 YEARS

The Class of 1987 had a fantastic 30th Reunion weekend gathering at the Heritage Days 3-Person Best Shot at Kernoustie Golf Club, the All-Alumni Community Breakfast and then for our class party at the Drahos Family Farm on Saturday. The Drahos brothers prepared a barbecue feast and we all danced to the groove of AS/WAS (formerly known in high school as AS/IS) who put together an amazing set list of 80s tunes.



At right, top photo: Class of 1987 at Heritage Days Golf Tournament at Kernoustie. Pictured, left to right: John Skretta, Patrick Gevock, Sarah Miller Johnson, Troy Petrick, Paul Marker, Doug West, James Drahos



At right, bottom photo: "As Was" Band Photo, pictured from left to right are Pat White, James Drahos, Don Cosgrove, and Troy Petrick. In high school their band name was "As Is." Since we've matured...they are now known as "As Was." They ROCKED our 30th Reunion at Drahos Farm!

30th Reunion Photo: Tom Carew is in the driver's seat of a 1987 Pontiac Fiero at our 30th Reunion Class Party.

Front, left to right: Todd Niehaus, Patrick Gevock, Krista Meeker Sorensen, Karen Ford Secrist
Back, left to right: Kristin Brown James, Sarah Miller Johnson, David Randall, Bob Blythe, Trenay Allen, Pat White, Lisa Capaccioli, Troy Petrick, Doug West, Rich Wirfs, James Drahos, Kristina Gugler, Kimberly Houser, Paul Marker, Paul Nederhiser, Bob Green, Dennis Jordan, Doug Kopecky, Michael Bowers



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▼ CLASS OF 1992 - 25 YEARS

The class of 1992 held their 25th Reunion on July 8th, 2017 at 'The Old Barn' on the Reyhons Farm in Mount Vernon. We were a small but mighty group! — with Nathan Bunting, Scott Meeker, Dale Merrill, Jenny Brown, Danielle Huber, Emily Adams Vig, Sharon Yoder Scott, Dawn Plotz Blackford, Jennifer Deneve, Michele Meyer Grudzinski, Mitch Mitchell and Vince Ellison.



At the golf tournament- Michele Meyer Grudzinski, Dana Vig, Shannon Mitchell, Amy Reyhons Glick, Vince Ellison, Heath Allard



▼ CLASS OF 2018

Welcome Class of 2018! The class graduated 96 members on May 20, 2018. Classmates **Katherine Bellamy, Joshua Jordan, & Cameron Weaver** were named Class Reunion Organizers, and received \$100 scholarships from the Alumni Association at their Senior Awards Night. They will keep open lines of communication with their respective classmates, coordinate reunion planning, and serve as a link between the Association, the school, and the alumni.



A New Tradition... the 2018 Graduating Class of Mount Vernon High School inspired students at both Washington Elementary School and the Middle School by walking the halls and greeting students. Shown at left, amid the cheers and smiles is the very real lesson that in time, it will be their turn to do the "Grad Walk!" Thank you, seniors.



Photo by JoAnn Gage

2018

Heritage Days Events

THURSDAY, JULY 12 - FRIDAY, JULY 13 -
SATURDAY, JULY 14

See a complete list in the Heritage Days issue of the *Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun*.

Thursday: Join Family Night and Fireworks at Kernoustie Golf Club

Friday: from 1-4 pm EARLY BIRD RECEPTION
In town early? You're invited to the First Street Community Building for an Early Bird Reception. Enjoy some refreshments and a tour of what was either your old Middle School or High School.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY HERITAGE DAYS EVENTS to be announced.

Watch websites and the 'Sun' for more information.

Friday and Saturday - All-Alumni-Community Reception area in the old Fire Station Building next to City Hall. A great place to meet up with your friends and family!

Saturday: 8-10:30 am All-Alumni-Community Breakfast (serving from 8-10 am), and **all-day Heritage Days events**. Over Heritage Days you'll enjoy special events, and of course the annual parade on at 11am. Alumni-Community Reception open after the parade.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT WITH CURRENT AND RETIRED DISTRICT STAFF?

They have been invited to 'show up' at the Reception on Friday evening from 5-8 and to the Breakfast on Saturday morning.

SEE LIST OF 2018 ALUMNI REUNIONS ON PAGE 2

MEMORIES...HERITAGE DAYS 2017



Left: Cullen DeVries '97 and his wife Kim from Minneapolis. Center: 2010 classmates Tasha Redmond Tatara from Cedar Rapids and Kelsey Steines from Iowa City. Right: Carmen Neal Musser '63 from Riverside, IA and Margaret Ellison Stoner '66 from Mount Vernon.



Left: Conrad Leighton '67 and wife Anita from Minnesota. Right: Mother Robbin Rekemeyer and Daniel Rekemeyer '12 from Cedar Rapids.



At the breakfast are 1971 classmates Jim Baker and Susan Gaston Sherwood, both from Minnesota.



Shannon Williams Goodloe '05 with her baby Hudson from Martelle, Loren Williams '78 from Mount Vernon, Dustin Clark and Angie Williams '03 and her son Colton from Mount Vernon.



Volunteers make alumni events during Heritage Days happen... Here at the All-Alumni Community Breakfast are, at left: Making fruit kabobs are Jerry Neiderhausers '75, Leona Reyhons Smith '56, Mary Thomsen '75, Kathy Staskal, Kim Mortensen Konkowski '81, and Becky Thumm Whitman '77.

Breakfast volunteers, from left: Michele Meyer Grudzinski '92, Kim Zangger Tucker '94, and Becky Thumm Whitman '77. Michele and Kim are Association Board Members. At far right, Ron Raines from the Class of 1977





Sisters Anna Tonne Broulik '74, Julie Tonne Brannami '70 and Nancy Tonne Hansen '67, along with Nancy's husband Mark, enjoy some family time at the All-Alumni-Community Reception in the old Fire Station. Nancy lives in Michigan, and both Anna and Julie are from Lisbon.



1967 Classmates enjoy gathering at the All-Alumni-Community Breakfast. Front row: Peg Neal Howard, Keith Burge, Shelley Peterson Dies, Marianne Hansen Garrigan. Back row: Jane Baker Hardin, Mike Seiler, Kandy Goodrich Kling, Roger Rife, Steve Clark.



Selecting an ice cream flavor at the All-Alumni-Community Reception are Dan Stoner '70 and wife Cathy Humphries Stoner '69, from Mount Vernon, with son Matt Stoner '03 and grandson from Cedar Rapids.



Mount Vernon residents Jane Colehour Pospisil '68 and husband Ken Pospisil '68 visit with Peg Neal Howard '67 from Colorado, and Marianne Hansen Garrigan '67 from Tennessee.



Sisters Susan Deskin Glenn '72 from Mount Vernon and Cynthia Deskin Halbmaier '78 from Albia, Iowa, and at right Sara Kendall '78 from Bertram at the All-Alumni-Community Reception in the old Fire Station.



Enjoying the All-Alumni-Community Breakfast, at left: 1946 Classmates Jim Gunn and Helen Peterson Meeks. At right: Mechanicsville resident and Community Service Hall of Fame Recipient in 2011, Millicent Hoggard Zenishek '47 and her husband Richard.



Kris Erenberger Johanns '77 from California is greeted by Mount Vernon residents and former band instructors Judy and Don Stine at the All-Alumni-Community Breakfast.



Smithsonian “Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America” Includes MV Athletics and Marching Band Exhibits

A Smithsonian exhibit “Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America” was on display in the gym of the First Street Community Center in Mount Vernon from March 16 to April 29, 2018. In addition to a static presentation from the Smithsonian, college and high school teams and sports-related activities from Linn and the seven surrounding counties were also included. Mount Vernon's wrestling, volleyball, football, and the 1967-93 marching bands were represented in the local part of the display.

After leaving Mount Vernon the exhibit traveled to Ottumwa, Iowa, followed by Guthrie Center, Jefferson, Ames and Conrad. Each stay will last approximately two months. The exhibit provided by the Smithsonian will be the same in each venue, but the local sports exhibits will be unique to each of the hosting communities. In addition to the Smithsonian, the exhibit was sponsored by The Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group and Main Street Iowa, with additional help from citizens and local businesses. Several items from the Mount Vernon Alumni Association library were included in the exhibits.

This was the first time a Smithsonian exhibit of this type has been in the state in 15 years and it provided a wonderful opportunity to not only reminisce about sports and band history but also to see the First Street Community Center, now owned by Trude and Rick Elliott. Thank you to photographer Lisa Lewis from the Class of 1983 for the photos of this exhibit.



Above left, retired volleyball coach and District Secretary Carol Woods-Boren'75 and Terry Boren'77 enjoy the displays. Above right, former School Board member Dean Borg views one of the videos produced by the High School journalism department for this display. His wife Sheila and Sonia Essex Redmond'82 look on.

Mount Vernon High School students spent J-term creating videos for the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street exhibit. They can be accessed through the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group website, visitmvl.com. Subjects are:

- Logan Kelly: Champion Student Archer
- Drew Adams: Touchdown King
- Tristan Wirfs: Mount Vernon Mustang to University of Iowa Hawkeye
- Jeff Meeker: Cornell College's Winningest Volleyball Coach
- Shirley Ryan: Mount Vernon Volleyball Coach
- An Iowa Tradition: 6-on-6 Women's Basketball
- Vance Light: Mount Vernon Wrestling Coach
- An Unforgettable Season: 2012 State Champions in Boys Basketball



THE PASSING OF A GREAT TEACHER... RICHARD PETERS

By David Ryan, Class of 1985

Dick Peters passed away on February 7, 2018. A local citizen for over 50 years, his professional career spanned the better part of 40 years in Mount Vernon, mainly at Mount Vernon High School (1967-1988) and Cornell College (1988-2004). A respected teacher, scholar, and historian, Peters was a servant leader to all that made his acquaintance and was a giver of the highest order.

Those lucky enough to have been taught or coached by Peters at MVHS may recall that sitting in his classroom was no ordinary experience. The educational environment Peters provided to the MVHS student body was an art form: part learning, part entertainment, and part enthusiasm. Always prepared and extremely well read, Peters would draw us in with words, gestures, and mental imagery on important historical subject matter. During the lecture and without fail, he could sense when the class needed a short mental break...he would fill the void with humor and wit relating the historical topic to our modern day life only to bring us back moments later to the original lesson plan.

Peters was proud of his students and I am aware that Peters took great joy when students thoughtfully considered his subject matter or put in the time and work to master it. He allowed us to consider subjects like American history, criminal justice, and racism on our own terms...all of which helped countless Mount Vernon students take ownership of their education and gain an appreciation for our sense of community and our relationship with each other.

Throughout his professional teaching career in Mount Vernon, Peters also seemed to be called to serve us all. His unwavering interest in helping his fellow man parlayed into a list of volunteer activities of which he received little to no personal economic benefit. Here are a few: served his country in the US Army, personal/private advising & mentoring, coaching, Sunday school teaching, Iowa State Penitentiary GED teaching, city government (our former mayor), 30 years of semi-annual Mount

Vernon Bank lectures, Lions Club, Kids In Need, Mount Vernon United Methodist Church parishioner/leader/volunteer, and longtime Mount Vernon Preschool president.

Although quiet about his personal life, Peters was proud of his family who provided him a lifetime of wonderful, loving, and loyal support. His wife Linda continues to live in Mount Vernon while daughter Marcia (MVHS 1985) lives in Minneapolis, MN and daughter Laura (MVHS 1987) resides in Ames, IA.

Peters once told me that to be of genuine service to others was his greatest achievement. We should all be this good.



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Bob Campagna Dick Peters is a person who always defined the good character of my long time community. His knowledge, wit, and wry perspective were valuable and immeasurable. I first met Dick when I oft wrote about him for the SUN. Even Newsweek dedicated a portion of a story about MV's mayor (issue sometime in the 1978-79 era). Dick is well remembered.

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Patrick D. White Dick Peters was a brilliant teacher and one of my favorites at MVHS. His American West class was especially great. Not only did we go camping in January, building a lean-to from scratch, but we also made our own Thanksgiving feast - including having St... See More

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Karla Maria Steffens Such a gentle soul --always filled with such a keen curiosity about everything--who touched so many with his open heart and honest intellect. Rest easy, kind sir.

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Cyndee Sue Ament Wonderful teacher and great example of a Godly man!

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Chip Swaney A great man,teacher,coach. I'll always remember drop kicking contest after practice. RIP COACH

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Joe Mrstik RIP to a great guy. You touched so many people through out your life.

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Patrick Melchert Positive influence on so many people!

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Beth Anne Wood A true LEGEND! Didn't matter what he spoke about he was always captivating! So honored to have been able to experience his teachings, so compassionate and honest! Heaven received a Great One!

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Rose Melchert Sesker RIP Mr. Peters! You were such a great influence on so many in the Mt. Vernon community!

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Stacie Guess Mr. Peters was a teacher who made you want to be in class. He was wonderful.

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Jennifer Lane RIP Mr. Peters! One of my 2 favorite teachers. He had such passion for what he taught, you couldn't help but want to listen and learn. And what a wonderful smile and laugh. Never forgotten!

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Tracy Bair Garvin What a great Man -he touch the lives of many!

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Stephanie Parish West Agree. We've lost a legend. But we've gained a treasure trove of memories, stories and laughs. He won't be forgotten.

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Greg Encke R.I.P. Pete, truly an original

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Leigh Swaney A wonderful teacher and a gentle man. He was a blessing to all of us students.


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Mustangs...what are they doing now?

■ DAVID PIERCE 1972



The Pierce family (parents, myself, Cyndy, Valerie, and Doug) moved to Mount Vernon when my father took a teaching job at Cornell. This was 1967, the year Dutch Elm disease hit Mount Vernon and dozens of grand old elm trees were cut down, including one that shaded our front yard on 2nd St NW.

I attended eighth grade in the old junior high school on 3rd St, one of the last years it was open. Ninth grade was at the old high school, at the crest of the hill on Main Street before it swoops down and past the cemetery to Lisbon. I remember Mr. Landis laying down some rules about class behavior, saying he had a pointer stick that could reach people in the front rows and as for those in back, well, he could spit forty feet. Then there was Mrs Rife, who demanded and got the best from her students. We had to memorize and then deliver to the class a ten minute long speech or book selection. This seemed impossible but we did it, and fifty years later I can still rattle off "John Claverhouse was a moon-faced man. You know the kind.....". My senior class was the first to attend the new high school out on Palisades Road.

I had several jobs as a teenager. Delivered the Cedar Rapids Gazette for a year. Cleaned at Stoltz Laundromat on Main Street and later Hartung Butcher on the south side of the Hwy 1 and Main Street intersection. Did a couple of summers on the Cornell grounds and paint crews.

After high school I went to Cornell for a year but took the next two years off. I moved to South Dakota and mined gold for a few months, then moved back to Mount Vernon and worked at Cherry Burrell in Cedar Rapids for a year, and finally returned to Cornell.

After Cornell I found a temporary summer job at ACT in Iowa City. Around that time



I was offered a permanent job selling insurance but I didn't like the sound of that, and meanwhile the restroom graffiti at ACT was the best I had ever seen so I took my chances with ACT. Luckily, that summer job turned permanent and lasted several years until the contract was won by a company in California, and in January of 1981 I moved there with my girlfriend, who had been my supervisor at ACT. Three years later the girlfriend was gone and the contract had returned to Iowa but I stayed in California. I worked a variety of jobs and along the way learned a bit about computers, which led to a programmer/analyst job at UCLA. I retired about two years ago, still do some consulting, live a mile from the beach, and I guess I owe it all to great restroom graffiti.

Highlights? I don't know.... Well, I helped a girl I knew from Mongolia get tickets to a sumo wrestling match in Las Vegas - how random a conversation is that? Shook Ringo's hand. Lost everything I owned in a fire on the last day Bush was in office (coincidence?). Bought a bell in Mandalay, Myanmar. Got a hard stare from OJ. Walked across Abbey Road ("One sweet dream came true, today...").

It's been a while since I lived in Mount Vernon but it doesn't seem like much time at all. In my mind, my Mount Vernon years are equal to everything since. They're a part of me, at the core of who I am, and to this day, when asked where I'm from, my answer is always, proudly, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

And then I usually have to explain it's not where potatoes come from.....

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■ RYAN WINDER 2008



After graduating high school in 2008, I attended Wartburg College where I played football and got a bachelor's degree in biology with a pre-health care focus. After graduating from Wartburg, I began at Grand View University to obtain my bachelors degree in nursing, with a psychology minor. While at Grand View, I was the Vice-President of the Grand View chapter of the National Student Nurses' Association as well as the Vice-President for state chapter, the Iowa Association of Nursing Students. During this time I was able to go to several national conventions to further my nursing knowledge and network with future nurses from around the country. After graduating from nursing school in 2015, I started working at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics on an inpatient pediatric unit. In 2017, we made the move to the new University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, where I became more specialized and now work on the 11th floor, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant.

I am currently still a staff nurse on level 11 of the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. I am a member of several committees, both unit based and hospital-wide. Also, I began graduate school in May 2018 to obtain my Masters in Nursing (MSN) to become a Family Nurse Practitioner, then I will continue on for my doctorate in nursing (DNP).

For the last year, another nurse from my unit and I have been working on an evidence-based practice improvement project. The goals of the project were to 1) increase the bedside nurses' involvement in the daily bedside rounds for every patient, and 2) to increase family satisfaction with the rounding process. Our project has been successfully implemented on our unit, and is in the process of being implemented on other units within the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, and eventually potentially the rest of the hospital as well.

We presented our poster for this project at the Tandem International Bone Marrow Transplant Conference in February 2018. Our poster was also just accepted to be presented at the Association of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Nurses



(APHON) annual conference which will be in September 2018!

Throughout my four years at Mount Vernon High School I put in a lot of time working as a member of the tech team for plays, musicals, and other performances in the auditorium. I loved tech. But I will always remember my junior year, when Mrs. Ellison talked me into auditioning for the spring musical, *Guys and Dolls*. I remember the face on Mr. Eric's face (the tech director) when I told him I had gotten a call back! He couldn't believe it! I did not end up getting a major role, but it was still an awesome experience. It was also great

to be a part of Mrs. Ellison's last show! I will also always remember a few of the last football games during senior football season. I was one of the cornerbacks, and our other starting corner was injured. My younger brother Matt Winder '10, who was a sophomore at the time, stepped into the starting role. It was very cool to be able to be in the same starting line-up for a few games- something I will always remember.

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ALL-ALUMNI-COMMUNITY BREAKFAST JULY 14, 2018



A tradition for the Burke family, District Nutrition Director Marcia Purington and Carol Woods-Boren '75, this group is now in their 14th year of cooking for the All-Alumni-Community Breakfast. THANK YOU! Join them on July 14th. At left are Marcia, Mollie Burke '05, Dan Zimmerman, Matt Burke (school district business manager and school board secretary-treasurer), Chiara Niederhauser Burke '78, and Carol.

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ALUMNI IN OUR SCHOOLS



Each year the Alumni Association gives an alumni pin to each graduating senior after they have walked the stage. Shown here at left are Association Board members Alex Brannaman '03 and Kim Zangger Tucker '94 presenting a pin to 2018 graduate Olive Fitzgerald. Photo by JoAnn Gage.



Each year the Alumni Association sponsors the reception for the High School Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Shown here left to right are hosts Susan Mounts '65 Fisher - Alumni Association Treasurer and host coordinator, with Marsha Siggins McWhinney '70 and Chris Kinley Osborn '80



Alumni and friends of the school district met in early May to assist in the selection of the 2018 high school graduation student speakers. Attending were, from left to right: Paul Morf '90, Derek Boren '00, Mary Thomsen '75 - Alumni Association Board Member and chair of this committee, Barb Thomsen Neal '68, Babs Beckhelm Moore '53, Washington Elementary teacher Annie Hawker, and Pat Melchert '84.

Mustangs...what are they doing now?



■ KRISTEN REIHLE KIMBALL 2006

I am a member of the 2006 graduating class. After graduation, I went on to earn my bachelors degree in Non Profit Administration from the University of Northern Iowa. I have not left Cedar Falls since; I have made it my home. Two weeks after graduation, I married my husband, Derek. We have now been married for 8 years and have three beautiful children. Derek and I have never done things the 'normal' way and building our family was no different. Our first two kiddos, Viola and Gideon, came to us via international adoption. For 73 days, we fought for our children and in November of 2012 we landed at the Cedar Rapids airport as a family of four. Fast forward a little over a year and we were approached about a brave woman from our community who was looking for a family to adopt a baby that she was pregnant with. In July of 2014, I had the privilege of watching our Charlotte come into this world. At a whopping 5 pounds 15 ounces, Charlotte made us a family of five.

Since then, I have found a job I love at Talk to Me Technologies. This company makes speech generating devices for individuals who do not have the ability to speak and I get to be a part of the process for our clients to trial our devices before purchases are made. I have incredible coworkers and really feel like my strengths and skills are being used perfectly.

Today, Derek and I are at the very beginning of a new journey. We obtained our foster care license last year and on New Years Eve, we added two bonus kiddos to our house, ages 2 and 3. Being a part of the foster care system has opened our eyes to a great need. Simply put, there are not enough homes licensed in the state to accommodate the need. After reading the statistics and feeling like we needed to do more, my husband turned in his resignation at his current job and will be starting a non profit this summer. Our organization is called Cedar Valley Angels and it's main goal is to walk alongside foster families and the kiddos

2018 Homecoming Events FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

HOMECOMING AND ALUMNI HALL OF FAME CEREMONY



■ BRYCE COX 2016

Bryce Cox '16 was the 2018 Chalk the Walk featured artist. His portrait of Cub's players David Ross and Jon Lester below won first place in 2017. Photo: the Sun.



Editor's Note: Following are excerpts from article in the May 3, 2018 issue of the Sun, written by Trent Bowman. www.mvlsun.com

in their home in order for them to feel seen and known. We are so excited for this opportunity to serve the foster children in our community as well as the families who are saying yes to taking these kiddos in.

Our mission is:

"We exist to walk alongside foster children and their caretakers by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building and mentorship."

You can find us on Facebook if you have any questions!

I have a lot of very positive memories of my time in Mount Vernon - many wrapped around my time playing volleyball and basketball for the Mustangs. If I had to pick just one favorite memory it would have to be when we beat Solon in basketball. We hadn't beaten them in years and as our biggest rivals, it felt pretty darn amazing! I had a few staff/teachers who impacted my life greatly during my time in Mount Vernon and I am proud to be a mustang alum.

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The 13th annual Chalk the Walk event was held in May 2018, and last year's first-place winner and current University of Northern Iowa student Bryce Cox was the 2018 featured artist. Bryce says "When I was a kid, I would go do my own Chalk the Walk in my driveway, because I just thought it was fun, and I've always loved to draw."

Three such tribute events were held in the driveway Cox shared with his older brother, Ryan '11, and sister, Megan '08. The first year, recalled Cox, he used his chalk to create Godzilla, and in the two years that followed, a hand holding a deck of cards, and piano keys.

During his time at Mount Vernon High School, he noticed some of his friends and an art teacher participating in Chalk the Walk. "So I just thought, 'Maybe I should go and do one somehow.'" When one of his fellow students, Maggie Lynott '18, found success at the event, Cox was fully ready to jump in. He entered the event prior to his senior year at MVHS. Bryce was well into producing an impressive image of a football team at the line of scrimmage when the spring weather had other plans and ruined the piece.

After a couple of years away from the event, Cox began to have a change of heart, entered in 2017 and nabbed first place, edging out over 150 other artists with his portrait of former Cubs catcher David Ross and pitcher Jon Lester, walking home with a prize of \$250.





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It's easy to access the Mustangcast!
Just go to www.themustangcast.com
and click "Listen Live!"

You can find our broadcast schedule at that location as well. We also hope to be able to archive all of our events this year.

If you have questions about The Mustangcast email Sean Moore at sean.michael.moore36@gmail.com



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ANNIVERSARIES

Darrell Jordan '61 and wife Donna of Mount Vernon celebrated 50th wedding anniversary on March 16, 2018.

MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS

Tasha Redmond Tatara '10 to Daniel Tatara on September 2, 2017. They couple live in Cedar Rapids. Mother is Sonia Essex Redmond 1982.

BIRTHS

Miranda Roudabush '13 and Aaron Gagnon of Ventura County, Calif, a son Jayton Blake, on January 10, 2018.

Danielle Dye Vasser '09 and husband Andre of Knoxville, TN, a son, Asa Kalel-Hung Vasser, Dec. 19, 2017.

Nicole Graver Samuelson '07 and husband Adam of Des Moines, IA, a daughter, Luella Jean on September 22, 2017.

Curtis Russell '04 and wife Sheila of Van Meter, IA, a son, Jaxson Arlen, Dec. 23, 2017.

Jessica Bigley Gallagher '01 and husband John of Madison, WI, a daughter, Edith (Edie) Wynne on Feb. 17, 2018

Chauncey Snodgrass '99 and wife Tiffany of West Des Moines, IA, a daughter Cecelia Abba Jean on October 8, 2017.

Nick Rose '98 and wife Michaelann of Brooklyn, NY, a daughter, Dorothea 'Thea' in February 2018.

Sean Kneeland '97 and wife Carrie of Los Angeles, CA, a daughter, Cecilia Elaine, on January 12, 2018.

EDUCATION & MILITARY SERVICE

Private First Class **Ian Reid '17** of Martelle, graduated Dec. 2, 2017 from the United States Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego. Ian successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training and has reported to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for military combat training. He will then report to his military occupation specialty school.

Mitchel Jilovec '13 of Mount Vernon earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural studies from Iowa State University.

Michaela Martin '13 of Mount Vernon graduated with honors from the University of Northern Iowa at the end of the fall 2017 semester, earning a bachelor of arts degree in accounting and finance: financial institutions.

Elizabeth Nagle '13 of Mount Vernon earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Iowa at the close of the fall 2017 semester.

Collin Smith '13, Mount Vernon, earned a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering from Iowa State University

Allison Kay Jaeger '13 is one of six outstanding Iowa State University graduates who received individual recognition during the College of Human Sciences convocation in December 2017. Allison received a dean's recognition award. She graduated cum laude with bachelor's degrees in dietetics and global

resource systems. Jaeger used the skills she developed through her degree programs in multiple ways to serve others, including preparing meals for summer school students in Iowa, presenting nutrition-related workshops for adolescents and adults in Bolivia, and discussing diet restrictions with campers and caregivers while preparing meals in Minnesota. Jaeger also assisted with The Blossom Project, completing research on nutritional needs for expectant mothers. Jaeger is a student member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. After graduation she began the Iowa State University Dietetics Internship.

Rachel Schroeder '12 is one of 2,000 recipients of the National Science Foundation's graduate research fellowship program (GRFP), following a national competition. The program recruits high-potential, early-career scientists and engineers and supports their graduate research training in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Rachel is pursuing a PhD in behavioral neuroscience at the University of Illinois at Chicago, working in the center for research on women and gender. She graduated from Iowa State University in 2016 with a bachelor of science degree in psychology with minors in biology and women's and gender studies. She is currently a research assistant at the Georgetown University center for functional and molecular imaging, where she was lead author on a study that found a sex difference in a gene linked to substance abuse risk in adolescents.

Early Bird Reception
July 13 1-4 pm

You're invited to the First Street Community Building for an Early Bird Reception on Friday, July 13, from 1-4 pm. Enjoy some refreshments, some good company, and a tour of what was either your old Middle School or High School. You will be AMAZED at the variety of shops and businesses now in the building.

Vernelle Hoggard Willming 1945

Keizer, Oregon December 26, 2017

Mary Margaret Hartenberger Wolk 1958

Lisbon, Iowa April 28, 2018

Jane Reinhardt Kronlage 1962

Coggon, Iowa November 6, 2017

Renee Branson 1963

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Ely, Iowa April 26, 2018

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Jeffery Ulrich 1965

Marion, Iowa May 9, 2018

Cliff Kaplan 1966

Cedar Rapids, IA February 16, 2018

John Gunn 1967

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Cedar Rapids, IA October 30, 2014

FRIENDS

Richard "Pete" Peters

Mount Vernon, Iowa February 7, 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.)

GRFP provides three years of financial support within a five-year fellowship period – a \$34,000 annual stipend and \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance to the graduate institution. That support is for graduate study that leads to a research-based master's or doctoral degree in a STEM field.

Hanna Martin '06 of Mount Vernon earned a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Iowa at the close of the fall 2017 semester.

Pat Pisarik '68, a lifelong resident of Mount Vernon, was honored for his commitment to education. Pisarik taught journalism for nearly 25 years at Loras College in Dubuque. He died Oct. 30, 2017 at age 67. The Iowa College Media Association presented Pat's wife, LeAnn, and other family

members with the Eighmey Award at the organization's annual convention in Des Moines. The honor, named after former Iowa State University professor John Eighmey, was created in 2004 to recognize someone who has advanced media education in the state. Pat was chosen for the award prior to his death. In addition to his service at Loras, Pisarik was one of the founders of the Iowa College Media Association. The organization's annual scholarship for the student journalist of the year is now named the Pat Pisarik Student Journalist Scholarship.

AND MORE...

Francis Wolrab '36 turned 100 on May 10, 2018. Cards may be sent to 649 Abbe Hills Rd, Mount Vernon, IA 52314

Margaret Clark Reilly '46 of Mount Vernon celebrated her 90th birthday on March 17, 2018.

Jenna Pisarik '11, BSN, RN, was awarded the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics November 2017 DAISY Award for outstanding patient service.



Tasha Redmond Tatara '10 was recently promoted to the Director of Sales for the Hilton Garden Inn located in downtown Iowa City.



Ryan Whitman '03 from Mount Vernon, was named the 'Ed Thomas Coach of the Week' on April 12, 2018. Local TV Station KGAN channel 2 says "There's no doubt that Ryan Whitman has a lot of pride when it comes to the Mount Vernon boy's track team: he ran for the Mustangs a little over a decade ago. Now, with the roles reversed, his motto hasn't changed: just have fun on the track."

Amelia Carl Kibbie '02, secondary instructional design strategist at Lisbon School District has a short

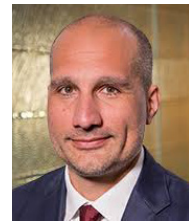
story published in the new anthology 'Running Wild Anthology of Series Volume Two', released in March. Her story, "Idylls of the King," takes its name from Alfred Lord Tennyson's book of poetry about King Arthur. Amelia has been writing since she was in third grade. According to her biography on her website, throughout middle and high school she wrote several 200-page novels. She is also published in another anthology 'Humans Wanted.' Her short story, "A Second Zion," focuses on characters that show off the best humanity has to offer. 'Humans Wanted' is available on Amazon.

Editor's Note: see complete article written by Nathan Countryman in the Sun. www.mvlsun.com

Justin Dix '97 was been promoted to senior vice president at Mount Vernon Bank and Trust Company as of January 1, 2018.

Jamil Farshchi '96 was

named the chief information security officer, CISO, for Equifax in February 2018. In this role, Mr. Farshchi will be responsible for transforming the company's information security. He was previously CISO at Home Depot and held similar roles at Time Warner Inc. and Visa Inc.



Andrew Morf '94, Paul Morf '90 and their father Darrel, all of Mount Vernon, are co-chairs for the 2018 campaign for the United Way of East Central Iowa. Paul says "the United Way of East Central Iowa is focused on pre-birth to age 5 pre-literacy resources for at-risk families, and programs such as Head Start and Kids on Course, as we see literacy as the best hope for breaking the poverty cycle and giving every child a chance to succeed." (pictured left to right, Andrew, Darrel and Paul).

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Alumni News...continued

Rev. **Michael Langer '85** recently accepted a position with the 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.

Amy Schmidt Schweer '83 of Cedar Rapids started a new job as Clinical Research Coordinator for Unitypoint Heart and Vascular Institute in Cedar Rapids.

Kim Benesh '85 has been named the new lead innkeeper at Cornell College's Brackett House in Mount Vernon.

Sara Kendall '78, RN, MSN, adjunct faculty, was awarded a certificate and orchid from Dean of Adjunct Faculty at Kirkwood Community College for the Kirkwood Nursing Department April 16, 2018. Sara lives in Bertram, IA.



Mary Livingston Moorman '70 wrote in to say "This is going to be a good year. In September, husband Gary and I plan to go to England and Scotland with our daughter Elizabeth and her husband David French. David is from London, and his father is from Scotland so they will be great tour guides. David used to work a block away from Buckingham Palace which is no big deal to him, but a big deal to me. I now get inside scoops on the Royals.



I am Farm Manager for Williams Brothers Farm, LLC. My husband calls it "Green Acres." We grow cotton and maize and recently contracted for wind energy. My brothers and I inherited the farm after my mother and her husband passed. I only work part time, but the work gives me a greater appreciation for what my husband

does.

On a sad note, my younger brother Jon Livingston died last September. His death was a complete surprise. Jon was 5 years younger than I am. I miss him greatly. He had three grown children and two grandchildren. I have three adult children and two grandchildren. My older brother Greg has four children and 6 grandchildren. Greg is retired and lives in San Antonio.

I hope to make our 50 year class reunion. It's coming up in 2 years."

Linda Tay'nahza' '65 is pleased to have work included at the University of Minnesota Arboretum Reedy Gallery in a group show, Harmony With Nature. The show features artists from Japan, and the Origami sculpture group from Santa Fe, New Mexico as well as other artists using Asian themes. Linda's monotypes in this show incorporate the application Japanese decorative papers in a process called chine colle'. The show opened April 23 and runs through October 26th, 2018. Shown above is a piece in the Harmony With Nature show.



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Beverly Lange Chunka '60 wrote in to say "I have moved from Independent Living to Assisted Living at Heritage Ridge in Bellevue, NE. Also, I found another alumni living here! Her name is **Margaret 'Marghi' Bair Muesey '59!** What a nice surprise to find a hometown girl in the same retirement community! We share a lot about the good ol' days!"

CORRECTION

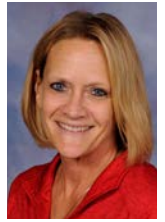
The following donation was omitted from the last alumni newsletter: Jan DeCamp made a donation to the Alumni Association in support of the newsletter in memory of her husband Howard DeCamp, 1951.



SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES

JULIE RUDEN - 27 YEARS
Elementary Teacher

Year started at MV: 1991
Years in MV: 27
Total year teaching: 33



First Year Favorite Memo-

ry: I was teaching first grade in McAllen, Texas, which is about as far south in Texas as you can get. I read a story during the winter that talked about children playing in snow. Looking around, I saw 18 blank faces. When I questioned how many kids had ever seen snow, not one student raised their hand. Trying to explain snow to first graders proved to be quite difficult. That night, I called my parents, who lived in Mount Vernon, and asked them to video tape the snow that had fallen (remember it was 1985, so video tapes were high-tech)! As luck would have it, the next day there was a big snowstorm. A few days later my first graders got to experience a snowstorm "Texas style," which means I turned the air-conditioning down. They asked to watch that video at least 20 times over the winter months.

Mentor: Too many to count! I have taught second, third, and kindergarten in MV and all the teachers in those grade levels were helpful and supportive beyond belief!

Memory: I'm sure this has happened to many teachers during their career, but it is the one of the things that "keep us coming back". I had a third grader who struggled with behavior and academics. He thought he couldn't do anything, but of course, I kept telling him that he had the skills to have the future he wanted, but he had to do the work. He ended up leaving Mount Vern on not long after he was in third grade so I lost track of him. About 12 years later, I was called to the office during lunch because I had a visitor. It was this former student, who wanted to stop in and see me. He just wanted me to know that he had graduated from high school, was supporting himself in a job that he loved, and was soon to be married. He also wanted to apologize to me for his behavior and how difficult he was at times. He told me that he always remembered what I said about working for the future he wanted and that is what got him through some difficult times. Not many elementa-

ry teachers get remembered in that way, so that is a success story I will always cherish.

MARY BOUDREAU
- 21 YEARS
High School Associate



CANDY HEEREN - 17 YEARS
Middle School Custodian



DOUG SWANSON - 9 YEARS
Elementary Custodian



Year started at MV: 2009
Total Years at MV: 9 years

First year favorite memory: My first day at work, the Principal and the lady I was replacing and I were all working in the lunchroom. A 1st grade boy addressed the lady as "Ms. Helen" and she told him I would be replacing her. He decided that I should be called "Mr. Doug" and the name stuck for the last 9 years.

Mentor: I was fortunate to work with 4 Superintendents and 6 Principals and each had a direct impact on me to keep the building clean, safe, and secure for all the students.

Memory: Two highlights would be my annual last day of school basketball dunk in the lunchroom to send the 4th graders off to middle school and the donut-eating contest against Mr. Truitt every fall.

Retirement plans: Spending quality time with my 5 grandkids.



THE SCHOOL 2017-2018

AUGUST

- Dr. Greg Batenhorst begins his first year as new superintendent
- 1,420 students in grades K-12 start the school year, an increase of 45 students from the prior year

SEPTEMBER

- Incumbents Sherry Grunder, Lori Merlak and Rick Elliott win in school board election
- School learns that after 15 years with no significant additions to local housing, 2 developments which will provide 240 residences are underway
- School district sells city 4.66 acres of land at the northwest corner of Palisades Road and 10th Avenue S.W. for future community wellness center
- HS Marching Band has 'Moonwalk' theme for their 2017 show
- Homecoming king and queen, Clayton Loyd and Grace Pettinger

OCTOBER

- Volleyball earns Class 3A WaMaC East division title
- Washington Elementary's therapy dog Joy passes away.
- Class 3A, No. 4 Mount Vernon- Lisbon boys' cross country team earned the WaMaC team title for the fourth straight year,
- District begins to roll out Evidence Based Reporting (EBR), which is a type of standards-based grading system.
- 100 member Marching Mustangs marching band earned its third consecutive I rating at state, and is invited back to perform at the McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Chicago.
- HS football earns Class 2A, District 5 championship

NOVEMBER

- Matt Haddy starts his first season as HS girls basketball coach, and Coach Ed Timm is back as boys head coach
- MS holds career day and several alums participate
- MV Fine Arts Assoc. holds 2nd annual Porch Fest
- Fall play is 'A Piece of My Heart', and the troupe was invited to perform the full-length show on the mainstage of the Iowa Thespian Festival
- Work begins on construction of new tennis courts west of the high school

DECEMBER

- Washington Elementary celebrates 'A Magical Night' with their snowflake art on display in the First Street Community Center

JANUARY

- HS holds their first-ever CARE Conference to focus on discrimination and relevant issues.
- Middle schools head for their annual ski trip to Galena
- HS Volleyball coach Dolfi Kalm was named the 2018 Volleyball Assistant Coach of the Year
- 6 High School vocalists are selected to go to All-State
- The Gazette names Tristan Wirfs'17 and Libby Ryan'17 as 2017 Athletics of the Year.
- Drew Adams earns football state record for most career touchdown passes

FEBRUARY

- Water main break at the Middle School closes the building for several days

MARCH

- Senior Jack Streicher and junior Paul Ryan reached 100 career wins in wrestling, and both qualify for state
- The HS Swingin' Stangs Jazz Ensemble are so popular a 2nd group is formed
- HS Speech earns 7 All-State nominations and 4 groups earned invitations to perform at All-State
- MS 5th grade musical is 'A Kids Life'

APRIL

- HS Science Olympiad places 2nd at state competition
- HS Journalism was an Online Pacemaker finalist nation wide
- HS spring musical is 'The Little Mermaid'
- District voters approve a \$12.8 million dollar bond issue for facilities improvements, including a new auditorium at the high school
- Archery ends its season and sends 40 archers to national competition in May
- Washington Elementary holds an 'Expert Museum' - a new kind of fair

MAY

- Jade Hard set a school record in the shot put, throwing a distance of 40 ft 4.5 inches, and qualified for Drake Relays
- The Mount Vernon boys' track and field team broke two school records: The sprint medley relay team of Keaton Fleck, Paul Ryan, Cale Snedden and Coy Martin finished in 1:37.84. The Mount Vernon school record of 1:32.01 for the 4x200m relay was 36 years old and set by Joby Koehn, Kevin Campbell, Wade Squiers and Greg West. The Mustang team of Tyler Elliott, Jayden Weber, Martin, and Snedden broke that record and turned in a time of 1:31.76.
- 96 seniors walked the stage at Graduation 2018

HALL OF FAME

May 1, 2019 Deadline for Hall of Fame NOMINATIONS

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

2018 Homecoming Events

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

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If you have any questions, or need to report a change to me, please let me know.

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With continued gratitude, Ben Brannaman 2005, Foundation Director, 319-693-9520, bbrannaman@mvcisd.org



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An opportunity to help add auditorium seating in our NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

On April 3, 2018 voters in Mount Vernon overwhelmingly approved a \$12.8 million bond referendum for facility upgrades, including the construction of a **NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** at Mount Vernon High School. This has long been a desire of the community and will support the district's high-quality fine arts programs that are expanding in participation each year. As part of the current plan, the performing arts center will include a 768-seat auditorium, orchestra pit, lobby, dressing rooms, set shop and outdoor plaza area.

The Need: As we embarked on the planning and design phase of the project, our fine arts community identified the need for additional auditorium seating beyond 768 to accommodate the anticipated growth in student enrollment. Our hope is to privately raise funds to increase that capacity by 80 seats, bringing the total to 848.

Why we ask for your help: We have launched a philanthropic campaign to raise \$250,000. The first \$175,000 will be directed toward additional seating, with the remaining \$75,000 to be used for other needs within the facility, including a grand piano. We look to you to help us build upon the rich tradition and long-standing commitment of the Mount Vernon community to the arts.



We invite you to partner with us as we work together to build a performing arts center that will serve our school district and the Mount Vernon community for years to come. 'On Mount Vernon!'

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YOUR FOUNDATION DONATIONS WORK THROUGH THE TEACHER GRANTS PROGRAM

The Teacher Grants Program offers district teachers the opportunity to apply for funding to purchase instructional materials and equipment.

Funding is awarded to projects that are innovative, and provide students with an even higher level of learning.

This year \$8,340 was awarded to 13 projects.

See the list of donors and employees on pages 22-23 who made donations supporting the Teacher Grants Program.

This program continues to grow each year through the generosity of our Foundation donors.

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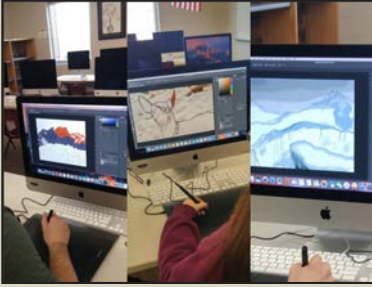
Submitted by Ben Brannaman '05, Foundation Director

- Jason Pershing, Alternative Education | \$200 to publish book
- Bonnie Ahrens, High School Visual Arts | \$440 for digital drawing tablets

"The students are loving them! We also use the tablets in Beginning Drawing and Photo 1 and 2. Next year we will be using the tablets for Digital Art class."

- Middle School Special Education team | \$1,440 for chromebooks
- Laura Irvin, Elementary Special Education | \$325 for curriculum materials
- Greg Murphy, Middle School Physical Education | \$1,100 for curling sets

"The kids absolutely loved the unit and they are excited to do it again. It was great being able to introduce them to a sport that they may not get to see otherwise."



Top: A piece of the High School Band sound system. 8th Grade students read 'Rocket Boys' and 'Hidden Figures' in language arts class, then discuss in small groups how characters are overcoming the obstacles they faced throughout these stories. **Middle:** Students using digital drawing tablets in high school, and one of the art pieces created. **Bottom:** 4th graders use their iPad for a math exercise. K-6 ELP students show a piece from their Breakout EDU kit.

• **Kindergarten & Begingergarten team | \$243 for Rekenrek sets**

"These have been a great addition to our 'number talks' which is a math strategy we have been rolling out school-wide the last few years. We use these Rekenreks to have students show different ways of mathematical thinking and then sharing their strategies with the group. These Rekenreks allow for hands-on learning, individual thinking, and sharing of ideas. The children learn from each other during math time. We love them! Thanks so much for the grant money! These Rekenreks will be used for years to come."

• **Kari Martin, Fourth Grade | \$897 for iPads**

"The iPads have been such a blessing to have in our classroom. My kids love to use them for math rotations, Osmo, dictionaries, research, posting on Seesaw and so much more. Being able to post on Seesaw at any point in the day has increased our communication with parents and allows them to feel like a part of our class. We are very grateful for the Foundation and all of the donors that make projects like ours possible. Thank you!"

• **Scott Weber, High School Band | \$1,000 for sound system**

"Thank you so much for supporting our new sound system in the High School band room! It is an incredibly useful system as it has CD capabilities as well as a jack that hooks directly into my cell phone for immediate play back of music that I want the students to listen to. The speakers are incredible and the sound is fantastic. There is also a hand-held microphone attached which is fantastic for talking over the band when needed or for assisting speakers at a large group setting, which we have very often here at the high school. We will be adding a new flat screen TV to the band room in the fall that will hook into this system and then we will have a state of the art sound and video system that the students need to analyze marching band video, watch concerts and listen to music playback. Thank you so much for helping us with this project!"

• **Michelle Boyden & Rob Hanson, Eighth Grade | \$800 for books Hidden Figures and Rocket Boys**

"Eighth graders have started reading Rocket Boys and Hidden Figures in language arts class. Students are tracking themes throughout these books and discussing in small groups how characters are overcoming the obstacles they faced throughout these stories. In the next few weeks, students will extend these studies into math, science, and social studies. In math class, students will be learning how to use a slide rule. The objectives are for the students to learn some history of the math tools

that were used during this time and to increase their mental math skills. In science class, eighth graders will design and conduct their own straw rocket experiments as well as learn about the history of the Apollo space program. In social studies, students will learn about the causes for the Space Race, including the beginning of the Cold War between the U.S. and Soviet Union after World War II."

- **Suzette Kragenbrink, Middle School and High School Libraries | \$500 for graphic novels**
- **Meagan Dielschneider, Jessica Murphy & Andrew Shea, Seventh Grade | \$500 for graphic novels**
- **LeAnn Briesemeister, First Grade | \$370 for iPad**

"I would like to send a huge thank you to the Foundation for gifting our classroom with an iPad. My main source of communication with my parents and extended family is through a program called Seesaw. The iPad allows me to share photos, stories, new games, instructions for student learning, samples of student work, good news, rewards, and important announcements. The students are also able to share their work, make short videos, and record themselves reading or explaining their math thinking. Seesaw was the number one conversational piece at conferences and the Foundation has made it possible for us to connect with family members on a daily basis! Thank you so much."

• **Susannah Maddock, K-6 ELP | \$125 for Breakout EDU problem solving kit**

"My groups have been thrilled with their Breakout EDU kit purchased with funds from the Foundation Grant! Breakout EDU is a kit that can be customized to use with any kind of unit. Clues are made to lead to opening a series of locks, every lock opened gets students closer to the final solution. In the picture above, groups were working on a mapping skills/geography unit and had to solve a series of 6 multi-step map puzzles to open a series of six locks to solve a mystery. Puzzles included using GPS coordinates, map scales, Google Earth, ciphers, and more! Teachers can set up a Breakout for anything they want students to review, extend, or even for new learning. The engagement and excitement of the students involved in trying to "Breakout" of these units is inspiring and unparalleled."



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